CITY OF WEST COVINA

CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

JANUARY 14, 2025, 6:00 PM
SPECIAL MEETING
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CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1444 W. GARVEY AVENUE SOUTH
WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA 91790

Mayor Tony Wu
Mayor Pro Tem Letty Lopez-Viado
Councilman Ollie Cantos
Councilwoman Rosario Diaz
Councilmember Brian Gutierrez

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NOTICE

The City Council will regularly convene on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The West Covina Community Development Commission, West Covina Public Financing Authority and the West Covina Community Services Foundation are agencies on which the City Council serves as members. Agendas may contain items for these boards, as necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL
(Per WCMC 2-48, Ordinance No. 2150)

Any person wishing to address the City Council on any matter listed on the agenda or on any other matter within their jurisdiction should complete a speaker card that is provided at the entrance to the Council Chambers and submit the card to the

City Clerk.

***Please identify on the speaker card whether you are speaking on an agenda item or non-agenda*. Requests to speak on agenda items will be heard prior to requests to speak on non-agenda items. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.**

Oral Communications may be limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless speakers addressing agenda items have not concluded.

Any testimony or comments regarding a matter set for a Public Hearing will be heard during the hearing.

RULES OF DECORUM

Excerpts from the West Covina Municipal Code and Penal Code pertaining to the Rules of Decorum will be found at the end of agenda.

AGENDA

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

1) CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3 CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION NO. 2025-01 PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WINDSTORM

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING PROCLAMATION 2025-01 PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE WINDSTORM

2) CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this informational report.

ADJOURNMENT

RULES OF DECORUM

The following are excerpts from the West Covina Municipal Code:

Sec. 2-48. Manner of addressing council; time limit; persons addressing may be sworn.

a. Each person addressing the council shall step up to the rostrum, shall give his or her name and city of residence in an audible tone of voice for the record and unless further time is granted by the council, shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes.
b. The city council may establish a limit on the duration of oral communications.
c. All remarks shall be addressed to the council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the council and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the council, without the permission of the presiding officer. No question shall be asked of a councilmember except through the presiding officer.
d. The presiding officer may require any person to be sworn as a witness before addressing the council on any subject. Any such person who, having taken an oath that he or she will testify truthfully, willfully and contrary to such oath states as true any material matter which he knows to be false may be held to answer criminally and subject to the penalty prescribed for perjury by the provisions of the Penal Code of the state.

Sec. 2-50. Decorum--Required.

a. While the council is in session, the members shall preserve order and decorum, and a member shall neither, by conversation or otherwise, delay or disrupt the proceedings or the peace of the council nor interrupt any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the council or its presiding officer, except as otherwise herein provided.
b. Members of the public shall not willfully disrupt the meeting or act in a manner that actually impairs the orderly conduct of the meeting. For the purposes of this code, "willfully disrupt" includes, but is not limited to, continuing to do any of the following after being warned by the Mayor that continuing to do so will be a violation of the law:
    a. Addressing the Mayor and City Council without first being recognized.
    b. Persisting in addressing a subject or subjects, other than that before the Mayor and City Council.
    c. Repetitiously addressing the same subject.

d. Failing to relinquish the podium when directed to do so.
e. From the audience, interrupting or attempting to interrupt, a speaker, the Mayor, a council member, or a staff member or shouting or attempting to shout over a speaker, the Mayor, a council member or a staff member.
f. As a speaker, interrupting or attempting to interrupt the Mayor, a council member, or a staff member, or shouting over or attempting to shout over the Mayor, a council member, or a staff member. Nothing in this section or any rules of the council shall be construed to prohibit public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the City or of the acts or omissions of the City Council. It shall be unlawful to violate the provisions of this Section.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase or word of this Section 2-50 is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Section. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this section and each subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases or words had been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 2-52. Persons authorized to be within council area.
No person, except city officials, their representatives and members of the news media shall be permitted within the rail in front of the council chamber without the express consent of the council.

The following are excerpts from the Penal Code

148(a) (1) Every Person who willfully resists, delays, or obstructs any public officer, peace officer, or an emergency medical technician, as defined in Division 2.5 (commencing with Section 1797) of the Health and Safety code, in the discharge or attempt to discharge any duty of his or her office or employment, when no other punishment is prescribed, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars ($1,000), or by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

403 Every person who, without authority of law, willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character, other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 303 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor.