

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
August 16, 2010 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. (Absent: Councilmembers Robinson, Tornek, Vice Mayor Gordo)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:53 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Arthur Chavez and Michael J. Beck
Employee Organization: Pasadena Fire Fighters Association, Local 809

Vice Mayor Gordo arrived at 6:03 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Arthur Chavez and Michael J. Beck
Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 858

The above two closed session items were discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8
Property Location: Rose Bowl Stadium and surrounding parking areas
Agency Negotiators: Darryl Dunn and Michael J. Beck
Negotiating Parties: Tournament of Roses and University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The above closed session item was deferred to a future meeting at the request of the City Manager.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:43 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McAustin.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Victor Gordo
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson (Absent)
Councilmember Terry Tornek (Absent)

Staff:

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

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

Mark Olson, Southern California Edison (SCE) representative, introduced himself as the new SCE representative for Pasadena; and announced that SCE is beginning to publicize the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, which will impact the Pasadena area.

David Horton, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding a proposed project at 920 East Colorado Boulevard, and asked for the City's assistance in addressing problems involving the eviction of his business from the existing business complex at this location as the project is developed.

The City Manager indicated that staff will provide Mr. Horton with a letter responding to his questions about the project's financial arrangements involving the City and issues involving the status and provisions being made for the current tenants/businesses at the project location.

Vice Mayor Gordo suggested staff meet with Mr. Horton to explain the various steps in the planning approval process and discretionary actions that may be taken by the Planning Commission and/or Council as the project moves forward. He also suggested that this meeting include Councilmember Tornek or his field representative.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**CONTRACT AWARD TO STEINY AND COMPANY, FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ORANGE
GROVE BOULEVARD AT MADISON AVENUE AND ON
UNION STREET AT OAKLAND AVENUE FOR AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000**

Recommendation:

(1) Find the projects proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in accordance with Section 15301 (Class 1), Subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion or no use beyond that previously existing), pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency; and

(2) Accept the bid dated August 4, 2010, submitted by Steiny and Company, in response to Specifications for the Installation of Traffic Signals on Orange Grove Boulevard at Madison Avenue and on Union Street at Oakland Avenue, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$320,000. (Contract No. 20,445)

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and

(2) Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the development and implementation of a Climate Action Plan. (Resolution No. 9053)

AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Los Angeles County, for Dial-A-Ride services for the period covering July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 (\$300,000 annually). (Agreement No. 20,446)

Item discussed separately at the request of Councilmember McAustin.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND COMPENSATION CONTROL RATES FOR VARIOUS NEW CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE UNREPRESENTED EXECUTIVE, TOP AND MIDDLE MANAGEMENT GROUPS FOR POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Item discussed separately at the request of Councilmember McAustin.

JOINT ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CONSENTING TO A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL AND PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON THE NORTHWEST REDEVELOPMENT MERGER AND VILLA-PARKE PLAN AMENDMENT, TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES APPROVED

August 2, 2010

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.11,174	Marie Stein	\$ 261.18
Claim No.11,175	Bertha N. Moreno	Not Stated
Claim No.11,176	William F. Lewis	83.60

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Vice Mayor Gordo, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exceptions of Item No. 4 (Resolution Amending the Salary Resolution) and Item No. 5 (Resolutions Consenting to a Joint Public Hearing), which were discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Robinson, Tornek)

CONSENT ITEMS DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CLASSIFICATION TITLES AND COMPENSATION CONTROL RATES FOR VARIOUS NEW CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE UNREPRESENTED EXECUTIVE, TOP AND MIDDLE MANAGEMENT GROUPS FOR POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the salary resolution to establish classification titles and compensation control rates for various new classifications in the Unrepresented Executive, Top and Middle Management groups for positions in the Department of Information Technology. (Resolution No. 9054)

Councilmember McAustin inquired about the status of a report previously requested by Council that would re-examine the market basket of cities being used to compare salaries and the City's policy of establishing a salary control rate at the 75th percentile for market competitiveness.

The City Manager indicated that staff is working with the City's consultant on a draft report that will also contain information on a full compensation package vs. salary only approach and will be presented to Council in closed session (because of meet and confer aspects) as soon as possible.

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Robinson, Tornek)

JOINT ACTION: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS CONSENTING TO A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL AND PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON THE NORTHWEST REDEVELOPMENT MERGER AND VILLA-PARKE PLAN AMENDMENT, TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Community Development Commission and City Council adopt a resolution consenting to a joint public hearing on October 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., for the proposed Merger of the Northwest Redevelopment Project Areas and proposed Amendment No. 4 to the Villa-Parke Redevelopment Plan. (Resolution Nos. 9055 and CDR-268)

Recommendation of Community Development Committee: On August 12, 2010, the Community Development Committee recommended that the Community Development Commission approve a resolution consenting to a joint public hearing.

Councilmember McAustin noted that the Community Development Commission had previously requested that staff provide a report that gives a better understanding of the proposed governance structure for the merged area, to ensure that monies that had been generated in one redevelopment area are spent to address blight conditions in that same area to the extent that projects continue to exist in that area. She asked that this report be presented to the Council/Commission prior to the October public hearing.

Vice Mayor Gordo asked that the two issues be treated separately: 1) the proposed overall governance structure; and 2) a system for prioritizing projects so that monies that have been, or will be, raised for a blighted area are spent on that redevelopment area. He suggested the report be reviewed by the Economic Development and Technology Committee prior to being presented to the Council/Commission.

The City Manager agreed that this could be accomplished in the sequential process discussed above, and would also include review by the Northwest Commission and appropriate project area committees.

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Vice Mayor Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Robinson, Tornek)

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$485,000 TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL FOR THE NORTHWEST
PASADENA COMMUNITY PLANNING PROJECT UNDER
THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANTS
AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in an amount of \$485,000 to the State of California Strategic Growth Council, to fund the development of a comprehensive community plan for strategic improvements within the northwest area of Pasadena. (Resolution No. 9056)

Recommendation of Fair Oaks Project Area Committee:
The Fair Oaks Project Area Committee unanimously approved the staff recommendation at its regular meeting of July 27, 2010.

Recommendation of Community Development Committee and the Northwest Commission: The Community Development Committee and the Northwest Commission will consider the staff recommendation at their respective regular meetings scheduled for August 12, 2010.

Vice Mayor Gordo, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, introduced the agenda item.

Bill Huang, Director of Housing Department, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Robinson, Tornek)

Vice Mayor Gordo commended staff for pursuing this funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER STREET TREE PLAN

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the proposed amendments to the Master Street Tree Plan are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule;

(2) Approve an amendment to the Master Street Tree Plan (MSTP) at the following locations:

(a) Amend Corson and Maple Streets on the freeway sides to allow for *Quercus spp*, Oak species in lieu of the *Magnolia grandiflora*, Magnolia tree;

(b) Add the *Cercis occidentalis*, Western Redbud to the MSTP on the south side of Woodbury Road, between Casita and Canada Avenues;

(c) Allow for the planting of the *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Blue Jacaranda in the parking pop-outs only, along Catalina Avenue between California Boulevard and Cornell Road;

(d) Allow for the planting of the *Cinnamomum camphora*, Camphor tree in lieu of the *Magnolia grandiflora*, Magnolia tree on Winona Avenue from Blake Street south to the dead end; and

(e) Allow for the planting of the *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache on South Greenwood Avenue between Colorado and Del Mar Boulevards and the *Quercus spp*, Oak Species between Del Mar and the south City border in lieu of the *Magnolia grandiflora*, Magnolia tree.

Recommendation of Urban Forestry Advisory Committee:

On February 1, 2010, the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee

(UFAC) unanimously voted to support Recommendation No. 4, amending the MSTP for Winona Avenue from Blake Street south to the dead end.

On April 5, 2010, UFAC voted to support the above recommendations as follows:

- Recommendation No. 1 – UFAC voted three to one; and
- Recommendations No. 2 and No. 3 – UFAC unanimously supported the recommendations.

On July 19, 2010, UFAC unanimously voted to support Recommendation No. 5 amending the MSTP for South Greenwood Avenue between Colorado and Del Mar Boulevards and the south City border.

Recommendation of Design Commission: On April 26, 2010 and July 26, 2010, the Design Commission unanimously supported all of the staff recommendations.

Vice Mayor Gordo recused himself at 7:17 p.m., due to a conflict of interest.

Darya Barar, Program Coordinator, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember McAustin stated her objection regarding the choice of the Oak species to be planted on the freeway sides of Corson and Maple Streets. She asked that staff and the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee (UFAC) further explore a species of tree that is more evergreen and broad leafed, and provides a better canopy, as well as fulfills the criteria of being a native species that is drought tolerant and fast-growing.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, discussed conditions that will impact the type of trees that can be planted at the Corson/Maple location, and the criteria used for staff's choice of alternative species to be considered by UFAC and residents when selecting trees for planting in an area .

Councilmember Madison emphasized the need for the City to heed the condition of street trees as this relates to the number of claims filed against the City because of damage caused by falling tree branches.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation, with the exception of Recommendation No. 2(a), which will be referred to the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee to evaluate alternative trees to the Oak species that will also conform to the criteria set for the Corson/Maple area. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Robinson, Tornek, Vice Mayor Gordo)

Vice Mayor Gordo returned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVE A PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS TO DONATE CREDIT FOR BLOCK 4 AND 5 WATER REBATES TO PASADENA LEARNS

Recommendation: Approve a program to provide an option for Water and Power Department (PWP) customers who are eligible to receive a credit for Block 4 and 5 water rebates to donate all, or a portion, of the credit to Pasadena Learns.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power Department, introduced the agenda item, clarified that the Department will process all customer mailings on the proposed program to ensure that customer information is retained by the City, and responded to questions.

Shari Thomas, Assistant General Manager, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Robinson, Tornek)

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: REPORT ON WATER QUALITY PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the following proposed actions related to the reporting of the City of Pasadena's 2010 Water Quality Report are exempt from review, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) Following a public hearing, accept and respond to public comments on the City of Pasadena's Water Quality Report Relative to Public Health Goals (PHGs); and
- (3) Accept the City of Pasadena's Water Quality Report Relative to Public Health Goals.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on August 2, 2010 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

Councilmember McAustin was excused at 7:56 p.m.

Shan Kwan, Assistant General Manager/Water Services, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

No one appeared for public comment.

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers McAustin, Robinson, Tornek)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES E. CARROLL TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY (Mayor/District 6 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF ANDY WILSON TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION (Planning Commission Nominee)

APPOINTMENT OF GENE GREGG TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY (Tournament of Roses Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF DENNIS MURPHY TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY (District 2 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF LARK CRABLE TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION (District 1 Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Gordo, to approve the above appointments and reappointment. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers McAustin, Robinson, Tornek)

INFORMATION ITEM

Councilmember McAustin returned at 8:01 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON STATUS OF IMPLEMENTING THE 2009 POWER INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

Recommendation: This report provides information that will be used to support the City Council workshop on the status of implementing the 2009 Power Integrated Resource Plan.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power Department, introduced the agenda item, discussed the balancing of various regulatory issues with the City's future energy goals, and responded to questions.

Gurcharan Bawa, Assistant General Manager/Power Supply, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember McAustin, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, discussed factors involved with the City's efforts in meeting aggressive renewable goals and rate pressures in moving forward on the Power Integrated Resource Plan (PIRP).

In response to Councilmember Haderlein's remarks about making the power portfolio information easily accessible to the public, Mr. Bawa noted that the energy portfolio content was

available on the Department's web site, and the City Clerk reported that PowerPoint presentations made during the Council meeting are now also being posted with the agenda item on the City Clerk's Council agenda web page following the Council meeting.

David Czamanske, Sierra Club-Pasadena group representative, suggested the Environmental Advisory Commission become more involved in the discussions of energy issues/policies; and emphasized a need for the City to focus on energy efficiency, conservation, and peak load reductions.

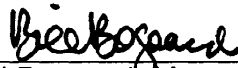
On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
MATTERS NOT ON THE
AGENDA** (Continued)

Marissa Castro-Salvati, Southern California Edison (SCE) Public Affairs Region Manager, provided a brief update on the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, and submitted informational newsletters on the project.

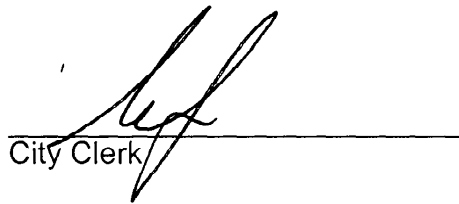
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk