

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
April 14, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:41 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

Mayor Bogaard and Councilmember Tyler recused themselves at 5:41 p.m., due to a conflict of interest.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POTENTIAL LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): One potential case

The above closed session item was discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Gordo.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 6:47 p.m.)
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler

Staff:

City Manager Bernard K. Melekian
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Jane L. Rodriguez

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Joanne Burrell, Pasadena homeless resident, thanked the City for providing her with needed services, described an incident in which the Public Works Department had allegedly seized and disposed of her personal property/belongings, and asked for the City's assistance in resolving this loss of property.

The City Manager asked Ms. Burrell to contact the City Manager's Office in the morning so that staff could follow up on the circumstances involving Ms. Burrell's property.

Councilmember Madison arrived at 6:47 p.m.

Erlinda Romo, Playhouse District Association Executive Director, expressed concerns regarding the Boadway Apartments building that had been moved off of the Fuller

Theological Seminary property and is currently being “stored” on a City-owned parking lot in the Playhouse District. She asked that the Boadway building be moved off of the parking lot by August 2008, as the estimated timeline for moving the building has passed and the Playhouse District continues to lose revenue from the parking spaces occupied by the building.

Councilmember McAustin indicated that she had seen recent developer siting plans for the building to be moved.

The City Manager agreed that Ms. Romo’s proposed August 2008 timeline for relocating the building should be workable.

Councilmember Gordo asked the City Manager to provide an update on the Boadway building in the weekly information letter to Council.

George Brumder, Leadership Pasadena representative, described the Leadership Pasadena program, thanked Council for its support of the program, and announced that applications are available to anyone who might be interested in participating in the 2008-2009 program, which will begin in September 2008.

The following persons expressed support for various programs provided by El Centro de Accion Social, questioned the criteria used by staff and the Human Services Commission in the recommended allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and/or expressed concerns about the City’s lack of funding for El Centro programs in the upcoming year:

- Michelle Murguerito, Pasadena resident and Youth Academy Program participant
- Randy Jurado Ertll, El Centro de Accion Social Executive Director
- Maria Betancourt, El Centro Board member

The Mayor noted that staff will report on the CDBG grant funding at a future public hearing, with Council to discuss and consider the matter at that time.

Councilmember Holden suggested that those persons who were present to speak regarding the El Centro issue attend the upcoming public hearing when the Council will take action on the CDBG funding grants.

The City Manager indicated that those persons who had submitted speaker cards on the El Centro funding would be notified of the date for the public hearing, when it is scheduled and noticed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER GRANTING NON-EXCLUSIVE SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE RENEWALS AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Adopt a resolution declaring its intention to consider granting renewal of a non-exclusive franchise to 14 franchisees;
- (2) Set a public hearing for May 19, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. to consider granting these franchises; and
- (3) Direct the City Clerk to publish the resolution at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not less than ten days prior to the date set for the hearing. (Resolution No. 8845)

Item discussed separately at the request of Mayor Bogaard.

APPROVAL OF FINAL VESTING TRACT MAP NO. 062623, BEING A 41-UNIT MIXED-USE PROJECT AT 584 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AMENDMENT ONE TO THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution approving and adopting Amendment One to the Third Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to allow three water agencies (Three Valleys Municipal Water District, San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District) to join the SGVCOG under a single membership. (Resolution No. 8847; Agreement Amendment No. 15,383-3-1)

Item discussed separately at the request of Councilmember Tyler.

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH AVANT-GARDE, INC. TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF AN INTERIM HOUSING MANAGER

MINUTES APPROVED

March 24, 2008 (Special Meeting)
March 24, 2008

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 10,572	Fermin Estevez Garcia	\$ 3,483.64
Claim No. 10,573	Mazi Okpara Taylor	Not stated
Claim No. 10,574	Jose Mateo Santacruz	1,500.00
Claim No. 10,575	Rachel Eshom	Not stated
Claim No. 10,576	George Chen	\$34.50+
Claim No. 10,577	Alexis Gerlach	Not stated

It was moved by Vice Mayor Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exceptions of Item 2 (Final Vesting Tract Map

No. 062623) and Item 4 (Purchase Order Contract with Avant-Garde, Inc.), which were discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

Mayor Bogaard recused himself at 7:04 p.m., due to a conflict of interest. Vice Mayor Haderlein assumed the Chair.

Mayor Bogaard returned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FINAL VESTING TRACT MAP NO. 062623, BEING A 41-UNIT MIXED-USE PROJECT AT 584 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Adopt a resolution to approve Final Vesting Tract Map No. 062623;
- (2) Accept the offer of an easement dedication for street purposes as shown on said map; and
- (3) Authorize the City Clerk to execute the certificate on the map showing the City's approval of said map. (Resolution No. 8846)

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Mayor Bogaard)

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH AVANT-GARDE, INC. TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF AN INTERIM HOUSING MANAGER

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council authorize an increase of \$125,001 to the not to exceed amount of the purchase order contract with Avant-Garde, Inc., thereby increasing the not to exceed amount from \$74,999 to \$200,000, to provide the services of an Interim Housing Manager.

It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed action an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interest are served.

In response to Councilmember Tyler's questions, the City Manager clarified that this increase would extend the contract for the services of an Interim Housing Manager to July 1, 2008; that as a part of the 2009 Operating Budget process, he would be recommending the creation of a Housing Department for Council consideration and approval; and that recruitment for the Housing Manager position would begin shortly, whether a Housing Department is created or not.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

OLD BUSINESS

COMMENT TO STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER ON THE NOMINATION OF THE PASADENA ARROYO PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the transmittal of the report (Attachment F of the agenda report) from the Historic Preservation Commission to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in support of the nomination of the Pasadena Arroyo Parks and Recreation District to the National Register of Historic Places, with the following comment:

The information in Attachment E of the agenda report, as well as other supplemental information provided by the Rose Bowl Operating Company about the history of changes to the golf courses should be incorporated into the description of the registration form (Section 7, pp. 6-8, Attachment B of the agenda report).

Recommendation of Historic Preservation Commission: The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed a final draft of the National Register nomination for the Pasadena Arroyo Parks and Recreation District at its meeting on October 1, 2007 and recommended that the City Council forward a recommendation approving the nomination to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Recommendation of Recreation and Parks Commission: Staff presented the nomination to the Recreation and Parks Commission for review and comment. The Recreation and Parks Commission at its December 4, 2007 meeting supported the nomination.

Revised Recommendation of Rose Bowl Operating Company: It is recommended that the Rose Bowl Operating Company Board of Directors communicate to the City Council the following:

- (1) Its support, in principle, for the efforts to recognize the historic significance and physical beauty of the Arroyo Seco in the nomination of the Pasadena Arroyo Parks and Recreation District to the National Register of Historic Places.
- (2) Its concerns with the potential effect of including "routing" (the configuration or layout of the Golf Courses) as a contributing element to its historic significance.
- (3) Its understanding that the process for future modifications of the golf courses will be consistent with the process that occurred prior to the nomination of the District to the National Register of Historic Places.
- (4) Its understanding that the general overall boundaries of Brookside Golf Club are largely defined by the historic stone walls around the perimeter of the two courses.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item, and responded to questions regarding the review process for any proposed changes in the Rose Bowl/golf course area.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, briefly explained the City's position in support of the basic nomination of the Pasadena Arroyo Parks and Recreation District and the comments offered by the City about the routing, or configuration, of the golf courses.

Darryl Dunn, General Manager of the Rose Bowl, reviewed the Rose Bowl Operating Company's (RBOC) recommendation; discussed the RBOC's concerns regarding the inclusion of routing of the golf courses as a contributing element in the nomination papers; and indicated the RBOC would be providing an update report to the Economic Development and Technology Committee and Council in June 2008 (a briefing on the 10-year master plan for the golf course, including the economics/financial implications).

Councilmember Gordo, RBOC Board member, discussed the level of review that applies to the Arroyo Seco area, with or without the listing in the National Register. He explained the RBOC's request that the City's comments on the nomination should clarify that, although the City supports the nomination, this does not mean that the area should be kept stagnant and that the City supports the City's/RBOC's ability to maximize the resources of the golf courses and the clubhouse (e.g., change the routing of the golf courses and relocate the clubhouse), as long as the golf courses and clubhouse provide a financial benefit to the City.

The following persons spoke in support of the nomination of the Pasadena Arroyo Parks and Recreation District to the National Register of Historic Places:

Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage (applicant) representative, noted that the applicant had revised the application to insert language that the golf course could change in the future and language regarding the boundaries of the golf course (to accommodate RBOC's concerns).

Sharon Yonashiro, Linda Vista/Annandale Association (LVAA) Board President

Discussion followed on the City's role in the nomination process, the review process for any changes in the designated area, impacts of a successful nomination on projects that receive Federal funding, and the City's review/decision-making process for changes in the Arroyo Seco area.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, as revised by the Rose Bowl Operating Company's (RBOC) recommendation cited

above and set forth in the RBOC memo to the Council dated April 14, 2008 and the RBOC agenda report dated April 3, 2008. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

The Mayor thanked all those who had participated in reviewing the nomination.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF A JOURNAL VOUCHER AMENDING PROJECTS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Recommendation of City Manager: Approve a journal voucher with a net increase of \$7,957,598, amending 19 projects in the Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Improvement Program as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report. (Journal Voucher No. 2008-20)

Councilmember Tyler, Chair of the Finance Committee, summarized the agenda report.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, clarified the funding for the Traffic Signal at Orange Grove Boulevard and Craig Avenue project.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 19,453 WITH TOPLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC., TO INCREASE THE TOTAL CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$351,000 TO \$468,000 FOR THE LA CASITA DEL ARROYO WALL REPAIR AND ARROYO BOULEVARD SLOPE AND WALL REPAIR AT GRAND AVENUE

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 19,453 with Topline Construction, Inc., to increase the total contract not to exceed amount from \$351,000 to \$468,000 for the La Casita del Arroyo Wall Repair and Arroyo Boulevard Slope and Wall Repair at Grand Avenue, an increase of \$117,000 for additional work required to complete the project; and

(2) Approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$67,000 in Residential Impact Fees (Arroyo) and \$50,000 in Street Occupancy Fees to Capital Improvement Budget Account No. 73603, "Slope and Street Repair - 2005 Winter Storms." (Contract Amendment No. 19,453-1; Journal Voucher No. 2008-21)

Councilmember Tyler reviewed the agenda report.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, explained the use of Residential Impact Fees (Arroyo) for this work.

Councilmember McAustin expressed objection to the use of Residential Impact Fees for this type of work rather than for the establishment of new parks or the expansion of parks, and stated that she did not feel this was an appropriate use of these Fees.

Councilmember Madison outlined Council's prior discussion and decision regarding the disbursement of Residential Impact Fees throughout the City.

Brief discussion followed on the use and disbursement of Residential Impact Fees.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion carried, with Councilmember McAustin objecting) (Absent: None)

CONTRACT WITH SCOTT FAZEKAS & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR BUILDING, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL PLAN CHECK SERVICES
Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Scott Fazekas & Associates, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for a term of four years, to provide consulting services for building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical plan check; and

(2) Approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$828,000 from the unappropriated Building Services Fund reserve to account Consulting Services in the Building Services Fund 8115-204-447200. (Contract No. 19,572; Journal Voucher No. 2008-22)

Recommendation of Finance Committee: The Finance Committee recommends modifying the term of the contract with Scott Fazekas & Associates, Inc. to a one-year contract in the amount of \$500,000, with Council to approve up to three one-year extensions without rebidding the contract.

Councilmember Tyler summarized the agenda report; reported on the Finance Committee's recommendation that would change the term of the contract to a one-year contract for \$500,000, with Council to consider up to three possible one-year extensions without rebidding the contract; and noted that the Finance Committee had asked staff to report on the problems with hiring additional staff to perform these services in-house.

The City Manager indicated that the City was still having problems with the recruitment of plan checkers because of the competition with higher salaries offered by private industry for this work.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, commented on the work being performed by the contractor and efforts to hire staff to perform this work.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, as amended by the Finance Committee to change the term of the contract to a one-year contract for \$500,000, with Council to consider up to three possible one-year extensions without rebidding the contract. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Tyler announced that the Finance Committee and Council would be holding joint meetings on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber (April 21 through May 12, 2008 for presentation of the Capital Improvement Program Budget – May 19 through June 23, 2008 for presentation of the Operating Budget). He noted that public comment would be taken at each meeting for those Budget components that were listed on the agenda.

Councilmember Tyler reported on the Finance Committee's review of a staff report on various City cash reserve funds and compliance with the City's reserve policies. He noted that the Acting Finance Director would be reviewing the cash balances, the level of some of the balances, and the format in which they are reported, with a report to be provided during the Operating Budget process.

Councilmember Tyler announced that Standard & Poor's had upgraded the City of Pasadena's credit rating to an "AAA" status. He commented on the Finance Committee's semi-annual review of the Police and Fire Retirement Fund, and reported that the Committee was recommending that this Fund be reviewed on an annual (rather than semi-annual) basis.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2009-2014 RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Open the public hearing on the City Manager's Recommended FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program Budget;
- (2) Continue this public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 7:30 p.m. until May 19, 2008, or such other later date as the City Council may determine, and at which time the City Council will be asked to close the public

hearing and formally adopt the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program Budget; and
(3) Refer the City Manager's Recommended FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program Budget to the Finance Committee and direct the meetings be noticed as joint meetings between the Finance Committee and the City Council from April 21, 2008 to May 12, 2008.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on March 31, 2008 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

The City Manager highlighted the FY 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program Budget, noted that the budget items had been prioritized by using the Council's goals and incorporating the City's seven guiding principles of the General Plan.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, summarized the agenda report.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to continue the public hearing to April 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Madison recused himself at 8:01 p.m., due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS - COLLEGES - TRADITIONAL CAMPUS SETTING AND DORMITORIES IN THE SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLAN OVERLAY DISTRICT

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council, following a public hearing:

(1) Acknowledge that the impacts of these Zoning Code amendments were analyzed in the initial environmental study prepared for the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan amendment and Art Center South Campus Master Development Plan. A mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the City Council on January 30, 2006 (see Attachment No. 2 of the agenda report);

(2) Approve the required findings for a Zoning Code amendment as contained in the agenda report;

(3) Approve the proposed Zoning Code amendments conditionally permitting "colleges - traditional campus setting" and "dormitories" in a portion of the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan (SP-2) overlay zoning district; and

(4) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the Zoning Code of the City of Pasadena and return within 60 days.

Recommendation of Planning Commission: After a public hearing on February 13, 2008, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed Zoning Code amendment to allow “colleges - traditional campus setting” and “dormitories” along South Raymond Avenue from California Boulevard to Glenarm Street and to allow “colleges - traditional campus setting” on the Glenarm Power Plant site.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on March 31 and April 7, 2008 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

The City Manager noted that these changes were related to Council’s recent action on the Art Center College of Design’s project in the Glenarm Power Plant area and prior Council discussions to develop this area as a blend of traditional academic setting and biotech development.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, introduced the agenda item, and responded to questions regarding the Art Center’s plans for this area.

Laura Dahl, Senior Planner, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Haderlein expressed concerns about such a large area being made accessible to dormitory housing.

The City Attorney clarified the difference between the definitions of traditional vs. nontraditional colleges, noted that the dormitory use could be linked to only a traditional college campus, and commented on issues related to spot zoning that could result if the proposed strip of land area is decreased.

Discussion followed on the boundaries of the Zoning Code amendments area, concerns regarding the size of the area that could be exposed to the development of a college and/or dormitory, and the impact of dormitory housing on the availability of affordable housing stock.

Councilmember Gordo observed that the proposed Zoning Code amendments appear to conform to the planned use of this area as approved by Council, and that the creation of dormitory housing could ease the pressure on the City’s affordable housing stock.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

It was moved the Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

Councilmember Madison
returned at 8:28 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS
RELATED TO DESIGN REVIEW OF CITY PROJECTS**

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Acknowledge that the proposed Zoning Code amendments are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061, general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;

(2) Acknowledge that the amendments to the Design Review chapter of Title 17 (Chapter 17.61.030 of the Pasadena Municipal Code) were initiated by the City Council on October 8, 2007 at a joint meeting with the Design Commission where the process for design review of public projects was discussed;

(3) Approve a finding of consistency with the General Plan as contained in the agenda report; and

(4) Approve the proposed Zoning Code amendments as contained in the agenda report.

Recommendation of Planning Commission: On February 13, 2008, at a noticed public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this set of Zoning Code amendments.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on March 31 and April 7, 2008 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, reviewed the agenda report.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved the Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 2 (ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION) AND TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, TO REVISE PROCEDURES FOR DESIGN REVIEW OF SMALLER AND PUBLIC PROJECTS”

The above ordinance was offered for first reading by Vice Mayor Haderlein:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Madison, McAustin, Robinson, Tyler, Vice Mayor Haderlein, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 8:32 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission and recessed at 8:33 p.m. to the special meeting of the Pasadena Public Financing Authority.

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 8:34 p.m. (Absent: None)

ORDINANCES – ADOPTED

Councilmember Madison recused himself at 8:34 p.m., due to a conflict of interest.

Councilmember McAustin was excused at 8:34 p.m.

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 17.20.020 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PARCEL AT 505 SOUTH WILSON AVENUE (CALTECH)” (Introduced by Councilmember Tyler) (Ordinance No. 7138)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Robinson, Tyler, Vice Mayor Haderlein, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Madison, McAustin

Councilmember Madison returned at 8:35 p.m.

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE) AND AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) TO MODIFY TRIP REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT” (Introduced by Councilmember Gordo)

The Mayor announced that the above item had been pulled from the agenda on the advice of the City Attorney because of a requirement for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to review the ordinance, and that the second reading of the ordinance would occur after Metro had performed its review.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REVISIONS

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Approve the proposed speed limit revisions on several City

LEGISLATIVE POLICY
COMMITTEE

streets as detailed in the Background Section of the agenda report;

(2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Chapter 10.48 of the Pasadena Municipal Code in order to reflect the proposed revisions and administrative revisions to be presented to the City Council for first reading within 90 days; and

(3) Acknowledge that the proposed revisions to existing speed limits is categorically exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15301, Existing Facilities, of the CEQA guidelines, and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefore with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

Recommendation of Transportation Advisory Commission:

On January 29, 2008, a special meeting of TAC was held to discuss the proposed speed limit revisions and obtain additional public comment. At this meeting, TAC unanimously supported certifying the speed limit on West Drive and Rosemont Avenue. In addition, a TAC motion was approved recommending the City Council to direct staff to investigate and implement traffic calming and safety measures aimed at reducing speeds and to assess the impact of those measures prior to raising speed limits.

The Mayor, Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee, reported that the Committee's recommendation was to oppose the proposed speed limit revisions.

Councilmember Madison explained a potential conflict of interest that had been identified as the meeting began, expressed concerns that he could not represent District 6 on this matter, stated his desire that further research be conducted on issues related to the speed revisions, and offered the following questions for the record:

1. Does the City have the authority to alter speed limits for Pasadena Avenue, since this is a Caltrans controlled right-of-way?
2. Will the list of revisions undergo more changes?

Councilmember Madison recused himself at 8:38 p.m., due to a conflict of interest.

Councilmember McAustin returned at 8:38 p.m.

The City Manager provided an overview of the proposed speed limit revisions, discussed the repercussions of the City not certifying the proposed streets on the City's ability to enforce speed limits, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo questioned whether the City Attorney should address the issues raised by Councilmember Madison, as well as address the potential conflict of interest issue so that, if possible, a full Council can be present to hear this important matter.

The City Attorney indicated that staff would confer with the Fair Political Practices Commission about potential conflict of

interest issues for all Councilmembers related to the proposed streets being considered for speed limit revisions, and would confirm the City's authority in setting speed limits for streets controlled by another jurisdiction.

Following discussion, by consensus and on order of the Mayor, the above matter was held for approximately six weeks.

The Mayor confirmed that the community would be informed when the above matter is scheduled to be heard.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE THE METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION AS A FUNDED PROJECT IN THE 2008 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution urging the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors to include the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension as a funded project in the 2008 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Los Angeles County. The proposed resolution also seeks a commitment in the LRTP for additional funding for capital and operating cost of local transit services. The resolution also requests that the LRTP recognize the on-going studies for SR-710 gap closure and not presuppose the studies by defining a route for the gap closure project. (Resolution No. 8848)

The City Manager introduced the agenda item.

Mark Yamarone, Principal Transportation Planner, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Fred Dock, Director of Transportation Department, explained the rationale for submitting one resolution with the City's comments on the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, additional funding for local transit services, and the ongoing studies regarding the SR-710 freeway extension project.

Councilmember McAustin suggested the following language be inserted into the resolution in order to specify that the ongoing studies pertain to the SR-710 freeway extension project, in order to clarify the subject of the studies:

Page 1 – "Whereas, the upcoming preliminary engineering and technical studies of the SR-710 freeway extension project must consider all the routes studied as part of the previous Feasibility Assessment, in addition to any other route that may be deemed practicable as part of the next study."

Page 2 – "Furthermore, as the Draft LRTP includes the SR-710 Gap-Closer freeway extension project the City of Pasadena

urges Metro to recognize in the Draft LRTP the on-going studies for this facility and not presuppose the ongoing studies by defining a route for the ~~710 gap closure~~ SR-710 freeway extension project."

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, to include the modifications to the resolution language as cited above. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

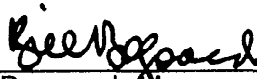
Councilmember McAustin asked staff to present a report to the Economic Development and Technology Committee on the City's affordable housing funds and the status of steps being taken by the City to preserve or gain new affordable housing stock, given the current conditions in the housing market.

Councilmember Gordo, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, indicated that he had previously asked staff to report on the current affordable housing funds and projects that are in the pipeline and that Councilmember McAustin's request could be folded into the same report.

The City Manager responded that staff was working on this report that would be brought forward.

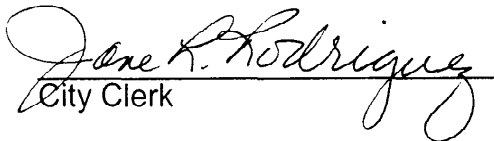
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Jane R. Rodriguez
City Clerk