

# **City Manager's Weekly Report No. 149**

## **February 9, 2024**

### **1. Recap of City Council Meetings**

The following took place at the City Council and Housing Authority meetings of February 6:

- Directed staff to extend the LISRAP and LIFERAP housing programs for one additional year utilizing remaining unencumbered funding after hearing about their success stories.
- Accepted the Greater Downtown Glendale Association's 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Budget for the Greater Downtown Glendale Community Benefit District.
- Reappointed Caroline Tufenkian to the Arts and Culture Commission.
- Approved an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with Ascend Analytics to assist GWP with the development of the 2014 Integrated Resource Plan.
- Adopt the resolution ordering the summary vacation of the first alley southwesterly of Riverside Drive, and northwesterly of Allen Avenue for an equestrian and canine kennel project at 1900 Riverside Drive.
- Adopted the Ordinance amending and adding sections to the Glendale Municipal Code relating to Rental Rights Program and administrative citation fine amounts.
- Adopted the Plans and Specifications for the La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project including protected bike lanes.
- Directed staff regarding the creation of a nine-member Charter Review Committee and for the agenda to be established by City Council.
- Passed a Resolution condemning the ethnic cleansing and genocide of Armenian people in Artsakh and holding Azerbaijan's leaders accountable.
- Introduced the Ordinance amending the Glendale Municipal Code to update standards and enforcement mechanism for public and indigenous tree protection, tree-related zoning provisions, establishing and modifying administrative citation fines, and approved funds for outreach services.
- Directed staff to prepare a report on the development of a Glendale-specific Coyote Management Plan.
- Directed staff to prepare a report on joining the California Equal Pay Pledge.

### **2. Community Development Launches Instagram Account**

Community Development is excited to announce its new Instagram account – please check it out and follow the account. This is a great opportunity for CDD to not only further engage and inform our residents and businesses, but also highlight all the great work by the various divisions and staff. A special thank you to Tatiana Agopoglu who will be leading this charge. Here is the link to follow along: <https://www.instagram.com/mycddglendale/>

This is in addition to the Economic Development Instagram account. If you don't already follow them, please do so as well: <https://www.instagram.com/chooseglendale/>

### **3. Appreciation for Two Police Services Officers Kindness & Sense of Community**

Dear Chief Cid:

I am writing to commend two of your officers who are making a genuine difference in the community. We have encountered Amy Tate and Selene Corrales on three occasions, and our family has a deep appreciation for their efforts and the generous giving of their time. They have appeared at events we have attended recently and bring much kindness and sense of community wherever they are.

The first time we met them they met our family in a park to cheer on one of our very young family members who unfortunately has leukemia and spends most of his time in the hospital. The officers provided a wonderful experience and great distraction for all of us as they showed all the children how their police vehicle operates and also brought some memorabilia for them to keep. The kids were over the moon with excitement!

We have also encountered them at a preschool event, where they once again dazzled the children with their vehicle's sirens and lights, bringing a fun experience for all. At this event we were introduced to their new K-9 dog (I believe his name is Brisket), which the community had named, and discussed with us all the duties he has in making visits to various events and medical facilities, etc., to bring comfort to those who so need it. The dog is very talented and a real charmer.

These two officers go above and beyond at all times and I'm sure are having a huge impact on your community! You are lucky to be able to count them among your team members.

I thank them each time we see them and wish them all good things in their future endeavors. It's always a pleasure to see them, and they are indeed making a difference!

Sincerely,

Missy Stansbury

### **4. Kudos for Public Works Staff & Field Crew for Quick Action**

Hello again, Mr. Mayor!

Last weekend's rains, steady if not hard, caused three spots of rockfall on Ramsay and Barnett Drives, two of which almost covered their roads. Not impassable, but not fun to get around.

I called Public Works and spent several minutes with the operator as she searched online for the locations I was describing. That was very impressive. She understood that the roads were at the back sides of properties with addresses on Cascadia Drive. I forgot that the undeveloped Kassabian property has an address on Ramsay Drive. She assured me she'd put in a work order.

I heard Diesel engines and back-up bells about 8:45 the next morning. When I went out at about 9:15, I found the dirt roads completely cleared of fallen rocks! Bravo to the crew at Public Works. As soon as I got home, I called Public Works and thanked the operator profusely.

Regards,

Raye Rhoads Stapleton

## 5. Firefighters & Paramedics Professional, Caring & Attentive Interactions

To whom it may concern,

I am a retired Glendale Police Officer (retired 2002), having served the City of Glendale for 29 years. On January 16, 2023, at approximately 2:45 PM I was involved in a three-vehicle accident on the eastbound 134 freeway just west of the 2-freeway transition. As a result of the accident, Glendale Fire paramedics responded to the scene due to my wife sustaining possible injuries. The fire fighters and paramedics who responded were professional, caring and attentive towards my wife in keeping her calm while trying to assess her injuries. My wife was confused and didn't know where she was, trying several times to stand and walk. The paramedics kept her from further injury by keeping her seated and continually calming her.

I know this is what they are trained to do, and I have, when assigned to patrol, responded to numerous scenes where fire was needed, and watched how they worked, but these men showed genuine concern for both my wife and myself, asking me if there was anything else they could do, when they did all they possibly could. The paramedics who transported my wife to Memorial Hospital ER, kept her calm enroute and on arrival.

During the confusion of all this at the scene, I never got the names of these men, so whoever they were, I want to express my appreciation and thanks to them and the entire Glendale Fire Department

Joe L. Jimenez  
Ventura, CA

P.S. And my wife Maria thanks you!!!

## 6. Appreciation for Section 8 Housing Staff's Responsiveness & Care

**From:** Zhulet Tsarukyan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 7, 2024 6:56 AM  
**To:** Munguia, Martha <[MMunguia@Glendaleca.gov](mailto:MMunguia@Glendaleca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: New Admission effective 2/1/24

Dear Martha,

Sorry for late reply.

I don't know how to thank you for everything you have done for my mom's case. There was no phone call or email that went unanswered, and it was just so refreshing to work with someone who really cared. THANK YOU!!!

If it is not too out of ordinary, and if you can, will you please send me your supervisor's contact info (email or phone). I'd love to let them know what a great workmate they have and how much we appreciate your hard work.

Again, Thank you!!!

Zhulet

## 7. Happy Chinese New Year

With the arrival of the Chinese New Year, I want to express my heartfelt wishes for each and every one of you who celebrate it.

The Year of the Dragon has come to an end, and now we welcome the Year of the Horse. This auspicious occasion is a time of great significance and a chance for new beginnings. It is a time to reflect on the past year's achievements and challenges, and to set new goals and aspirations for the year ahead.

As we embrace the Year of the Horse, may it bring us new opportunities, prosperity, and abundance. May it also bring good health, happiness, and success to you and your loved ones. Let us continue to work together as a team, to face challenges with courage and determination, and to strive for excellence in everything we do.

During this festive season, I encourage you to take time to rest, rejuvenate, and spend quality time with your family and friends. Let the spirit of the Chinese New Year fill your hearts with joy and blessings. May it inspire you to dream big, to achieve great things, and to make the most of every opportunity.

Gong Xi Fa Cai!



## **8. Future City Council and Housing Authority Agendas (subject to change)**

### **February 13:**

- Permit Process Improvement Check-in
- Public and Private Tree Protection Ordinance – Adoption
- Proposed Revisions to the Boards and Commissions Appointments
- Award of Contract for Beeline and Dial-a-Ride Contracts
- Adoption of the MOU with Glendale Fire Fighters Association

### **February 20:**

- Council in your Neighborhood at Brand Library & Art Center
  - Brand Hiking Trails Upgrades
  - North Brand Blvd. Demonstration Project
  - Indigenous Tree Ordinance & Tree Canopy Increase

### **February 27:**

- Consideration of Pre-approved ADU Design Concepts (afternoon)
- Proposed Shared Mobility Pilot Program
- Update on the Status of Rockhaven Property
- Mixed Use Development Zoning Amendments
- Proposed Density Bonus Housing Project at 4013-4017 Irving Drive

### **March 5:**

- Memorandum of Understanding with Glendale Management Association (GMA)

### **March 12:**

- Amendments to Ordinance Adopting 2023 Electric Rates
- City-Wide Fees Study Adoption – Hearing
- Second Quarter Financial Status Update
- Alley Vacation for the Development at 246 N. Jackson Street

### **March 19:**

- No meetings

### **March 26:**

- Voting Delegate & Alternate for the 2024 SCAG General Assembly