

# City Manager's Weekly Report No. 157

April 19, 2024

## 1. Recap of City Council Meetings

At their April 16<sup>th</sup> meetings the City Council took the following actions:

- Continued the selection of Housing Authority Chair and Vice Chair to the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Issued a proclamation designating April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week.
- Issued a proclamation designating April 2024 as Armenian Genocide and Armenian Heritage month.
- Awarded a professional services agreement for engineering services for Colorado Street Multi-Modal Improvements Project.
- Awarded a professional services agreement for engineering services for Wilson Avenue Multi-Modal Improvement Project.
- Authorized an amendment to the professional services agreement to provide Glendale Water & Power with water quality testing services.
- Approved the Resolution adopting specifications for weed control services and directed City Clerk to advertise for bids.
- Adopted a motion to accept one-time only baseline funding from LA County Ageing and Disabilities Department.
- Approved Resolution of Appropriation to appropriate funds for San Fernando Road Beautification Project Phase 1.
- Dispensed with competitive bidding for the purchase of a new MD helicopter to replace Police Joint Air Support Unit.
- Approved first amendment to the amended and restated City Attorney employment agreement to extend the term of the agreement and provide for salary adjustment.
- Continued resolution adopting findings of violation of the Glendale Municipal Code regarding unpermitted demolition of a historic resource at 1239 N. Everett Street.
- Declared the result of the general municipal election of March 5, 2024.

## 2. Two Returning Councilmembers Get Sworn-in

On April 16, 2024, Ardashes (Ardy) Kassakhian and Vartan Gharpetian were sworn in as new councilmembers for a four-year term.



## 3. CDD Releases Guide to Starting a Business in Glendale

While starting a business is an exciting endeavor for many, the various requirements can be overwhelming for business owners. As such, the Economic Development Division has launched “Glendale’s Gateway to Success: Your Guide to Starting a Business”. This guide simplifies the process, providing a roadmap with essential steps and resources to support aspiring business owners in our city as they embark on their entrepreneurial journey.

Please share the following link to document: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1016362880/>

#### 4. Appreciation for Neighborhood Services Staff

**From:** HRACHYA ORDUBEKYAN  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 3:37 PM  
**To:** Sada, Jessica <[jsada@Glendaleca.gov](mailto:jsada@Glendaleca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Reiff, Jose Daniel <[dreiff@glendaleca.gov](mailto:dreiff@glendaleca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: 720 Orange Grove Ave apt 7

Dear Jessica,

I wanted to take some time during my work day to share with you my experience so far.

I wanted to thank you and Daniel for being there when we needed you most. I don't know if you remember, about 2 months ago, I reached out to you hoping that I could get some type of help from the city to correct what was happening to my family and everyone in my building. You got Daniel back on this case and have been critical in pushing the landlord to comply with basic health and safety problems that so many of our families and children have been experiencing.

Thank you Jessica and Thank you Daniel, sincerely I am eternally grateful for what you have done. Daniel and I have communicated quite a bit and he has been the sole reason that we are getting anything fixed and corrected. I am 100% confident in saying that I would have been in the exact same situation as I was 2 months ago if it wasn't for Daniel. He has been so thorough in detecting problems and so pivotal in getting the landlord up and doing things to correct this and allow us to live without mold.

Daniel has shown a level of compassion and professionalism that I don't see anymore in other people. Knowing that Daniel is working with us makes me feel like we will get to our final goal of fixing all of the leaks, mold, and unsanitary conditions that the landlord created for our building. I am VERY thankful for your actions, I am VERY thankful that the city has a position for someone like Daniel who will be our voice when we are not heard.

Today, Daniel contacted me simply to check in on my family and see how we are feeling. He wanted to know that my family isn't in a worse shape today, than before he started. In a world where we are always running around, and every interaction takes its toll on us, in a world where we are often too busy to eat lunch, in a world where we don't take the time to smell the roses, Daniel decided to take the time and check in and see how our health was. I was at a loss for words. In my opinion he is going above and beyond and should be commended on his hard work and commitment to his job and the safety of total strangers. He is a VERY special kind of person. I hope that the city can see his hard work and dedication and I hope that he can get recognized and rewarded for his unparalleled and consistent work. For today and everyday that he was been that I am sincerely thankful.

Thank you, from my family and many others.

Hrach Ordubekyan

## 5. Thank You Note for CSP Community Services Team

**From:** N Ghukasyan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:33 PM  
**To:** Goglia, Gabrielle <[ggoglia@Glendaleca.gov](mailto:ggoglia@Glendaleca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Acosta, Matthew <[MAcosta@Glendaleca.gov](mailto:MAcosta@Glendaleca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thank you for your support

Hi Gabrielle,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and everyone involved in coordinating our event on March 24th. Your support and assistance, as well as that of the Glendale City team, were instrumental in making the event a success. We truly appreciate all the help provided.

Warm regards,  
Nelly

## 6. PWD Launches Climate Mobility App

Recently the Transit Division of Public Works Department launched the Climate Mobility App (CMA), that allows users to understand the environmental impact of everyday travel choices. The CMA Trip Planner calculates the Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs) produced by traveling by car compared to using Beeline, riding a bike, or walking. Users will be able to see their emission reductions and those of all CMA users. Even replacing a few trips, a month can impact air quality in Glendale. CMA users will also earn Hive Points each time they use the app and can be redeemed for rewards.

The App is currently available on the Apple Store and staff is working on approval from Google for the Android version.



## 7. San Fernando Road Gets a Make-Over

San Fernando Road is one of the primary connectors from industrial and commercial businesses to residential neighborhoods in southwest Glendale. It also functions as a vital major arterial north-south corridor used as a bypass to the I-5 as well as connecting to the cities of Burbank and Los Angeles (Atwater Village). In fact, nearly 25,000 daily LA Metro and Glendale Beeline transit users utilize bus routes along the San Fernando Road corridor.

San Fernando Road Beautification Project – Phase 1, partially funded with Clean California Grant is to deliver environmentally friendly and sustainable solutions that create a safer environment and a more pleasant travel experience for all users of San Fernando Road., between Grandview Ave. and Elk Ave. The scope of work includes new Class III bike lane on south-bound only, new ADA-compliant curb ramps and sidewalks, shade structures, art-inspired crosswalks, wayfinding signs & markers, beautified bus stops and new benches, newly designed fencing along portions of the rail right-of-way, drought-tolerant native plants, and trees, as well as new landscaped medians and bioretention swales.

The project is anticipated to be completed by July 2024.



## 8. Honoring GWP Crews as part of National Lineman Appreciation Day

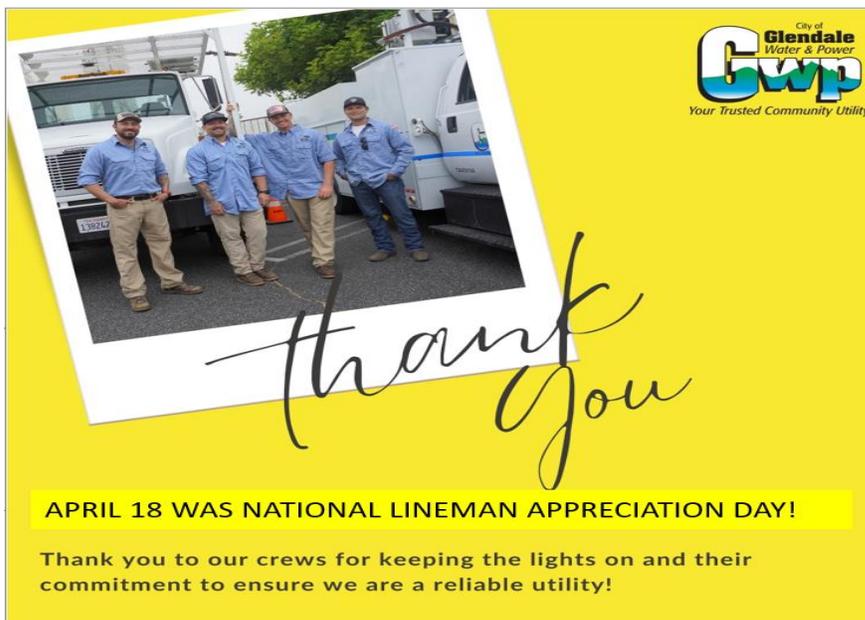
We would like to honor our linemen for their hard work, courage, and dedication as part of National Lineman Appreciation Day, which took place on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

These employees are the ones who ensure our lights stay on, our homes stay warm, and our lives stay powered, often putting themselves in harm's way during storms to keep our communities running smoothly.

A heartfelt thank you to the following staff for their essential role in keeping us safe and comfortable.



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AT WORK



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

### April 23:

- No meetings

### April 30:

- Use of City Days at Alex Theater for Armenian Fairytale's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show (afternoon)
- Budget Study Session #1: FY 23-24 General Fund Projection, Proposed FY24-25 General Fund, Five-year General Fund Forecast, Budget Balancing Strategies: Revenues (afternoon)
- 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
- Contract Extension for Operation of the Recycling Center
- Deceleration of Surplus Land Exemption for City-owned property at 1015 N. Central Ave
- Award of Contract for Parking Management Services
- Selection for Charter Review Committee Members
- Armenian Genocide and Artsakh Resolution
- Hearing on the Annual Weed Abatement Program

### May 7:

- Election of Housing Authority Chair and Vice Chair(afternoon)
- Budget Study Session #2: Citywide Fee Study, Pension Refinancing & Infrastructure Bonds
- Potential Revisions to Mayoral Selection Process
- 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, Maps and Ballot Measure
- Charter Review Items for Consideration

### May 14:

- Budget Study Session #3: proposed FY 2024-25 Citywide Departmental Budgets

### May 21:

- Budget Study Session #4: Council Follow Up Items and Wrap-up
- Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche of Electric Revenue Bonds – Introduction

### May 28:

- No meetings.

### June 4:

- FY 2024-25 Budget Hearing & Adoption
- Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche of Electric Revenue Bonds - Adoption