

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
July 29, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

**OPENING:**

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. (Absent: Vice Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

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

**Agency Designated Representatives: Kristi Recchia and Michael J. Beck**

**Employee Organizations: Pasadena Police Officers Association (PPOA), Pasadena Police Sergeants Association (PPSA), Pasadena Fire Fighters Association (PFFA), Pasadena Fire Management Association (PFMA), and International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)**

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Boy Scout Troop 40.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard  
Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Margaret McAustin  
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 David J. Jacobs as Senior Commissioner.

The City Attorney introduced Will Rivera, the new Chief Assistant City Prosecutor, and provided the City Council with a brief description on his professional background.

Marcia Montez, Sister Cities Committee President, introduced the following students who participated in the Pasadena Sister Cities Student Exchange program and thanked the City for their continued support of the program:

Saya Suzuki and Minori Tanaka (Japan)  
Felix Uebel and Alina Reinhard (Germany)  
Oskar Celik, Petteri Saarela, and  
Juuso Lindroos, (Finland)  
Michele Tanner and Emily Gray, Pasadena  
residents, (visited Finland)  
Jordan Lopez and Veronica Galvez, Pasadena  
residents (visited Germany)

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

Monet Bagneris, Founder of Monet Cares, invited the community to a Musical Theatre and Health Institute on August 2-4, 2013, in which various workshops will be held to build self-confidence and promote healthy lifestyles for young women between the ages of 12 and 17.

The following individuals from the Eaton Canyon Wash Homeowners Association expressed concerns regarding the proliferation of gophers in their neighborhood, and requested assistance from the City in working with Southern California Edison (SCE) to address this issue:

Frank Dwyer, Pasadena resident  
Charlotte Bland, Pasadena resident,  
Gretchen Wotherspoon, Pasadena resident,  
Reggie Bland, Pasadena resident,  
Jim Hartley, Pasadena resident

By consensus, the City Council referred the matter to the Economic Development and Technology (EDTECH) Committee for a complete discussion regarding recent issues with SCE, and their lack of care for SCE-owned property within the City limits; and requested representation at the meeting from the Public Health Department and the Pasadena Humane Society to review the existing regulations for vermin infestation and vector control, including the responsibility of the property owner.

Genevieve Clavreul, Pasadena resident, expressed her gratitude to the City staff for their quick response to her previously stated concerns regarding overgrown trees near her home.

Curtis Holland, Whittier resident, asked the City for their support of the H. Martin Foundation, a worldwide humanitarian funding institution that provides humanitarian services and creates jobs.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE BROXTON TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** (District 1 Nomination)

**APPOINTMENT OF ERIC SAHAKIAN TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** (PUSD Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF EDWARD GARLOCK TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013** (Mayor Nomination)

**MINUTES APPROVED**

April 1, 2013  
April 8, 2013  
April 15, 2013

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

11,966	William Hart	\$25,000.00+
11,967	Nancy and Antonio Gonzalez	Not stated
11,968	Collis P. & Howard Huntington Memorial Hospital Trust c/o Morlin Asset Management, L.P.	Not stated
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**PUBLIC HEARING SET**

**September 16, 2013, 7:00 p.m.** – A Development Agreement between the Norton Simon Art Foundation and the City of Pasadena to maintain existing land use regulations for property at 267-337 West Colorado Boulevard and 55-77 North St. John Avenue (Rusnak-Pasadena Automobile Dealership property)

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

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GE PACKAGED POWER, INC., TO DESIGN, FURNISH AND DELIVER THE POWER ISLAND EQUIPMENT FOR THE GLENARM REPOWERING PROJECT; AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 ADOPTED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed contract to design, furnish, and deliver the Power Island Equipment (PIE), as part of the Glenarm Repowering Project, was subject to adequate

environmental review as part of the Glenarm Repowering Project Final Environmental Impact Report Findings adopted by City Council on April 8, 2013;

(2) Find that the proposed contract with GE Packaged Power, Inc., (GE) is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, and that there are no changed circumstances or new information that would trigger further environmental review;

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GE to design, furnish and deliver the Power Island Equipment for the Glenarm Repowering Project in an amount not to exceed \$62,550,000, conditional upon receipt of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) permit to construct; and

(4) Amend the Fiscal Year 2014 Adopted Capital Improvement Budget by appropriating \$25.4 million from the unappropriated Power Fund balance to the Power Fund Capital Improvement Budget Number 3194-Local Generation Repowering Project Phase II.

**Recommendation of Municipal Services Committee:**

On July 23, 2013, the Municipal Services Committee recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GE to design, furnish and deliver the PIE, and amend the Capital Budget. (Contract No. 21,472; Journal Voucher 2014-4)

Councilmember McAustin, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, introduced the item.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power Department, and Gurcharan Bawa, Assistant General Manager, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy stated his concerns with the time-limited warranty of just two years on equipment costing in excess of \$60 million. He asked if the lower operational costs associated with the new equipment would be realized by rate-payers in terms of lower rates, and suggested that staff prepare a forecasting of the rate savings for customers under operation of the new unit vs. rate costs under operation of the old unit.

The City Manager noted that staff will be seeking other insurance options for the equipment to augment the two-year warranty and further protect the City's investment.

Councilmember Madison raised concerns regarding the amount of money associated with this project for a non-renewable energy resource, and requested that staff provide an update to the City Council on the status of the City's future energy resources and renewable energy goals.

Ms. Currie stated that this new equipment will address the need for a reliable energy resource that can transmit energy across the City on very hot days, when backup power maybe necessary, described how this proposed project would address that need, and stated that staff will provide an update on the City's status in terms of achieving the benchmarks set for renewable energy resources in the early part of next year.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

#### **INFORMATION ITEM**

Vice Mayor Robinson was excused at 8:39 p.m.

#### **CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON CALPERS RETIREMENT**

**Recommendation:** This report is submitted for information only.

Kristi Recchia, Human Resources Director, introduced the item, and John Bartel, Bartel and Associates, LLC, lead the City Council in a workshop on California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) retirement costs, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison expressed concern with the lack of certainty in the City's information regarding the value of retirement service credits for all current employees. He asked that staff contact CalPERS and determine if the information is available, so that the best information can be used in future forecasting and fiscal planning. He also suggested surveying the City's employees on past employment history with CalPERS affiliated agencies.

The City Council discussed the issue of funding the City's portion of CalPERS contributions at a constant contribution rate, and suggested that the City might consider a policy to maintain level contribution rates, while unfunded liabilities exist, even when notified by CalPERS during years when the City's contribution rate goes down or when the required payment by CalPERS for the City might drop to zero in certain years.

Following the presentation, Councilmember Madison noted the number of important variables used to determine the City's pension obligation that are beyond the control of the City Council (i.e. retirement age, pension formulas, reciprocity issue, employee movements between CalPERS organizations, etc.). He suggested that City staff factor in the savings created by the State mandated Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) of 2013 when calculating future pension obligations as part of forecasting and fiscal planning.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that the City Council needs to understand options on how to sustainably address the City's unfunded pension obligation going forward through future Council workshops, perhaps with the initial discussion taking place at the Finance Committee.

Following discussion, by consensus and on order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

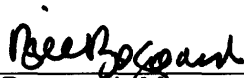
### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember McAustin requested additional information related to changes in business land-uses on North Lake Avenue where there appears to be an increased preponderance of non-profit, social services, and institutional uses, shifting away from the retail uses that were intended for the area. Councilmember Gordo also requested information on marketing used to bring businesses to North Lake Avenue and whether it is consistent with the North Lake Avenue Specific Plan.

The City Manager noted that information responding to the above questions would be provided by staff through the Economic Development and Technology (EDTECH) Committee.

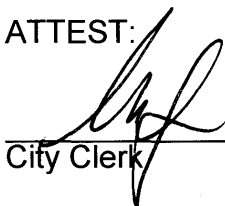
### **ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:58 p.m., in memory of Mildred Turner, a community leader, advocate, and activist for education in the Pasadena Unified School District and John Muir High School.



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Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk