

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 11, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:42 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

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

Property Locations: 78 North Marengo Avenue

Agency Negotiators: Michael J. Beck and Steve Mermell

Negotiating Parties: Jesse Stein, Mike Tande, and Charles Loveman

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): One potential case

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 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led City Attorney Michele Bagneris.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Joel Bryant
Councilmember Victor Gordo
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 City Clerk administered the oath of office to Lisa Jeffery as Recreation and Parks Commissioner, Jennipha Nielsen as Accessibility and Disability Commissioner and Edwina Travis-Chin as Environmental Advisory Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared for public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTRACT AWARD TO CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FOR INSTALLATION OF INFILL LIGHTING ON EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD – PHASE I FROM CATALINA AVENUE TO HILL AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$681,500

Recommendation:

(1) Find that on December 7, 2009, the City Council found the project to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301(Class 1), minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing; and
(2) Accept the bid dated January 9, 2013, submitted by California Professional Engineering, in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Infill Lighting on East Colorado Boulevard – Phase I from Catalina Avenue to Hill Avenue, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$681,500. (Contract No. 21,301)

AMENDMENT TO MASTER STREET TREE PLAN FOR SINALOA AVENUE, WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO ASBURY DRIVE, AND SOUTH PARKWOOD AVENUE, DEL MAR BOULEVARD TO SAN PASQUAL STREET

Recommendation:

(1) Find that tree planting is categorically exempt under California’s Administrative Code Chapter 14 Title 3 Section 15061(b)(3);
(2) Amend the Master Street Tree Plan (MTSP) for Sinaloa Avenue between Asbury Drive and Washington Boulevard by designating Quercus spp, oak species, as an approved alternate to the designated street tree, Jacaranda mimosifolia, jacaranda; and
(3) Amend the MSTP for South Parkwood Avenue between Del Mar Boulevard and San Pasqual Street by designating Ginkgo biloba, maidenhair, as an approved alternate to the designated street tree, Lophostemon confertus, Brisbane box.

Recommendation of Urban Forestry Advisory Committee:

On November 14, 2012, the Urban Forestry Advisory

Committee (UFAC) unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council amend the MSTP for Sinaloa Avenue between Asbury Drive and Washington Boulevard to designate Quercus spp, oak species, as an approved alternate to the designated street tree, Jacaranda mimosifolia, jacaranda. On January 9, 2013, UFAC unanimously voted to recommend that the City Council amend MSTP for South Parkwood Avenue between Del Mar Boulevard and San Pasqual Street to designate Ginkgo biloba, maidenhair, as an approved alternate to the designated street tree, Lophostemon confertus, Brisbane box.

Recommendation of Design Commission: On January 28, 2013, the Design Commission voted 7-0-2, with Commissioners Byram and Barar abstaining, to recommend that the City Council amend the MSTP on Sinaloa Avenue between Asbury Drive and Washington Boulevard to designate Quercus spp, oak species, as an approved alternate tree in addition to Jacaranda mimosifolia, jacaranda, which is the current designated street tree. On January 28, 2013, the Design Commission voted 7-0-2, with Commissioners Byram and Barar abstaining, to recommend that the City Council amend the MSTP on South Parkwood Avenue between Del Mar Boulevard and San Pasqual Street to designate the Ginkgo biloba, maidenhair, as an approved alternate tree in addition to Lophostemon confertus, Brisbane box, which is the designated street tree.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY OF PASADENA AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RETAINING ALL HOUSING ASSETS AND FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO PART 1.85 OF DIVISION 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution confirming the City of Pasadena as Housing Successor to the Pasadena Community Development Commission (PCDC) and retaining all housing assets and functions previously performed by PCDC as the redevelopment agency, and accepting the transfer of all rights, powers, duties, and obligations associated with the housing activities of the PCDC. (Resolution No. 9263)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AS HOUSING SUCCESSOR TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF

CALIFORNIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CALHOME PROGRAM

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), general rule; and
- (2) Adopt a resolution authorizing City Manager to execute, on behalf of the City of Pasadena as Housing Successor to the Pasadena Community Development Commission, all documents required by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Calhome Program. (Resolution No. 9264)

ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ROSE BOWL ADMISSION TAX, THE GRANDSTAND SEAT SURCHARGE, AND THE GRANDSTAND PERMIT APPLICATION

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the scheduled rate increases effective February 11, 2013, for the Grandstand Permit Application, the Rose Bowl Admission Tax, and the New Year’s Day Related Business Grandstand Seat Surcharge as set forth in the body of this report.

APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE FALARDEAU TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION BOARD (District 1 Nomination)

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

ADDITIONAL STUDIES FOR THE SR-710

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council direct staff to seek collaboration with the neighboring cities in the SR-710 corridor to monitor, comment, and possibly engage in independent studies to ensure the full and accurate assessment of impacts related to the proposed SR-710 project alternative.

The Mayor introduced the agenda item.

The City Clerk noted that a letter of correspondence was received by the City Clerk’s Office from the West Pasadena Residents’ Association (WPRA) on February 11, 2013, which was distributed to the City Council.

Fred Dock, Transportation Director, summarized the agenda report including additional follow-up information from questions raised at the December 10, 2012 City Council meeting regarding costs regarding additional studies related to the SR-710 extension as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison expressed his strong opposition to the proposed tunnel alternative being considered by Metro and reiterated his request that the City Council take a formal position against the tunnel project, which will be devastating for Pasadena.

Councilmember Robinson expressed concern with the City spending additional funds to replicate independent studies being conducted by Metro, and suggested that the City wait until the release of Metro's additional studies.

Councilmember Gordo agreed with the staff recommendation to collaborate/partner with surrounding cities and do some level of work to ensure the full and accurate assessment of impacts related to the proposed SR-710 tunnel project alternative, and stated that the independent studies should focus on the diversion of truck traffic from the Interstate 5 Freeway via the proposed tunnel through Pasadena. Councilmember Gordo suggested that whatever collaborative/coordinated studies are conducted should focus on the following issues:

- What is the truck traffic along the 5 Freeway going North/South?
- What would the impacts be if truck traffic were to be redirected through Pasadena?

Councilmember Tornek suggested that the City and surrounding communities work together to urge and pressure Metro to release information in a timely manner.

The Mayor asked that staff return back to the City Council within 3 to 6 months with an update on Metro's actions and with the determination of what separate studies should be considered by the City and potential partners. He provided the following additional questions to be considered for study:

- How many years will construction take?
- How extensive will the disruption be in Pasadena?
- How will truck traffic be disbursed in/through the City that may be different than today?
- How many additional vehicles above what flows through our City today will be drawn to use the City in the future? Is it 250,000 trips per year or 150,000 trips per year?

The Mayor also suggested that staff be directed to reach out to Metro to get reliable and complete information regarding truck traffic studies, or a legal commitment that Metro will take adequate measures to ensure that truck traffic will be prohibited from any use of a tunnel connection and that such measures will be enforced.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to approve the staff recommendation, with staff to return with a report on Metro's actions within 60 days, as well as to provide more detailed recommendations addressing the concerns raised, costs to be considered, and how to further proceed. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

ADJOURNMENT


On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 7:32 p.m., to discuss the following closed session and thereafter adjourned at 9:00 p.m.:

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

Agency Designated Representatives: Kristi Recchia and Michael J. Beck

Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 858, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 501, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 18, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721, Pasadena Fire Fighters Association (PFFA) Local 809, Pasadena Fire Management Association (PFMA), Pasadena Police Officers Association (PPOA), Pasadena Police Sergeants Association (PPSA)

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



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk