



**CITY OF WEST COVINA**

**CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 7:00 PM  
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1444 W. GARVEY AVENUE SOUTH  
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790**

**Mayor Letty Lopez-Viado  
Mayor Pro Tem Dario Castellanos  
Councilwoman Rosario Diaz  
Councilmember Brian Tabatabai  
Councilman Tony Wu**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, suspending certain requirements of the Brown Act relating to the conduct of public meetings. Pursuant to the Executive Orders, Council Members may attend City Council meetings telephonically and the City Council is not required to make available a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

On June 18, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance mandating that people in California wear cloth face coverings in specified circumstances, including when they are inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to State and County public health directives, the City Council Chambers will have limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis for members of the public to attend and participate in the City Council meeting in person. All persons attending the meeting are required to wear cloth face coverings and observe social distancing protocols. Members of the public may also watch City Council the meeting live on the City's website at: <https://www.westcovina.org/departments/city-clerk/agendas-and-meetings/current-meetings-and-agendas> under the "Watch Live" tab or through the West Covina City YouTube channel at [www.westcovina.org/LIVE](https://www.westcovina.org/LIVE).

If you are experiencing symptoms such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, or sore throat, the City requests that you participate in the meeting from home by watching the

meeting live via the links set forth above.

#### REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

In lieu of attending the meeting in person, members of the public can submit public comments via email or address the City Council by telephone using the methods described below.

#### EMAILED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the public can submit public comments to the City Clerk via e-mail at [City\\_Clerk@westcovina.org](mailto:City_Clerk@westcovina.org). The subject line should specify "Oral Communications – 2/16/2021". Please include your full name and address in your e-mail. All emails received by 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Council meeting will be posted to the City's website under "Current Meetings and Agendas" and provided to the City Council prior to the meeting. No comments will be read out loud during the meeting. All comments received by the start of the meeting will be made part of the official public record of the meeting.

#### TELEPHONIC ACCESSIBILITY.

Members of the public that wish to address the Council by telephone during Oral Communications or a public hearing may contact the City Clerk by email [City\\_Clerk@westcovina.org](mailto:City_Clerk@westcovina.org) or by telephone (626) 939-8433 by 5:30 P.M. on the day of the Council meeting for instructions regarding addressing the City Council by telephone during the meeting.

*Please turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices prior to entering the Council Chambers*

#### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

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#### **AGENDA MATERIAL**

Agenda material is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, Room 317 in City Hall, 1444 W. Garvey Avenue South, West Covina and at [www.westcovina.org](http://www.westcovina.org). Any writings or documents regarding any item on this agenda, not exempt from public disclosure, provided to a majority of the City Council that is distributed less than 72 hours before the meeting, will be made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, Room 317 of City Hall located at 1444 W. Garvey Avenue South, West Covina, during normal business hours.

#### **NOTICE**

The City Council will regularly convene on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The West Covina Community Development Commission, West Covina Public Financing Authority and the West Covina Community Services Foundation are agencies on which the City Council serves as members. Agendas may contain items for these boards, as necessary.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS** **ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL** *(Per WCMC 2-48, Ordinance No. 2150)*

**Any person wishing to address the City Council on any matter listed on the agenda or on any other matter within their**

jurisdiction should complete a speaker card that is provided at the entrance to the Council Chambers and submit the card to the City Clerk.

*Please identify on the speaker card whether you are speaking on an agenda item or non-agenda. Requests to speak on agenda items will be heard prior to requests to speak on non-agenda items. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.*

Oral Communications may be limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless speakers addressing agenda items have not concluded.

Any testimony or comments regarding a matter set for a Public Hearing will be heard during the hearing.

#### **RULES OF DECORUM**

Excerpts from the West Covina Municipal Code and Penal Code pertaining to the Rules of Decorum will be found at the end of agenda.

## **AGENDA**

### **CITY OF WEST COVINA CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2021, 7:00 PM  
REGULAR MEETING**

#### **INVOCATION**

Led by Pastor Tony Rodriguez from Calvary Chapel New Beginnings West Covina.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Castellanos

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Certificate of Recognition for One & All Church and God's Pantry for monthly food donations
- Proclamation for Black History Month

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - Five (5) minutes per speaker**

*Please step forward to the podium and state your name and city of residence for the record when recognized by the Mayor.*

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

*City Manager's report on current City projects.*

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and can be acted on by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the City Council/Community Development Commission request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion or action.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- 1) **FEBRUARY 2, 2021, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2021, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2021, CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the February 2, 2021, Special Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the February 2, 2021, Closed Session Meeting Minutes, and the February 2, 2021, Regular Session Meeting Minutes.

## **INVESTMENT REPORT**

- 2) **CONSIDERATION OF INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Investment Report for the month ended December 31, 2020.

## **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

- 3) **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 DETERMINING THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE NEED TO FURTHER CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED ON MARCH 16, 2020, AND PREVIOUSLY CONTINUED ON APRIL 7, 2020, MAY 5, 2020, JUNE 2, 2020, JUNE 23, 2020, JULY 21, 2020, AUGUST 18, 2020, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, OCTOBER 6, 2020, OCTOBER 20, 2020, NOVEMBER 17, 2020, DECEMBER 1, 2020 AND JANUARY 19, 2021**

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 4) **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2021 TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes and Traffic Committee recommendations from the January 12, 2021 Traffic Committee Meeting for the following item:

### **a. Traffic Review of East Garvey Avenue South between Citrus Street and Barranca Avenue**

- i. **Request:** The City of West Covina received a request to review the traffic conditions along this segment of East Garvey Avenue South between Citrus Street and Barranca Avenue due to speeding vehicles as well as review if a STOP sign is warranted at the driveway near the

- dealership.
- ii. **Review Standard:** After a thorough review of existing field and traffic conditions and per the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), it was determined that the driveway intersection along this section of East Garvey Avenue South east of Citrus Street near the Crestview Cadillac dealership does not meet warrants to install a stop-sign at the western-most entrance to dealership. However, the installation of various sign upgrades, sign installation, pavement legends, and other safety measures will increase safety and ensure increased awareness of roadway conditions for vehicles traveling along East Garvey Avenue South near this location.
  - iii. **Recommendation:** The Traffic Committee unanimously recommended the following items: to remove and replace the existing faded curve signs to add more visual awareness to drives approaching the curve; remove and replace the posted speed limit signs with larger speed limit signs (35 mph) to make the speed limit more visible for drivers traveling along this segment; install adjacent pavement legends of the speed opposite of the signs (35 mph); install three sets of double-sided chevron signs for both directions along the curve; install a T warning sign to alert drivers of approaching vehicles along the curve; and to remove conflicting and faded signage.

**b. Parking Review along Holt Avenue/Garvey Avenue north of Springcreek Road**

- i. **Request:** The City of West Covina received a request to review the parking conditions along Holt Avenue/Garvey Avenue north of Springcreek Road due to vehicles parking for an extended period of time as well as high profile vehicles parking along this segment.
- ii. **Review Standard:** After a thorough review of existing field and traffic conditions and per the City's Municipal Code Section 22-184, it was determined that installation of "No Commercial Parking" over 10,000 pounds signs along this segment of Holt Avenue/Garvey Avenue will aide in deterring high profile and commercial vehicles from parking along the segment.
- iii. **Recommendation:** The Traffic Committee unanimously recommended to install "No Commercial Parking" along this segment.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

AB 1234 Conference and Meeting Report (verbal, if any)

*(In accordance with AB 1234, Councilmembers shall make a brief report or file a written report on any meeting/event/conference attended at City expense.)*

**CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR REPORTS, STUDIES OR INVESTIGATION**

*(Per City of West Covina Standing Rules 4.f - Requests for reports, studies, or investigations that are not readily available must be placed on the City Council/Successor Agency agenda as items of business and must be approved by a majority of the City Council/Successor Agency Board.)*

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next Tentative City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2021

7:00 PM

## RULES OF DECORUM

*The following are excerpts from the West Covina Municipal Code:*

Sec. 2-48. Manner of addressing council; time limit; persons addressing may be sworn.

- a. Each person addressing the council shall step up to the rostrum, shall give his or her name and city of residence in an audible tone of voice for the record and unless further time is granted by the council, shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes.
- b. The city council may establish a limit on the duration of oral communications.
- c. All remarks shall be addressed to the council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the council, without the permission of the presiding officer. No question shall be asked of a councilmember except through the presiding officer.
- d. The presiding officer may require any person to be sworn as a witness before addressing the council on any subject. Any such person who, having taken an oath that he or she will testify truthfully, willfully and contrary to such oath states as true any material matter which he knows to be false may be held to answer criminally and subject to the penalty prescribed for perjury by the provisions of the Penal Code of the state.

Sec. 2-50. Decorum--Required.

- a. While the council is in session, the members shall preserve order and decorum, and a member shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or disrupt the proceedings or the peace of the council nor interrupt any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the council or its presiding officer, except as otherwise herein provided.
- b. Members of the public shall not willfully disrupt the meeting or act in a manner that actually impairs the orderly conduct of the meeting. For the purposes of this code, "willfully disrupt" includes, but is not limited to, continuing to do any of the following after being warned by the Mayor that continuing to do so will be a violation of the law:
  - a. Addressing the Mayor and City Council without first being recognized.
  - b. Persisting in addressing a subject or subjects, other than that before the Mayor and City Council.
  - c. Repetitiously addressing the same subject.
  - d. Failing to relinquish the podium when directed to do so.
  - e. From the audience, interrupting or attempting to interrupt, a speaker, the Mayor, a council member, or a staff member or shouting or attempting to shout over a speaker, the Mayor, a council member or a staff member.
  - f. As a speaker, interrupting or attempting to interrupt the Mayor, a council member, or a staff member, or shouting over or attempting to shout over the Mayor, a council member, or a staff member. Nothing in this section or any rules of the council shall be construed to prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the City or of the acts or omissions of the City Council. It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of this Section.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase or word of this Section 2-50 is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Section. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this section and each subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or words had been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Sec. 2-52. Persons authorized to be within council area.**

No person, except city officials, their representatives and members of the news media shall be permitted within the rail in front of the council chamber without the express consent of the council.

*The following are excerpts from the Penal Code*

148(a) (1) Every Person who willfully resists, delays, or obstructs any public officer, peace officer, or an emergency medical technician, as defined in Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of the Health and Safety code, in the discharge or attempt to discharge any duty of his or her office or employment, when no other punishment is prescribed, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

403 Every person who, without authority of law, willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character, other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 303 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor.