

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
August 17, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

**OPENING:**

Mayor Tornek called the regular meeting to order at 5:44 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:44 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
– ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (one potential case)**

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

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

**Property Locations: 299 North Euclid Avenue,  
Pasadena, CA**

**Agency Negotiator: Michael J. Beck, City Manager**

**Negotiating Party: Spencer Rose**

**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

The above closed session item was not discussed.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Kennedy.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Terry Tornek  
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Andy Wilson

Staff:

City Manager Michael J. Beck  
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Wendy De Leon, Customer Relations Manager in the Water and Power Department, reported on the Department’s “Annual Educational Scholarships Competition”, and recognized Mariella Diab D’Avirro and Miranda Johnson as winners of the competition. The Mayor congratulated the winners, and presented them with Certificates of Recognition for their outstanding work.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TELECOM LAW FIRM PC TO PROVIDE ON-CALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES CONSULTANT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$200,000**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contract for professional or unique services, with Telecom Law Firm PC for On-Call Telecommunications Facilities Consultant Services for two years in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 per year for a total of \$200,000. (Contract No. 30187)

Item discussed separately

**REJECTION OF BID TO FURNISH LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR UTILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE PASADENA WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

Item discussed separately

**CONTRACT AWARD TO HARDY & HARPER, INC., FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE OF STREETS – 2015 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,290,000**

**REJECTION OF BIDS FOR LINDA VISTA PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received on April 22, 2015 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for the Linda Vista Park Playground Renovation project.

Item discussed separately

**CONTRACT AWARD TO CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FOR TRAFFIC OPERATION IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$319,000**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH JAS CONSULTING, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$450,000 AND CSG CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$450,000 FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that actions proposed in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule);
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (F) Contracts for Professional or Unique Services, with JAS Consulting, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000 or three years, whichever occurs first;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) Contracts for Professional or Unique Services, with CSG Consultants, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000 or three years, whichever occurs first; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to extend either or both contracts for up to two additional one-year periods in amounts not-to-exceed \$150,000 per contract, per year, provided all terms, pricing, and conditions remain unchanged. (Contract Nos. 30207 and 30211)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH NO-DES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 150 PSI NO-DES FLUSHING SYSTEM TRUCK UNIT FOR THE PASADENA WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

**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);
- (2) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002( c ), Contracts for Labor, Materials, Supplies, or Services Available from Only One Vendor, to No-Des, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$378,012; and
- (3) Grant the proposed purchase order contract an exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

**AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 22,216 WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATES (ESA), TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$71,885, FROM \$432,033 TO \$503,918 FOR THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED ARROYO SECO MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule);

(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 22,216 with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) by increasing the total not-to-exceed amount by \$71,885 from \$432,033 to \$503,918 for the continued preparation of environmental documents related to the proposed Arroyo Seco Music and Arts Festival; and

(3) To the extent this transaction could be considered a separate procurement subject to competitive selection, grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process set forth in the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049 (B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

(Contract No. 22,216-1)

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH OUTFRONT DECAUX STREET FURNITURE, LLC (FORMERLY CBS OUTDOOR) FOR BUS SHELTERS**

**Recommendation:**

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

(2) Grant the proposed amendment an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an extension of the current contract with Outfront Decaux Street Furniture, LLC (formerly CBS Outdoor) for five years for an estimated annual revenue generation of \$360,000 based on a monthly rate of \$300 per shelter. (Contract No. 17,409-4)

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH E.E. ELECTRIC, INC., FOR ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 1 Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Class 2 Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction);

(2) Accept the bid dated June 9, 2015, submitted by E.E. Electric, Inc., in response to Specifications LD-15-01 for the electrical construction of overhead, underground and substation electrical conduit systems for the Water and Power Department ("PWP");

(3) Reject all other bids for electrical construction; and

(4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with E.E. Electric, Inc. for a period of four (4) years or until \$12,000,000 is expended, whichever occurs first, with one (1) additional one-year extension not-to-exceed \$3,000,000.

**Recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee:** On August 11, 2015, the Municipal Services Committee recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve the recommended contract with E.E. Electric, Inc. (Contract No. 30216)

Item discussed separately

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DESTROY INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILES REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND NON-HIRE BACKGROUND FILES**

**RESIGNATION OF SANDRA CLARK DAVIS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA ABRAMS TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF ASIF AHMED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (District 1 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF TERRY TORNEK TO THE FOOTHILL TRANSIT GOVERNING BOARD AS PASADENA CITY ALTERNATE (City of Pasadena Nomination)**

MINUTES APPROVED

April 13, 2015 Special City Council Meeting  
 April 13, 2015  
 April 20, 2015  
 April 27, 2015  
 May 4, 2015 City Council - Organizational

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 12,456	Evan P. Grant	\$ 825.28
Claim No. 12,457	Allstate Insurance as subrogee for Calleen Danon	2,714.88
Claim No. 12,458	Law Offices of Luis A. Carrillo, Esq., representing Margarita Perez	Not stated
Claim No. 12,459	Woods & Yoo, A Professional Corporation, representing Misun Francis Cho	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,460	Thomas P. Cacciatore, Attorney for Veronica Szikszoy	Not stated
Claim No. 12,461	Samuel J. Wu	325.16
Claim No. 12,462	Hafif & Associates, LLP, representing Robert Hull	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,463	Michael A. Urban, Esq., representing Lita Murray	10,000.00+
Claim No. 12,464	Lezlee Ann Chun	Not stated
Claim No. 12,465	Bruce Costantino	5,950.00
Claim No. 12,466	Asha Kurian	Not stated
Claim No. 12,467	Gancedo Law Firm representing Elizabeth Yasmin Jacob	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,468	Col. Arthur Coleman	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,469	Curd, Galindo & Smith, L.L.P, representing Kevin Okamoto	12,000,000.00
Claim No. 12,470	Care of Kundani & Chang LLP, representing Bryan Li	25,000.00+

Claim No. 12,471	Care of Kundani & Chang LLP, representing Brandon Li	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,472	Serena Hernandez	366.85

**PUBLIC HEARING SET**

**August 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** – Designation of 999 South San Rafael Avenue as a Landmark

**August 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** – Designation of 324 South Euclid Avenue as a Landmark

**August 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** – Designation of 880 South Madison Avenue as a Landmark

**August 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** – Designation of 600 East Colorado Boulevard as a Landmark

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 2 (Rejection of bid to Furnish Labor and Materials for Utilities Maintenance Services for the Pasadena Water and Power Department), Item 3 (Contract Award to Hardy & Harper, Inc., for Preventive Maintenance of Streets - 2015), Item 5 (Contract Award to California Professional Engineering for Traffic Operation Improvements at Various Intersections Project), and Item 11 (Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Chief of Police to Destroy Internal Affairs Files regarding Investigations and Non-hire Background files), which were discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**REJECTION OF BID TO FURNISH LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR UTILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE PASADENA WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the rejection of bids is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and

(2) Reject a bid received on July 1, 2015, in response to Specifications WD-14-07 to furnish labor and materials for utilities maintenance services for the Pasadena Water and Power Department.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the recent action by the City in support of the National Park Service's proposed plan as it relates to the Rim of the Valley Corridor, formally requested that a public hearing be held on this topic, and submitted written material.

In response to Ms. Romney, Councilmember Gordo requested that staff address questions raised by Ms. Romney in the City Manager's Weekly Newsletter.

David Whitehead, Pasadena resident, advocated for the proposed Kimpton Hotel project site to be used as open space and urged the City to hold public meetings on the issue.

Ben Hayes and Nancy Sumner, Wellness Works Glendale, spoke regarding the success of their recent "Not on My Watch" suicide prevention event held at the Colorado Street Bridge, expressed their appreciation to the City for its support, and presented the City with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Dr. Shelly Lowe, Chair of the Enduring Heroes Monument Proposal, requested that there be a full City Council discussion on the Enduring Heroes Memorial Project.

In response to Councilmember Madison, the City Manager noted that a discussion on the Enduring Heroes Monument will be held at the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting on September 1, 2015, with recommendations to the full City Council soon thereafter. He also noted that a revised monument policy is scheduled for the City Council meeting on August 31, 2015, which will include a suggestion/recommendation that the Enduring Heroes Memorial follows the existing Monument policy.

Christine Lenches-Hinkel, Pasadena resident, commented on the City's recently adopted Solid Waste Franchise Ordinance, requested that the City Council grant her firm a self-hauler exemption, and submitted written material. In response to Councilmember Gordo, the City Manager indicated that staff is currently reviewing the firm's exemption request, and will provide a formal response to Ms. Hinkel and to the full City Council once completed.



**CONSENT ITEMS**  
**DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**  
**(CONTINUED)**

**CONTRACT AWARD TO HARDY & HARPER, INC., FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE OF STREETS – 2015 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,290,000**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find the project proposed in the agenda report 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) Accept the bid dated July 22, 2015, submitted by Hardy & Harper, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Preventive Maintenance of Streets – 2015, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,290,000. (Contract No. 30149)

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

**CONTRACT AWARD TO CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FOR TRAFFIC OPERATION IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$319,000**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find the project proposed in the agenda report to be 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) Accept the bid dated July 29, 2015, submitted by California Professional Engineering in response to the Specifications for Traffic Operation Improvements at Various Intersections, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$319,000. (Contract No. 30148)

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DESTROY INTERNAL AFFAIRS FILES REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND NON-HIRE BACKGROUND FILES**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Authorize the Chief of Police, with concurrence of the City Attorney, to destroy internal affairs investigation files concluded from 1997 through 2009, which are listed in Attachment A of the agenda report; and
- (2) Authorize the Chief of Police, with concurrence of the City Attorney, to destroy non-hire background files completed in 2009 – Attachment B of the agenda report.

Councilmember Kennedy, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, introduced the agenda item, and Police Chief Phillip Sanchez, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the proposed action:

Dale Gronemeier, Eagle Rock, CA  
Kris Ockershauser, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
Ed Washatka, Pasadena resident  
Gary L. Moody, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Pasadena (NAACP)

Following discussion, and in response to Councilmember McAustin, the Police Chief confirmed that records pertaining to allegation of sexual misconduct, integrity, dishonesty, and officer involved shootings are kept indefinitely.

Councilmember Gordo requested that the City Attorney examine the differences in the State law and the City's practice as it relates to retaining references (not facts) to prior disciplinary actions/complaints beyond five years for purposes of progressive discipline.

Councilmember Kennedy and Hampton stated their opposition to the proposed action, with Councilmember Kennedy noting that it is difficult to understand why any internal affairs files should be destroyed.

Following additional discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Madison, McAustin,  
Vice Mayor Masuda  
NOES: Councilmembers Hampton, Kennedy, Wilson,  
Mayor Tornek  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
MOTION FAILED

No further action was taken or discussion held regarding staff's recommendation.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: ADOPT  
RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE AMENDED  
STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION  
CONTROL LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR NEW OR  
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO EXPAND THE  
EXISTING STANDARD URBAN STORMWATER  
MITIGATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS BY IMPOSING  
LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, AND  
APPROVING A GREEN STREETS POLICY FOR  
TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS FOR PUBLICLY-  
OWNED STREET AND ROAD PROJECTS, AND  
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 8151**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find the resolution proposed to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 8, Section 15308, actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment;
- (2) Adopt a resolution approving the amended Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control Legal Authority for New or Redevelopment Projects to expand the existing Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requirements by imposing Low Impact Development (LID) strategies and Green Streets policies;
- (3) Adopt a resolution approving a Green Streets policy for transportation corridors on publicly-owned street and road projects; and
- (4) Repeal Resolution No. 8151, which addressed the stormwater and urban runoff control regulations under the previous Municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. (Resolution Nos. 9449 and 9450)

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works, introduced the item, and Jillian Brickey, Environmental Programs Manager with John L. Hunter & Associates, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

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

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### **PUBLIC HEARING: GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – LAND USE AND MOBILITY ELEMENTS**

#### **Recommendation:**

(1) Adopt a Resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (SCH No. 2013091009) for the General Plan Update, and adopting California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and Statement of Overriding Considerations;

(2) Adopt a resolution adopting the General Plan Land Use Element (Attachment A of the agenda report), inclusive of the following components:

a. Guiding Principles, Goals and Policies, including Development Capacities by Specific Plan Areas

b. Land Use Diagram (Attachment B of the agenda report)

c. Implementation Program, Development Capacity Appendix, and Glossary

(3) Adopt a resolution adopting the General Plan Mobility Element (Attachment C of the agenda report), inclusive of the following components:

a. Mobility Objectives & Policies

b. Street Types

c. Modal Emphasis Overlay

d. De-emphasized Streets

(4) Adopt a resolution eliminating six optional General Plan Elements: Public Facilities, Social Development, Cultural and Recreational, Economic Development and Employment, Historic and Cultural, and Scenic Highways; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

**Recommendation of the Planning Commission:** On Wednesday, July 22, 2015, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the City Council:

1. Certify the Final EIR

2. Adopt the Land Use Element as recommended by staff, with minor changes;

3. Adopt the Mobility Element as recommended by staff; and

4. Eliminate six optional General Plan Elements.

The Commission had an in-depth discussion about each of these components of the General Plan. As part of its deliberations, the Commission voted to recommend

certification of the Final EIR, and to recommend a number of refinements to the proposed project. These refinements include minor modifications of the Goals and Policies of the Land Use Element and the Land Use Diagram, as well as development capacities that are a combination of the Proposed Project and the Central District, South Fair Oaks, Lincoln Avenue (Lamanda Park Alternative), as an expression of balancing the various viewpoints on future growth in the City that have been voiced throughout the General Plan Update effort.

The recommendations before the City Council are the same recommendations as made by the Planning Commission.

**Recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Commission:** On Thursday, July 16, 2015, the Transportation Advisory Commission voted to recommend that the City Council:

1. Certify the Final EIR
  2. Adopt the Mobility Element as recommended by staff
  3. Adopt the Land Use Element as recommended by staff, with the exception that the Efficient Transportation Alternative and related development capacities be adopted; and
  4. Eliminate six optional General Plan Elements
- The Commission expressed its support for the Efficient Transportation Alternative as it would most advance the goals for sustainable development and efficient transportation. (Resolution Nos. 9451, 9452, 9453, and 9454)

The City Clerk opened the public hearing and reported that the notice of public hearing was published on July 30, and August 6 and 13, 2015 in the Pasadena Journal; and that 14 letters and 1 petition containing 141 signatures were received by the City Clerk's Office regarding the recommended action.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning and Community Development, introduced the item, Mark Yamarone, Transportation Administrator, and Arthi Varma, Principal Planner, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, the following individuals spoke in opposition to, expressed concerns, and/or, provided suggestions regarding the proposed action:

Meena Pennington, Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition (PNC), submitted written material

Michael Warner, Pasadena resident  
Rob Senger, Pasadena resident  
John Grech, Pasadena resident  
Avram Gold, Pasadena resident  
Nancy Van Den Hout, Pasadena resident  
Brian Wallace, Playhouse District Association  
Erlinda Romo, Playhouse District Association  
Scott Brown, Playhouse District Association  
Steve Mulheim, President of the Old Pasadena  
Management District (OPMD)  
Elissa DeAngelo, West Pasadena Residents  
Association (WPRA)  
Joan Hearst, West Pasadena Residents Association  
(WPRA)  
Carla Walecka, Playhouse District Association  
Tina Miller, Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood  
Association  
Garth Garrett, Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood  
Association  
Bob Kneisel, Bungalow Heaven Neighborhood  
Association  
John Dailey, Pasadena resident  
Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident  
Susan N. Mossman, Pasadena Heritage  
Tom Rath, Pasadena resident  
Marsha Rood, Pasadena resident  
Fried Wilson, Downtown Pasadena Neighborhood  
Association (DPNA)  
Jonathan Edwards, Downtown Pasadena  
Neighborhood Association (DPNA)  
Richard A. McDonald, Esq., Pasadena resident

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed action:

Scott Jenkins, Fuller Theological Seminary  
David Whitehead, Pasadena resident  
Christophe LaBelle, Pasadena resident  
Blair Miller, Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition  
Tricia Keane, Pasadena resident  
Steve Boss, Pasadena resident  
John Byram, Pasadena resident  
Elizabeth Fagan, North Mentor Avenue Residents  
Wes Reutimann, Pasadena resident

Councilmember McAustin stated her support for the proposed 15% increase in the allowable Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for Planned Developments (PD) as the maximum allowed, noted that the proposed language provides

protection for North Lake Avenue neighborhoods as it relates to development, stressed the need to adopt a plan that will allow for reasonable/responsible development that will not negatively impact residents, and stated her support for the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns with the recommended development cap levels (appears too low) in the Fair Oaks/Orange Grove Specific Plan and Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan areas, and stated that he would not want possible future significant development, specifically at the property located at 600 North Lincoln Avenue (Post Office), to be so restrictive that the City does not get the highest and best use for the property.

Councilmembers Gordo and Wilson cited concerns regarding the development capacities for the Central District Specific Plan area, noting that a large portion of the capacity is already dedicated to the "Lincoln/Parsons" project (approximately 40% for the future 20-year plan). Mr. Bertoni noted that Land Use Element Policy 1.5, "Growth and Change Evaluation", states that the City can review the General Plan's residential and commercial capacities every five years and modify as necessary, and noted that staff will monitor the development capacities annually, and report back to City Council with their findings.

Discussion ensued on the appropriateness of the proposed 15% Planned Development (PD) bonus potential, a sliding scale, or to eliminate the FAR limit entirely, and the potential impact of such actions, with Mr. Reyes noting that from an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) standpoint, the outer limit should be no more than 3.0 FAR for PD's.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

## MOTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to allow an increase to the Floor Area Ratio of up to 3.0 for Planned Developments (PD), and to eliminate the proposed 15% FAR bonus potential. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

MOTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Masuda, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the "Refinement of Proposed Project and CD, SFO, LA (Lamanda Park) Alternative" reflecting the following development capacities: 6,979 residential dwelling units and 5,975,000 of non-residential square feet.

AMENDED MOTION

Following additional discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Masuda, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the "Refinement of Proposed Project and CD, SFO, LA (Lamanda Park) Alternative" reflecting the following development capacities: 6,979 residential dwelling units and 5,975,000 of non-residential square feet, with direction to staff to concentrate development on the "efficient transportation model" through policy. (Motion carried, with Councilmembers Kennedy and Wilson objecting) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Kennedy commented on the proposed elimination of the Economic Development and Employment Element of the General Plan, and suggested that there be an opportunity for a full City Council discussion on the matter related to Economic Development for the greater Pasadena community.

MOTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the staff recommendation, incorporating the actions approved above. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

**AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 ROSE BOWL BUDGET**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council amend the Rose Bowl Operating Company's (RBOC) Fiscal Year 2016 budget to add 1.0 Full Time Equivalent.

Councilmember McAustin left at 12:37 a.m.

Darryl Dunn, Rose Bowl General Manager, introduced the agenda item, and summarized the agenda report, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the Rose Bowl Operating Company's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember McAustin)



**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**(CONTINUED)**

Councilmember McAustin  
returned at 12:38 a.m.

Councilmember Gordo was  
excused at 12:40 a.m., and left  
the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENTS TO PASADENA  
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.61 REGARDING THE  
DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS AND SECTION 2.80  
REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE DESIGN  
COMMISSION**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061 (b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Direct staff to prepare an ordinance amending the Zoning Code to: a) eliminate the 50% advisory review from the design review process; and b) to require the preliminary consultation for a project be the same as the review authority for the project; and

(3) Direct staff to prepare a text amendment to Title 2.80 of the Pasadena Municipal Code related to the composition of the Design Commission; and add the requirement that one of the five Mayoral appointees be reserved for an individual with historic preservation expertise.

**Recommendation of the Planning Commission:** At its meeting of July 22, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve the proposed zoning code amendment which would eliminate the advisory 50% design review step from the design review process and formally allow the Design Commission to review Preliminary Consultation applications for those projects subject to commission level review.

**Recommendation of the Design Commission:** At its meeting of February 24, 2015, the Design Commission recommended that the City Council approve the text amendments outline in the agenda report.

The City Clerk opened the public hearing and reported the notice of public hearing was published on July 30, August 6, and 13, 2015 in the Pasadena Journal; and 1 letter of support for the staff recommendation was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding the recommended action.

Leon White, Principal Planner, introduced the agenda item and reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison suggested that proposed amendments to the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) include the original language to be amended, and clarified that the Design Commission's membership/appointment process states that members are first nominated by the

City Council and the Mayor then nominates from those recommended by the City Council for approval.

Councilmember McAustin highlighted one of the goals for the proposed amendment, which is to streamline the design review process, and asked staff to measure its success and report back to the City Council with information in the future.

Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident, spoke in support for the proposed action.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

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

**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2.120 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION FROM 11 TO 13 MEMBERS**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
- (2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare and return with an ordinance within 60 days amending Chapter 2.120 of the Pasadena Municipal Code to increase the membership of the Senior Commission from 11 to 13 members and designate each of the new positions to be held by representatives of the Pasadena Senior Center and the Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network respectively.

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, introduced the agenda item and summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

In response to Councilmember McAustin, the City Manager noted that information will be included in the City Manager's weekly newsletter regarding the Los Angeles County's plans to address a strong El Nino in relation to the Devil's Gate Dam Sediment Removal project.

Councilmember Kennedy, on behalf of Councilmember Gordo, invited the community to an Open House at Fire Station No. 33 located at 515 North Lake Avenue, to be held on August 22, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Mayor announced that he recently attended the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Pasadena Senior Center. He also reported on the success of the Sri Lanka Festival held at Paseo Colorado on August 15, 2015.

Vice Mayor Masuda reported that he recently attended the grand opening celebration of the Duarte Gold Line Station, which he noted to be one of six new stations that will extend from East Pasadena to Azusa.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 1:05 a.m., in memory of James Rothenberg, an active community member and philanthropist; Adelaide Rene Bossieux Massengale, a retired City employee with 29 years of service.

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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk