

# City Manager's Weekly Report No. 156

April 5, 2024

## 1. Recap of City Council Meetings

At their April 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings the City Council took the following actions:

- Held a public hearing and approved the Section 8 Public Housing Agency Annual Plan FY24-25.
- Issued a proclamation designating April 1-5, as National Community Development Week.
- Provided subsequent direction on certain proposed multi-family residential and residential mixed-use zoning amendments and objective design standards in multi-family residential and commercial zones and to proceed with finalizing the standards.
- Provided direction regarding the preparation of resolutions with findings to support Surplus Land Act exemption for certain City-owned parking lots, and to prepare Request for Proposals for the possible future development of property.
- Issued a proclamation designating April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Issued a proclamation designating April 1-7, 2024, as Food Waste Prevention Week.
- Issued commendations for four Glendale businesses that attained the Green Business Certification.
- Selected Councilmember Asatryan as the new Mayor.
- Adopted amendment to ordinance establishing the electric rates for FY 2024 to 2027 to add the standby service rider for medium and large business dispatchable rates.
- Received a presentation on the review of Fire Services Master Plan.

## 2. Compliment for Integrated Waste Management Field Staff

While servicing addresses on Leeridge Terrace last Thursday, March 21, Public Works integrated waste staff members Arturo Moreno, Delbert Rising and Eric Avitia encountered construction activity limiting their access to the refuse carts on the cul-de-sac. To address this, the employees rolled each of the carts for refuse, organic waste, and recycling to their respective trucks, and received this compliment from resident, Steven Clement:

"Kudos to the men who pick up our trash on Leeridge Terrace! We had construction next door with vehicles parked in the cul-de-sac, and they could hardly turn their vehicles around let alone reach the trash bins with the mechanical arms. They got out of their trucks and brought the trash to the mechanical arms and then returned the trash bins to the curb. Thank you so much for going the extra mile and miraculously making a 4-5 point turn to turn a

### 3. GFD Launches New Advanced Life Support Ambulance

On Monday April 8, the Glendale Fire Department will be launching an additional resource to respond to citizens' calls for assistance.

Squad 21 is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance staffed by two Firefighters/Paramedics. Unlike the Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance, staffed by two Ambulance Operators who are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Squad 21 will respond as an additional resource to fire incidents while being responsible for ALS response.

The Squad will respond to incidents, without an engine or truck on calls including abdominal pain, falls, catheter issues, and other sick calls. The Fire Department's goal with Squad 21 is to utilize the most appropriate resources to treat and transport patients in a timely and efficient manner.



#### **4. Appreciation for Casa Verdugo Library Staff and Services**

Greetings Ms. Pelayolozada!

My name is Lorena. I frequently visit Casa Verdugo Library to use your computer and printing services. I wanted to take this opportunity to express how appreciative I am of all the services the library has to offer the community. The library is conveniently located near my home. It's always a pleasant experience!

I would like to highly commend two individual library staff members who have been both very professional and most helpful. I am referring to Eric and Vivian. Each time I come in and have any questions or need assistance they graciously help without hesitation and with very pleasant demeanor. They both demonstrate outstanding customer service skills and knowledge in answering all questions on use of the computers. Best of all they are both friendly and approachable. I also want to note the security guard at the door is always welcoming each time anyone comes in. He always smiles and greets guests.

Recently, I was under a great deal of pressure to have several important legal documents sent from a Word document file on my laptop to be printed in time to make a very important appointment. This required several steps and I needed assistance. Without Eric's timely help I don't know what I would have done to get this task accomplished swiftly to make my appointment in time. Every time I come in Eric and Vivian are always friendly and helpful not only to me but to everyone.

A personal heartfelt thank you to Eric for all his help that day. He made a very challenging day under the situational legal circumstances I was dealing with go so much smoother. And best of all both Eric and Vivian always have a smile!

With sincere appreciation,  
Lorena  
Neighborhood resident

#### **5. State of the City Address 2024**

Last week, Mayor Brotman delivered the annual State of the City address to a packed room at the Chamber of Commerce's signature event. To view the video prepared by our talented inhouse production staff, click here: <https://youtu.be/6P-meG8nncq>. To view Mayor Brotman's speech and the video together, click here: <https://youtu.be/5BntroaP4vY>. I'd like to thank the numerous City staff members who worked on putting together the list of City accomplishments for the year and the preparation of the high quality video. Job well done to the entire team.

## 6. Poet Laureate Program and Jewel City Review Launch

Library, Arts & Culture invites all to a poetry workshop-reading and the anthology launch of our first issue of *The Jewel City Review*, a compilation of poetry written by the community in the first year of Glendale Poet Laureate Program.

Join Glendale Poet Laureate Raffi Joe Wartanian and featured guest poets Alene Terzian-Zeitounian (Altadena Poet Laureate, '10-'12), Shonda Buchanon (Black Indian), and Matt Sedillo (Mowing Leaves of Grass) on Saturday, April 6 from 11am-2pm at the Library Connection in Adams Square for reading, writing, and celebrating our launch! Refreshments provided, All levels of experience and language backgrounds are welcome. Learn more at [eGlendaleLAC.org/PoetLaureate](http://eGlendaleLAC.org/PoetLaureate)



The poster features a light beige background with a faint silhouette of a city skyline at the top. The title 'GLENDALE POET Laureate' is prominently displayed in gold and blue. Below the title, the event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are four portrait photos of the featured poets, each with a caption. The City of Glendale and Glendale Library Arts & Culture logos are also included.

**GLENDALE POET**  
*Laureate*

**LEANING IN & LETTING GO**  
**A POETRY WORKSHOP & ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Library Connection @ Adams Square**  
1100 East Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale, CA, 91205

  
**Shonda Buchanon**  
Author of Black Indian

  
**Matt Sedillo**  
Author of Mowing Leaves of Grass

  
**Alene Terzian-Zeitounian**  
Altadena Poet Laureate, 2010-2012

  
**Raffi Joe Wartanian**  
Glendale Poet Laureate

  


## 7. City Hall and Community Bids Farewell to Councilmember Paula Devine

Yesterday afternoon, City Hall hosted a reception to thank Councilmember Devine for her 10 years of service on the City Council. In attendance were many City staff members, current and former Councilmembers, former City executives, community organizations including Homentmen Ararat, Armenian Relief Society, Soroptimist International, Filipino American Business Association of Glendale, Korea Glendale Sister City Association, Korean American Federation, ANCA of Glendale, representative from the Consulate General of Japan, and State elected officials. Councilmember Devine received words of gratitude from Congressman Adam Schiff, Assemblymember Laura Friedman, Senator Portantino, Supervisor Kathryn Barger, and many others. Many of the comments centered around her kindness, selfless dedication to volunteering for countless community organizations and appreciation for City staff. Congressman Adam Schiff had the American flag flown over the Capitol in honor of her service to our community. Councilmember thanks those in attendance, individual departments and city staff. After taking some time to rest, Councilmember Devine plans to stay active in the community and travel.





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

### **April 9:**

- No meetings

### **April 16:**

- Election of Housing Authority Chair
- Certification of Election Results
- New Councilmembers Swearing-in
- Purchase of a New Helicopter for Police Joint Air Support Unit
- Amendment to the City Attorney Employment Agreement
- Contract Extension for Operation of the Recycling Center
- Policy on Installation of New Speed Cameras

### **April 23:**

- No meetings

### **April 30:**

- Potential Revisions to Mayoral Selection Process
- Ordinance Amendments for Design Review, Entitlement Processes, Parking Requirements for Certain Uses, and Miscellaneous Zoning Code Cleanups
- Modifications to Nomination Process for Boards & Commissions
- Award of Contract for Construction of La Crescenta Avenue Rehabilitation Project
- Hearing for Unpermitted Demolition of Historic Resource at 1239 N. Everett Street

### **May 7:**

- MOUs with GCEA, GPOA and GMA Police Managers
- Proposed Bikelane Networks, Implementation Phasing and Cost Estimate
- Update on the Approved Open Streets Event
- Update on the Proposed Districting Community Outreach