



Wednesday, January 31, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Sister City Commission was held in the Council Chambers, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California.

CALL TO ORDER

Director Betancourt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Director Betancourt stated the Sister City Commission reorganization will be continued until the next meeting. Commissioners introduced themselves.

PRESENT: Arellano, Perez, Ascencio

ABSENT: Lopez, Tirado

STAFF PRESENT: Alvarado Betancourt, Director of Community & Economic Development
Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Community & Economic Development

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Perez.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

SISTER CITY COMMISSION REPORTS:**1. Director Report**

- a. City Attorney Lam presented a Sister City Commissioner training which included the Brown Act, Robert's Rules or Order, Sister City Commissioners roles and Conflicts of Interest.
- b. Deputy Director Gonzalez provided a presentation on what a Sister City Commission is and does.

Commissioner Ascencio asked if the City would become a sister City with Chapala, Mexico.

Deputy Director Gonzalez responded that the commission could make a motion to recommend to the City Council to designate Chapala, Mexico as a sister city.

Commissioner Ascencio stated that an informal request had been made.

Deputy Director Gonzalez asked Commissioner Ascencio whom she had been talking to and would follow up with appropriate staff.

Director Betancourt stated that staff would inquire with the City Council if they have taken any independent action.

Commissioner Perez asked if the commission could get clarification on a future agenda as there is a lot of miscommunications.

Commissioner Perez made motion to hear a report regarding the status of Chapala as Sister City at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ascencio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Deputy Director Gonzalez provided logistical information.

Commissioner Arellano asked if the commission could reschedule the meetings if they were unable to attend City Council meeting.

Deputy Director Gonzalez responded yes.

2. Commissioners Reports:

Director Betancourt stated the next scheduled meeting is April 3, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

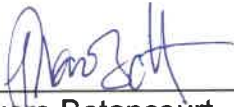
There being no further business, Director Betancourt adjourned the Sister City Commission meeting at 6:45 p.m. There being no objection, it was so ordered.



Bob Perez, Chairperson

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the Sister City Commission Regular Meeting on January 31, 2024, and approved by the Sister City Commission on November 13, 2024.



Alvaro Betancourt, Director
Community & Economic Development Department

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