

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
September 20, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Gordo.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilmember Madison provided a brief history of the First Tee of Pasadena program.

The Mayor presented a proclamation declaring September as First Tee of Pasadena Month. The proclamation was received by Ron Okum, First Tee Board President, who announced First Tee's annual fundraising golf tournament event to be held on October 5, 2010 at Brookside Golf Course. Mark Fritz, Program Coordinator, discussed the diversity that has been attained by the program.

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

Art Now, United States Postal Service (USPS) Officer In Charge-Pasadena Post Office, and Alicia Delgadillo, USPS Sierra Coastal District Manager of Consumer Affairs, notified the City (under federal regulations) that the Postal Service had determined that the East Pasadena postal facility will be permanently located at 3016 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena; and submitted a letter from the USPS Sierra Coastal District dated September 20, 2010 discussing this matter.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRESENTATION BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANTHONY PORTANTINO ON THE STATE OF THE STATE

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino provided an update on State legislative activities and the status of various bills that he had sponsored or is sponsoring, discussed ongoing difficulties

in passing the State's annual fiscal budget, announced various district events that have been held, and distributed informational materials on the upcoming HIV/AIDS Action Summit and a Health Resource Fair. He responded to questions regarding proposed umbilical cord blood banking legislation, statewide pension reform efforts, and budget negotiations.

Vice Mayor Gordo expressed support for the proposed legislation to provide funding for cord blood banking and for the City sending a letter in support of the assembly bill to the Governor. He asked Assemblymember Portantino to keep the City informed about developments to address pension reform issues as this pertains to CalPERS.

The Mayor indicated that the City will expedite the process for formalizing the City's position on the cord blood banking legislation and providing information, as appropriate, to the Governor. He also stated the City's concerns regarding any new legislation that would constrain the powers of Charter cities and reduce the control that a Charter city attempts to protect under the doctrine of Home Rule (in light of the City of Bell situation).

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Madison was excused at 7:03 p.m.

CONTRACT AWARD TO STEINY AND COMPANY, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON ALLEN AVENUE AND OTHER STREETS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$81,000

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 25, 2010, submitted by Steiny and Company, Inc., in response to the Specifications for Installation of Street Lighting on Allen Avenue and Other Streets, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract, as is required, for an amount not to exceed \$81,000. (Contract No. 20,482)

AUTHORIZATION OF SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15262, feasibility and planning studies;

(2) Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program 2010-2011, as provided by Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, in the amount of \$350,000 for Urban Forestry Revitalization Project;

(3) Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$200,000 for the Eaton Wash Phase I Trail Improvement Project;

(4) Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program in the amount of \$100,000 for the Lower Arroyo Trailhead project at the Parker Mayberry Bridge; and

(5) Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program in the amount of \$25,000 for the Brenner Park Facility Improvements Project. (Resolution Nos. 9058, 9059, 9060, and 9061)

Recommendation of Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee: At the special meeting of February 23, 2010, the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the City of Pasadena’s Competitive Grant Opportunities Plan.

Recommendation of Recreation and Parks Commission: At the special meeting on March 9, 2010 and regular meeting on September 7, 2010, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted unanimously to support the City of Pasadena’s Competitive Grant Opportunities Plan.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY FOR A MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER SYSTEM AND RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM

Recommendation:

(1) Authorize payment to the Pasadena Humane Society for animal control shelter system and rabies control services rendered from July 1, 2010 to present, totaling \$233,926.96;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to contract without competitive bidding, pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA for operation of a municipal animal control program, animal shelter system, and rabies control program, on a month to month basis for a period of up to 12 months, at an amount not to exceed \$88,985.83 per month; and

(3) Grant this contract an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City’s best interests are served. (Contract No. 20,483)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,194	Eva Margueriette Bonham	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 11,195	Dean Schonfeld and Bonnie Cesak Schonfeld	25,000.00+

Claim No. 11,196 Jose Gonzalez Villalvazo Not Stated
Claim No. 11,197 Evelyn Leung 4,066.66

PUBLIC HEARING SET

October 4, 2010, 7:30 P.M. – Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) and California Government Code Section 6586.5 Hearing to Consider Approval of Rose Bowl Stadium Improvements and Authorization of Lease Revenue Bonds by the Pasadena Public Financing Authority to Finance and Refinance Such Improvements Located at 1001 Rose Bowl Drive

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Haderlein, Madison)

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

REPORTS FROM
REPRESENTATIVES

ORAL REPORT ON Foothill Transit's Ecoliner Bus
(Councilmember McAustin)

Councilmember McAustin, City's representative to the Foothill Transit Joint Powers Authority, provided information on Foothill Transit's new ecoliner zero emissions electric bus as part of a video presentation.

On order of the Mayor, the information was received.

Councilmember McAustin congratulated the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center on an event celebrating its 20th anniversary, and discussed the use of the Center and its public benefit program.

Councilmember McAustin announced that the Public Safety Committee had decided to add a second meeting to its monthly meeting schedule beginning January 2011 (meeting the first and third Monday of each month).

**ORAL REPORT ON ROSE BOWL RENOVATION PROJECT
SCHEDULE** (Vice Mayor Gordo)

Vice Mayor Gordo, Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) Board President, provided an update on the schedule for discussing and giving final approval to the Rose Bowl Renovation physical plan (base project), financing plan, and related actions:

- September 27 – documents available online for public viewing
- September 30 – RBOC approves financing plan (physical plan previously approved)
- October 4 – City Council reviews and approves the \$152 million base project, financing plan, and related documents (with continued review on October 11, if necessary)

- October 19 – Phase I construction work bids due
- November 4 – RBOC approves project construction contracts
- November 23 – bond closing occurs
- January 11, 2011 – Phase 1 mobilization and construction begins

He thanked the City and RBOC staffs for all of the work on this process, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Tornek stressed the need to present the financial information and deal points in a way that is comprehensible to the public, with an early opportunity for the public to receive the information and ask questions that can be answered by staff.

Darryl Dunn, General Manager of the Rose Bowl, responded to questions regarding necessary changes to the RBOC operating agreement related to the proposed renovation project.

Councilmember Holden confirmed that the Finance Committee will review the project prior to its presentation to the City Council on October 4th.

On order of the Mayor, the information was received.

PUBLIC HEARING

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (2009-2010 PROGRAM YEAR) FOR PROJECTS FUNDED FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT, AND HUMAN SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND PROGRAMS

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council/Community Development Commission, following the public hearing, approve the submission, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2009-2010 Program Year for projects funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), the HOME Investment Partnership Act, and the Human Services Endowment Fund (HSEF) programs.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Madison returned at 7:48 p.m.

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

Councilmember Robinson asked staff to provide an update (in the City Manager's weekly newsletter) on the status of the reorganization efforts of, and the services being provided by, the Pasadena Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

No one appeared for public comment.

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

UPDATE ON TRUANCY PROGRAM

Recommendation: This report is for information only.

The City Attorney introduced the agenda item, announced that the City and Pasadena Unified School District are soliciting donors to provide incentives to be given to middle and high school students for improved attendance, and responded to questions.

Connie Orozco, Chief Prosecutor, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SUBSECTION 13.14.110(C) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS”

Councilmember Holden was excused at 8:17 p.m.

The above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember Robinson:

AYES: Councilmembers Madison, McAustin, Robinson, Tornek, Vice Mayor Gordo, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Haderlein, Holden

INFORMATION ITEM

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON STREET CLASSIFICATION

Recommendation: This report is for information only.

Fred Dock, Director of Transportation Department, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Mark Yamarone, Transportation Administrator, provided an overview of the timeline/schedule for completing the Mobility Element.

Discussion followed on the relationship between street classification and policy decisions/changes to be considered in the development of a global traffic management plan in the future, and the process for altering/updating street classifications.

In response to Councilmember Madison's concerns regarding the pace of the General Plan update process, the City Manager noted that an update from the General Plan Update Advisory Committee (GPUAC) will be presented to Council within the next 30 days.

Councilmember Madison stressed Council's role in ultimately making the policy decisions and changes regarding the Mobility Element and General Plan once the public input is received.

Councilmember Tornek announced two workshops to be held on September 25 and 30, 2010, that will provide an opportunity for the public to provide feedback during the final phase of the General Plan Update process.

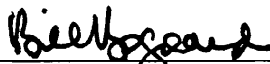
On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor noted that Mijares Restaurant was celebrating the 90th anniversary of its family-owned business in Pasadena.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:26 p.m., in memory of Betty Keatinge, a cultural and political activist who advocated for public libraries, the Pasadena Public Library Foundation, and numerous nonprofit organizations.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk