

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
December 15, 2008 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

Teleconference Location:
Residence
580 West Howard Street
Pasadena, California

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the special meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmember Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting recessed at 5:13 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Councilmember Madison arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Property Locations: 19-25 East Orange Grove Boulevard; 710-722, 730, 738, 750, 756, 768, 770, 782, 784, 788 and 790 North Fair Oaks Avenue
Negotiating Parties: Michael J. Beck, Stephanie DeWolfe, and James Wong; Retirement Housing Foundation, Richard T. Washington
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Councilmember Robinson was excused at 6:44 p.m.

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

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting reconvened at 6:46 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
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson (Returned via teleconference beginning at 7:03 p.m.)
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler

Staff:

City Manager Michael J. Beck
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Karyn Ezell, Director of Human Resources Department, recognized the following City employees for 35 years of service: Angie Gomez, Keith Jones, Rick Law, Victor Montiglio, and Willie Sanders (not present). The Mayor presented commendations to the employees who were in attendance.

Councilmember Gordo thanked the employees for their commitment to various after-hours activities in the community.

The City Manager introduced Andrew Green as the newly-hired Director of Finance Department and Bill Huang as the newly-hired Director of Housing Department.

The City Manager announced that Steve Mermell (currently the Acting Director of Finance Department) was being promoted to Assistant City Manager at the beginning of 2009. He thanked Stephanie DeWolfe for the exceptional service she had performed as the current Acting Assistant City Manager, and noted that Ms. DeWolfe would be returning to the Planning and Development Department as the Assistant Planning Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following persons commented on the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the "Charter 08" document developed and written in support of human and civil rights in China:

Councilmember Robinson returned and participated via teleconference at 7:03 p.m.

- Ann Lau, Visual Artists Guild representative, submitted a copy of the "Charter 08" document.
- Ting Wang, China Democracy Party member
- Andy Cao Jinlong, China Democracy Party member
- Roger He, China Democracy Party member
- Jimmy Chuan Wen, China Democracy Party member
- Jiang Lin, San Gabriel resident
- Piao Long Hua, Monterey Park resident
- Hong Xiao, Honolulu, Hawaii resident

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTRACT AWARD TO GOLDEN STATE CONSTRUCTORS, INC., FOR HAMILTON PARK FIELD DRAINAGE RENOVATION – PHASE II FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$260,000

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Acknowledge the project was granted a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301, as the scope of the project is limited to the repair and maintenance of an existing public facility. The Notice of Exemption was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk April 23, 2003; and
- (2) Accept the bid, dated December 10, 2008, submitted by Golden State Constructors, Inc., in response to the specifications for Hamilton Park Field Drainage Renovation – Phase II, reject all other bids received and authorize the City

Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$260,000.
(Contract No. 19,817)

REVISION OF DESIGNATED CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES REQUIRED TO FILE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

Recommendation of City Attorney: Adopt a resolution updating those who will be required to file conflict of interest statements as pertaining to positions within various City departments. (Resolution No. 8915)

MINUTES APPROVED

November 24, 2008
December 1, 2008

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 10,753	Paul Bivens	\$ 308.42
Claim No. 10,754	Jigsaw London	Not stated
Claim No. 10,755	Richard Delgado	189.00
Claim No. 10,756	Richard J. Frick	425.00
Claim No. 10,757	Alfredo C. Garcia	Not stated
Claim No. 10,758	Arthur F. Drye	250.00

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PASADENA CONFERENCE CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Recommendation of Pasadena Center Operating Company:
This report is for informational purposes only.

Michael Ross, Pasadena Center Operating Company Chief Executive Officer, highlighted the expansion project schedule and budget, and responded to questions regarding the public art component.

James Canfield, Pasadena Conference Center Executive Director, provided an overview of progress on the project's construction activities.

Ron Matthews, The Alta/Pasa Community Improvement Center representative, provided an update on local hiring, business participation, purchasing, and workforce development goals for the project.

On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

ICE RINK FUNDING PLAN

Recommendation of City Manager: This report is for information only, and provides the funding plan for completing the Ice Rink project.

Councilmember Madison introduced the agenda item and expressed support for the proposed project.

The City Manager commented on the ability to redesign the facility and the continuing development of the pro forma, and responded to questions regarding options for financing the project.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed project, and responded to questions.

Steve Mermell, Acting Director of Finance Department, reviewed the financing component of the project and responded to questions.

Discussion followed on the proposed redesigned project, costs of the project, access to the site, and financing scenarios for the project.

Councilmember Tyler asked staff to provide a more refined set of pro formas (e.g., construction costs, deal points for the management agreement, financing costs, structuring the level of the funding gap, how this project fits into the City's unfunded priorities, and the impacts of the project on the General Fund), when Council considers approval of the project. He suggested staff provide an updated analysis of the City's debt capacity, as this project is considered.

Councilmember McAustin asked staff to provide alternative financing scenarios when the project is presented to Council for approval.

Vice Mayor Haderlein stressed the benefits of this project in providing recreation for the community.

The Mayor commented on the community's and Pasadena Center Operating Company's strong support for the ice rink; and on the question of Council's level of final and irrevocable commitment to the project, regardless of the uncertain economic issues ahead.

The following persons spoke in support of funding the Ice Rink project:

Archie Chin Wong, Pasadena Maple Leafs (youth hockey club) representative
Lilly Lieu, Pasadena Hockey Association/Pasadena Maple Leafs Board President
Jeffrey Chin Wong, Pasadena Maple Leafs player

Councilmember Holden asked staff to provide information for an option that would provide a one rink option vs. the current two rink project, with a financial comparison of the two projects.

On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

AUTHORIZATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE ALBERT GROUP ARCHITECTS INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM \$1,267,600 TO \$1,358,875 FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF INTERIOR SUPPORT SPACES OF PASADENA ICE SKATING FACILITY

Recommendation of City Manager: Authorize an increase in the amount of \$91,275 to Contract No. 18,912 with the Albert Group Architects, increasing the not to exceed amount \$1,267,600 to \$1,358,875 for the redesign of interior support spaces of the Pasadena Ice Skating Rink. (Contract Amendment No. 18,912-2)

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, responded to questions regarding the scope of work to be performed by the contractor.

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to approve the City Manager's recommendation:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

INFORMATION ITEM

OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

Recommendation of City Manager: The following report is for information only; no City Council action is required.

The City Manager reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation; distributed a handout of the presentation titled, "FY 2008-2009 Mid-Year Budget Update" and a handout titled, "Unfunded Priorities, Key Projects and Initiatives – Revised December 15, 2008"; and responded to questions.

Steve Mermell, Acting Director of Finance Department, commented on the City's debt profile and credit rating, and responded to questions.

Discussion followed on holding vacant positions and filling critical public safety positions, debt service obligations, various options to reduce personnel costs, the City's debt profile, possible impacts of the State's financial/budgetary crisis, and strategies to increase/stimulate revenues.

Councilmember McAustin highlighted the need to consider and evaluate reductions in personnel costs in addressing budget issues, and the need to be mindful of costs that are or will be passed on to residents.

Councilmember Holden asked staff to include information on long-term strategies to increase revenues through the City's enterprises in the next budget update report, and suggested that staff hold workshops in the community to discuss the level of City services that is expected by residents and the level of commitment and willingness the residents have to pay for these services. He also asked staff to provide information on opportunities for new revenues/employment (a model for a new business) related to promoting/implementing a green economy.

Councilmember Tyler asked staff to explore areas where fees and charges are not being collected as set out by the Municipal Code; and commented on the need for a position control system in controlling labor costs and the need to address overhead-related positions before direct-service-related positions when reducing personnel costs.

The Mayor discussed the need to consider the impacts of various Federal and State mandated initiatives (e.g., environmental/climate regulations) and the State budgetary crisis/deficit; and asked staff to provide an analysis of the ongoing increases in personnel costs and the City's liability risk for pensions at the State level.

On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF A JOURNAL VOUCHER TRANSFERRING \$947,693 FROM THE 1999 PENSION OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND NON-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TO COVER THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT NO. 16,900 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Recommendation of City Manager: Approve a journal voucher transferring \$947,693 from the 1999 Pension

Obligation Debt Service Fund to the General Fund Non-Departmental budget and appropriating said amount to Account 8043-101-952100 to cover the required supplemental contribution to the Fire and Police Retirement System pursuant to Contribution Agreement No. 16,900 between the City of Pasadena and the Fire and Police Retirement System. (Journal Voucher No. 2009-17)

Steve Mermell, Acting Director of Finance Department, reviewed the agenda report.

Councilmember Tyler, Fire and Police Retirement System Board member, reported that the Board had reviewed an actuary's report on issues related to future funding of the System.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the City Manager's recommendation:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MORILLO CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,581,200, FOR THE WATER AND POWER YARDS OFFICE BUILDING/WAREHOUSE RENOVATION AND NEW OPERATIONS FACILITY/EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Find that the activity described in the contract with Morillo Construction, Inc., for general construction for the Water and Power Yards Office Building/Warehouse Renovations and New Facility/Emergency Operations Center is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects);
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Morillo Construction, Inc., for general construction in an amount not to exceed \$18,581,200 for the Water and Power Yards Office Building/Warehouse Renovation and New Operations Facility/Emergency Operations Center; and
- (3) Appropriate \$14,939,760 from the unappropriated Power Fund balance to the Water and Power Warehouse Modernization Capitalization Improvement Program Project 3175 and \$3,734,940 from the unappropriated Water Fund balance to the Water and Power Warehouse Modernization Capital Improvement Program Project 1056. Funding for the project will be provided during fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011 according to the project schedule and construction progress. (Contract No. 19,818; Journal Voucher No. 2009-18)

Councilmember Gordo was excused at 9:59 p.m.

Martin Pastucha introduced the agenda item, and responded to questions regarding the proposed project. In response to questions from Councilmember Tyler and the Mayor, Mr. Pastucha reported on an option for the Water and Power Department's possible temporary use of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Annex area during the construction process, commented on the status of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee's review of this temporary use of the Annex, confirmed that a new road in the Park would not be a part of the renovation related to the Water and Power Department's use of the Annex area, and noted that staff was currently analyzing the parking and traffic needs for the Annex area. He indicated that a report to Council would be made in January/February 2009 regarding the option for the Water and Power Department's temporary use of the Annex area, with a report to Council on the improvements plan for the Annex area to follow in spring 2009.

Segun Abegunrin, Capital Project Administrator, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation on the project, and responded to questions.

Discussion followed on the location and use of the new building, justification for the project, and issues related to the need for temporary space for the Water and Power Department during the construction process.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to approve the City Manager's recommendation:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Gordo

ROSE BOWL ADMISSIONS TAX, GRANDSTAND SEAT SURCHARGE AND GRANDSTAND PERMIT APPLICATION ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS

Recommendation of City Manager: Approve scheduled rate increases for Grandstand permit application, Rose Bowl Admission Tax, and New Year's Day Related Business Grandstand Seat Surcharge as set forth in the body of the agenda report, effective February 1, 2009.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to approve the City Manager's recommendation:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Gordo

INFORMATION ITEM

COMPARISON OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED TO MAINTAIN A THREE ACRE MULTI-USE SYNTHETIC TURF ATHLETIC FIELD VERSUS A THREE ACRE MULTI-USE NATURAL TURF ATHLETIC FIELD, IN A CITY PARK

Recommendation of City Manager: This report is presented for information purposes only.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, introduced the agenda item and responded to questions.

Kathy Woods, Parks Administrator, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Haderlein suggested consideration be given to budgeting for replacement of the artificial turf, if it is installed.

Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services and Recreation Department, responded to questions regarding the community's needs for athletic/playing fields.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to receive and file the report:

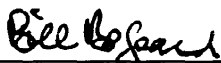
AYES: Councilmembers Holden, Madison, McAustin, Robinson, Tyler, Vice Mayor Haderlein, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Gordo

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:42 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk