

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
November 4, 2013 – 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: Vice Mayor Robinson)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:39 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

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

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

Agency Designated Representative: Bill Bogaard
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

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 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Masuda.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson (Absent)
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 Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PRESENTATION BY MARK DIERKING, LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO), PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE ACCELERATED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS (ARTI) PROJECT – PASADENA SOUNDWALLS

Mark Dierking and Chris Margaronis, spoke on behalf of Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO), provided an update regarding the Accelerated Regional Transportation Improvements (ARTI) Project, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy requested further information on how many of the 9,000 jobs generated by the project will be permanent versus temporary positions, and what type of jobs will be needed.

Members of the City Council expressed concerns regarding the lack of information presented and requested that a clearer, more comprehensive report on the proposed project be provided to the Finance Committee, including the planned locations for the sound walls.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following individuals expressed gratitude to the Pasadena Police Department for offering a Citizens Police Academy for Spanish speaking individuals:

Herminia Ortiz, Pasadena resident
Maria Barona, Pasadena resident
Martha Iglesias, Pasadena resident

Councilmember McAustin thanked the above residents for their comments, and suggested that staff consider pursuing future classes in Spanish providing information on available City services to Spanish speaking residents.

Sam Gennaway, spoke on behalf of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, regarding the Devil's Gate Dam Sediment Removal project, invited the community to attend one of the three scheduled community workshops at the following locations: Rose Bowl Visitor Locker Room, Jackson Elementary School, and La Canada Community Center. He also noted that additional information on the project can be found at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' website: www.lasedimentmanagement.com/devilsgate

Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage Executive Director, invited the community to attend the upcoming "Historic Properties Workshop" to be held on November 16, 2013, designed to educate the community on the special requirements of buying, owning, and selling historic properties, and thanked the Department of Planning and Community Development for their support and partnership.

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPE AREA WITHIN STATE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PROPOSED SOUNDWALL ALONG PASADENA AVENUE ADJACENT TO INTERSTATE 210

Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for Maintenance of Landscape Area within State Highway Right-of-Way with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), for the proposed soundwall along Pasadena Avenue adjacent to Interstate 210 in perpetuity. (Agreement No. 21,602)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FOOTHILL BOULEVARD FROM ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD TO MICHILLINDA AVENUE

Recommendation:

(1) Find the proposed project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 1, Section 15301, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles to improve a section of Foothill Boulevard, jurisdictionally shared by the City of Pasadena and the County of Los Angeles. (Agreement No. 21,603)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NOVINIUM, INC., FOR A CABLE REJUVENATION PROJECT FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Recommendation:

(1) Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) (Existing Facilities); and

(2) Accept the proposal dated September 27, 2013 from Novinium, Inc., in response to a Request for Proposals for a Development Project on 34kV line 34-13; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract without competitive bidding, pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F), Contracts for Professional or Unique Services, with Novinium, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 for engineering, design and installation services for rejuvenation of the 34kV Line 13. (Contract No. 21,604)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH SOFTRESOURCES, LLC, TO PERFORM A REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT FOR A LAND MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING SYSTEM

Recommendation:

(1) Find the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), general rule; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with SoftResources, LLC, to perform a requirements assessment for a Land Management and Permitting System (LMS) in an amount not to exceed \$110,558. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Article X, Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services.

RESIGNATION OF HOYT HILSMAN FROM THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 7 Nomination)

MINUTES APPROVED

September 16, 2013

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 12,037	Horace B. Williams III	\$ Not stated
Claim No. 12,038	Patricia Camacho	45,000.00
Claim No. 12,039	James Ipekjian	12,026.92
Claim No. 12,040	Sasoun Avetisian	916.00
Claim No. 12,041	SoCal Gas Company	1,472.07

Councilmember McAustin commented on the cost savings associated with the Cable Rejuvenation Project for the Water and Power Department, and asked staff to report back to the Municipal Services Committee when the results of this test project become available.

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Vice Mayor Robinson)

PUBLIC HEARING

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR) FOR PROJECTS FUNDED FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) AND HUMAN SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND (HSEF) PROGRAMS

Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council continue the public hearing to November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to continue the public hearing to November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Vice Mayor Robinson)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

ROBINSON PARK RECREATION CENTER RENOVATION-REVISED SELECTION PROCESS FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that on October 28, 2002, the City Council approved the Robinson Park Master Plan and the Initial Study and Negative Declaration (ND) prepared for the Master Plan, that the scope of project construction has been reduced from that studied in the ND, but such changes do not constitute changed circumstances or new information which would trigger further environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
- (2) Concur with staff on the revised selection process for professional design services as recommended by the Robinson Park Recreation Center Renovation Project Steering Committee and as outlined in the agenda report.

Siobhan Foster, Director of Public Works, introduced the agenda item, and Steve Wright, Assistant City Engineer, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The following persons spoke in support of the proposed Revised Selection Process for Professional Design Services for the Robinson Park Renovation project:

- Danny Parker, Chair of the Robinson Park Steering Committee
- Jim Morris, Pasadena resident
- Craig Washington, Pasadena resident

The following persons advocated for keeping the Pasadena Ponies Football Program at Robinson Park:

Tom Gillespie, Pasadena Ponies Football
Warren Anderson, Pasadena Ponies Football

Joan Chin, Pasadena resident, spoke in support of the original selection process and the staff recommendation from the September 16, 2013 meeting.

Councilmember Gordo and Madison stated concerns about a revised selection process, and opposed the reallocation of points in the category of experience, noting that a change in the weight and scoring at this time in the process is inappropriate and potentially unfair to responders participating in the process.

Councilmembers Kennedy and Tornek highlighted some of the concerns stated regarding the original selection process and the recommended action from the September 16, 2013 meeting for the Robinson Park Recreation Center Renovation project, and spoke in support of City staff's revised selection process for Professional Design Services.

MOTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to approve the staff recommendation:

AYES: Councilmembers Kennedy, Masuda, Tornek,
Mayor Bogaard

NOES: Councilmembers Gordo, Madison, McAustin

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Robinson

(Motion Failed)

MOTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the original staff recommendation from the September 16, 2013 City Council meeting:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Madison, McAustin,
Mayor Bogaard

NOES: Councilmembers Kennedy, Masuda, Tornek

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Robinson

(Motion Failed)

By order of the Mayor and consensus of the City Council, the above item was continued to a future City Council meeting when all Councilmembers will be present.

INFORMTION ITEMS

REBRANDING OF PASADENA AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (ARTS)

Recommendation: This report on the rebranding of the *Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS)* as *Pasadena Transit* is provided for the City Council's information.

Fred Dock, Director of Transportation, introduced the item and reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

Yun Ju (Julie) Yeow, Student Art Designer, spoke briefly on the concepts behind the rebranding effort for the Pasadena ARTS Buses, and provided information on the goals for a more clear and efficient branding campaign for Pasadena's public transit system.

Councilmember McAustin thanked everyone involved in the process for their hard work and for a job well done.

Councilmember Madison raised concerns regarding the approval process for the Pasadena ARTS rebranding project, suggesting that the Municipal Services Committee did not have the necessary authority to approve such a plan, and that approval by the full City Council would be a more appropriate and necessary course of action for such an important decision.

Councilmember Gordo stated his support for the proposed rebranding plan, however, he suggested that staff return to the City Council with recommendations on the graphics, timeline, marketing program, and any other actions required to complete the Pasadena ARTS rebranding plan so that a formal action can be taken by the full City Council.

Councilmember Madison noted that City staff should also consult with the Pasadena Convention Visitors Bureau, as well as the five Business Improvement Districts regarding the final rebranding plan, noting that their input is an important element for the proposed plan to proceed.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that staff provide him information on the approval process for such matters to be used as future reference.

By order of the Mayor and consensus of the City Council, the report was received and filed, with direction to staff to review the approval process for the Pasadena ARTS Bus

Rebranding Plan and return to the City Council for formal approval with recommendations on the graphics, marketing plan, timeline, and any other required actions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS
(Continued)**

SUBMITTAL OF THE DRAFT 2014-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (HCD)

Recommendation:

- (1) Approve the Draft 2014-2021 Housing Element (Attachment A of the agenda report); and
- (2) Authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development to submit the Draft Housing Element to the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).

Planning Commission Recommendation: On October 9, 2013, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council forward the 2014-2021 Draft Housing Element to HCD. Additionally, the Planning Commission made a recommendation that the City Council explore creating a structure to monitor the implementation of the Housing Element.

Vincent Bertoni, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced the agenda item. Denver Miller, Principle Planner, and Mark Hoffman, City consultant, provided an overview of the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the funding challenges related to building affordable housing stock in the City, the impacts this will have on low income Pasadena residents, and suggested that a Blue Ribbon Committee comprised of affordable housing experts be appointed by the City Council to explore ways to identify possible funding sources for affordable housing in the future, and to produce a report with this information for submittal to the City Council for consideration.

The following persons expressed concerns with the Draft 2014-2021 Housing Element:

Ruth McNevin, Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors
Alesia Gilford, Greater Pasadena Area Housing Group (GPAHG)
Crystal Beard, GPAHG
Jeanette Beard, GPAHG
Michelle White, GPAHG
Melody Harvey, Flintridge Center

James Davis, GPAHG
Rev. Hannah Petrie, GPAHG
Pat O'Reily, GPAHG
Michael Watkins, GPAHG
Anthony Manousos, GPAHG
Jill Shook, GPAHG
Darrell Cozen, GPAHG
Angela C. Spencer, GPAHG
Kenneth Spencer, GPAHG
J. Noel Toro, Pasadena resident
John Grech, Pasadena resident

David Reyes, Deputy Director of Planning and Community Development, responded to questions regarding the successful development of affordable housing in Pasadena vs. such housing stock in surrounding cities. Mr. Bertoni noted that staff will provide to the City Council a report on available affordable housing stock in the City on an annual basis.

Councilmember Tornek highlighted several of the controversial issues noted in the GPAHG letter deserving consideration in the Housing Element, such as: second units, modifying the special needs definition to include "formerly incarcerated individuals", revisions to the inclusionary housing ordinance, identification of funding sources, and health impacts to individuals residing near freeways. He stated his support for the formation of a sub-committee or a group devoted to housing issues in Pasadena to provide recommendations to the City Council, and requested that staff report back with ideas on how to provide focus on housing issues.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to approve the staff recommendation, amended to incorporate into the Draft Housing Element the recommendations listed in the letter submitted by the Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG): H.E.- 4.6 (Homeless Housing and Services), Program Nos. 17 (Affordable Housing Preservation), 23 (Fair Housing), and 24 (Housing Education Efforts), H.E. 4-7 (referenced on pages 14 & 25 of the Draft Housing Element), and direct staff to report back to City Council with ideas on how to provide focus on complicated housing issues, including the possible creation of a sub-committee or City commission to provide information and recommendations to the City Council on Affordable Housing Issues. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Vice Mayor Robinson)

INFORMATION ITEM

PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 922-936 EAST GREEN STREET

Recommendation: This report is intended to provide information to the City Council. No action is required.

Councilmember McAustin was excused at 11:26 p.m.

Vincent Bertoni, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced the agenda item, and Jason Mikaelian, Senior Planner, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Tornek commended staff for a thorough presentation, and raised concerns regarding Public Works' "corner radius" requirement being imposed as a standard condition, and suggested that this standard condition be reviewed for appropriateness for future projects.

Michael Holmes, Architect with Turtle Design Group, spoke briefly regarding the four affordable housing units.

Councilmember Masuda stated concerns about parking, especially given the existing parking issues in the proposed project area.

Following discussion, by order of the Mayor and consensus of the City Council, the information was received and filed.

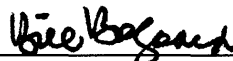
COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kennedy asked for an update on his request for information regarding policies of other cities related to the destruction of internal affairs and non-hire background police records.

The City Manager reported that the Wall Street Journal will publish corrected information regarding the City's pension costs later this week.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:58 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk