

City Manager's Report No. 166

June 21, 2024

1. Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Blocked

In a significant victory for California cities, the State Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act cannot appear on the November ballot. This anti-tax measure, which would have made it more difficult to raise taxes or fees, was deemed a constitutional revision requiring a more rigorous process. Spearheaded by the California Business Roundtable, the measure had garnered sufficient signatures but faced widespread opposition from cities. The court's decision allows local governments to continue focusing on essential services without the constraints the measure would have imposed.

At least 246 cities passed resolutions opposing the measure with opponents calling it "an existential threat" to government operations. In [a statement](#), Cal Cities CEO Carolyn Coleman said the following: "No amount of funding from wealthy corporations will change the fact that the California Supreme Court decided the Taxpayer Deception Act is unconstitutional. It's great news for cities and their residents that this dangerous initiative will not move forward this year, and local officials can now keep their focus on delivering vital local services." Read the Court's opinion [here](#).

2. Kudos for GFD Environmental Services Specialist

From: Ken Batchelor

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:33:50 AM

To: Fish, Greg <GFish@Glendaleca.gov>;

Cc: Leticia Gonzalez; Palma Vincenti ; Jack Daly; VARTAN MADONIAN ; Mahtab Haghpanah ; Dariush; ; John Balcer

Subject: Fire Inspector Vegetation Management Program Patty Mundo

We want to take a moment of your time to say how very much we appreciate all the hard work, effort, and dedication Fire Inspector Patty Mundo means to us, especially we who live in brush fire zones. She is a valuable asset, one that we have grown to admire and respect professionally. We have had the great good fortune of working with her several years now, whether that has been participating in a group project clearing brush from an abandoned lot in our neighborhood or in championing the use of goats as another resource of clearing dangerous brush from hillsides, some areas that have not been cleared in years, if ever.

We trust you know, recognize, and appreciate how well she represents you, GFD and the city. We thought it important that you know how much she has done and continues to do to make Glendale safer and more fire resilient.

Chevy Chase Canyon residents

3. Celebrating City of Glendale Employees Work Anniversaries

Employee service awards play an important role in recognizing the dedication and hard work of our employees. Yesterday morning, we acknowledged anniversaries for our employees ranging from five to thirty-five years of service. We had three employees celebrating an impressive 35 years of service: Mark Young, General Manager of GWP, John Escudero, Power Plant Superintendent and Shanaz Mavandi, Executive Secretary in the Community Development Department. Mark Young made a short but emotional statement about his story of starting out as an apprentice and moving up the ladder to his current role of General Manager overseeing one of the largest municipal utility companies in Southern California. There were six employees with 25 years of service and eleven with 20 years of service. A special thank you to the Human Resources Team for organizing these service awards. Below are a few pictures from today's celebration and the complete list of employees.



4. Cooling Centers to Open on Saturday

In anticipation of the upcoming heat wave, the Community Services & Parks Department is activating four community centers as cooling centers starting Saturday, June 22, 2024, through Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The City is highly encouraging those who do not have a cool place to be during the hottest time of the day to come to one of four community centers to beat the heat and cool off. Pets are allowed but must be always kept on a leash. The cooling centers will be at the Adult Recreation Center, Sparr Heights Community Center, Maple Park Community Center, and Pacific Community Center.

We also have various options to keep cool through water play. Our splash pad at Cerritos Park is open 11:00 am to 6:00 pm daily, our wading pools are open to the public on alternating days at Dunsmore Park, Brand Park, Fremont Park, Glenoaks Park and Palmer Park, and our Pacific Community Pool is open daily for recreation swim.

As a reminder, if you plan to be outdoors, please take the following precautions to protect yourself from the sun and heat:

- Avoid the sun from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.
- Reduce physical activity.
- Wear wide-brimmed hat and light-colored, lightweight, loose-fitting clothes when you are outdoors.
- Avoid hot, heavy meals that include proteins.
- Set your air conditioner between 75° to 80°. If you don't have air-conditioning, take a cool shower twice a day.
- Drink plenty of fluids, even if you are not thirsty. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 if you need to be in the sun.
- Stay in shade whenever working outdoors.
- Don't forget about your pets; they need plenty of water and shade.

Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps and increased thirst. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention or call 911.

5. Thank You Note for Section 8 Housing Staff

From: Vardkez Haghverdi

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:32 PM

To: Zovak, Peter <pzovak@Glendaleca.gov>; Davidian, Hermineh <HDavidian@Glendaleca.gov>; Bolbolian, Arthur <abolbolian@Glendaleca.gov>; Walton, Jerry <JWalton@Glendaleca.gov>

Subject: Thank You

Dear Peter, Arthur, Hermineh, and Jerry,

Thank you Peter and Arthur for responding promptly to my request for help.

Thank you Hermineh for assigning Jerry to inspect my apartment unit (2500 Honolulu Ave Apt 123, Montrose, CA 91020).

Thank you Jerry for doing a great job. On your second inspection (10 days after your first), you saw that the unit had not been repaired yet. After your second inspection, when the management company read your inspection report stating that the flowerbed needs a dedicated drain, they sent a specialist who fixed this problem professionally exactly as you said.

I am grateful to all of you.

Thank you,

Vardkez Haghverdi

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

June 25:

- HUD Grant Funds for the 2023 Continuum of Care Program; and filing of 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count (afternoon).
- FY 24-25 Liability Insurance Renewal (afternoon)
- Consideration of the City's Enhanced Sister City Program (afternoon)
- Citywide Low Voltage Cabling Service Agreement Extension
- Standardization of Information Technology Infrastructure
- Adoption of GWP's Issuance of Electric Revenue Bonds – Second Series
- Public Hearing on the GWP's Wildfire Mitigation Plan
- FY 2024-25 Citywide Budget Adoption
- GWP Annual Authority for the Purchase/Sale of Energy Commodities & Services
- Approval of the Appointment of the Interim Director of Finance
- Levy of Annual Assessment and Preparation of the Engineer's Report for FY 24-25 for the North San Fernando Road Corridor Landscape Maintenance District
- Update on the Refuse Rates COSA Expenses
- Agreement with LCW for Employee Relations and Negotiation Services

July 2:

- No meetings

July 9:

- Land Use Element Update (afternoon)
- City of Glendale Open Street Event on May 31, 2025 (afternoon)
- Boards & Commission Nomination Process (afternoon)
- Award of contract for Weed Control Services
- Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) Unified Data Platform Purchase
- Purchase Order for Software License Subscription of Wonderware Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System
- Approval of the Final Engineer's Report and Ordering the Levy and Collection of Annual Assessments for the North San Fernando Road Corridor Landscape Maintenance District for FY 24-25
- Consideration of a Quick-Build Demonstration Project on La Crescenta Avenue
- Software for Attract, Onboard, Learn, and Perform Modules, Professional Services Agreement with NeoGov for Expansion of Human Resources Enterprise
- RFP for Design-Build of Fire System Improvements at City Facilities

July 16:

- Ground Lease of City Owned Properties (afternoon)
- Al Fresco Dining on Private Lots (afternoon)
- Standardized IT Solutions and Products from Palo Alto Network, Cisco Systems and Microsoft
- Award of PSA for Beeline Transit Operational Analysis

July 30:

- Proposed Bikeline Networks, Implementation Phasing and Cost Estimate
- Shared Mobility Pilot Program