

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
October 1, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:36 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

Councilmember Gordo arrived at 6:10 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Julie Gutierrez and Michael J. Beck

Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Management Top, Middle & Professional Employees, Unrepresented Technical & Administrative Employees, Unrepresented Confidential Clerical Employees, Non-Represented Employees, Unrepresented Hourly Employees

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Agency Designated Representative: Michael J. Beck

Employee Organizations: Executive Management Employees

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Agency Designated Representative: Bill Bogaard

Employees: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Madison.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
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 presented a proclamation declaring April, 2012 as Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, which was received by Maricela Galvez, Program Coordinator from Human Services and Recreation Department (HSRD); and from members of the Pasadena Youth Council: Holden Penarada, Vice Chair; Kimberly Mejia, Ashley Ramos, and Jonathan Ramos; Jaylin Miller, YWCA.

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

Roberta Martinez, Latino Heritage, Executive Director, invited the City Council and community to the 14th Annual Latino Heritage Parade and Jamaica to be held on October 6, 2012, titled "Planting Dreams".

The following persons spoke on various concerns regarding the proposed SR-710 Freeway Extension Alternatives; and asked the City to formally oppose the project:

Joe Cano, El Sereno resident
Weston DeWalt, Pasadena resident
Sylvia Plummer, Pasadena resident

Estella Robles-Murga, Director of Pasadena Youth Center, and member of the Pasadena Latino Coalition, asked the City Council to consider adopting a City resolution designating September 15 to October 15, as Latino Heritage month.

Councilmember Gordo requested a draft resolution be agenized for October 15, 2012.

Carly Ntoya, Pasadena resident, expressed her concerns on the lack of approval of permits for a full marathon event as part of the Pasadena Marathon.

Kris Ockershauser, ACLU Foothill Chapter, commented on her participation in the National Voter Registration Day held in 14 locations throughout the City of Pasadena. Ms. Ockershauser stated her concerns with the lack of access to local community centers to assist with voter registration activities on a regular basis.

The City Manager indicated that staff will provide a response to Ms. Ockershauser regarding the City's policy on the use of community centers for voter registration activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF INCREASE TO CONTRACT NO. 20,971 WITH VIVIAN YEH, MD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000 FOR SPECIALIZED HIV/AIDS MEDICAL CARE

Recommendation: Authorize an increase to Contract No. 20,971 with Vivian Yeh, MD, in the amount of \$65,001, thereby increasing the not to exceed amount from \$74,999 to \$140,000, to provide specialized HIV/AIDS medical treatment for the Andrew Escajeda Comprehensive Care Services program. (Contract No. 20,971-1)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CITY ENGINEER TO CERTIFY CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CALTRANS ADMINISTERED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works and the City Engineer to certify City right-of-way documentation and other necessary documents for detailed procedural requirements for Caltrans administered transportation projects. (Resolution No. 9231)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,766	Lucio DiGiuseppe	\$	Not Stated
Claim No. 11,767	Peter E. Abruzzese Jr.		69,000,000.00
Claim No. 11,768	Penny D. March		25,000.00+

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MODIFICATIONS TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION

Recommendation:

(1) Direct the City Attorney 's Office to prepare and return within 30 days with an amendment to Chapter 2.95 of the Pasadena Municipal Code modifying the purpose and function of the Northwest Commission to include responsibility for working with City staff to foster business retention, expansion, and relocation to generate new development and employment opportunities in northwest Pasadena; and

(2) Approve a modification to Article V of the Commission's Rules and Regulations reducing the number of regular monthly meetings from two to one.

Recommendation of Northwest Commission: At its regular meeting of July 26, 2012, the Northwest Commission voted to approve the recommendation.

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

Councilmember Madison expressed his concerns regarding the provisions in the Pasadena Municipal Code pertaining to Councilmember appointments to the Northwest Commission,

allowing Councilmembers representing the Northwest area to have an additional appointee to the Commission.

Michelle Richardson-Bailey, Chair of the Northwest Commission, spoke in support of the staff recommendation.

It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 160 SOUTH ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD (STILLMAN B. JAMIESON HOUSE – “TERRACE VILLA” – AMBASSADOR WEST CAMPUS) AS A LANDMARK

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15308: Class 8 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment;
- (2) Find that the Stillman B. Jamieson House at 160 South Orange Grove Boulevard meets landmark designation criterion C in Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.62.040(C) because the house and portions of the original garden features are significant as an intact example of a 1920's-era Mediterranean Revival Style residential architecture designed by architect Walter C. Folland; and because portions of the property contain integral features of the significant landscape design for Ambassador College designed in 1963 by Garret Eckbo of EDAW, a noted landscape architect;
- (3) Approve the designation of the property at 160 South Orange Grove Boulevard as a landmark;
- (4) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark designation for 160 South Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, California;
- (5) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 160 South Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, California; and
- (6) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9232)

Recommendation of Historic Preservation: On Monday, July 16, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of 160 South Orange Grove Boulevard as a landmark under criterion C of the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.62.040(C).

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 15 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on September 10, 2012; 111 copies of the notice were mailed on September 10, 2012; and no correspondence was received.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning, introduced the agenda item.

John Steinmeyer, Senior Planner, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation; and responded to questions.

Ben Besley, Vice President of City Ventures (owner and applicant of the property), clarified that the tempiado garden designed by Garret Eckbo, per conditions of approval, will be relocated to a different part of the campus.

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 164-180 SOUTH ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD (GROVE MANOR APARTMENTS – AMBASSADOR WEST CAMPUS) AS A LANDMARK

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15308: Class 8 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment;
- (2) Find that the Grove Manor Apartments at 164-180 South Orange Grove Boulevard meets landmark designation criterion A in Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.62.040(C)(2) because it has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of the City; specifically, it is the first apartment development that was constructed on South Orange Gove Boulevard after the City re-zoned the Boulevard in 1948 to allow multi-family residential development;
- (3) Approve the designation of the property at 164-180 South Orange Grove Boulevard as a landmark;
- (4) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 164-180 South Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, California;

(5) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 164-180 South Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, California; and

(6) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9233)

Recommendation of Historic Preservation Commission:
On Monday, July 16, 2012, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of 164-180 South Orange Grove Boulevard as a landmark under criterion A of the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.62.040(C)(2).

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 14 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on September 10, 2012; 104 copies of the notice were mailed on September 10, 2012; and no correspondence was received.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning, introduced the agenda item.

John Steinmeyer, Senior Planner, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation; and responded to questions.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 1383-1399 EAST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AS A LANDMARK

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to October 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Mayor McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to continue the public hearing to October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 1313 NORTH HILL AVENUE AS A LANDMARK

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to October 22, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Mayor McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to continue the public hearing to October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

INFORMATION ITEM

UPDATE OF THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE AND MOBILITY ELEMENT

Recommendation: This report is provided for information only. The update to the General Plan Land Use and Mobility Elements will be presented to the City Council for action prior to the end of 2012 along with recommendations from the Planning Commission, Transportation Advisory Commission, and the General Plan Update Advisory Committee.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning, introduced the agenda item.

Scott Reimers, Planner, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison questioned conflicts between the General Plan and the Specific Plans. He also stated his support for including education as part of the General Plan Guiding Principles, but suggested that additional language be incorporated as part of the current Guiding Principles rather than creating an 8th Guiding Principle.

Councilmember Gordo stated his concerns with allowing new developments to encroach into single-family residential areas, noted the need for buffer zones and suggested decreasing the allowable Floor Area Ratio (FAR) as developments get closer to single-family neighborhoods. Mr. Gordo also stated that some constituents have raised concerns with bicycling on sidewalks in other parts of the city besides the South Lake area, and suggested staff revisit the bicycling policy as part of the Mobility Element.

Councilmember Masuda indicated that he also supported adding education as an 8th Guiding Principle.

The City Clerk reported that correspondence was received from Paul Little of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and Greg

Gunther, and that the correspondence was distributed to the City Council.

The following persons spoke in support of adding an 8th Guiding Principle on education to the General Plan:

Steven Cole, Invest in PUSD Kids
David Berk, Pasadena resident
Dawn O'Keefe, Invest in PUSD Kids

Carla Walecka, Chair of the Playhouse District Association, spoke in support of the Land Use Diagram that encourages an economically robust community.

Bob Oltman, East Pasadena Business Association, complimented staff on the work done on the General Plan, and emphasized the need to keep the City economically strong, emphasizing the need for new businesses, and addressing parking regulations and reduced commercial space.

Richard McDonald, Pasadena resident, complimented staff on the work done on the General Plan. Mr. McDonald shared information/ideas on the following issues: discussion of the eastern boundary of the Central District and the impact changes will have on the East Colorado Specific Plan, consideration be given to preparing a detailed Environmental Impact Report for development areas, and cautioned against FAR reductions in the areas of Colorado/Lake and Colorado/Hill.

Councilmember Tornek requested further information regarding the suggested change from development caps to development levels, and asked that the Planning Commission further review the Land Use Diagram in detail. Mr. Tornek suggested that information should be included on how City and PUSD should partner and share in administrative expenses and costs, work collaboratively in long range planning issues for schools such as the re-use of school sites.

Vice Mayor McAustin expressed interest in further developing parking strategies that promote and support "park-once" concepts. She commented on transit villages and dense housing centered around the light rail stations, and suggested that the air quality in similar areas be carefully examined before new housing developments are built. The Vice Mayor requested modifications be made to the text in Guiding Principle 2 to incorporate the relationship between historic preservation and new development. She also commended

staff on a great job in the preparation and presentation of the General Plan materials.

Councilmember Holden congratulated staff on a job well done, with special emphasis to Stephanie DeWolfe on her leadership with this project. Mr. Holden also stated his support with an 8th Guiding Principle on education.

By consensus and on order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Tornek announced that the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is sponsoring a Transportation Forum on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at the Duarte Community Center.

Councilmember Holden raised a question regarding Nationally Recognized Historic Neighborhoods, which are not currently recognized as local historic districts, such as Orange Heights Neighborhood and Prospect Park, and asked staff to review those neighborhoods that are nationally recognized but do not qualify locally, with the City Attorney and City Council to consider an ordinance modification to address this issue in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:06 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk