

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
April 23, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmembers Madison, Robinson)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager**

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

Councilmember Masuda was excused at 6:43 p.m.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Manager.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Councilmember Gene Masuda (Returned at 6:47 p.m.)
Councilmember Jacque Robinson (Absent)
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 Jess Segovia as Transportation Advisory Commissioner.

Councilmember Masuda returned at 6:47 p.m.

The Mayor presented a proclamation declaring April 24, 2012 as a Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide, which was received by Shoghig Yepremian, Armenian National Committee of America-Pasadena Chapter Chair and Tavit Samuelian, Armenian Rights Council of America Community Liaison for the Glendale-Pasadena region.

Eden Garcia-Balis, Pasadena Mental Health Center Executive Director, described the Youth Accountability Board (YAB)

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MATTERS NOT ON THE
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program, and thanked Commander John Perez for his assistance with the YAB. The Mayor presented a commendation to Commander Perez and his fellow police officers in recognition of their leadership role in the YAB.

Sungo Wang, Rosemary Children Services Vice President, presented a piece of framed art work (done by one of the program's children) to the City, in appreciation of the City's ongoing support of their organization.

Tim Schwehr, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding excessive police helicopter noise, and asked the City to explore alternative, quieter means for keeping the City safe.

Michelle White, Pasadena resident, agreed with the need for the helicopter noise issue to be discussed at the Public Safety Committee level, and expressed concerns regarding the need to ensure that affordable housing receives adequate study and emphasis in the Housing Element.

Harald Zechner, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the criteria being used in the redistricting process and consequent impacts on District 4.

The City Manager introduced William Boyer as the City's new Public Information Officer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR COMPETITIVE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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 the submittal of three grant applications, each in the amount of \$100,000, to the Los Angeles County Regional Parks and Open Space District for the competitive tree planting program. (Resolution Nos. 9189, 9190, and 9191)

Item held at the request of staff.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH IMPACT SCIENCES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A NEW PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF THE LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY'S PROJECT LOCATED AT 100 WEST WALNUT STREET (PARSONS SITE)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH LAKE AVENUE PROPERTY-BASED BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that adopting a resolution establishing the South Lake Avenue Property-Based Business Improvement District is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); and
- (2) Adopt a Resolution of Intention to establish the South Lake Avenue Property-Based Business Improvement District (Attachment 1 of the agenda report), and setting a public hearing for June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (Resolution No. 9188)

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION TO SIGN THE GENERAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A JOBS ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO)

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the purchase of this vehicle is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facilities. The addition of two buses to serve an existing route is a negligible expansion of existing use. The buses will provide two additional vehicles during the AM and PM peak commuting periods and will not add additional routes or changes in service; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager or the Director of Transportation to sign the General Certifications and Assurances required to submit a Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) grant application to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). (Resolution No. 9192)

REAPPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN ACKER TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (Mayor Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES McDERMOTT TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (Mayor Nomination/District 6)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JANE HADERLEIN TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (Mayor Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF BRYAN BOWEN TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (Mayor Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD LoGUERCIO TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (Mayor/District 7 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN BRINSLEY TO THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
(Mayor/District 4 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDITH SAUNDERS AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE OF PASADENA EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (City Council Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLINA SANTORO BLENGINI TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (Mayor/District 7 Nomination)

MINUTES APPROVED

April 9, 2012

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,634	Duane L. Lenox	\$25,000.00+
Claim No. 11,635	Ashley Marshall	Not Stated
Claim No. 11,636	Manuel Reveles	426.00

It was moved by Vice Mayor McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 2 (Contract with Impact Sciences, Inc.), which was held to a future meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Madison, Robinson)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF AMENDED BUSINESS TERMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE HOUSING CORPORATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HERITAGE SQUARE AFFORDABLE SENIOR RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT AT 750-790 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the proposed amended business terms, as described in the agenda report, of a Development and Lease Agreement (DLA) with BRIDGE Housing Corporation, for the development of the Heritage Square Affordable Senior Rental Housing Project located at 750-790 North Fair Oaks Avenue (Project) is consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorical exemption adopted by the City Council on November 11, 2011 for the Project;

(2) Approve certain key amended business terms, as described in the agenda report, of a Development and Lease Agreement with BRIDGE Housing Corporation for development of the Project; and

(3) Appropriate \$600,000 from Inclusionary Housing Fund Balance (Account No. 619-684140) to the Heritage Square Senior Housing Project (Account No. 51333). (Agreement No. 20,998; Journal Voucher No. 2012-23)

Recommendation of Northwest Commission: The subject recommendation was considered and approved unanimously by the Northwest Commission at a special meeting on March 29, 2012.

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

Bill Huang, Director of Housing Department, provided a brief history of the project's financing strategy, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Jim Wong, Senior Project Manager, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor McAustin expressed concerns regarding the increased number and concentration of Section 8 units that are included in this project.

The City Manager noted that the Northwest community supports the very-affordable aspect of this project that targets seniors.

Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services Executive Director, expressed concerns regarding the use of the proposed number of Section 8 vouchers for this project; and asked the City to explore other funding strategies for this project, and to work with the Federal legislature to increase funding for vouchers involving very-low and low-income persons, especially families with children.

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

Councilmember Holden noted that Mr. Huang's daughter, Rebecca, has been recognized as a Woman of Distinction in receiving the Community Service/Youth award for her efforts in founding the Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter, which raises funds in support of the City's homeless.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2013-2017 RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Recommendation:

- (1) Open the public hearing on the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program Budget;
- (2) Continue this public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m. until May 14, 2012, 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 Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program Budget; and

(3) Refer the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program Budget to the Finance Committee and direct the meetings be noticed as special joint meetings between the Finance Committee and the City Council.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on April 9, 2012 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

Councilmember Masuda was excused at 7:46 p.m.

Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works Department, provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and review process as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The City Manager clarified the meeting schedule for the presentation of the Capital Improvement Program Budget and the Operating Budget for the next fiscal year.

It was moved by Vice Mayor McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to approve the staff recommendation and to continue the public hearing to May 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Masuda, Robinson)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gordo noted that the annual report for the Pasadena First: Buy Local program had been distributed and that the Rose Bowl improvement project had achieved its objective for local hires, with more local hires, subcontracting, and procurement to occur as the project progresses.

Councilmember Tornek, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commissioner, reported that the Airport Authority had approved the bond financing for the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC). Councilmember Madison, Airport Authority Commissioner, reported that the City was currently hosting the 2012 Airport Board Members and Commissioners Conference.

Councilmember Tornek noted that the public hearing notices on the proposed refuse rate increases had been mailed out, and that the notice did not contain the clarification on the windstorm cost effects on the residential rates that had been requested by the City Council.

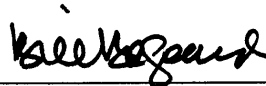
The City Manager indicated that, although the public hearing notices had been printed prior to the Council's request for the clarification, the fact sheets that are being posted electronically and by other methods have been updated to include the information on the windstorm cost impacts. He stressed the

need for the City to highlight to the public, at every opportunity, that the cost associated with the windstorm cleanup of green debris contributed to the cost and the reduced fund balance in the refuse fund.

The Mayor noted that the City has developed an ongoing relationship with the LA Sparks, and that a Chinese National Team vs. LA Sparks basketball game is scheduled for May 5, 2012 in the Pasadena City College gymnasium.


ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk