

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
October 18, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

Teleconference Location:
Intercontinental Hotel le Grand
Business Center
2, rue Scribe – 75009, Paris

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Vice Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Tornek)

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 6:08 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

Mayor Bogaard joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m. via the teleconference location.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Case Name: Pasadenans for a Livable City and Pasadena Heritage v. City of Pasadena and Pasadena City Council; Real Parties in Interest: Pasadena Office, LLC, IDS Real Estate Group; and Does 1 to 5

Case No.: Los Angeles Superior Court No. BS 124250

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

Mayor Bogaard was excused at 6:43 p.m.

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tina Renzullo, Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) teacher.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard (Rejoined via teleconference beginning at 7:30 p.m.)

Vice Mayor Victor Gordo

Councilmember Steve Haderlein

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

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Richard LoGuercio as member of the Pasadena Center Operating Company Board.

The Vice Mayor introduced Tina Renzullo, a PUSD kindergarten teacher at McKinley School, who has been named the Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year, is now being considered for the California State Teacher of the Year, and was also named as the PUSD Teacher of the Year and received the Pasadena Rotary Teacher of Excellence award.

Ms. Renzullo thanked her colleagues and the community for this recognition.

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

No one appeared for public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTRACTS WITH DESIGNATED ENGINEERING FIRMS TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TYPES OF UNIQUE POWER ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Recommendation:

(1) Find the contracts are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts without competitive bidding, pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with R.W. Beck, KPFF Consulting Engineers, and Pike Energy Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1 million or four years whichever occurs first, per firm; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts without competitive bidding, pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with VTA Consulting Engineers, Pellegrino Consulting Engineers, Inc., P2S Engineering, Inc., and Vanderweil Power Group, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 or four years whichever occurs first, per firm. (Contract Nos. 20,516, 20,517, 20,518, 20,519, 20,520, 20,521, and 20,522)

AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF CONTRACT NO. 19,945 WITH FEHR AND PEERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council increase Contract No. 19,945 by \$65,000, thereby increasing the not to exceed amount from \$149,000 to \$214,000. (Contract Amendment No. 19,945-1)

MINUTES APPROVED

October 4, 2010

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,215	Nichole Phillips	\$ 2,627.26
Claim No. 11,216	Lorraine Roche	Not Stated
Claim No. 11,217	Gustavo Diaz-Ordaz	500.00
Claim No. 11,218	Stephen Russell	25,000.00+
Claim No. 11,219	Lois R. Barth	412.91

Claim No. 11,220	Liliana Jakovljevic and Jasmina Koprivica	63.19
Claim No. 11,221	Amer Azad Sheriff	25,000.00+

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Mayor Bogaard)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

RESIGNATION OF LYNNE TUIE FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (District 2 Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to accept the above resignation with regrets. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Mayor Bogaard)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The City Manager provided a brief overview of the two community meetings on the City's budget issues that had recently been held and included opportunities to solicit questions and input from the attendees, and announced that the two final community meetings will be held by the end of October, and responded to questions.

In response to Councilmember McAustin's question, the City Manager indicated that a closed session with the City Council will be scheduled in early November 2010 to discuss the City's pension program.

Councilmember McAustin asked that a public workshop on pension issues also be scheduled, with staff to provide information on the City's current pension system, proposed changes for a system for future employees, programs implemented and being considered by other governmental entities, and programs implemented and being considered by private entities, to the extent that this does not conflict with legal restrictions on the public discussion as this relates to labor negotiation issues.

The Vice Mayor announced that Pasadena firefighters will be wearing pink t-shirts in conjunction with their participation in the Susan G. Komen campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

RECESS

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 7:04 p.m.

RECONVENED

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m. (Absent: None)

Mayor Bogaard rejoined the meeting at 7:30 p.m. via the teleconference location.

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilmember Tornek recused himself at 7:31 p.m., due to a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPEAL OF A DECISION BY THE DESIGN COMMISSION – CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW, 680 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD – IDS PLAYHOUSE PLAZA

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that this project was subject to an environmental review in the Environmental Impact Report, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the City Council on November 16, 2009, and that there are no changed circumstances or new information which would trigger further environmental review;
- (2) Find that the concept-level design is consistent with the Purposes of Design Review set forth in Section 17.61.030 of the Zoning Code, as well as the following design guidelines adopted by the Council: Citywide Design Principles in the Land Use Element of the General Plan and the Design Guidelines in the Central District Specific Plan;
- (3) Affirm the decision of the Design Commission to grant Concept Design approval with the conditions adopted by the Design Commission on August 30, 2010 (Attachment A of the agenda report);
- (4) Affirm the decision of the Design Commission to adopt the findings for a height-limit exception through height averaging (Section 17.30.050 Pasadena Municipal Code) to permit increased height in the portion of the building fronting on Colorado Boulevard and a corresponding decrease in height on the southern portion of the building (Attachment A of the agenda report); and
- (5) Direct that an advisory 50% review and final design review be conducted by the Design Commission.

The Vice Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 26 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on October 1, 2010; 99 copies of the notice were mailed on October 1, 2010; and 8 letters in support of the project and 5 letters in opposition to the project were received.

The Vice Mayor noted that this is a complex matter, highlighted a related issue scheduled for consideration by the Board of Zoning Appeals that is also part of the administrative review process, and asked if the applicant and appellant would agree to the continuation of the public hearing to allow the Council to have a comprehensive record and full recommendations from its advisory bodies in order to make an informed decision on the matter.

David Saeta, IDS Real Estate Group Senior Vice President (applicant), noted that his team was prepared to continue without delay but recognized the current circumstances and indicated his willingness to continuing the public hearing.

Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage Executive Director, and Nina Chomsky, Pasadenans For a Livable City representative (co-appellants), indicated that the appellants were agreeable to continuing the public hearing.

The City Attorney discussed the timing of the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing and the continued public hearing.

Councilmember McAustin clarified that a call for review to BOZA had been filed regarding a decision by the Planning Director, which could be heard and become part of the discussion, if the public hearing is continued.

The Vice Mayor noted that the following public speaker cards will be held for the continued public hearing: Paul Little, Neil Kleinman, Daniel Howell, John Flynn, Bette Cooper, Marsha Rood, Joan Hearst, Terry Tornek, Jenna Kachour, Sue Mossman, Nina Chomsky, and Scott Jenkins.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to continue the public hearing to November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.:


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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Tornek


ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk