

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
May 9, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

The Mayor called the regular meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmember Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed
at 5:43 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 399 East Union Street; 99, 111, 135 and
191 North Los Robles Avenue; 164 North Euclid Avenue
Agency Negotiators: Michael J. Beck, Steve Mermell
Negotiating Parties: Christopher Norton
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Councilmember Gordo was
excused at 6:05 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code
Section 54957.6
City Representatives: Mary Ellen Schubel, Arthur Chavez,
Michael J. Beck
Employee Organization: Service Employees International
Union (SEIU)

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened
at 6:41 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by newly-
elected Councilmember Gene Masuda.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 6:48 p.m.)
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jacque Robinson
Councilmember Terry Tornek

Staff:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez introduced Sergeant Tory Riley,
who will be serving as Sergeant-at-Arms as a part of the Police

Department's training program for sergeants. The Mayor thanked Sergeant Michael D. Bugh for his service as the Sergeant-at-Arms in the past months.

Councilmember Madison arrived at 6:48 p.m.

The City Manager introduced Mercy Santoro as the new Director of Human Services and Recreation Department.

CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD TWO NEW PROJECTS – RENOVATION AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION 32 AND REPLACEMENT OF FIRE STATION 39; AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL VOUCHERS RECOGNIZING AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 OF GENERAL FUND TO THE PROJECTS

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (replacement or reconstruction);
- (2) Amend the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program to add two new projects – Renovation and/or Replacement of Fire Station 32 (71806) and Replacement of Fire Station 39 (71807);
- (3) Approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$500,000 of General Fund to the Renovation and/or Replacement of Fire Station 32 (71806) project; and
- (4) Approve a journal voucher recognizing and appropriating \$500,000 of General Fund to the Renovation of Fire Station 39 (71807) project. (Journal Voucher No. 2011-21)

Recommendation of Planning Commission: On March 23, 2011, the Planning Commission found the two new projects listed above consistent with the General Plan.

Councilmember Madison expressed his and the District 6 residents' concerns regarding the closing of Station 39 and the immediate need for a fire station and paramedics to be in operation for the area served by Station 39.

Steve Wright, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The City Manager responded to questions regarding the interim and permanent alternative solutions for what is needed at the Station 39 site.

Councilmember Holden suggested consideration of using a working group process (consisting of representatives from the staff, City Council, and the neighborhood) to discuss/review the potential options as they are developed into a plan for moving forward with the two fire stations.

Fire Chief Dennis Downs discussed the needs assessment study that was performed, outlined the proposed mitigation measures, and responded to questions.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding the closure of Station 39 and/or the need for community involvement in the process for determining the interim and permanent solutions for providing adequate fire/paramedic services for this neighborhood:

Dr. Ron Paler, Pasadena resident
Dr. Kevin Narramore, Pasadena resident, submitted informational materials.
Stan Clarke, Pasadena resident
Dr. Ruben Sanchez, Pasadena resident
Mara Pelsman, Pasadena resident
Dr. Cecily Betz, Pasadena resident
Pete Ulyatt, Pasadena resident

Vice Mayor McAustin expressed support for developing a working group as discussed above, to include the Linda Vista/Annandale Neighborhood Association, West Pasadena Residents Association, and other community groups, and for developing a second citywide working group to look at a public facilities bond measure; and stressed the need for strong communication between the City and the neighborhood on this issue.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation, with the understanding that the focus will include an interim solution for providing fire/paramedic services for the Station 39 area. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

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

No one appeared for public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE TERM APRIL 25, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 21, 2013
Recommendation: Approve a successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pasadena (City) and the Pasadena Police Officers Association (PPOA). (Agreement Amendment No. 20,284-1)

CALTRANS LEASE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 721 PASADENA AVENUE (PASADENA COMMUNITY GARDENS)

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the lease of property located at 721 Pasadena Avenue is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, minor alterations to land; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year lease agreement with the State of California Department of Transportation for property located at 721 Pasadena Avenue. (Agreement No. 20,649)

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA FOR VERDUGO FIRE DISPATCHING SERVICES

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to renew Contract No. 20,006 through June 30, 2012 with the City of Alhambra, for dispatching services at the Verdugo Fire Dispatch Center. This contract does not require competitive bidding, pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities. (Contract Amendment No. 20,006-1)

Item discussed separately, due to request for public comment.

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AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT NO. 46021 TO \$130,000 WITH HUNT DESIGN TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF THE CITYWIDE WAYFINDING PROGRAM

Recommendation: Authorize an increase of \$65,000 in the not to exceed amount of Purchase Order Contract No. 46021 with Hunt Design for the completion of the Citywide Wayfinding Plan, for a new not to exceed amount of \$130,000.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAGUIRE PARTNERS-PLAZA LAS FUENTES TRANSFER OF ITS LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN THE AIRSPACE PARCEL ON WHICH A HOTEL IS LOCATED TO HEI PASADENA, LLC

The City Attorney requested that the above item be held to the City Council meeting of May 16, 2011, to allow time for staff to provide additional information that was requested.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KEITH JONES TO THE FIRE & POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD (Police Representative)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,357	Claudia Coronel	\$ 182.69
Claim No. 11,358	Thomas Keiser	693.00
Claim No. 11,359	Mary Toca	821.00
Claim No. 11,360	Stephen Smith and Shana Leonard	5,482.23
Claim No. 11,361	Angela Thomas	349.00

PUBLIC HEARING SET

June 20, 2011, 7:30 p.m. – Call for Review of a Code Enforcement Commission Decision to the City Council Regarding Modification of the Business Operating Conditions for Super Liquor Located at 125 East Orange Grove Boulevard

It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exceptions of Item 4 (Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2011 Capital Improvement Program), which was discussed separately, and Item 6 (Resolution Approving Maguire Partners-Plaza Las Fuentes Transfer), which was held to the City Council meeting of May 16, 2011. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR A SECTION 108 LOAN TO FUND THE REHABILITATION OF THE ROBINSON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY AND APPROVAL OF THE CORRESPONDING SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2010-2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN TO INCLUDE THE CITY'S SUBMISSION OF A SECTION 108 LOAN APPLICATION

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council/Pasadena Community Development Commission:

- (1) Find that the project proposed in the action described in the agenda report for rehabilitation of the Robinson Park Community Center facility was subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review as part of the Negative Declaration adopted by the City Council on November 4, 2002 in conjunction with approval of the Robinson Park Master Plan, and that there are no changed circumstances or new information, which would trigger additional environmental review; and
- (2) Following the public hearing, adopt a resolution approving the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), an application for a Section 108 loan and the corresponding Substantial Amendment to the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan to include the submission of the Section 108 Application.

Advisory Body Recommendation: Due to the time constraints of the HUD application process, the staff recommendation was not taken to the Northwest Commission, Recreation and Parks Commission, Fair Oaks Project Area Committee, or the Community Development Committee for

consideration. However, to comply with the HUD Citizen Participation requirements, there was a public process that was headed by the Robinson Park Master Plan Phase One Working Group. This working group gathered public input on the plan and held a public meeting on March 26, 2011, which generated significant public input. If funding is awarded for this project input will be sought and updates will be provided to the appropriate advisory bodies.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on April 8, 2011 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

The City Manager credited the staff for identifying this funding resource, and the staff, City Council, and community for their efforts in developing the Robinson Park Community Center rehabilitation project; and responded to questions regarding the proposed funding of the project.

Bill Huang, Director of Housing Department, introduced the agenda item; clarified the impacts of this project on the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, given possible reductions in future CDBG funding levels; and responded to questions.

Valerie Babinski-Manlic, Program Coordinator, and Loren Pluth, Program Manager, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

Gregory W. Mosley, Robinson Park Master Plan Phase One Working Group representative, spoke in support of the Section 108 loan, and invited the community to the 2nd Annual Summer Festival at Robinson Park to be held on July 16, 2011.

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

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

Councilmember Robinson thanked Bill Huang and his staff for their assistance with various issues.

Councilmember Madison commended Loren Pluth and the Public Works Department staff for their work on the renovated casting pond, which reopened on May 7, 2011.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2010-2011) AND RELATED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM; EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM; HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (H/HOME); AND HUMAN SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND (HSEF)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council/Pasadena Community Development Commission continue the public hearing to June 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Tornek, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to continue the public hearing to June 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

DETERMINE THAT THE WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE NO LONGER EXISTS AND THEREBY TERMINATE LEVEL 1 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE MEASURES AS DESCRIBED IN PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.10

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the action recommended herein is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15307, actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of natural resources; and (2) Make a finding pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 13.10.035 that a water supply shortage no longer exists, which finding will automatically terminate the Level 1 Water Supply Shortage water conservation measures currently in effect.

Recommendation of Municipal Services Committee: On April 26, 2011, the Municipal Services Committee concurred with the staff recommendation.

Recommendation of Environmental Advisory Commission: On April 28, 2011, the Environmental Advisory Commission passed a motion to support the staff recommendation.

Vice Mayor McAustin, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, summarized the agenda report.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power Department, responded to questions regarding water conservation incentives.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2012-2016 RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Recommendation: Receive public comment and continue the

public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 7:30 p.m., until June 6, 2011, or such other 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 2012-2016 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

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

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on April 11, 2011 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

Councilmember Holden, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided an overview of the Recommended Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget; and reported that at the special joint meeting of the City Council and Finance Committee held on May 9, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., staff had reviewed the budgets for various proposed CIP projects.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to continue the public hearing to May 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

PUBLIC HEARING: CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation:

- (1) Open a public hearing and receive public comment on the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget;
- (2) Continue this public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council until June 6, 2011 or such other later date as the City Council may determine, at which time the City Council will be asked to close the public hearing and formally adopt the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget; and
- (3) Refer the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget to the Finance Committee and direct the meetings be noticed as joint meetings between the Finance Committee and the City Council from May 9, 2011 through June 6, 2011.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on April 21, 2011 in the Pasadena Journal; and no correspondence was received.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item, discussed possible State and Federal impacts on the City's FY 2015 and Beyond plan, and responded to questions.

Andy Green, Director of Finance Department, provided an overview of the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Operating Budget as part of a PowerPoint presentation, distributed revised copies of the presentation/materials that were provided at the joint meeting of the City Council and Finance Committee earlier in the day, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Holden was excused at 8:36 p.m.

Vice Mayor McAustin expressed concerns regarding the State and Federal impacts on the FY 2015 budget plan.

Councilmember Madison asked staff to provide the personnel costs that are contained in the budget information in a clear and transparent manner.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Vice Mayor McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the staff recommendation, and continue the public hearing to May 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Gordo)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

In response to Councilmember Madison's questions, the Mayor reported that an ad hoc committee of himself, Councilmember Robinson, and Vice Mayor McAustin had been formed to review the applications that had been submitted for the City's three designee positions on the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Districting Task Force, with Council to consider the ad hoc committee's recommendations at the Council meeting of May 16, 2011.

Councilmember Madison asked staff to provide information as to when the report/recommendations regarding the elimination of plastic bags in the City will be presented to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:21 p.m., in memory of June Takenouchi, active in the community and as the East Orange Grove Neighborhood Association President and a Sister Cities Committee member.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk