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**MINUTES OF THE
GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION
Council Chambers
5850 West Glendale Avenue
May 21, 2013
1:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Jerry P. Weiers, Vice Mayor Yvonne J. Knaack and Councilmembers Norma S. Alvarez, Ian Hugh, Manuel D. Martinez, Gary D. Sherwood, and Samuel U. Chavira

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Bowers, Acting City Manager; Horatio Skeete, Assistant City Manager; Nick DiPiazza, Acting City Attorney; and Pamela Hanna, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. **COUNCIL ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST: CITY AUDITOR ORDINANCE**
PRESENTED BY: Candace MacLeod, City Auditor

The purpose of this City Council Report is to address City Council's request to draft an ordinance amending the reporting structure of the City Auditor's Office at the February 19, 2013 Council Workshop. This item was tabled at the March 19, 2013 Council Workshop pending review of the draft ordinance by the new Acting City Manager. Under the proposed structure, the City Auditor would report functionally to City Council and administratively to the City Manager.

Ms. MacLeod presented information to the City Council regarding the administrative policy and draft ordinance. She quoted from professional guidelines and sources regarding the importance of auditor independence and ensuring unrestricted access to records in accordance with professional standards.

Councilmember Sherwood said he was glad to see this in writing and would like it acted upon at the next regular city council meeting. He thought it was the proper thing to do.

Vice Mayor Knaack thanked Mr. Bowers and said this fulfills what she is asking for. She asked Ms. MacLeod if she was satisfied with the changes and direction of the ordinance and policy. Ms. MacLeod said she was happy with the changes.

Councilmember Chavira agreed with these changes and said they were longtime coming and thanked Ms. MacLeod for bringing this item forward.

Mayor Weiers asked the other council members and said that it looked like we had direction.

COUNCIL ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Councilmember Alvarez requested research be done on the policy regarding naming the parks. She also said citizens were concerned there were no swim lessons or activities offered at the pool in her area. She said the children should be doing activities.

Councilmember Hugh said it seemed that more activities were offered in the north part of the city. He said he would also like to review naming of the parks.

Councilmember Chavira agreed to review the policy for naming the parks. He mentioned the gallery opening up at Westgate and the activities that may be offered for children there.

Vice Mayor Knaack said it has been a year since fees and cost recovery impact for parks and recreation facilities have been discussed. She suggested that the Parks and Recreation Commission should look at some of these issues. She also wanted to look at the Civic Center cost recovery issue.

Mayor Weiers said he would like to review the pricing structure of fees charged to the city when working with a charity. He suggested a credit to the Civic Center when working with a charity. He also said the cruising event in Glendale this past weekend was a huge success. He said the merchants were very happy and looking forward to the next event. He also reminded everyone of the Watermelon Festival which was coming up in June and the July 4th fireworks display at Westgate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.