

# MINUTES

## City of Guadalupe

### Regular Meeting of the Guadalupe City Council

Tuesday, July 12, 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 each individual to look within one's own heart during this moment of silence.*

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 4. AGENDA REVIEW

*Mayor Julian requested that Item #12, "Le Roy Park Community Center Mural Contest", be moved to be the first item in "Regular Business"; followed by Items #11, #13, #14 and #15.*

#### 5. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

- Swearing-in Carlos Limon, Police Lieutenant

*Police Sergeant Limon was sworn in as Police Lieutenant. He first thanked the City for giving him the opportunity to serve the community for about 20 years. He said, "It's been fun and it's still fun. I've come to love this community. Most of my family's here...it's been great. I really love the fact that I've seen this community grow and I want to continue to see it grow. I've been through some good chiefs...I'll leave it at that. We have a great chief now. Thank you to everyone here. I really appreciate this opportunity."*

*Chief Cash added, "For our community here, this was a long process. The Lieutenant is now in management. Prior to that as Sergeant, he was working in the field. Now, he's doing a lot of*

*administrative work. I'm very proud. In one aspect, to get to have a hometown boy who gets to excel, stay here, grow, and knows the community. I'm really appreciative of him...he's let me vent on a lot of different issues, kept the confidence and been a true friend. This is a super plus for the City of Guadalupe to have one of our own that's here in town...knows everybody...and has done an outstanding job. I know he will continue to do so in his new position as he strikes out. Thank you very much...I'm super proud of him."*

## **6. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM**

### George Alvarez

*A few meetings ago, there were a lot of accusations thrown out about overtime, and stuff like that. That really upset me because there's certain decorum when you get into professionalism. If you have a problem, go to the head guy to discuss. If it can't be solved, go to Administration. If it can't be solved there, go to the Mayor, etc. to get the problem solved.*

*It seems to me that the Fire Department are crybabies. Coming out with accusations without any background. To accuse someone of overtime then overlooking the fact that on your side, you have people getting overtime, is beyond reproach. So embarrassing...outright embarrassing.*

*It's also embarrassing for the City Council because you're left out in the cold...not knowing what's going on with your City. Think about it. You're the bosses and you can't control your own departments. That's embarrassing, okay? I'll leave it at that. And congratulations to the new Police Lieutenant. It's well deserved. He's worked a long time and he's fair with people. I've seen him in action. So, congratulations to Limon.*

*On to other issues...regarding the young lady and the garbage issue, within a year we're going to have a renewal of our garbage. Ten years ago, the City got screwed by our City Council. The City Council back then gave us a 10-year contract under the auspices that they would clean the streets. Having a street cleaner sealed the deal.*

*Unfortunately, these chambers have the worst politicians on the planet Earth. They prostituted themselves so low that they're the "K-Mart of politicians". They allowed this company a 10-year deal without having another company deal in a fair process if they could beat the deal or get better service for the community. I hope you'll do that and have a little better respect for the community.*

*I don't know what's going on with our school district but where's our school? Can you imagine the years our kids have suffered not having a new school? Because of lack of confidence in dealing with the idiots on the school board.*

### Maria Moreno

*I walk all the way to town. It's complicated for me to walk...difficult problems. For me, it would be convenient for you guys to think about it. Do you want me to walk two (2) blocks away to get the bus or the bus will pick me up at my house? This is very hard for me...very complicated. Can the City Council do something about that?*

Mayor Julian asked, "is there a schedule problem or something about the route? Ms. Moreno responded, "No, it's about the bus picking me straight from my house and taking me downtown. The bus driver told me to come here to talk about it to you because I don't drive." CM Cardenas then said, "Contact Shannon Sweeney and she'll be able to assist you with your concern."

## 7. 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 July 6, 2022.
- C. Approve the Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of June 28, 2022, to be ordered filed.
- D. Approve the Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of June 15, 2022, to be ordered filed.
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-61 approving the Co-Ed Adult Volleyball League Program.
- F. MONTHLY REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS
  - 1. Planning Department report for June 2022
  - 2. Building Department report for June 2022
  - 3. Public Works/Engineering report for June 2022

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

## 8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: (Information Only)

- *Waste Management's current agreement with the City, which runs from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023 requires a CPI increase. They (WM) asked the City Administrator to publicly state they plan an increase in rates based on a change in CPI of 5.44% for the term of the agreement with the City.*
- *In a response to the urgent need for blood in our area, Taylor Farms will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Taylor Farms site. Taylor Farms is putting together a flyer, and the City can be a partner with them, along with others.*
- *The City has installed a tool called, "accessible accessibility solution system" for the City's website which will help with ADA and WCAG compliance requirements. There is now a widget installed on*

*the City's website at the top left that provides several tools for a site visitor with these needs. Through this learning system, the site will change on the fly to provide alternative website viewing capabilities based on what is selected. There is also an accessibility statement now posted in the footer of the site.*

*This will help the City meet its ADA compliance requirements and help people with any physical limitations, such as color/normal blindness, epilepsy, cognitive disabilities and more. This will mitigate any legal issues as the City is trying to accommodate everyone.*

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

*Chief Cash said that he did not have anything to report. Mayor Julian said, "We've been tagged a lot. It's been devastating at a new park and old parks.... Le Roy Park, Paco Park and O'Connell Park with aggressive graffiti. We need to get the community to get involved and find out who's involved with graffiti. About a week after Le Roy Park's ribbon cutting, it was hit, continuously. But the murals haven't been tagged. I know your staff is working on this."*

**10. MAYOR'S REPORT- UPDATES**

*The mayor said that all the information in the report is fairly specific but then talked about item #4, "Former Al's Union Remedial Action Completion Certification (995 Guadalupe Street)". He said, "Al's Union...we need to agendize in a future meeting to wrap it up to get out to the public. It would be nice to having something there instead of a blank lot." Mr. Bodem said that the property is released to sell.*

*Mayor Julian said, "We need an appraisal. It can't be 'first come-first serve.' It has to be open market. It's not the City's to keep. We have to share with the other taxing entities...the various assessment districts." Mr. Bodem added, "The property must be sold. We can't keep it. The value is probably not high, but the redevelopment potential of the property is the more important thing."*

*CM Ramirez asked if the City could buy it as the property could be a potential site for a library. City Attorney Sinco then said, "The Redevelopment Long-Range Property Management Plan specifically says the property must be sold. The City maybe could buy it, but it would probably need to be offered for sale first but maybe not. This is something we could ask our consultant. We need to do that anyway with the Royal Theatre to move forward with getting the compensation agreements finalized for the taxing entities so we can move forward on both of those projects. We should agendize this item at a future meeting."*

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**11. Consideration of Rescinding Selection of Second Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Applicant – Retail (Element 7).**

Written report: Philip F. Sinco, City Attorney

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. by motion, rescind its decision made on April 26, 2022, selecting Element 7 as the second “prevailing candidate” for a Commercial Cannabis Business Permit Applicant; and
2. select a date where all five (5) members of the City Council will be present for another in-person presentation by Element 7 and The Roots Dispensary.

At the April 12, 2022, City Council meeting, the City Council took two actions concerning selection of Commercial Cannabis Business (CCB) permit applicants: (1) the Council decided to select only two applications to move forward in the process for CCB permits, and (2) the Council selected SloCal Roots Management LLC dba Root One as one of these two applications. The Council was not able to select the second prevailing applicant at this meeting due to the lack of majority support for any of the four remaining CCB permit applicants.

The Council further deliberated. Of the four (4) remaining CCB applicants, BDSF 1 Holdings LLC dba Element 7 (“Element 7”) and LGBA Management LLC dba The Roots Dispensary (“The Roots Dispensary”) each received two (2) of the five (5) votes. The Council then directed City staff to request that these two (2) CCB permit applicants make another presentation to the Council focusing on the “Community Benefit” and “Neighborhood Plan” portions of their applications.

Those additional presentations took place at the April 26, 2022 City Council meeting. Council Members Ramirez and Costa, Jr. were the two members not present. Because a quorum existed, the meeting and selection of the second prevailing applicant continued. After the presentations were given, the Council deliberated and ultimately selected “Element 7” as the second of the two prevailing applicants to move forward in the process.

Several weeks later, it came to the attention of the City Attorney that Council Member Ramirez had sent an email to Mayor Julian and City Administrator Bodem after 10 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, the night before the Council meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Ramirez’s email included, among other things, his opinion that The Roots Dispensary should be selected as the second prevailing applicant. That email was inadvertently not included as part of the public record. As a result, the City Attorney determined that the failure to include this email as part of the public record at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting resulted in an irregularity requiring the City Council to consider rescinding the decision in the selection of Element 7 as the second prevailing candidate.

*City Attorney Sinco said that CM Ramirez’s email said “feel free to share” but it did not “definitively” state that he wanted the email included as part of the public record. Also, that CM Ramirez could not have had his email considered a vote, but it could have swayed or influenced the end result. With that background given, City Attorney Sinco strongly recommended that the City Council rescind its prior decision of April 26<sup>th</sup> in favor of ‘Element 7’.*

*Mayor Julian said, “1) I hate to see a gray area. We need to flush it out, go back and have the five of us vote our conscience and our opinion, and 2) I would like to expand on other factors besides*

*Community Benefits and Neighborhood Plan. If we bring back, we need for information on the elements required and the overall plans. I'm in favor of going back with five (5) council members."*

*CM Ramirez said, "I recommend a special meeting just for this. Make sure all of us are available and have an opportunity to hear from the public. So, sometime between now and the next meeting." City Attorney Sinco also clarified that the decision to rescind was only for the decision made at the April 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and that the selection of the first applicant to proceed with the process is unaffected by this current decision.*

*Both CMs Cardenas and Robles were in favor of rescinding the decision made at the April 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. City Attorney added that presentations would not be held tonight but a meeting would be scheduled to make sure that all five (5) council members could attend. CM Costa, Jr. added, "Two (2) were gone but there was still a quorum. Who's to say that the decision would have been different? But you guys already agreed to rescind."*

*Mayor Julian said, "Before April, a lot of correspondence was not put in the minutes. Now we are making sure that everything that comes in an email is part of the minutes." City Attorney added, "Mr. Mayor, everything that I was aware of that should have been included in the record was. There were communications sent to one or two council members that were not required to be included because there was no indication. But, just to be clear, we didn't miss anything except CM Ramirez's email. The record's clear, pretty complete, otherwise."*

*Discussion followed on selecting a date, whether for a special meeting or as part of a regular meeting. The Council agreed on a special meeting for Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. CM Robles asked for clarification on whether presentations would be given again at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. City Attorney Sinco said that the two (2) applicants would give 20-minute presentations with up to 10 minutes for questions.*

**Motion was made by Council Member Ramirez and seconded by Council Member Cardenas to rescind the decision from the April 26, 2022 City Council meeting to select "Element 7" as the second prevailing candidate. Ayes: 4 Nos: 1 4-1 Motion passed.**

**Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Ramirez to schedule a special City Council meeting for July 19, 2022. 5-0 Motion passed.**

## **12. Le Roy Park Community Center Mural Contest.**

Written report: Hannah Fuentes, Recreation Services Manager

Recommendation: That the City Council select the finalist from the top three submissions for the Le Roy Park Community Center Mural.

As part of the renovation of the Le Roy Park and Community Center, a mural on the gym entrance wall would be completed utilizing funds from the contractor's budget to fund this mural. The City,

the design team, and the contractor all agreed that monies would be donated to Los Amigos de Guadalupe (LADG) for a local art competition. The submissions were submitted to and ranked by the Recreation and Parks Commission where one (1) submission had been eliminated.

*Ms. Fuentes went through the three (3) submissions and asked the City Council to select the finalist for the Le Roy Park Community Center Mural from the following:*

- *Submission #2: depicted children playing various sports, reference to Guadalupe's history, also including a 1950s agriculture poster.*
- *Submission #4: depicted Guadalupe's history, including Chumash natives, Spanish explorers, 1950s dancers and cars, the water tower, agriculture fields and the dunes.*
- *Submission #3: depicted Guadalupe's diverse community.*

*Each council member voted on one (1) of the three (3) submissions. The result was that four (4) votes went to Submission #2 and one (1) vote for Submission #3. The total award is \$5,000, broken up in two (2) parts: 1) \$2,500 to fund supplies, and 2) \$2,500 at the completion of the mural.*

**Motion was made by Council Member Ramirez and seconded by Council Member Costa, Jr. to approve Submission #2 as the finalist for the Le Roy Park Community Center Mural Contest. 5-0 Motion passed.**

**13. Establishing a Downtown Residential Permit Parking Pilot Program in the 1000 Block of Guadalupe Street.**

Written report: Michael Cash, Director of Public Safety

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-62 establishing a pilot residential permit parking program for the 1000 block of Guadalupe Street.

In connection with the downtown posted regulation, "No Overnight Street Parking between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m.", City police officers issued parking citations for illegally parking in the area after hours. (The timeframe posted is to allow the weekly Friday morning street sweeping contracted activity.) Several residents who reside in the 1000 block of Guadalupe Street complained about these citations and stated there are no available off-street parking spaces for them to park.

The Director of Public Safety reported at the May 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting that it was determined that within the one-block location, 1000 Guadalupe Street, only four (4) residential units do not have off-street parking. The City Council directed staff to develop a permit parking program that would allow these residents to legally park their vehicles overnight with the exception of the street sweeping Friday mornings before 6 a.m.

If this parking pilot program is successful, it could be expanded to other areas of the city that face similar challenges. If the pilot program is unsuccessful, the City Council could eliminate it.

*CM Costa, Jr. asked Chief Cash if he had talked with other departments which Chief said he had – San Luis Obispo and City of Santa Barbara. CM Costa, Jr. further asked if the Sheriff’s Department had been contacted in Orcutt regarding the parking area along Righetti High School. Chief had not contacted them.*

*CM Ramirez asked how success would be defined for this pilot program. Chief Cash said, “There are a couple ways to look at that: 1) we haven’t issued a lot of parking citations on this section of town because, at a time, we didn’t have a lot of street cleaning, so people left their cars overnight. We’ve stepped up because of street cleaning and it’s now been brought to our attention. Lower number of citations because the residents are abiding by the program would be one success factor and 2) not meeting any push in other neighborhoods, as far as parking or any crime associated with car break-ins, burglaries, etc.”*

*With this being a pilot program, Chief Cash said he’d look at a six-month period before re-evaluating things. He said, “We need to get permits, determine how to distribute, talk to property owners – there could be issues coming out of all of this. Will people park somewhere else and push the problem to some other neighborhoods?”*

*Mayor Julian asked, “Four (4) parking spaces...what if each has two (2) cars? Chief said, “One (1) car, one (1) space – four (4) tags.”*

*CM Robles asked, “Permits will be issued. Will the people know what alternate spots are available when street cleaning happens?” Chief Cash said, “We’ve worked hand-in-hand with our community resident. They’re the ones who brought it up and it’s been a collaborative effort. We’ve found something that works.”*

**Motion was made by Council Member Robles and seconded by Council Member Costa, Jr. to approve Resolution No. 2022-62 establish a pilot permit parking program for the 1000 block of Guadalupe Street. Roll Call: Ayes: 5 Motion passed.**

*Prior to moving on to Item #14., Mr. Bodem introduced Gabe Matsuura, an intern, handling everything with YouTube and zoom.*

#### **14. Approval to Reinstate the Public Safety Intern Program.**

Written report: Michael Cash, Director of Public Safety

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-63 reinstating the Public Safety Intern Program.



In March 2022, the City of Guadalupe's Department of Public Safety developed and implemented the Public Safety Intern Program with ARPA funds approved by the City Council. This internship program is open to undergraduate students interested in public safety and pursuing a degree in a related field.

The interns receive hands-on learning experience and are assigned a mentor. Specific minimum requirements must be met. This program is geared to prepare and provide experience to community youth for careers in the public safety field. The ARPA funds for this program ran through June 30, 2022.

*Chief Cash said, "Guadalupe is the only city in the County with this type of program. These are Guadalupe youth getting direct experience. They're going to college...we're looking long-term that these youth give back to the community. I didn't bring this up at the budget workshop because I wanted to get that budget done. That's why I'm bringing it back now."*

*Questions and comments from the Council were relating to the work schedule, length of program, type of training received, guarantee that the youth will return, funding, etc. Chief gave some details of the program:*

- The schedule is 8-20 hours per week for 10 consecutive weeks...a five-month program scheduled like the Fire Academy and EMT Program.*
- They receive training what a firefighter would get and what training they'd get for EMS...they will excel when they go to the Academy because they're using their skills now.*
- There's more guarantee that they will return than what exists now with Paid-Call Firefighters...these PCFs would get training and then leave...no big benefit for Guadalupe but with interns, we can keep them for a while...there's a connection here to the community.*
- There are three (3) interns now: Gabriel Matsuura, Luis Ramos, Jr. and Eric Vera. All wanted to be in Fire although there also were opportunities in Police and emergency preparedness.*
- They will respond to fires but not be put in harm's way. Luis Ramos, Jr. is an EMT but needs approval to "touch a person". One other intern, Gabe Matsuura is an EMT enrollee for the next EMS training class.*
- ARPA funds were used for the program through June 30, 2022; the line item for Paid-Call Firefighters will be reallocated to reinstate this program (Budget line item, 01-4220-0125).*

*Mayor Julian commented, "I don't think there's anything better than having someone who lives here, working in the community and who understands the community."*

*CM Ramirez mentioned the Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) Program at Allan Hancock College. He explained that the students would be able to count their internship hours for college credit towards a fire degree. (This is depending on how many hours they work in each semester.) The success of the program is dependent upon the support from the worksite supervisor, guidance from the assigned faculty, and the commitment of the student to complete the learning objectives. He also said that this could apply for the EMS Academy, the Fire Academy...tag team with CWE at Hancock by filling out application here at the City and with CWE at the start of a semester.*

*Chief Cash asked CM Ramirez if he would be the counselor for this program here. CM Ramirez said, I'm not working through Hancock now but when I go back, yes. This program can be put on the list. This is being done with Santa Maria Fire. Chief Cash was open to making this program as attractive as possible.*

**Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Ramirez to approve Resolution No. 2022-63 to reinstate the Public Safety Intern Program. Roll Call: Ayes: 5 5-0 Motion passed.**

*(Note: Prior to the approval of this resolution, CM Cardenas asked if a re-look of the budget was needed by the Council. City Attorney Sinco said that the reallocation of the budget needs to be approved tonight, but other things discussed relating to the structure of the program can occur internally.)*

**15. Agreement for Animal Control Services between County of Santa Barbara and the City of Guadalupe – Fiscal Years 2022-2027.**

Written report: Todd Bodem, City Administrator

Recommendation: That the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for Animal Control Services between the County of Santa Barbara and City of Guadalupe for Fiscal Years 2022-2027.

The County Animal Control Services contract expired June 30, 2022. The County has provided a contract for the next 5-year period of service from July 1, 2022, to June 30 2027. The new contract incorporates cost recovery measures in the form of a phase-in of cost increase over the period of the contract. For the current fiscal year, the first year's increase is 4.5% or from \$61,800 to \$64,740 and variable increases estimated at 6% to 6.5% for each of the next four years. However, the overall dollar value is not compelling enough to warrant other animal control options at this time.

*Mr. Bodem said, "Cities sent letters to the County to participate in a cost recovery study. Although the County received the letters, the cities weren't included in the study. The Board of Supervisors accepted the study and went ahead allowing the increases for the full cost recovery. We analyzed this and talked to the cities about this. All the cities are signing on. But Santa Barbara and Lompoc are also studying for in-house services, knowing there's a 60-day out clause. I talked to Santa Maria to see if we can partner with them.*

*It's my recommendation to sign the agreement and wait to see what Santa Maria will do to see if we can do things better, knowing there's the 60-day out clause. We're looking to see if partnering with Santa Maria is a feasible option for us. Right now, we know that we can't do anything else that's cheaper."*

*There was much discussion surrounding the pros and cons of a five-year contract with each year's increases. CM Ramirez said, "The County put the City 'between a rock and a hard place' and the City shouldn't sign but try to negotiate for a lesser number of years, such as three years. Also, the cost recovery numbers aren't set in stone. If the City is able to vote 'No' on this, then go back to the Animal Control Services people to negotiate number of years and then have Guadalupe deal our County Supervisor. I think there are a few things we need to look at before tying ourselves to a five-year contract. I wouldn't agree with how it stands now with the number of years."*

*City Attorney Sinco clarified, "The City is not tied for the full five (5) years of the contract. If something better comes along, the City can give a 60-day notice for the out-clause at any point in time. We don't have to make a decision within 60 days after signing the contract for the out-clause."*

*Other comments from the Council involved questions of services provided for the increase in costs; what areas will be covered; will they come here on weekends; how many staff members are on their trucks. There were also negative comments given about current response time being slow with the biggest issue dealing with deceased animals and that 'Animal Control gives residents the third degree'.*

*CM Robles asked if there were any other agencies the City could look at for these services. There aren't any others. CM Cardenas added, "For five (5) years, the total cost would be \$380,000."*

*City Attorney Sinco said, "You have a choice. Go back to the table and try to negotiate. But remember, we must have these services." Mr. Bodem said, "The current contract ran through June 30, 2022. We need to update now."*

*Mayor Julian asked for motion to approve the new agreement/contract. There was no motion. No action taken.*

*The mayor then said, "Have them come and talk to us. Give us a presentation." City Attorney Sinco asked for more direction...is the number of years the only issue or is there anything else? The mayor said, "Service and response time." CM Ramirez mentioned 'micro-chipping'. Mr. Bodem said that he'll schedule the Animal Control Services people to speak before the City Council.*

## **16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- *Former Al's Union Station Property: put on "Other Unscheduled Items"*
- *Performance Evaluation – City Administrator: put on August 9<sup>th</sup> closed session*

- *Animal Control Services Presentation: date not yet determined*

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

### CM Ramirez:

*Shannon Sweeney and I met with Waste Management re contract, level of service, doing things clearer for residents; beneficial when agreement comes up for an agenda item.*

*Last Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the first class of micro-enterprise class graduated. It was inspiring to see residents starting their own businesses. This program was in partnership with Los Amigos de Guadalupe. There will be another class. They're looking to have a class, exclusively in Spanish. The instructor that they have is bilingual.*

*Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, there is a meeting with Broadband Advisory Committee at 3:30 p.m., working with Charter/Spectrum to try and elevate that service for our residents. The meeting will be in the council chambers.*

### CM Cardenas:

*I'm on the committee that oversees the micro-enterprise program. Glad to see that there will be a second class offered. The class materials are now ours. The instructor is willing to come back to give classes again.*

### CM Robles:

*On Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the Guadalupe Cultural Arters Center, about 20 people will be in the first bonsai class. Mr. Muranaka will be there in combination with his original class. The cost is \$5 per class or \$25 for six months. Bring your own tree for the first class or you can just sit and observe. This teaches you a lot about patience and life.*

*The Softball Program is working out really well. Also, on Wednesdays, there's drop-in volleyball from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Then on Fridays, there's drop-in basketball, also from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

### CM Costa, Jr.:

*He mentioned the upcoming 5K run. Sign-up on Thursday at O'Connell Park at 6:00 p.m. Hannah Fuentes, Recreation Services Manager said, "The 5K is on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Check-in is at 9:00 a.m. with the race beginning at 10:00 a.m. There'll be in-person registration on the day of, with cash only accepted day of race. For registrations prior to July 30<sup>th</sup>, you can go to the Finance Department and pay with check, debit card or credit card. For \$20, you get a full registration packet which includes a t-shirt, an individual color packet, a participation medal, choice of drink and snack or \$10 for entrance fee only. Probably on the day of the race, I'll be selling t-shirts individually, as well."*

Mayor Julian asked Mr. Fuentes for an update on the renovations for the auditorium. She said, "Things are basically finished except for the paint job." Ms. Sweeney said, "An RFQ went out for painting with two (2) bids received on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The first three (3) weeks in August have been blocked off in the auditorium." The mayor asked about curtains. Mr. Fuentes said, "The curtains were in the warrants for today. I'll follow up tomorrow to find out the ship date."

Ms. Fuentes then talked a bit about the Resource Fair, scheduled for Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, combining resources with Fresno. She said, "They'll be bringing in their Community Center for arts and technology which is made up of all kids. There will be a play regarding a family dealing with Covid. Also, El Padrecito Folklorico Dance Group will perform during intermissions. The highlight, though, is more for the resources themselves. Passports will be handed out at the door. Logos of organizations at the fair will be on the passports. Once you've visited each table, your passport will be marked and when completed, return it to the Recreation table for a raffle. Each organization will be providing a raffle item. The doors open at 3:00 p.m. with the performance starting at 4:00 p.m."

Mayor Julian said, "There are 35 people coming from Fresno. All of the technical and video for this play is handled by the youth. Lunch will be served for them at the Senior Center. Organization booths and vendors and resource people will be in the courtyard area of City Hall. There will be seating in the auditorium with areas of social distancing in the back of the auditorium. Masks will be provided at the door. Covid tests will be handled out, too. Concessions will be available during intermissions provided by the El Padrecito Folklorico Dance Group."

CM Cardenas asked if the organizations participating will be local or otherwise. Ms. Fuentes said, "Both. Some are Community Health Center, Guadalupe Business Association, Los Amigos de Guadalupe, El Padrecito, and Little House by the Park. I reached out to the Guadalupe Bulldogs and the Dunes Center but got no response from either." The mayor said, "Information was forwarded to CAUSE. There will be a bilingual announcer/coordinator from SERS/Jobs for Progress. Also, the group will be giving out 50 backpacks with school supplies. We may want to emphasize use of masks. Something to think about." Ms. Fuentes said that flyers have been dispersed downtown, LADG, on social media and posted on the Royal Theatre marquee.

Mayor Julian: mentioned upcoming meetings with Cal Vans, SBCAG and APCD.

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

**Motion was made by Council Member Ramirez and seconded by Council Member Costa, Jr. to adjourn to closed session. 5-0 Motion passed. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:48 p.m.**

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **19. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54957.6)**

Agency designated representatives: City Administrator, Human Resources Manager, and Che Johnson, Partner, Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore

Employee organizations: Guadalupe Police Officers Association (POA); International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), local 4403

**20. Public Employment**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b))

Title: City Attorney

**21. Public Employment**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 (b))

Title: City Administrator

**22. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

(Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Name of case: *Joseph Martin, et al. v. City of Guadalupe, et al.*, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara – Cook Division, Case No. 22CV02484

**23. ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION MEETING**

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Cardenas to go back to open session. 5-0 Motion passed.

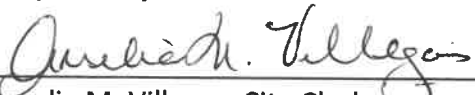
**24. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*No reportable actions.*

**25. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Council Member Costa, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Cardenas to adjourn. 5-0 Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
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Amelia M. Villegas, City Clerk

Approved by:

  
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Ariston Julian, Mayor