
**CHINO CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
13220 CENTRAL AVENUE
CHINO, CA 91710**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Chino City Council / Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Eunice M. Ulloa in the Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Eunice M. Ulloa, Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Burton, Council Member Karen C. Comstock, Council Member Christopher Flores, and Council Member Marc Lucio

ABSENT: NONE.

FLAG SALUTE

American Heritage Girl Troop CA 3130 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIALS

SCMAF Golden Shield Award - Recognize the Community Services, Parks & Recreation Department for receiving the Golden Shield Award from the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) for outstanding service for the Federation.

Mayor Ulloa introduced Sherre Titus, Past SCMAF President, who presented the SCMAF Golden Shield Award to the Community Services, Park, and Recreation Department. Commissioners and Staff were present to accept the award. CSPR Supervisor Mary Sinclair and CSPR Coordinator Justin Gonzales were also recognized for their individual contributions to SCMAF.

Business of the Month - Award of Business of the Month for January 2025 to B&B Lock & Security.

Mayor Ulloa presented the January 2025 Business of the Month Award to B & B Lock and Security. Owner Bryan Cook and Manager Chris Van Dorne were present to accept the award.

Mayor's Home Beautification Award - Award of Mayor's Home Beautification Award for January 2025.

Mayor Ulloa presented the Mayor's Home Beautification Award for January 2025 to the Ferrer - Candida Family of McKendree Avenue in College Park.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

City Manager Linda Reich reported there were no additions or revisions to the agenda.

INFORMATION

Retail Theft 2024 - Receive a Presentation from Police Chief Kevin Mensen regarding the retail theft operations for 2024.

Chief Mensen provided a presentation on Retail Theft for 2024.

The City Council thanked Chief Mensen and the Police Department Retail Theft Team for their efforts to curtail retail theft.

Council Member Lucio asked Assistant City Manager Melendez to promote the positive law enforcement efforts that will benefit existing and new businesses in Chino at the next International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Convention.

Mayor Ulloa requested an update on the neighborhood watch programs and Chief Mensen explained the program is ongoing, and most recently some Preserve residents have expressed interest in coordinating a meeting.

External Agency Report for January 21, 2025, Receive and file the External Agency Report for January 21, 2025 (Covering Meetings from November 1 - November 30, 2025).

Mayor Ulloa announced the External Agency Report was included in the agenda packet.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ulloa announced the following reminders and community events:

Chino Notify, the City's in-house emergency alert system is available to all residents. To sign up, visit cityofchino.org/chinonotify.

Run for Russ 5K, Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. For race details and to register, visit runforruss.com.

Household Hazardous Waste drop-off service is available the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the City of Chino Public Service Yard, 5050 Schaefer Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Waste Management provides up to three free bulky item pickups per year. To schedule a pickup online, visit cityofchino.org/wmbulkyitempickup or call 1-800-423-9986.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Pastor Ron Rose, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, provided the invocation.

Melissa Compani, Representative, San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman, announced applications are being accepted from Fourth District residents to serve on boards, committees, and commissions. For more information, call 909-465-5273.

Sandra Rose, spoke regarding religious invocations held during government meetings and requested the practice be discontinued.

Terri Carver, spoke regarding the new animal shelter and concerns for feral cats in the community.

Lawrence Vieira, College Park Home Owners Association (HOA) Representative, thanked the City Staff for helping clear the debris from several fallen California Pepper trees in the College Park community as a result of the high winds. Mr. Vieira shared the HOA has recently received requests for pickleball courts, and suggested the City consider utilizing Constellation Park for pickleball courts, since it is underutilized.

Samuel Taylor, Life Scout from Troop 201, provided an introduction.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Warrants, Approve expenses as audited and within budget for warrants 773851 to 773957, and Electronic Fund Transfers 523594E to 523633E, totaling \$6,040,275.71.
2. Minutes, Regular Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2025 (All Members Present).
3. Elected City Officials' Report Regarding Travel, Training, and Meetings, Receive and file the Elected City Officials' Report reflecting City Council business related expenses incurred by the City.
4. Report on priority State and Federal Legislative Issues, Receive and file the Priority Legislative Items Report dated January 21, 2025; the Tracked State Legislation Report; and Position Letters on Legislation.
5. Resolution Approving Annexation of Territory into City Council Voting District, Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-005, approving incorporation of Annexation 3268 and 3269 territories into the City Council Voting District 4 Map.
6. Master Contact Amendment - Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) CARE Program McKinney-Vento Case Management and Support Services, Approve a contract amendment and appropriate \$20,000 for the CARE Program Master Contract with CVUSD for McKinney-Vento case management and support services.
7. Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds - Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team Equipment Federal Grant Number G4259, Appropriate \$19,867.71 from unappropriated reserves of Asset Forfeiture/Department of Justice Fund 120 for the purchase of equipment to outfit two additional officers being assigned to the SWAT Team; increase the Asset Forfeiture revenue by \$19,867.71.
8. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Ruth Villalobos & Associates, Inc. for Section 408 permit acquisition and other related regulatory permitting services associated with the Pine Ave Improvement Project (ST203), Appropriate \$45,000 to the Transportation Fund and approve amendment No. 2 with Ruth Villalobos & Associates in the amount of \$45,000 for a revised agreement amount not to exceed \$247,797 for the Pine Avenue Improvements Project (ST203).

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, seconded by Council Member Comstock, to approve the Consent Calendar items 1-8 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: ULLOA, BURTON, COMSTOCK, FLORES, AND LUCIO

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Mid-Term Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and Appropriations Limit. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-006 Mid-Term Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and Resolution No. 2025-007 Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Staff Report By: Linda Reich, City Manager and June Overholt, Finance Consultant

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-006, adopting the Mid-Term Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2024-25; 2) adopt Resolution No. 2025-007, adopting the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City.

City Manager Reich provided an introduction on the proposed mid-term budget update and introduced June Overholt, Finance Consultant, who provided a presentation on the item.

Mayor Ulloa inquired about the amounts listed in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) under Streets and Storm Drains in Fiscal Year 2026-27. City Manager Reich and Ms. Overholt provided reasoning why the funds appear this way in the budget and Mayor Ulloa requested footnotes be included to explain the large dollar amounts. Council Member Comstock agreed the addition of footnotes will assist when earmarking budget items.

Ms. Overholt shared the next steps including implementing the mid-term update changes, beginning the mid-year budget review, and beginning the budget process for Fiscal Year 2025-26 (one-year budget), with the goal of resuming a two-year budget process for Fiscal Year 2026-28.

Mayor Ulloa spoke regarding the two-year budget and City Manager Reich confirmed 5-year budget projections will continue.

Motion by Council Member Comstock, seconded by Council Member Lucio, to 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-006, adopting the Mid-Term Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2024-25; 2) adopt Resolution No. 2025-007, adopting the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and 3) authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: ULLOA, BURTON, COMSTOCK, FLORES, AND LUCIO

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

10. Amendment to the West End Animal Services Agency Joint Exercise of Powers Authority Agreement. Approve Amendment renaming the Agency and admit both the City of Montclair and the County of San Bernardino (West End unincorporated area only) as member agencies.

Staff Report By: Jackie Melendez, Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve Amendment #1 to the West End Animal Services Agency (Agency) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement renaming the Agency to Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire, 2) admit both the City of Montclair and the County of San Bernardino (West End unincorporated area only) as member agencies to the Agency, and 3) Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to sign the amendment and to execute all other documents to carry out the terms of the Agreement.

Jackie Melendez, Assistant City Manager, provided a report on the item.

Clint Thacker, Executive Director of the Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire, provided an introduction to the City Council.

Mayor Ulloa inquired about the Inland Valley Humane Society (IVHS), and Ms. Melendez confirmed the City of Chino has an active contract with the IVHS through July 1, 2025.

Ms. Melendez noted that a non-profit organization is being created by the Animal Resource Center Joint Power's Authority (JPA) in order to create ample opportunities for the community to volunteer at the Animal Resource Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton asked Mr. Thacker to meet with Police Chief Mensen to discuss enforcement issues, and suggested he also meet with Sandra Rose, who served as an IVHS Board Member for many years, to collaborate ideas regarding animal services.

Mr. Thacker confirmed the Animal Resource Center is scheduled to be staffed by June 2025 in order to be ready to operate by July 2025.

Mayor Ulloa asked how long the temporary facility will be active before the permanent facility is completed, and Mr. Thacker provided an estimate of 3.5 years. He assured he will provide monthly and quarterly reports to the member agencies regarding service usage by each member agency.

Ms. Melendez shared the activity levels will be monitored between each member agency and a reporting mechanism will be implemented for staff to assess the information, including a clause in the agreement to reevaluate the member agency split for potential adjustment opportunities.

Mayor Ulloa noted San Bernardino County's portion is small at 4 percent, and Ms. Melendez assured the San Bernardino County areas are comprised of unincorporated areas, and staff will be monitoring the service levels.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton explained he has spoken with San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman regarding the current animal control issues in the unincorporated areas. Mayor Ulloa asked Mr. Thacker to work with the County regarding animal services the IVHS currently cannot address.

Council Member Flores asked if there is a deadline for additional agencies to join the Animal Resource Center JPA, and Ms. Melendez explained if there is interest to join, it will be reviewed by the JPA and reported back to the participating member agencies for consideration.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Burton, seconded by Council Member Lucio, to 1) Approve Amendment #1 to the West End Animal Services Agency (Agency) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement renaming the Agency to Animal Resource Center of the Inland Empire, 2) admit both the City of Montclair and the County of San Bernardino (West End unincorporated area only) as member agencies to the Agency, and 3) Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to sign the amendment and to execute all other documents to carry out the terms of the Agreement. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: ULLOA, BURTON, COMSTOCK, FLORES, AND LUCIO

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Ulloa

Mayor Ulloa reported on the meetings and events including Omnitrans Board of Directors meeting; San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Board of Directors meeting; Planning Commission Sphere of Influence Ex-Officio Interviews; Southern California Water Coalition Executive Committee Zoom meeting; Southern California Edison meeting; meeting with Janet Howe regarding the upcoming Cancer Walk; Planning Commission interviews; Southern California Edison meeting; Ethics and Workplace Violence Training with the City Council and Commissions; filmed Mayor's messages; meeting with Orbis; Eagle Court of Honor for Austin Nielson of Troop 3993; Planning Commission interviews; and a City Manager meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton

11. Community Support Fund - Mayor Pro Tem Burton. Approve a community support fund contribution to the Chino Police Officers' Foundation for the Run for Russ 5K/Walk and Baker to Vegas Relay Race.

Staff Report By: Mayor Pro Tem Burton

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a community support fund contribution of \$250 to Chino Police Officers' Foundation for the Run for Russ 5K/Walk and \$250 to Chino Police Officers' Foundation for the Baker to Vegas Relay Race.

Motion by Council Member Flores, seconded by Council Member Comstock, to Approve a community support fund contribution of \$250 to Chino Police Officers' Foundation for the Run for Russ 5K/Walk and \$250 to Chino Police Officers' Foundation for the Baker to Vegas Relay Race. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: ULLOA, BURTON, COMSTOCK, FLORES, AND LUCIO

NOES: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Pro Tem Burton reported on the meetings and events including the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast; Historical Society meeting; Animal Resource Center meeting; Chino Basin Desalter Authority meeting; meeting with a resident; Chino Chilly Snow Day; Wildfire Windstorm Update Zoom meeting, and expressed his thoughts and prayers for those affected by the wildfires; Planning Commission interviews; City Manager meeting; Housing Committee meeting; Cultural Foundation meeting; Ethics and Workplace Violence Training with the City Council and Commissions; Water Facilities Authority meeting; Animal Resource Center meeting; meeting with Orbis; League of California Cities Inland Empire Division event; State of the Inland Empire address; meeting with a resident; and encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Run for Russ 5K event.

Council Member Comstock

Council Member Comstock reported on meetings and events including Chino Valley Fire District Board meeting; Planning Commission interviews; Celebration of Life for Sharon Nelson; City Manager meeting; Ethics and Workplace Violence Training with the City Council and Commissions; League of California Cities Inland Empire Division event; congratulated CSPR for the SCMAF award; spoke regarding the pickleball request and asked staff to look at this in the next budget cycle; encouraged everyone to participate in the Run for Russ 5K event; and thanked first responders for their efforts in the fight against the wildfires.

Council Member Flores

Council Member Flores reported on meeting and events including the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast; Kidspeak Speech Therapy Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting event; Housing Committee meeting; Ethics and Workplace Violence Training with the City Council and Commissions; Junior Achievement USA Introduction Financial Literacy event; Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce Board meeting; and complimented the Kiwanis Club U.S. Flag display on Central Avenue.

Council Member Lucio

Council Member Lucio reported on the meetings and events including the Ethics and Workplace Violence Training with the City Council and Commissions; Planning Commission interviews; City Manager meeting; thanked Staff for the Chilly Chino event; expressed he is looking forward to the opportunities for the City in 2025; thanked Chief Mensen for the work of the Police Department; and Fire Chief Williams for volunteering to help with the wildfires.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Reich thanked the Finance Department for their efforts preparing the mid-term update; and thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for their efforts during the high wind events.

City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Galante encouraged residents to regularly review their property insurance coverage limits, especially in light of the recent wind and fire events.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Mensen spoke regarding Police Officer Russ Miller's Run for Russ 5K on February 1, 2025, commemorating the 25th anniversary of Officer Miller's death; thanked the Let it Be Foundation who donated their lemonade trailer to the Chino Police Officers Association; and reported he will begin his second term as a member of the League of California Cities' Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Ulloa requested a follow up report regarding the prison issues, and Chief Mensen confirmed he will address the City's concerns and will provide an update.

Director's Report

There was no Director's report.

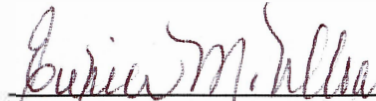
Fire Chief's Report

Deputy Fire Chief Jeremy Ault spoke regarding the Fire Department search and rescue deployment and mutual aid provided to those affected by the recent wildfires; announced fire stations are staffed with a second Battalion Chief position; and provided information on how to be prepared in the event of a fire evacuation.

ADJOURN

Mayor Ulloa adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (Closed Session no earlier than 4:00 p.m. if necessary) in these Council Chambers.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.


EUNICE M. ULLOA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


NATALIE GONZAGA, CITY CLERK

(These minutes are not official until signed.)