

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
April 28, 2008 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Assistant City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein (Absent)
Councilmember Victor Gordo (Absent)
Councilmember Chris Holden (Absent)
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler

Staff:

City Manager Bernard K. Melekian
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
Senior Assistant City Clerk Mark Jomsky

ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager provided an update on the status of the wildfire burning in the Sierra Madre/Pasadena foothills area (mandatory and voluntary evacuations, involvement of Pasadena Fire Department personnel and equipment, and use of emergency communications system).

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
MATTERS NOT ON THE
AGENDA**

Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage representative, commented on and submitted a publication from the Pasadena Heritage titled, Advocates for Change (a volume of oral history interviews of 21 persons who had lived through and experienced the desegregation of the Pasadena Unified School District).

The following persons spoke in support of the Pasadena Marathon (proposed to be held on November 16, 2008 for the benefit of various nonprofit organizations in the City):

Lyle Kan, Pasadena Forward Board Chair (nonprofit organization and sponsor of the proposed marathon)
Bob Seagren, Pasadena Forward representative and International City Racing (ICR) President/Chief Executive Officer
Terry LeMoncheck, Pasadena Forward representative and Pasadena Arts Council Executive Director (beneficiary of marathon)
Howard Wood, Pasadena Forward representative and HCM Insurance Brokers Partner (cosponsor of marathon)
Israel Estrada, Pasadena Forward Executive Director

The City Manager cautioned Council that there are significant logistical issues that are still to be worked out as staff continues to work with the Marathon organizers.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding various code enforcement issues involving alleged noncompliant homes/projects in the Lower Hastings Ranch area, and asked for assistance in having these problems inspected by staff:

Kenneth Nichols, Lower Hastings Ranch Association Board member (complaint about home on Shadow Grove Road)

Diane Kirby, Lower Hastings Ranch Association Board member (complaint about home on Cliff Drive)

Laura Rodriguez, Lower Hastings Ranch Association Board Secretary

The City Manager indicated staff would contact the above residents on the next business day regarding their specific concerns/code enforcement issues.

Jill Shook, Pasadena resident, commented on building "green" affordable housing and the balancing of open space with density issues as this relates to planning "green" projects, and submitted an informational article titled, "Planning for Climate Change".

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CIVILTEC ENGINEERING INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF A WATER DISINFECTION FACILITY AT WINDSOR RESERVOIR FOR PASADENA WATER AND POWER, AND FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE PROJECT SHOULD THE PROJECT BE APPROVED

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Civiltec Engineering Inc. (Civiltec) for the engineering design of a disinfection facility at Windsor Reservoir for Pasadena Water and Power and for management of the construction phase of the project should the project be approved, for an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

(2) 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 interests are served. (Contract No. 19,579)

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO Y & M CONSTRUCTION FOR NEW PLAYGROUND AND SITE AMENITIES AT BRENNER, GRANT, AND LA PINTORESCA PARKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Accept the bid dated April 16, 2008, submitted by Y & M Construction in response to the Specifications for New Playground and Site Amenities at Brenner, Grant and La Pintoresca Parks; reject all other bids received; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$550,000 that includes the base bid of \$488,009.50 and \$61,990.50 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the project specifications. (Contract No. 19,580)

The Mayor noted that a request had been made by Vice Mayor Haderlein to acknowledge the City's funding of parks in the past decade as reflected by the above recreational facilities improvements at Brenner, Grant, and La Pintoresca Parks.

Item discussed separately at the request of Councilmember McAustin.

CONTRACT AWARD TO ECOLOGY CONTROL INDUSTRIES, INC., DBA AMERICAN STORM WATER, INC., FOR CATCH BASIN TRASH EXCLUDERS - PHASE 1 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$451,000

AGREEMENT FOR SEWER SERVICE AT 3757 NORMANDY DRIVE, CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement among County Sanitation District No. 16 of Los Angeles County, the City of Pasadena, and the property owners governing the conveyance, treatment, and disposal of wastewater from a single-family home at 3757 Normandy Drive in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, and agreeing to the recordation thereof. (Resolution No. 8851; Agreement No. 19,581)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ORMAT GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PROJECTS POWER SALES AGREEMENT AMENDING AGREEMENT NO. 18,802, ORMAT GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PROJECTS POWER SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY AND CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Recommendation of City Manager: Authorize the City Manager to enter into the First Amendment to the Long Term Firm Power Sales Agreement (Contract) with the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA), which reduces the contracted capacity entitlement amount from 3.0 MW to a 2.1 MW share of the Ormat Geothermal Energy Project (Project).

This contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental agencies or their contractors. (Agreement No. 18,802-1)

MINUTES APPROVED

April 14, 2008

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 10,582	William Cleary and Cindy Cleary	\$ 25,000.00+
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Claim No. 10,583	New Balance Pasadena	7,910.00
Claim No. 10,584	Robert R. Jungerhans	210.00
Claim No. 10,585	Emily Ann Green	25,000.00+
Claim No. 10,586	Steven and Sherri Downer	10,000.00+

It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3 (Contract with Ecology Control Industries, Inc. dba American Storm Water, Inc.), which was discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Vice Mayor Haderlein)

CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

CONTRACT AWARD TO ECOLOGY CONTROL INDUSTRIES, INC., DBA AMERICAN STORM WATER, INC., FOR CATCH BASIN TRASH EXCLUDERS - PHASE 1 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$451,000

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Accept the bid dated April 15, 2008, submitted by Ecology Control Industries, Inc., dba American Storm Water, Inc., for the Catch Basin Trash Excluders - Phase 1; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for a not to exceed amount of \$451,000; and

(2) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (b) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk. (Contract No. 19,582)

In response to Councilmember McAustin's question, Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, clarified the funding sources for this project.

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

OLD BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE APPOINTMENTS OF FOUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE OPEN SPACE ELEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND CONSIDERATION OF EXPANDING THE SIZE OF THE COMMITTEE (Councilmember Tyler)

The Mayor reviewed Council's prior discussion at the meeting of April 7, 2008, of the Council Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation on the 4 proposed Council appointments to the Open Space Element Advisory Committee; and commented on possible consideration of expanding the size of the Advisory Committee by 2 members.

Stephanie DeWolfe, Acting Assistant City Manager, provided background on the purpose/focus of the Open Space Plan/Element, the Conservation Plan/Element, and the Green Space and Park Master Plan.

Councilmember Madison explained his support of increasing the size of the Advisory Committee by 2 members and the strong interest in open space in District 6, and his support for Councilmember Gordo's prior expressed idea of having someone on the Advisory Committee to represent the recreation side of the community. He nominated Anita Fromholz (one of the applicants not chosen by the Ad Hoc Committee) to fill an additional position on the Advisory Committee, if an increase in Committee membership is approved.

Councilmember Tyler, Council Ad Hoc Committee member, restated the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation of the appointments of the following applicants as the community members and alternates on the Advisory Committee: Michael Coppess (District 4), Anne Dove (District 5), Laura Garrett (District 7), and Edwina Travis Chin (District 2), [with Stephen Acker (District 2), and George Wilson (District 6), as Alternates].

Councilmember McAustin, Council Ad Hoc Committee member, expressed support for the selection process that had been followed and concerns involving an equity issue if the process is changed at this time. She suggested that a new application process be opened if a decision is made to increase the size of the Advisory Committee or that the Ad Hoc Committee take this matter up again for additional deliberation on the recommendation to Council.

Discussion followed on possible expansion of the size of the Advisory Committee and the process to be used in filling the proposed additional member positions.

Following discussion and by consensus, the matter was continued to the meeting of May 5, 2008, to allow the Council Ad Hoc Committee time to review the committee selection process and the recommendation.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND CONTRACT NO. 18,820
WITH CORVEL RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A
PERIOD OF ONE YEAR WITH TWO OPTIONAL ONE-YEAR
EXTENSION PERIODS**

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Authorize a one-year extension to Contract No. 18,820 with CorVel Corporation, for administration of workers' compensation claims for the City's public safety departments (Police and Fire) and expand the scope of services to include

workers' compensation bill review services for the City's entire workers' compensation program in an amount not to exceed \$460,000;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year periods, in the sole discretion of the City Manager and provided that the annual cost of service does not increase by an amount greater than the change in the Consumers Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area for the then most recently available twelve-month period; and

(3) Grant the proposed extension including the expanded scope of services an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 4.08, pursuant to Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. (Contract Amendment No. 18,820-3)

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

Steve Mermell, Acting Director of Finance Department, clarified the average cost per claim information.

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

RECOMMENDATION TO SET A DATE OF JUNE 16, 2008 TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASES

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council set a date and time of June 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. for a public hearing related to increases to the Purchased Water Adjustment Charge (PWAC) and the Water Distribution and Customer Charge (D&C).

Councilmember Tyler summarized the agenda report.

The City Manager explained that this process involves a protest period for the property owners/ratepayers that will begin the next business day (April 29, 2008) and continue to the public hearing date of June 16, 2008, at which time the proposed water rate increases will be approved, absent a protest of 50%+1 from the City's utility customers; and responded to questions.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power Department, discussed conservation measures and a study being conducted involving rate issues, which will be addressed in the future as an action that is separate from the proposed pass-through rate increases.

The Mayor announced that re-establishment of the Municipal Services Committee would be considered during the Council meeting of May 5, 2008.

Councilmember Madison suggested that water conservation and rate issues be addressed by the Municipal Services Committee as a first order of business, if the Committee is re-established.

The following persons spoke in support of exploring measures that could impact water rate increases and conservation:

Michael Hurley, Pasadena resident, also expressed support for re-establishment of the Municipal Services Committee.

Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services representative

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING: ANNUAL AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt by resolution the FY 2009 General Fee Schedule, which contains amended fees using data gathered during the annual review of Cost of Service. These amended fees shall take effect on July 1, 2008. (Resolution No. 8852)

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

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

The City Manager noted that staff would be looking into the methodology for the annual setting of fees contained in the General Fee Schedule.

Steve Mermell, Acting Director of Finance Department, explained the analysis used in determining costs for providing services contained in the fee schedule and in setting entrepreneurial and violation fees, and discussed the cost study that was performed to ensure that the City is charging the full cost of providing services under the ICC or California Building Code.

Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services representative, suggested that fee waivers similar to those applied to historic housing also be applied to affordable housing, and suggested fee changes related to affordable housing be delayed until the Housing Element is completed.

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

Councilmember McAustin suggested the fees related to affordable housing (including an option to waive fees) be addressed at a future date, when the Economic Development and Technology Committee receives a report from staff on various affordable housing issues.

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

The Mayor noted the expectation that the affordable housing fees and charges would be reviewed as a part of the Housing Element planning process that is currently underway.

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

Recommendation of City Manager: Receive public comment and continue the 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.

The Mayor announced now was the time for the continued public hearing.

Councilmember Tyler, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Committee had discussed reports on municipal buildings and facilities, Pasadena Center improvements, technology projects, water system, and electric system at the special joint meeting of the City Council and Finance Committee held on April 28, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to continue the public hearing to May 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Vice Mayor Haderlein)

PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING NON-EXCLUSIVE SOLID WASTE FRANCHISES

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Hold a public hearing to consider granting non-exclusive solid waste franchises;
- (2) After closure of the public hearing, grant a franchise to all applicants from the date of execution through June 30, 2009, consistent with the solid waste collection franchise ordinance; and
- (3) Direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinances for the approved applications and authorize the City Manager to enter into the franchise agreements on or after the effective date of the ordinance approving such franchises.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The Senior Assistant City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing had been published on March 27, 2008 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, reviewed the agenda report, confirmed that franchisees would be required to comply with provisions regarding clean/alternative fuel vehicles using the best available technology, and responded to questions.

Arlington Rodgers, Jr., Administrator for Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management, clarified the City's enforcement provisions, inspections of the contractor's trucks, and required annual proof of certification of the trucks by the Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

Discussion followed on requirements involving clean/alternative fuel vehicles, meeting the City's diversion rate requirements, and programs involving the elimination of plastic bags.

Councilmember Tyler stressed the importance of assuring that franchisees are complying with the clean/alternative fuel vehicle requirements.

The City Attorney indicated that the revisions to the solid waste franchise ordinances would be presented to Council in August 2008.

The City Manager affirmed that staff would take the necessary steps to assure compliance by the franchisees with the clean/alternative fuel vehicle requirements.

No one appeared for public comment.

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE KENNEL CLUB OF PASADENA TO CONDUCT THE ANNUAL KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Acknowledge that the proposed Kennel Club License Agreement and lifting of the Noise Ordinance are categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15323, Normal Operations for Public Gatherings;
- (2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance and Notice of Exemption to suspend the Noise Ordinance by permitting amplified sound to begin at 8:30 a.m. on a Sunday and hold first reading of the same on Monday, May 5, 2008 with respect to the Kennel Club of Pasadena Dog Show to be held at Brookside Park May 30, 2008 to June 1, 2008;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a license agreement according to the business points set forth in the body of the agenda report with the Kennel Club of Pasadena for the term of two years with an option for a third year; and
- (4) Direct the City Clerk to file the Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. (Contract No. 19,583)

The City Manager introduced the agenda item.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, responded to questions regarding the agreement.

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

APPOINTMENT OF BRIDGID FENNEL TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (Historic Highlands Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF RALPH McKNIGHT TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION (District 1 Nomination)

REQUEST TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER BONNIE KHANG (WHO HAS MOVED OUT OF PASADENA) TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE DESIGN COMMISSION PURSUANT TO PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.45.020 UNTIL A REPLACEMENT IS APPOINTED (At Large/District 7)

REQUEST TO ALLOW COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS H. LAMBAJIAN (WHO HAS MOVED OUT OF PASADENA) TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION PURSUANT TO PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.45.020 UNTIL A REPLACEMENT IS APPOINTED (Mayor Nomination)

The City Attorney explained the Pasadena Municipal Code provisions that allow continued service, and confirmed that Commissioner Khang and Commissioner Lambajian could serve until their current terms expire in 2010.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the above appointments and requests to allow commissioners to continue to serve in their current capacities until replacements are appointed. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Vice Mayor Haderlein)

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 8:36 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 8:37 p.m. (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Vice Mayor Haderlein)

ORDINANCE – ADOPTED

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 9.62 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE PHYSICAL CART CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS AND OTHER REMEDIES TO ADDRESS PUBLIC NUISANCE SHOPPING CARTS” (Introduced by Councilmember Gordo) (Ordinance No. 7140)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Madison, McAustin, Robinson, Tyler, Mayor Bogaard
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Vice Mayor Haderlein

INFORMATION ITEMS

PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW FOR A NEW OFFICE BUILDING AT 590-612 SOUTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE AND 12-26 EAST CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD
Recommendation of City Manager: This report is being provided for information only.

Erin Clark, Assistant Planner, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

Rachel Felton, Council Rock Partners (applicant), spoke in support of the project, and noted that community input will be sought as the conceptual design is developed.

William Cutler, Council Rock Partners (applicant), responded to questions regarding the conceptual project design.

Discussion followed on the design of the gateway to the project at the corner of South Fair Oaks Avenue and East California Boulevard, and inclusion of the design element of a protected courtyard or open plaza at the corner of the project.

Councilmember Tyler stressed the importance of a careful traffic study/analysis as it pertains to traffic congestion and ongoing development in this area.

By consensus and on order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006 (AB 32)

Recommendation of City Manager: This report is being provided for information only.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the City's implementation of AB 32 – Global Warming Solutions: background on AB 32; initial recommendations from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on achieving a reduction of state greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; the City's energy resources; regional differences in energy resources and in financial impacts involving compliance; and concerns regarding a double burden that may be placed on City ratepayers and the potential wealth transfer from the City that may occur. She discussed the City's support of the concept of free allowance for utilities based on historic emissions, the City's support of AB 32's goal to reduce GHG emissions and a fair and equitable mechanism that recognizes the regional differences in resource availability, the City's opposition to mechanisms that transfer money away from the City with no reduction in GHG emissions in the City, and the City's relationship with the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA - a joint powers authority). Ms. Currie responded to questions regarding the City's plan and timeframe for GHG reductions.

Councilmember Madison stressed the need for vigorous legislative advocacy at the state and federal levels as legislation and policy initiatives are proposed, and expressed support for beginning to immediately reduce the City's dependency on coal.

Discussion followed on required reductions in the City's coal-fired generation, options for a sliding scale for GHG reductions, impacts of the City's contract for the Intermountain Power

Project, problems related to the costs to consumers during the reduction process/program, choices in pursuing alternative energy sources and energy-conserving measures, the need for public outreach on energy issues, the difference in mindset between investor-owned utilities vs. municipal-owned utilities, the role of legislative advocacy in addressing GHG reduction issues, and concerns about reconciling state vs. federal regulatory policies/schemes.

The City Manager commended the work being performed by Phyllis Currie and her staff at the regional and national levels regarding energy issues.

By consensus and on order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

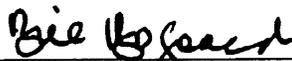
**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
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COMMITTEES**

REPORTS FROM
REPRESENTATIVES

Councilmember McAustin, representative on San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), reported on the COG's support of the extension of the Gold Line and funding for the extension project, a proposal for a larger set-aside for funding affordable housing in the San Gabriel Valley, COG's establishment of a Housing Committee, and involvement in the 210 Freeway traffic mitigation plans; and announced a San Gabriel Valley Gang Summit meeting to be held in Covina at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Janet K. Rodriguez
City Clerk