



CITY OF GALT

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 380 Civic Drive, Galt, California
Tuesday, April 4, 2023

This meeting of the Galt City Council was conducted in person and by video/teleconference. City Council Members and City staff attended in person in the Council Chambers and the meeting was broadcast on Metro Cable and livestreamed on the City's website.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Council Members present: Sandhu, Papineau, Farmer, Lozano and Vandenburg.

Staff members present: City Manager Hines, City Clerk Hubert, and Interim City Attorney Splendorio.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6.

Agency Designated Representative: City Manager

Unrepresented employees: Unrepresented Management Unit

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: The City Council reconvened to open session at 6:00 pm at which time the City Attorney announced there was no reportable action.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by the Mayor. Council Members present: Sandhu, Papineau, Farmer, Lozano, and Vandenburg.

Staff Members present: City Manager Hines, City Clerk Hubert, Interim City Attorney Splendorio, Community Development Director Hoffman, Finance Director Boring, Human Resources Director Van Steyn, Parks and Recreation Director Solis, Police Chief Kalinowski, and Public Works Director Selling.

OPENING CEREMONIES – Silent prayer was observed, the flag salute was recited and the City Clerk read the replay statement.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS: Vandenburg requested Item L3 be heard before Item L2.

PRESENTATION(S): None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The City Clerk announced that members of the public could address the City Council on non-agenda items via the procedures identified on the agenda. She stated no discussion or action would be taken on any item that was not listed on the agenda. She said those who submitted written public comments by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting would be distributed to City Council, made part of the official minutes and posted on the City's website but would not be read aloud. Live comments would be subject to the customary five-minute time limit; however, consistent with the City Council Procedural Guidelines, the Mayor reserved the right to shorten the time limit for speakers to ensure efficient and timely completion of all City business listed on the agenda.

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Due to the number of public comments, Vandenburg shortened the speaker time to three minutes.

Written public comment received from Jeff Hood opposing Galt Chamber of Commerce's request for ARPA funding.

Written public comment received from Matthew Ward requesting protection at Galt schools.

Misty Springmeyer spoke about Parks and Recreation.

Dan Maclise spoke against cannabis dispensaries in Galt and homeless issues.

Andrea Johnson spoke about senior citizen issues.

Resident 2 spoke about issues with Galt Place.

Galt Place Resident 3 spoke about issues with Galt Place.

Galt Place Tenant 10 spoke about issues with Galt Place.

Resident 4 spoke about issues with Galt Place.

Bob Balliet spoke about alleged elder abuse.

Belinda Ellis gave an update on Galt Arno Cemetery.

Greg Davidson thanked Parks and Recreation for the Saturday Market and spoke about the benefits of a cannabis dispensary.

Fran Brossman spoke about traffic on Carillion Boulevard.

Shawn Farmer spoke about issues with Galt Place.

REPORTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON REGIONAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES: Sandhu attended and spoke at the Galt Chamber of Commerce State of the City luncheon on March 23. Papineau presented the Student Educational Video Award at the Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium on March 29 and he attended the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Board of Directors meeting on March 23. Farmer attended the Galt Arno Cemetery meeting with FEMA representatives on March 28. Vandenburg attended and spoke at the Galt Chamber of Commerce State of the City luncheon on March 23 and the Galt Youth Commission meeting on April 3.

CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS:

INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR: Consisting of Items 1 through 2.

1. **SUBJECT:** Receive and File Warrants for period ending March 22, 2023.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file warrants for the period ending March 22, 2023.
2. **SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2023.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Accept the minutes as submitted

ACTION: Upon a motion by Sandhu, seconded by Lozano, the consent calendar was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

SCHEDULED MATTERS/NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: None.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:

1. **SUBJECT:** Key to the City Program.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss the implementation of the "Key to the City" Award Program and receive direction.

Hines gave the report.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Sandhu, seconded by Papineau, approving the Key to the City Award Program was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. **SUBJECT:** Discuss the Formation of a City Council Ad Hoc Committee Pertaining to the Galt District Chamber of Commerce Request for \$500,000 in One-time ARPA Funds and Minimum of \$100,000 Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue Annually for a Visit Galt Initiative.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and provide direction regarding the formation of a City Council ad hoc committee to explore a partnership with the Galt District Chamber of Commerce and potential funding of the "Visit Galt Initiative".

Hines invited City Council to speak on the item.

Chris Brossman spoke against ARPA funding for the Galt Chamber.

Phyllis Johnson volunteered for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Greg Davidson spoke in favor of ARPA funding for the Galt Chamber and suggested location.

Madison Delbrugge spoke about the Visit Galt proposal and tourism.

Pat Byron felt the one-time ARPA funds should be used for other tourism events and spoke about return on investments.

Bonnie Rodriguez gave a history on redevelopment fees and Chamber and City partnerships.

Terry Parker spoke in favor of the Visit Galt proposal.

Sherry Daley expressed her opposition to the Visit Galt initiative and voiced other ideas for the use of funds.

City Council agreed to create an ad hoc committee with Vandenburg and Papineau as members. The ad hoc committee is to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Galt Chamber of Commerce regarding potential one-time and on-going funding for the Visit Galt Initiative with the stipulation the \$437,195 remaining unallocated ARPA funds be reserved and remain unallocated until the ad hoc committee returns to City Council with recommended allocation.

Vandenburg called for a five-minute recess.

Meeting reconvened at 8:50 pm.

2. **SUBJECT:** 2022-2023 ARPA Expenditure Plan Update and Funds Appropriation.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Receive an update of the allocation and utilization of American Rescue Plan Act revenues to-date, 2) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 appropriating \$1,735,657 of unallocated ARPA funds for various new projects and reimbursement of prior expenditures and 3) Provide further direction regarding remaining unallocated funds.

Hines gave the presentation and answered City Council questions.

Misty Springmeyer expressed her thoughts for the use of ARPA funds.

Aurdeep Bains expressed his thoughts for the use of ARPA funds.

Pay Byron supported ARPA funds for new skate park.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Lozano, seconded by Farmer, adopting Resolution No. 2023-15 with the direction that funds totaling \$70,492 for prior expenditures seeking reimbursement for the Chabolla Compressor, City Hall HVAC, Hauschildt Well Repair, and Locks for PD be removed with possible consideration of funds being used towards non-profit organizations, passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

4. **SUBJECT:** City of Galt Special Event Sponsorship Program Preview for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review the Special Event Sponsorship requests for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Solis introduced Jackie Garcia, Special Events Manager, who gave the presentation.

Organizations gave an overview on their requests.

Chris Brossman asked about funding.

COMMUNICATION: None.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: None.

COMMENTS BY STAFF: Hines praised Amie Mendes for her work on the nonprofit grant program and Jackie Garcia for her work on the Saturday Market. Hines said City staff would be presenting a State of the City forum at Galt High School on April 26 and Liberty Ranch High School on April 27, both from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Solis said his staff had worked hard over the last several weeks to get the fields ready and he would like to thank them since they received no appreciation. He said his staff had been yelled at, cussed at, beat up on social media and recently been called incompetent so they deserved to be thanked. Hoffman gave an update on upcoming agenda item. Selling gave an update on weed abatement issues. Kalinowski said the police department was taking applications for a six-week citizens academy.

COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

VICE MAYOR SANDHU: Thanked staff for the reports and he thanked the public for their comments. Said he attended the Public Safety Committee and he thanked staff for their explanation of items. He said he had the opportunity to speak with the Boy Scouts and their parents at Lake Canyon Elementary School. He said he attended the Saturday Market and Eggstravaganza.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PAPINEAU: Thanked staff for their hard work and thanked the public who showed up and took part in the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER FARMER: Thanked everyone for the public comment and he thanked the speakers from Galt Place. He thanked Mando Solis, Jackie Garcia, the Parks and Recreation staff and Public Works for putting on the Saturday Market. He asked if the City Manager or City Attorney would reach out regarding Galt Place. City Manager said the City was pursuing the issues and meeting with County officials.

COUNCIL MEMBER LOZANO: Attended the Sunshine Food Pantry Empty Bowls Dinner on March 25 and said Supervisor Pat Hume provided auctioneer services. He said he attended the Sacramento County Prevention Summit on March 28 and the Cal Cities Sacramento Valley Division meeting on March 31. He said he also attended the Eggstravaganza on April 1 and the A to Z Foundation Dinner on April 2.

MAYOR VANDENBURG: Asked about Galt Place policies. He said he appreciated the public comments. He said he attended the Saturday Market and the Sunshine Food Pantry Empty Bowls Dinner. He thanked the Galt Youth Commission for their participation at the A to Z Foundation Dinner. He said he also attended the Eggstravaganza.

There being no further business to come before City Council, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hubert
City Clerk