

City Manager's Weekly Report No. 150

February 16, 2024

1. Recap of City Council Meetings

The following took place at the City Council and Housing Authority meetings of February 13:

- Approved the City Manager's appointment of Chief Greg Fish as the Fire Chief of Glendale Fire department.
- Adopted 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.
- Approved and adopted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Glendale Firefighters Association (GFFA) commencing July 1, 2024, and terminating June 30, 2027, that includes cost of living adjustments of 5%, 5% and 5%.
- Approved the award of a contract with MV Transportation for the operation and maintenance of the City's Beeline fixed-route and Dia-A-Ride transit services for a six-year term with two, two-year potential extensions for a total not-to-exceed amount of approximately \$151 million.

2. Kudos for our "Mature, Smart, and Capable" Homeless Services Manager

From: Herbert Molano
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:04 PM
To: Brotman, Daniel <dbrotman@Glendaleca.gov>
Subject: More on the Homeless count and Glendale's program

Dan,

I had a terrific conversation with Arsine Isayan. This lady is one of the most mature, smart, and capable persons in our local government.

She has an excellent grasp of the nuance of the issues her departments deal with. Bottom line, the report is being revised and become more concise and relevant.

My suggestion is that the Continuum of Care Board be televised (They meet quarterly) and that the statistical reports or data collected be made available to the public for further analysis.

There is more on this topic if you are interested.

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Herbert

3. Chief Fish Rejoins the Glendale Fire Department

I am pleased to announce the permanent appointment of Greg Fish as our next Fire Chief to lead our Fire Department. Chief Fish brings with him a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of our city's firefighting needs, having previously served as our Fire Chief.

During his distinguished 31-year career with the Glendale Fire Department, Chief Fish progressed through the ranks from firefighter to captain, battalion chief, deputy chief, and ultimately, Chief in 2015. His dedication to fire service was further exemplified through his roles as Fire Academy Assistant Administrator and adjunct faculty member at Glendale Community College. Chief Fish's contributions to the department have been recognized with the prestigious Distinguished Service award.

Following his tenure with the Glendale Fire Department, Chief Fish continued to enrich his expertise in fire management and emergency response at the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District, where he served as Fire Chief until his retirement on September 30, 2023. With only one month in retirement, we were fortunate enough for Chief Fish graciously accepted the role of Acting Fire Chief on November 1, 2023.

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming back Chief Fish.

4. Adrine Isayan Promoted to GWP Assistant General Manager

Adrine Isayan was recently promoted to the position of Assistant General Manager – Finance & Risk Management in Glendale Water & Power. Ms. Isayan brings over 25 years of invaluable experience to GWP.

Throughout her career, she has worked in various capacities within the City of Glendale's Finance Department with much of her experience in the Budget, Accounts Payable, and Payroll Sections. She has extensive knowledge of financial forecasting and reporting and is a seasoned finance professional. Adrine has earned dual Bachelor's Degrees in Information Systems and in Finance, both for Cal-State Northridge.

Please join me in congratulating Adrine on this well-earned promotion.

5. Weekend Rainstorm Forecast

We expect to get some heavy rains starting late Sunday into Presidents Day and tapering off by Tuesday. The expected rain totals are 2"-3" inches and with the ground already saturated from the last storm two weekends ago, there is a strong potential for mudslides. Public Works, GWP and Parks crews will be on standby to respond to all rain-related issues as they come up.

6. Community Meetings for Solar and Energy Storage Plan

In 2022, the Glendale City Council passed a resolution expressing their intent to adopt policies and practices aimed at achieving the goal of having at least 10% of GWP customers adopt solar and energy storage systems by 2027, and develop additional demand management measures, with a minimum total peak dispatchable and peak-load-reducing capacity of 100 megawatts (MW). The goal of this solar and energy storage plan is to maximize the City of Glendale's use of renewable energy to serve the current and future energy needs of Glendale residents.

GWP is seeking input directly from residents to ensure that their Solar and Energy Storage Plan properly captures the interests and needs of the residents and business owners of Glendale. In doing so, GWP will host a total of five community meetings:

February 28, 2024, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Adult Recreation Center
March 2, 2024, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM at Sparr Heights Community Center
March 11, 2024, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM on Zoom (check the website listed below for the link)
May 15, 2024, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM at Adult Recreation Center
May 30, 2024, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Sparr Heights Community Center

For additional information regarding the community meetings, please visit:

<http://www.glendaleca.gov/Solar-DER-Plan>

GWP has sent out information about these meetings in the From the Source Newsletter and City Connections, included a flyer in all bills sent to customers starting in mid-December and mailed flyers to all customers. GWP will also send out a customer survey to those customers that cannot or do not attend the meetings to obtain their input.

7. Grayson Repower Project Update

Demolition is essentially complete, with soil backfill occurring at the boiler building foundation location. Soil improvements (deep soil mixing) are progressing steadily on the west side of the site. The rainy weather has presented some concern as it could slow progress since the water does not drain quickly. However, currently the contractor has managed the schedule well and is staying on track.

Here are the expected key dates:

- Completion of Demolition and Site (Ground) Improvement – August 2024
- Start of Construction – September 2024
- Completion of Construction – January 2026
- Completion of Commissioning and Start of Commercial Operations – June 2026

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

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:

- Update on the Status of Rockhaven Property (afternoon)
- Consideration of Pre-approved ADU Design Concepts (afternoon)
- Proposed Revisions to the Boards and Commissions Appointments
- Multifamily and Mixed Use Development and Objective Design Standards
- Proposed Density Bonus Housing Project at 4013-4017 Irving Drive
- Memorandum of Understanding with Glendale Management Association (GMA)
- California Equal Pay Pledge
- Voting Delegate & Alternate for the 2024 SCAG General Assembly
- Charter Review Committee

March 5 (Election Day):

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