

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
March 5, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmember Holden)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:46 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

**Property Location: 1259 Linda Vista Avenue
Agency Negotiators: Michael J. Beck, Steve Mermell
Negotiating Party: Dr. John Pappalardo
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McAustin.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden (Arrived at 6:56 p.m.)
Councilmember Steve Madison
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

The Mayor and Vice Mayor McAustin presented a proclamation declaring March 2012 as Women's History Month. The proclamation was received by Tamika Farr, Commission on the Status of Women Vice Chair, who invited the community to attend a viewing of "Misrepresentation" to be held at Pasadena City College on March 20, 2012, including other opportunities to discuss various women's issues.

PRESENTATION BY SENATOR CAROL LIU REGARDING UPDATE ON STATE ISSUES

Councilmember Holden arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Senator Liu discussed the process for winding down the redevelopment programs that were recently eliminated; options for creating a new system to stimulate and fund development, redevelopment, and affordable housing; and budgetary realignments and restructuring. She recapped her sponsored legislation that had been signed or is currently pending, and her focus on the use of collaborative, private/public partnerships in providing needed services. She responded to questions regarding public pension reform, and funding for affordable housing.

On order of the Mayor, the information was received.

PRESENTATION BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR JOHN R. NOGUEZ ON THE AVAILABILITY OF TEMPORARY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR 2011 WINDSTORM VICTIMS UNDER CALAMITY-RELATED LAWS

John Noguez, Los Angeles County Assessor, described various services and programs that assist residents, submitted a packet of informational materials, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Masuda suggested that Mr. Noguez contact Neighborhood Connections about coordinating with the City's various neighborhood associations regarding outreach on the temporary property tax relief program.

The City Clerk confirmed that the City's windstorm web page has a link to the assessor's web page/tax relief information.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Larry Faulkner, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the alleged failure of the Pasadena Humane Society (PHS) to patrol for loose dogs in the City; and asked the City to take action on PHS's alleged failure to comply with the provisions of its contract with the City.

Councilmember Gordo noted that the PHS contract had been previously reviewed by staff and a Council committee regarding issues raised by the speaker, and determined that the City was paying its pro rata share of costs for the services provided by PHS.

Nico Garcia-Corona, Boy Scout Troop 4, asked the community to donate new or gently used books to his Eagle community service project that will benefit Field Elementary School, and submitted an informational flyer on the book drive.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTRACT AWARD TO Foothill Communications, LLC. TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE UPGRADES TO FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the awarding of a contract for software upgrades for Fire Department radio equipment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) Accept the proposal dated February 9, 2012 submitted by Foothill Communications, LLC, in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Radio Software Upgrades;
- (3) Reject all other proposals received; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Foothill Communications, LLC., to provide software upgrades to Fire Department radio equipment in an amount not to exceed \$491,713.

APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY F. WINTER TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION BOARD (District 6 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN ACKER TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION (Transportation Advisory Commission Nomination)

RESIGNATION OF FRANCIS D. LOGAN FROM THE BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT AUTHORITY (City Council Nomination)

MINUTES APPROVED

February 21, 2012 (Special Joint Meeting with PUSD)

CLAIM RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,598 Nancy Rodriguez \$1,423.00

It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF CITY ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Recommendation:

- (1) Consider whether changes to the existing structure of advisory boards, commissions, and committees would be appropriate to better meet the needs of the City; and
- (2) Endorse the effort outlined under Suggestion No. 5 contained in the agenda report regarding possible restructuring of the Northwest Commission.

Recommendation of Legislative Policy Committee: On January 25, 2012 the agenda report was presented to the Legislative Policy Committee. Following discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to forward this item to the full City Council for consideration.

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

The City Manager responded to questions regarding the proposed commission realignment.

Discussion followed on possible efficiencies that might result from the proposed staff suggestions contained in the Background section of the agenda report.

The following persons spoke in opposition to staff's suggestions and/or expressed concerns regarding the proposed changes:

Thelma Johnson, Accessibility and Disability Commission Chair
Mary Ann Shemdin, Pasadena resident
Grace Tiessen, Hearing Loss Association of California (HLA-CA) Board Trustee
Malik B. El-Amin, Hearing Loss Association of Los Angeles (HLA-LA) President
John Byram, Design Commissioner/Urban Forestry Advisory Committee Chair speaking as an individual
Mitzi Shpak, HLA-LA Steering Committee member
Karla Hughes and her daughter Elina, Pasadena residents
Tamika Farr, Commission on the Status of Women Vice Chair
Martin A. Gordon, Human Services Commissioner
Michael Warner II, Accessibility and Disability Commissioner speaking as an individual
Michael Warner, Pasadena resident
Terrie Allen, Human Relations Commissioner
Nat Nehdar, Human Relations Commission Chair
Dr. Xilian Chen Stammer, Accessibility and Disability Commissioner
Dr. Dolores Gibbs, Accessibility and Disability Commissioner speaking as an individual
Don Bremner, Recreation and Parks Commissioner speaking as an individual

Elisa Weaver, Human Services Commission Chair speaking as an individual, spoke in support of the suggestions to streamline the structure of various advisory bodies, especially as this pertains to the creation of overarching commissions that can address multiple issues as part of a large framework.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to approve staff Recommendation No. 2 to endorse the proposed effort outlined under staff Suggestion No. 5 in the agenda report regarding possible restructuring of the Northwest Commission. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Following discussion, Mr. Mermell confirmed that staff Suggestion No. 3 regarding proposed modifications of the Design Commission and Historic Preservation Commission is currently being reviewed by staff and the Planning Commission, with a report to be provided to the City Council at a future date.

By consensus, and on order of the Mayor, staff was directed to improve commissioner orientation and annual training, and to reinforce the use of action minutes as set out by City Council policy.

By consensus, and on order of the Mayor, staff Recommendation No. 1 was referred back to the Legislative Policy Committee for further review of possible changes to the existing structure of advisory boards, commissions, and committees, taking into consideration the comments of the City Council and the public.

The City Council thanked all commissioners for their valuable service to the City.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

Councilmember Holden was
excused at 9:37 p.m.

**ADOPT THE 2012 UPDATE TO THE 2009 INTEGRATED
RESOURCE PLAN AND REVISED VOLUNTARY
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD AND INITIATE A
STUDY OF THE VIABILITY OF ENERGY STORAGE
SYSTEMS**

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the recommended update to the 2009 Integrated Resource Plan and the adoption of the 2012 Renewable Portfolio Standard are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, feasibility and planning studies, and find that a study of energy storage systems is not a "project", pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378;

(2) Adopt the 2012 Update to the 2009 Integrated Resource Plan (2012 IRP), as described in the agenda report, prepared by Pace Global Energy Services, LLC (PACE), attached to the agenda report as Exhibit 1;

(3) Adopt the revised voluntary 2012 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), attached to the agenda report as Exhibit 2; and

(4) Direct the Pasadena Water and Power Department (PWP) to assess the potential viability and cost-effective energy

storage systems, and to determine appropriate targets, if any, to be achieved.

Recommendation of Environmental Advisory Commission:
The Environmental Advisory Commission supported staff recommendation at their February 21, 2012 meeting.

Vice Mayor McAustin, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, introduced the agenda item.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of the Water and Power Department, provided an overview of the updated plan, portfolio, and proposed study of storage systems; confirmed that staff will continue to provide updates to the City Council as things progress in the utility industry and as rates are impacted; and responded to questions.

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

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

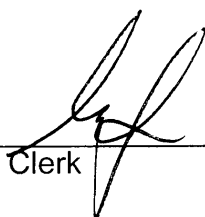
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:57 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk