

MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, February 4, 2025

CLOSED SESSION – Mayor Pimentel called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pimentel	-	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Baldino	-	Present
Council Member Boyles	-	Absent
Council Member Giroux	-	Present
Council Member Keldorf	-	Present

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

Mayor Pimentel announced that Council would be meeting in closed session pursuant to the item listed on the agenda.

CONFERENCE WITH CITY’S LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOV’T CODE §54957.6): -1-MATTER(S)

1. Employee Organizations: Management Confidential (Unrepresented Employee Group)
Representative: City Manager, Darrell George, and Human Resources Director, Rebecca Redyk

Adjourned at 5:55 PM

Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.

OPEN SESSION – Mayor Pimentel called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pimentel	-	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Baldino	-	Present
Council Member Boyles	-	Absent
Council Member Giroux	-	Present
Council Member Keldorf	-	Present

INVOCATION – Pastor Rob McKenna, The Bridge

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Council Member Giroux

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Black History Month Proclamation – Accepted by ESUSD School Board Member Dieema Foley Wheaton

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 3-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

Jack Ashworth, resident, commented on Item #D9, the DEI Committee
John Pickhaver, resident, commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Anya Goldstein, resident, commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Wallace Maguire, resident, commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Keith Puckett, resident, commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Michele Toti Leach, resident, commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Christina M. Vazquez, resident, commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Kelly Stuart (read statement on behalf of resident Neil Cadman, resident), commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Genesis Puckett, resident, commented on Item #D9, in support of the DEI Committee
Robert Koran – Disputed application rejection from (El Segundo Volunteer Police) ESVP Program

CITY MANAGER FOLLOW-UP COMMENTS:

Council Member Giroux addressed concerns about Council’s commitment to the DEI Committee brought up during Public Comment.
Mayor Pro Tem Baldino thanked everyone for their comments and concerns, and commented that everyone is welcome to live in El Segundo.
Council Member Keldorf asked for grace in dealing with DEI at the local level.

- A. Read all Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda by Title Only.

MOTION by Council Member Giroux, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Baldino to read all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda by title only. MOTION PASSED. 4/0

AYES: Baldino, Giroux, Keldorf, Pimentel

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Boyles

- B. CONSENT:

2. Approve regular City Council meeting minutes of January 21, 2025.
(Fiscal Impact: None)
3. Ratify payroll and employee benefit checks; checks released early due to contracts or agreements; emergency disbursements and/or adjustments; and wire transfers. Approve Warrant Demand Register number 13C and 14A: warrant numbers 3053873 through 3054046, and 9003291 through 9003295.

(Fiscal Impact: The warrants presented were drawn in payment of demands included within the FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget. The total of \$6,312,372.08 (\$1,901,151.92 in check warrants and \$4,411,220.16 in wire warrants) are for demands drawn on the FY 2024-2025 Budget.)

4. Approve proposed Recreation Program Scholarship Program.
(Fiscal Impact: up to \$6,000.)

5. Receive and file staff's report regarding the status of the permanent repairs to El Segundo Wiseburn Aquatics Center pool heaters and adopt a motion by four-fifths vote to determine the need to continue the emergency action approved under Resolution No. 5519.
(Fiscal Impact: The estimated total cost for the permanent repair of the Aquatics Center Pool Heaters is \$700,000 (\$613,724 repair + \$86,276 contingency). The project costs were not included in the adopted FY 2024-25 CIP Budget and requires a budget appropriation from General Fund Reserves to the Capital Improvement Fund. Wiseburn Unified School District (WUSD) agreed to reimburse the City half of the construction cost after the completion of the work, up to \$300,000.)

6. Waive the second reading and adopt ordinance #1667 amending El Segundo Municipal Code Chapters 1-7 and 1-7C to update public contracting bidding thresholds per Assembly Bill 2192, incorporate federal procurement requirements, and find such actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, under Guidelines §§ 15060(c)(3), 15061(b)(3), and 15378.
(Fiscal Impact: None.)

7. Waive the second reading and adopt ordinance #1666 amending El Segundo Municipal Code Chapter 1-3 to update the City logo and associated use regulations and penalties for violations and find such action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, under Guidelines §§ 15060(c)(3), 15061(b)(3), and 15378.
(Fiscal Impact: None.)

MOTION by Council Member Giroux, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Baldino, approving Consent items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. MOTION PASSED. 4/0
AYES: Baldino, Giroux, Keldorf, Pimentel
NOES: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
ABSENT: Boyles

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

8. Conduct a public hearing. Introduce and waive the first reading of the proposed ordinance amending the El Segundo Municipal Code and find that the ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guidelines § 15061(b)(3). Schedule the ordinance's second reading

for the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting or as soon thereafter may be heard.
(Fiscal Impact: None.)

City Clerk Truax stated that proper notice had been given in a timely manner and that no written communication had been received.

Community Development Principal Planner Paul Samaris reported on the item.

Public Input: None

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Baldino, SECONDED by Council Member Keldorf to close the Public Hearing item 8. MOTION PASSED. 4/0

AYES: Baldino, Giroux, Keldorf, Pimentel

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Boyles

Council discussion

City Attorney Mark Hensley read by title only:

DRAFT ORDINANCE NO. 1668

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EL SEGUNDO MUNICIPAL CODE (“ESMC”) TITLE 15 TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW REGARDING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATIONS AND FEES, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT STANDARDS AND FEES, AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND FINDING THE SAME TO BE EXEMPT FROM REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (“CEQA”) PURSUANT TO THE CEQA GUIDELINES

There was Council consensus to update the language in Section 6 for accuracy, as the review exemption is based on the determination of the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the state legislature, not the El Segundo City Council.

MOTION by Council Member Keldorf, SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Baldino, approving Public Hearing item 8 with recommended revisions. MOTION PASSED. 4/0

AYES: Baldino, Giroux, Keldorf, Pimentel

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Boyles

D. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

9. Review and approve the proposed DEI Annual Work Plan. Approve proposed DEI Committee bylaw changes related to establishing a quorum. Discuss and possibly approve amending the DEI Committee bylaws related to changing meeting frequency from monthly to quarterly. Discuss and possibly approve

amending the DEI Committee bylaws to continue or conclude the one-year pilot program to have two ESUSD representatives on the DEI Committee.
(Fiscal Impact: None)

Parks, Recreation, and Library Director Aly Mancini, DEI Committee Chairman Christibelle Villena, and Vice Chair Sean O'Brien reported on the item.

Council discussion

MOTION by Council Member Giroux, SECONDED by Council Member Keldorf to approve as amended the proposed DEI Committee Work Plan and approve bylaw changes related to establishing a quorum. MOTON PASSED. 4/0

AYES: Baldino, Giroux, Keldorf, Pimentel

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Boyles

Consensus to continue DEI Committee meetings on a monthly schedule. Consensus to conclude in May the one-year pilot program to have two ESUSD representatives on the DEI Committee.

City Clerk was given direction to announce openings on the DEI Committee.

10. Authorize the Parks, Recreation, and Library Department Director to release a Request for Proposals for landscape maintenance services for all City of El Segundo parks.
(Fiscal Impact: The FY 2024-25 adopted budget includes \$436,295 in landscape maintenance services. If the bid proposals come in higher than the current budget, additional budget appropriation would be necessary.)

Parks, Recreation, and Library Director Aly Mancini reported on the item.

Council discussion

MOTION by Mayor Pro Tem Baldino, SECONDED by Council Member Giroux to Authorize the Parks, Recreation, and Library Department Director to release a Request for Proposals for landscape maintenance services for all City of El Segundo parks.

MOTION PASSED 4/0.

AYES: Baldino, Giroux, Keldorf, Pimentel

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Boyles

11. Authorize staff to proceed with Smoky Hollow Parking Project Alternative 1, which is signing and striping the parking spaces, striping the corner curb extensions, and installing plastic bollards. Direct staff to return to City Council to consider other alternatives if the SBCCOG/Metro grant is not awarded.
(Fiscal Impact: This project is not included in the adopted FY 2024-25 Budget.

Further action may require additional appropriation or inclusion in future fiscal year transportation fund budgets. Staff has applied to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) for grant funding in the amount of \$8,000,000 (25% local match) for associated costs. It is anticipated the grant process will take approximately one year to be considered by the SBCCOG Metro Committee and ultimately would require approval by Metro.)

Public Works Director Elias Sassoon and Giuseppe Canzonieri, Director of Engineering from KOA Corporation presented the item.

Council discussion

MOTION by Mayor Pimentel to proceed with Smoky Hollow Parking Project Alternative 1, followed by an application for Measure M funding for Alternative 4. There was NO SECOND, and therefore NO VOTE WAS TAKEN.

Council consensus to direct staff to re-evaluate this item in six months' time.

E. COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS PRESENTATIONS

F. REPORTS – CITY CLERK – Will attend City Clerk's Association of California Nuts and Bolts training on Thursday and Friday in Brea.

G. REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBERS –

Council Member Keldorf – No report

Council Member Giroux – Council participated in a walk-through at the Plunge (the Urho Saari Swim Stadium) to view progress of the project, which currently is on pace to be completed by the end of the year.

Council Member Boyles - Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Baldino – Attended Aquatics Committee meeting for Plunge improvements on January 27. Agendas now will include a schedule for Plunge repairs and a list of change orders and associated costs. Mentioned the Aquatics Center will be closed for repairs during July and August. Attended the TMC Capital ribbon cutting. Encouraged people to get involved and apply for positions on El Segundo's Committees, Commissions, and Boards, specifically the Planning Commission and the DEI Committee.

Mayor Pimentel – Will attend COG Transportation subcommittee meeting next week, at which cities will weigh in on the matching funds policy. Attended a Sanitation meeting last week where the committee discussed federal funding for design, which is now in question; discussed the status of litigation to which the City is a party has been appealed and sent to the California Supreme Court; announced Los Angeles County has issued an RFP to fill the General Council position. There will be an AQMD City Selection vote on Thursday for candidates

for AQMD. Attended the Resilient Engineering Conference for Cities. Encouraged Council Members to review Council of Governments (COG) opportunities to serve on various elected boards, such as SCAG administrative boards, such as the Economic Development or Housing committee.

12. Sought Council direction as to placing an item on an upcoming agenda regarding whether the City of El Segundo, a General Law City, should explore becoming a Charter City. Council consensus to give direction to the City Attorney to prepare Pros and Cons and add to future agenda for consideration.

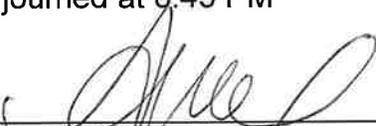
13. Sought Council direction as to whether to place an item on an upcoming agenda regarding taking action to rescind Measure C (Sales Tax Measure). There was no consensus to take action to rescind Measure C.

Council discussion

- I. REPORTS – City Attorney – No report
- J. REPORTS/FOLLOW-UP – City Manager – Participated in a walk-through tour of the new 1,200-seat CinemaWest Beach Cities theater complex, (formerly the ArcLight Theaters) which will open to the public at the end of next week. In the last two weeks there have been 17 odor complaints at Hyperion, which was issued a notice of violation on January 23 regarding the recent power outage's impact on the plant's equipment in the truck load out area; on January 28 bulkheads were installed at Primary Battery C in preparation for a gate replacement.

MEMORIAL – Joan Kelly, long-time resident, founder of the Kelly School of Traditional Irish Dance, and mother of three, including former Council Member Carol Kelly Pirsztuk.

Adjourned at 8:45 PM



Susan Truax, City Clerk