

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 15, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Tornek called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
(Absent: None)

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

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

Irving Aptaker, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding a recent City mailer on water conservation (omission of golf courses and swimming pools).

In response, the City Manager noted that golf courses are in fact included in the water conservation effort and that pools have been considered, and are included in the City's future drought planning should there be a need for further reduction to achieve water conservation goals.

Larry Herbst, Pasadena resident, spoke regarding the increase in traffic on Avenue 64 due to the installation of several stop signs over the years, noted the impacts (increased cost, pollution, and aggravation), and asked that the City consider reducing the number of signs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF STANDARD AMENDMENT TO 2014-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO ALLOW PROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

Recommendation: Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Standard Amendment to the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan to allow for the programming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

OPTIONS FOR ALLOCATION OF POTENTIAL NEW TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX REVENUE

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
- (2) Direct staff to notify the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro) that the City of Pasadena favors being grouped with the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion (AVS) cities in identifying transportation projects for potential new transportation sales tax revenue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: ACCEPTANCE OF \$491,770 FROM THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM, AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$100,958 FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN , AND APPROPRIATION OF \$91,780 FROM GRANT FUNDING

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from review, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) Accept a grant and recognize revenues in the amount of \$491,770 to the Building Services Fund (204) awarded to the City through the California Strategic Growth Council Grant Program;
- (3) Appropriate \$91,780 of the grant funding to the Planning and Community Development Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget, Account No. 8115-204-444200-91513 (Sustainability Growth Council Project) for the preparation of a Climate Action Plan; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding, pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), Contracts for Professional or Unique Services, with Rincon Consultants, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,958 for the preparation of a Climate Action Plan. (Contract No. 22,312; Journal Voucher 2015-32)

APPOINTMENT OF TONY SANTILENA TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 (District 2 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF BLAIR MILLER TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 (District 2 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF STEVE HADERLEIN TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE JUNE 29, 2015 (District 4 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF DENVER MILLER TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JACQUES BOLTON TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 (Agency Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERYL TURNER TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 (District 2 Nomination)

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 22,028 WITH MARTIN & CHAPMAN COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL ELECTION SERVICES AND SUPPLIES TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$26,500 FROM \$510,000 TO \$536,500
RECOMMENDATION:

(1) Find that 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 Clerk to retroactively amend Contract No. 22,028 with Martin & Chapman Company for professional election services and supplies for the March 10, 2015 consolidated City of Pasadena and Pasadena Unified School District Primary Nominating Election, and the April 21, 2015, General Municipal Election to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$26,500 from \$510,000 to \$536,500. (Contract No. 22,028-2)

MINUTES APPROVED February 23, 2015

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED	Claim No. 12,422	Manibog Law, PC, representing Francisco Serrano	\$	Not stated
	Claim No. 12,423	Charlotte Martin, on behalf of minor Ronen Andrews		1,190.00
	Claim No. 12,424	Dagoberto Gonzalez		Not stated
	Claim No. 12,425	Alma Duran		Not stated
	Claim No. 12,426	Robert H. Smith		3,179.82

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PURCHASED WATER ADJUSTMENT CHARGE PURSUANT TO PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ("PMC") CHAPTER 13.20.110

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council open the public hearing and receive public comment on the proposed water rate adjustments, close the public hearing, and in the absence of a majority protest take the following action:

(1) Find that the proposed changes to the Purchased Water Adjustment Charge ("PWAC") are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges);

(2) Approve the proposed water rate adjustments to:

(a) Increase the PWAC by 5¢ per billing unit effective October 2015;

(b) Increase the PWAC by an additional 2¢ per billing unit effective October 2016

The City Clerk opened the public hearing and reported that 42,133 copies of the public hearing notice were mailed on April 28, 2015; and no correspondence was received regarding the recommended action.

Shari Thomas, Assistant General Manager of Water and Power, introduced the agenda item and summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to, and/or, expressed concerns regarding the proposed action:

Mia Hanna, Pasadena resident

Craig W. Clark, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Kennedy stressed the need for the City to expand incentives/rebate programs to address the issue of water shortage/conservation, and suggested that staff present options to the City Council and community for further discussion. In response to Councilmember Kennedy, Phyllis Currie, Water and Power General Manager, stated that staff will return with additional information through the Municipal Services Committee in July 2015.

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

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

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2016
RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET**

Recommendation:

- (1) Receive public comment, including regarding the Public Health and other departments listed on the June 15, 2015 Special Joint Meeting agenda; and
- (2) Continue this public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m., until June 22, 2015 or such other date as the City Council may determine, and, at which time, the City Council will be asked to close the public hearing and formally adopt the FY 2016 Operating Budget.

The Mayor announced that now was the time for the continued public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 2 additional letters (1 letter of support of the AIDS Service Center and 1 letter from Chapcare), were received by the City Clerk's Office.

Steve Mermell, Acting Director of Public Health/Assistant City Manager, reviewed the Recommended Operating Budget for the Public Health Department as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo stressed the need to ensure that the community is aware of the proposed transition from Chapcare, and noted the importance of preserving these services, dollars, and jobs in the community.

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns regarding Chapcare and it not adequately serving the entire community, namely African Americans, inquired about the action plan that Chapcare has in place to address the issue, and strongly suggested that there be a discussion on what the City is doing to encourage Chapcare to better serve the community as a whole.

Margie Martinez, CHAP Chief Executive Officer, and Tom Thorman, CHAP Board Chair, addressed the issue regarding the transfer of the prenatal program, described Chapcare's proposal regarding the integration and expansion of current services provided at Chapcare to address the assignment of HIV positive patients, and responded to questions.

In response to Councilmember Kennedy's expressed concern, Mr. Thorman noted that it is important to the CHAP Board of Directors to serve all of the population, and stated his willingness to discuss the matter further with the Councilmember.

Following discussion, several members of the City Council expressed concerns as it relates to terminating existing contracts with the Los Angeles County and potentially losing "Ryan White" funding, including the services associated with such funding, and stressed the need for the City to have assurances that these services will be sustained locally with the proposed transition of HIV/AIDS services to Chapcare.

Councilmember Hampton and Kennedy commented on the issue regarding Chapcare hiring Public Health Department employees that are potentially affected by the proposed transition, encouraged a stronger partnership between the City and Chapcare, with Councilmember Kennedy suggesting that Chapcare and City staff redouble efforts of providing a smooth transition as it relates to hiring affected qualified City employees.

Councilmember McAustin expressed her support for the City to transition the proposed services to Chapcare, which she noted to be a qualified/experienced provider of full-service managed medical care.

Councilmember Gordo stressed the importance of continuing to provide safety net services to the community, and strongly suggested that the City reach out to the Los Angeles County to explore ways to retain the "safety net dollars" for a sole source provider such as Chapcare.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to, expressed concerns with, and/or, provided suggestions regarding the proposed closure of various Public Health Department facilities, and the impacts these closures will have on existing employees/clients:

Shasta Palmer-Foster, Andrew Escajeda Client Advisory Board

Bradley G. Land, Pasadena resident

Joyce Spencer, former Department of Public Health Employee

Lee Wax, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 858 representative

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, briefly discussed the General Fund 5-Year Financial Forecast, distributed material to the City Council related to each of the City departments' proposed decision packages for the City Council's review prior to the next scheduled continued public hearing, and responded to questions.

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the City Manager's Office proposed decision package detail report, specifically as it relates to a Police Internal Auditor position.

The following individuals spoke in support for the proposed Police Internal Auditor position, and/or provided suggestions regarding the matter:

Dale Gronemeier, Coalition for Increased Civilian Oversight of the Pasadena Police (CICOPP)
Reverend Hannah Petrie, CICOPP
Kris Ockershauser, CICOPP
Tarek Shawky, Pasadena resident
Ed Washatka, CICOPP

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to continue the public hearing to June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDED GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE

Recommendation: Receive public comment and continue the public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m., until June 22, 2015, or such other date as the City Council may determine, and, at which time, the City Council will be asked to close the public hearing and formally adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 General Fee Schedule.

The Mayor announced that now was the time for the continued public hearing.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to continue the public hearing to June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2016 RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES, AND CHARGES

Recommendation: Receive public comment and continue the public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 7:00 p.m., until June 22, 2015, or such other date as the City Council may determine, and, at which time, the City Council will be asked to close the public hearing and formally adopt the Fiscal Year 2016 Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges.

The Mayor announced that now was the time for the continued public hearing.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to continue the public hearing to June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

COUNCIL COMMENTS

In response to Councilmember McAustin's inquiry, Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, noted that a response will be provided at the next scheduled meeting regarding additional funding for maintenance of the Rose Bowl Loop.

The Mayor stated that the proposed State Route 710 Freeway Tunnel project will be discussed at the upcoming San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) meeting, and noted his intention to articulate the City's position on the matter.

Councilmember Gordo requested staff to bring forward a report with an overview on the City's plans/preparation for a potential strong El Nino event in the fall/winter.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:40 p.m., in memory of Vincint Bugliosi, a well-known Prosecutor/Lawyer and Author; and Erline Haggerman, a long-time Pasadena resident and active community member.

Terry Tornek, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk