

# MINUTES

## City of Guadalupe

### Regular Meeting of the Guadalupe City Council

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6:00 pm

City Hall, 918 Obispo Street, Council Chambers

#### 1. ROLL CALL:

Council Member Liliana Cardenas  
Council Member Gilbert Robles  
Council Member Eugene Costa Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tempore Tony Ramirez  
Mayor Ariston Julian

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. All members were present. (Note: The abbreviation, "CM", will be used for "Council Member" in these minutes.)*

#### 2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

*Mayor Julian asked to remember 18 children, in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and two teachers from Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas who were killed, along with the shooter. The mayor also asked us not to forget the mass shooting that happened one week before in Buffalo, New York where 10 individuals were killed at a neighborhood grocery store. He further added, "Continued prayers for those in Ukraine and around the world impacted by this assault on this country and population. Prayers and a moment of silence to those suffering through these economically devastating times."*

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 4. AGENDA REVIEW

*There were no requests to change the order of the agenda.*

#### 5. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Shirley Boydston

*I was hoping to have the opportunity to address the whole community, but we'll get this communication straightened out one of these days. I want to talk about the upcoming Memorial Day. Years ago, in 1868 it was known as "Decoration Day". That's when after the Civil War, people decided to decorate the graves of both the Rebels and the Yankees. It was kept up and grew until 1971 when it became officially, "Memorial Day". As you know, the symbol is the "red poppy". I have the privilege of having a few available if anybody wants some. They aren't sold. People give a*

*donation for the privilege of wearing them. I'll leave them here and Amelia (Villegas) will kindly accept any donations you want to give.*

*Remember, Memorial Day is not just all hamburgers, hot dogs and a beach day. It's a remembrance of our soldiers going way back to the founding of our nation. Our soldiers, our veterans, both men and women, are dying out rapidly. The younger ones have much better treatment, and most are able to be home and not in VA hospitals. These poppies are made by veterans in the hospitals, and all the monies donated goes back to the veterans. So, it's a good thing. I am told that they're fearful that, in the next year or so, they won't have this opportunity to make them. There just aren't enough veterans left in the hospitals. Thank you for this opportunity.*

*Mayor Julian asked about the ceremony at the cemetery. Ms. Boydston said that the Memorial Day ceremony will be at the cemetery on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:00 a.m.*

*Robert and Teresa Doty* (the following letter was read by Mr. Doty):

*Mayor Julian and honorable members of the Guadalupe City Council: My wife and I are writing you today about a grave concern of ours. That is our Guadalupe Fire Department. As citizens of our community, it has been brought to our attention that our members of the fire department are being threatened with massive pay cuts, having to give up their overtime limits in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and attempts to change their work schedule to favor the city while having to work half days, sporadic shifts with the threat hanging over their heads "OR ELSE". Our firefighters have faced harassment at the workplace, retaliation, investigations, and have no representation. They are literally fighting to keep their jobs.*

*Under YOUR direction, the city has stated that they are fine with downgrading our fire department to volunteer status. If this were to happen, lives will be lost due to vastly increased first responder response times from surrounding agencies. This is simply not acceptable. As a 36-year veteran (retired) fire captain of a very large fire department near here, I can personally state that volunteer fire departments in the western USA simply do NOT WORK. During the normal M-F workday you will rarely see a response from volunteers. Same with nights. Same with weekends. That is why the trend statewide is to disband all volunteer and go to full-time paid professional. Not to mention the level of training, care and professionalism you receive. Anyone can jump in and drive a vehicle to an emergency scene, but the care stops there when comparing full-time paid, highly trained and certified, sworn fire personnel vs volunteer who have limited training. WE ARE NOT FINE WITH THIS CARELESS DECISION OR THREAT from this council to disband and switch to volunteer status. Lives and property will be lost and also all homeowners insurance rates will skyrocket. It all comes down to the simple fact that quick response times, and trained professionals save lives! We will not have that with volunteer firefighters!*

*It has also been brought to our attention that the city is going through the hiring process and creating a new "emergency manager-grant money coordinator" position or something along those lines. From what I also understand, this position would be well north of \$100,000 in salary. I ask, would it not be better served to restore the fire chief position and give him or her the added responsibility of pursuing all the federal grants that are out there? Has there ever been an attempt by the city of obtain any grant money in support of our fire department? Starting with new equipment such as a new fire engine to replace the 22-year-old frontline engine and a new fire station for our firefighters?*

*Also, I am aware that our fire department sends crews out on strike teams as mutual aid to the state during fire season. What happens to the "6% admin fee" fund acquired for these services? Have any of you visited our "fire station" recently? To say we are in need of upgrading is an understatement and needs to be addressed. Do we have a fund in place to replace old worn-out equipment? What are your future plans? Is ANYTHING along these lines budgeted?*

*....With the addition of the Pasadera tract to the city along with the additional tax revenue that comes with it, why are we even having this discussion of lack of funding or cutting of services...especially when it comes to our public safety? When Pasadera was approved many years ago, it was supposed to SAVE the city.*

*My advice to all of you:*

- 1. CEASE AND DESIST the harassment of our firefighters. I'm sure there are many civil attorneys out there what would lick their chops at the chance to go after the deep pockets of a city jurisdiction.*
- 2. Change the recruitment and job of the so called newly created position of emergency manager to Fire Chief and federal grant coordinator and let them do their job of bettering our fire department and city services.*
- 3. Do not even consider downgrading our fire department to volunteer...this is not acceptable, and lives will be lost.*

*In closing, it is obvious to us that what the fire department needs in this city is an advocate and someone to represent them. This will ensure that the citizens of this community will be safely taken care of. Thank you for your consideration. (Name & address given)*

*Josylyn Flowers*

*(Note: Ms. Flowers was not present when called upon to speak during Community Participation. However, after Chief Cash gave his Director of Public Safety report, Ms. Flowers returned to the meeting. She said she had been at the Mary Buren Open House which lasted longer than anticipated and asked to be able to speak. Mayor Julian allowed her time to speak.)*

*My name is Josylyn Flowers. I'm a resident of Guadalupe and have been a member of this community for three (3) years. I'm here tonight not to make accusations or read off a heated statement. I'm here to ask questions to which I'm hopeful you'll be willing to provide me answers, truthful and clear answers.*

*I'm very aware that there are two (2) sides to every story and, perhaps, some information that we, the community, are not privy to since we are not a part of the council. However, in situations like these, I find myself not placing blame but asking questions, asking "why". Why is the City's fire department asking for a chief to support them in their role and to speak on their behalf? Why are we, or shall I say, the City denying it? Is it due to city funding? If that is the case, where are the funds from the builders' tax from the Pasadera community? Is that not a thing? Are there not grant fundings available? Surely there must be, especially, since I personally know there have been many grants available to this community in the last few years. Is it because there will be someone who*

*will then be speaking up on their behalf? Perhaps holding the City accountable to make sure that all PPE and equipment are up to code to help them do their job to the best of their abilities?*

*I'm also hoping that you can shed some clarity on a more serious issue, that being the accusation made regarding the firefighters being pushed to leave and create and I quote "create a volunteer-based fire department as a city-wide cost saving measure". I question, at what cost? Community members waiting an additional time in a life or death emergency? A volunteer fire department may work in an extremely small town but how much have we grown in the last five (5) years? And as far as I know, we're still growing. So, where does that leave us? Hoping that CalFire, right up the way, isn't on their own call when we need them? Hoping that in an emergency, we, the City of Guadalupe, do not become an afterthought?*

*Perhaps this has all been exaggerated or misinterpreted, spread like a wildfire, if you will. Maybe this is an ongoing thing, history from six (6) to seven (7) years ago, and I am missing the facts because I am new to this town. But it seems to me that maybe the issue is the lack of transparency and clarity to the community. What I am clear on is that the fire department are the first to show up in an emergency and deserve to be treated as such. And if statements, such as, and again I quote, "You need to take a pay cut...you need to work less overtime...and dismantling the fire department" are, in fact, true, we are on a fast track to a serious issue in this community as we continue to grow.*

*It can't be both ways, City Council. You can't approve more growth of a community without the growth of vital components to keep this community safe. I am requesting a written response to these questions I've asked tonight. I look forward to hearing from all of you and I appreciate allowing me the time to speak.*

*Mayor Julian said, "Josylyn, before you came in, we said that we can't comment on anything during Community Participation. We heard you. Our staff heard you." Ms. Flowers said, "I appreciate it. Thank you."*

*CM Ramirez said, "One thing I want to say is that I definitely advocate to check out the online goal setting that happened last week. Next week, we're actually going to set the City's goals that will inform the budget process. So, next Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. we're going to have a special meeting here, and all of that informs the budgetary process. So, all these concerns definitely should be brought up at that time as decisions will be made for the next year's budget."*

*Stephanie Corona*

*(After Ms. Flowers spoke, Ms. Corona asked to speak and was allowed to do so.) I'm speaking on behalf of my parents, small business owners here in the City of Guadalupe, as well as other business owners here. We are just really concerned over the fact of this idea of having the firefighters defunded and not really having them around here. That idea scares a lot of us just because it is many restaurants. Fires can occur and, obviously, if they're here, response will come in quicker. Some businesses are two stories with residences up on top and businesses below.*

*It doesn't make sense that we're going to have to wait 20 minutes, or maybe 45 minutes for firefighters from different cities and towns to come and respond to our emergency. Not having them*

*around here kind of scares us. So, that's a concern we all have. Having them trained in EMT, as well. If you call for a health emergency, and having the firefighters have some kind of experience, like in the medical field, EMT-wise and having them actually help save a life instead of waiting 30 minutes to an hour for an ambulance from Santa Maria or Arroyo Grande to come over here and help out. It's Guadalupe. It takes time to come here. So, why are we going to wait for them to come over here when we can have them around, as well? Thank you.*

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items are presented for City Council approval without discussion as a single agenda item in order to expedite the meeting. Should a Council Member wish to discuss or disapprove an item, it must be dropped from the blanket motion of approval and considered as a separate item.

- A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar will be adopted by the same vote cast as the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.
- B. Approve payment of warrants for the period ending May 18, 2022.
- C. Approve the Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of May 10, 2022, to be ordered filed.
- D. Approve the Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of May 11, 2022, to be ordered filed.
- E. Accept the April 2022 Financial Report.
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-40 filing the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder, and to approve the five percent retention payment to V. Lopez Jr. and Sons (V. Lopez) for the 2021 Trunk Main Improvement Project.
- G. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-41 filing the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder, and to approve the five percent retention payment to Quincon Inc. for the Le Roy Park and Community Center Rehabilitation Project.
- H. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-42 – Property Tax Exchange Agreement for 4146 Eleventh Street Reorganization Annexation with the City of Guadalupe (LAFCO 22-03).
- I. **MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**
  - 1. Public Safety Department:
    - a. Police Department report for April 2022
    - b. Fire Department report for April 2022
    - c. Code Compliance report for April 2022
  - 2. City Treasurer's report for April 2022

3. Recreation and Parks report for April 2022

*No items were pulled. Motion was made by Council Member Ramirez and seconded by Council Member Cardenas to approve the Consent Calendar. 5-0 Motion passed.*

7. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** (Information Only)

*Mr. Bodem's brief comment: "Thank you, Mayor and Council, for all that you do."*

8. **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:** (Information Only)

*Before Chief Cash gave his report, Mayor Julian said, "You were in the city, Uvalde, Texas, where today's shooting occurred. Is that right?" Chief Cash said, "Yes, I was sent there about three years ago teaching with FEMA. I am an emergency preparedness instructor, nationwide and international. We were sent there to instruct the city and schools in active shooter situations. We saw some of the officials on TV talking. We spoke and taught some of those officials. We spoke at their community college and some of the schoolteachers from that school were also there. I've been in contact with some of the officials that are there on the ground in Texas and some back in Washington, D.C. that I also taught with. We offered not only our condolences but that I would come out there personally to see if there was anything I could do and set up relief efforts. Their town is extremely similar to Guadalupe, in their demographics, size and they're not that far from the Mexican border. Small town, great people. One of the industries around Uvalde is game-hunting ranches. Visitors pay to hunt game on the preserves. To have that in the city limits and then have this kind of shooting is very telling and disturbing. We're staying in contact and will keep you posted."*

*Chief then went on to give his report.*

*Had a staff meeting today with police and fire. We discussed some of the future things that we're doing...things that are exciting from a command level...some of the things we have going on. We discussed staffing, budgeting. Thank you to City Council and staff from our budget meeting. Council really listened and paid attention. I expressed that to the staff, and we appreciate having that kind of input.*

*As of May 2022, there have been 38 school shootings in K-12, colleges and universities. That's just as of May.*

*Yesterday, we made an arrest of embezzlement charge at Clay Septic. This is public knowledge. Amount embezzled was \$500,000.*

*Tobacco License Permit Directive – Guadalupe went from an "F" grade by the Santa Barbara Tobacco Initiative Health Department. Since we instituted the permit process and working with our businesses to get rid of cigarettes for small children, we are now "A+". We're now being touted to go around the County to give presentations on how to do it. That's a very nice pat on the back for*

*our Council and the City. We're now at 100% compliance with our businesses, and that's as great working relationship.*

*A graffiti task force is being formed. We recently got hit at the Royal Theatre and two other places. We're working with Parks & Rec with Hanna (Fuentes), GBA, Dr. Handl from the School District and our Council. We discussed the format today and we'll be working closer with Parks & Rec for some long-term possible solutions. Philip Sinco is also part of this graffiti task force. We'll utilize his prior Santa Maria Attorney's Office expertise to litigate our code compliance cases.*

*There was a school lockdown last week. It was thought to be an active shooter situation. Shots were heard fired. School went on lockdown. We notified them that sound travels. The shots came out of Treasure Park area and did not affect the school. We were able to open up the school immediately. One thing we do want to emphasize to our parents and community members is that "if you see something, say something". We do have our Crime Stoppers and we do monitor social media. Everyone needs to take responsibility.*

*Person who vandalized Mary Buren School was arrested. That information will be circulated stating the person was arrested.*

*We have a flyer for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We asked for community input. A citizen volunteered time all day to put together a flyer. We'll do our own mailing for this flyer.*

## **9. MAYOR'S REPORT- UPDATES**

*The mayor asked CM Cardenas to speak on Item #8 – Ribbon Cutting. She said, "At O'Connell Park, broke ground yesterday for the playground equipment. We haven't had a playground in years. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> construction would be finalized and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held."*

*Mayor Julian also said, "The REACH strategy meeting is to be held at the Toyota of Santa Maria conference room tomorrow, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Todd Bodem will be attending this economic development roundtable discussion."*

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **10. Auditorium Use Application/Agreement.**

Written report: Hannah Fuentes, Recreation Services Manager

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-32 approving a new Auditorium Use Application/Agreement pursuant to the recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

*Ms. Fuentes said, "Before I talk about the adjustments you wanted to be made, I want to mention that there was one additional part that was not on the original Agreement: a timeframe for documents to be turned in. It's standard in most cities that do facility rentals to have these*

timeframes. We're a little generous with the due dates because most cities generally have 60 or 90 days. But given the community and everything, we tried to make it as reasonable as we could for this community. So, most timeframes are 30 days, and some are even two (2) weeks prior. We thought that was pretty reasonable. If there are any recommendations for different timeframes or days, let me know and I can make the changes."

"The following were corrections that the City Council previously recommended:

"Conditions of Use"

"A.11." – Removal of the section related to handing out of keys to the auditorium. Any non-profits that would be using the auditorium on a consistent basis would need to formalize an MOU with us.

"D.1" – Security Standards: spelled out the number of security guards needed per number of people and if alcohol would be used.

"E.4 .a)" – Remove reference to "canopy". May not be able to contain people in a certain spot and Fire Department has some occupancy issues. I'd be looking for direction as far as what you would recommend. I just dropped the canopy part and left it general, saying that 'alcohol could be consumed within the courtyard area'. I'd ask for direction what you would recommend for a barrier or fencing. Or public safety might have a recommendation on what would be safe for everybody in case of an emergency.

Another point was alcohol in the auditorium. CM Cardenas had previously brought up 'if alcohol is not allowed in the auditorium, how would it be brought into the kitchen?' It's not really bringing it into the auditorium that's the issue...it's more on the hardwood floors. So, I changed the wording to "Bottles for champagne toasting, specifically, can come onto the hardwood floors but would need to be removed immediately after. And any bottles that are brought in for the bartender or alcohol caterer can come in thru the auditorium but not on the hardwood floors. They can use the vinyl flooring walkway from the city hallway that goes into the kitchen.

"F.6. Tape has to be wall-safe tape. There are a lot of tapes that don't leave marks on the walls."

Mayor Julian said, "For the barrier, I'd look at plastic fencing. Say something like 'Those consuming alcohol have to remain within that fenced area. Others outside that area must go through the regular building entrance instead of coming from the back.' Some kind of plastic barrier that's approved by the Fire Department so it's not something that could get in the way of someone trying to exit the building if there was a fire."

CM Ramirez asked, "Is there a way to have a clause about 'weather permitting'? If we have rain, and the renter will have alcohol, can we have an alternative based off weather if we're taking out having a canopy?" Ms. Fuentes said, "I don't think it's striking canopy out, specifically. If the renter wanted a canopy, we would get Public Safety's recommendation on its safety but it's not a



*requirement to have a canopy. That was more of the issue.” (CM Ramirez said that he thought with the changes, canopies weren’t allowed.) The mayor said, “In January, if the renter wants to serve alcohol, one canopy won’t work. We may have to test it out to see what will work.”*

**Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Ramirez to approve Resolution No. 2022-32 approving a new Auditorium Use Application/Agreement. Roll Call: All Ayes Motion passed.**

**11. Introduction of Ordinance Adding Chapter 8.14 to the City of Guadalupe Municipal Code to Implement AB 1276 Single-Use Foodware Accessories and Standard Condiments.**

Written report: Philip F. Sinco, City Attorney

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the first reading (by title only) and introduce Ordinance No. 2022-501 adding Chapter 8.14 to the City of Guadalupe Municipal Code to implement AB 1276 single-use food ware accessories and standard condiments.

*City Attorney Sinco gave a brief background on this topic. On September 20, 2018, Governor Brown signed AB 1884, prohibiting full-service restaurants from providing single-use plastic straws unless requested by the consumer. Governor Newsom signed AB 1276 on October 5, 2021 as a follow-up, expanding AB1884 to require single use accessory food ware (e.g., utensils, straws, stirrers, etc.) and condiments to be provided only upon consumer request, along with other requirements.*

*He then said, “This change takes effect June 1, 2022 and requires all cities to designate an enforcement agency to enforce certain penalties which are essentially infractions. The bill doesn’t state whether they’re to be criminal or administrative, but most cities have interpreted to mean they’re administrative citations. We’re designating the Director of Public Safety, Chief Cash, as the official responsible for this ordinance’s enforcement. It would mostly fall on Code Enforcement. The first and second violations are required to result in notice of violation and not a fine. This is not intended to be overly punitive but more educational in the roll-out. Subsequent violations will be punishable by infractions of \$25.00 a day each day in violation not to exceed \$300.00 annually.”*

*City Attorney Sinco added, “This expansion of the initial bill is an attempt to control unnecessary waste. It’s not like we have a choice. We have to designate an enforcement agency. The ordinance mimics state law which designates the Department of Public Safety as the enforcement agency.”*

**Motion was made by Council Member Ramirez and seconded by Council Member Robles to introduce Ordinance No. 2022-501 adding Chapter 8.14 of the City of Guadalupe Municipal Code to implement AB 1276 single-use food ware accessories and standard condiments. Roll Call: All Ayes 5-0 Motion passed.**

**12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

CM Ramirez: for the 6/14 meeting, have a proclamation for “Pride Month”.

*CM Costa, Jr.: I said at our last meeting, there were three meetings in a row that fire department has been here. I'd like to say again to get them on the agenda so we can talk about all this so we can respond back." Mayor Julian said, "It's happening...maybe tonight something will happen." CM Costa, Jr. added, "I'd like to see that." The mayor said, I think we all would."*

### **13. ANNOUNCEMENTS – COUNCIL ACTIVITY/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CM Robles:

*Josh Rodriguez, wrestler and native of Guadalupe, finished second at the U.S. Open last month in Las Vegas. He has a spot in the trials to be held in Iowa this weekend. It would be nice to give him a proclamation recognizing him. He graduated from North Dakota State, lives in Pennsylvania and is associated with a wrestling club with Penn State." Mayor Julian added, "If we can get him here in town to receive it."*

CM Ramirez:

*CM Cardenas and I zoomed the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors meeting last Wednesday. It was six (6) hours long just the agenda item about the Santa Maria-Guadalupe Levee Trail. There was minimal compromise needed. All five (5) supervisors agreed to move forward to the next step on this project. That's a big feat to get all five on it. The next step needed would most likely be architectural design. This project is using the levee that runs from Santa Maria and Guadalupe along the Santa Maria River and hoping to make that into a bike/ pedestrian walkway. Mr. Quayle, a long-time instructor in Guadalupe, had a rapid-fire of students give their feedback on what they'd like to see. That was really swaying for the supervisors to hear from the youngest of residents to come in and talk. That's one long-term project. Another long-term project is to get the trail to, hopefully, connect to the beach. Little by little we'll get that going.*

*Mayor Julian said, "...people on YouTube and zoom speaking on behalf of the City. It's important that we did take a stand and you two represented the City. This is a 30-year project in the works. There used to be half marathons there. This opens opportunities in Guadalupe, especially if we're looking at expansion of a camping area on the northside of town. Thank you to CMs Cardenas and Ramirez." CM Ramirez added, "Joan Hartman and Steve Lavagnino were instrumental to make this happen. Being able to hear both of them being able to have real good dialogue with one another and be able to see both sides. There's a lot of work yet to be done."*

Mayor Julian:

*SBCAG met last week. The Black Road and Hwy 166 lighting should be completed by 12/31/2022.*

*APCD will be having more air purifiers available for Guadalupe. There's a long list of people waiting.*

*This Thursday, Mando Valdez, who has a program in Fresno for youth, folklorico, and art, will be coming to Guadalupe to talk about a plan to bring a Teatro presentation on COVID to town. The kids actually do the theatre presentation. In San Joaquin Valley, there are a lot of deaths in the*

*Latino community. The kids actually lost family members to COVID and there's suicides related to all of that. Those kids are part of the play that we hope to bring here in June.*

*The Leo's had a breakfast for the senior citizens this past Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. That turned out well. They want to do this once a month and prepare breakfast for the seniors there at the Senior Center.*

*This past Sunday, a group out of the SLO Theatre group to the Royal Theatre. Chachi Ramirez is putting together that program to bring theatrical groups, once the theatre is built, to do presentations, training, having local residents participate in theatrical plays. There were about 50 people here. A very enthusiastic group, including a lot of folks from Pasadera which was good to see.*

*CM Ramirez said, "As a reminder there are two (2) special City Council meetings coming up: on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, is the second goal setting meeting, and that feeds into our meeting on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, which is our budget workshop. We will be going line-by-line, a large picture of all areas, public works, public safety, parks and recreation, etc. All that comes into play then. People can have a chance to have their voices heard." The mayor added, "The challenge for this community...talk about transparency. At the goal setting workshop last week, there was one (1) person." CM Ramirez said, "All presentations are online showing the department heads' visions for what they want to see for next year. That's available on the City's website. At the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, the City Council will weigh in on all the goals presented. This is open to the public as is the budget workshop on June 15<sup>th</sup>." Mayor Julian added, "If you look at the package that's online, today's City Council agenda, you'll see the special meeting minutes that go through all the items discussed in the public meeting which were prepared by Amelia Villegas, City Clerk. It talks about everything that staff presented."*

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

*The meeting is being adjourned to closed session. Items to be discussed: Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 and subdivision (e)(3): three (3) cases. Liability Claims – Claimant: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.*

**Motion was made by Council Member Ramirez and seconded by Council Member Robles to adjourn to closed session. 5-0 Motion passed. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:53 p.m.**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **15. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 and subdivision (e)(3): three (3) cases.

**16. LIABILITY CLAIMS**

Claimant: Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District  
Agency claimed against: City of Guadalupe

**17. ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION MEETING**

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Ramirez to adjourn to open session. 5-0 Motion passed. Meeting adjourned to open session at 8:09 p.m.

**18. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

*No reportable action.*

**Liability Claims**

*The City Council voted unanimously (5-0) to deny the claim filed by the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.*

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Cardenas to adjourn. 5-0 Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
Amelia M. Villegas, City Clerk

Approved by:

  
Ariston Julian, Mayor