



**CITY OF AZUSA**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF**  
**THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Azusa, met in Special Session at the above date and time in the Azusa Light & Water Conference Room, located at 729 N. Azusa Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702.

Mayor Rocha called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken by City Clerk Cornejo.

**PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:** GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, ALVAREZ, ROCHA

**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:** NONE

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Elected Officials:** City Clerk Cornejo.

**Staff Members:** City Manager Gonzalez, City Attorney Ferre, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bobadilla, Utilities Director Robledo, Police Captain Bertelsen, Director of Information Technology and Library Services Graf, Director of Recreation and Family Services Carpenter, Utilities Communications and Environmental Program Specialist Sagun, Assistant Chief Deputy City Clerk Juarez.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Stephanie Martenzi expressed concerns regarding an increase in the homeless population and providing additional services to the homeless.

Ms. Tracey Bartholome expressed concerns regarding safety and inquired about the possibility of requiring that individuals riding the Gold Line pay for a ticket.

Ms. Jane Aguilera expressed her opposition to a homeless shelter in the City of Azusa and requested that there be more community input.

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS**

City Manager Gonzalez presented the Staff Report stating that the purpose of the Resolution is to qualify for funding that will allow the City of Azusa to continue existing homeless services; he clarified that adopting the Resolution acknowledges that the City does not have enough housing for the homeless, and does not direct the City to build any homeless shelters; and without the adoption of this Resolution, homeless service organizations will not be able to expend their funds in Azusa; and Staff chose to bring the item forward at a Special Meeting in order to allow the Council two opportunities to discuss the item, prior to the adoption deadline of November 15, 2018, should the Council wish to bring the Item back to the November 5, 2018 meeting.

In response to questions posed by the Council, City Manager Gonzalez described some of the homeless services that are provided such as the voucher program, mental health programs, drug awareness and intervention programs, and support services for families that are on the verge of becoming homeless; and stated that a shelter will not be opened in the City of Azusa.

Director of Information Technology and Library Services Graf provided information regarding the homeless services that are provided to those individuals residing in the canyon and river bed, and preventative services; and clarified that without the adoption of the Resolution, the funds provided by the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to service organizations cannot be expended in the City.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding homeless services, safety concerns, and enforcement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales offered Resolution No. 2018-C63 entitled:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 850 AND CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 8698.2 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM**

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez, and carried by the following vote of the Council to adopt Resolution 2018-C63.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, ALVAREZ, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus of the City Council.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:36 P.M.**



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**CITY CLERK**