

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
January 11, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

**OPENING:**

Mayor Tornek called the regular meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.  
(Absent: Councilmembers Hampton and Kennedy)

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:34  
p.m. to discuss the following closed sessions:

Councilmember Hampton  
arrived at 5:52 p.m.

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

**Agency Designated Representatives: Michael J. Beck and  
Jennifer Curtis**

**Employee Organization: Non-Represented Management**

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

**Property Locations: 221 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA**

**Agency Negotiators: Michael J. Beck and Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating Party: Larry Sue**

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

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

**Property Locations: 42 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena,  
CA**

**Agency Negotiators: Michael J. Beck and Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating Parties: Lux Rav, Inc – David Abrams, Jason  
Lara, Tammy Nguyen**

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

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

**Property Locations: 63 South Raymond Avenue, Pasadena,  
CA**

**Agency Negotiators: Michael J. Beck and Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating Party: Ananya Chai, LLC – Ananya Pactchai**

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to  
Government Code Section 54957 and CITY COUNCIL**

**CONFERENCE with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Employee Title and Unrepresented Employee: City Clerk  
City Representative: Terry Tornek**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Position Title: City Manager  
City Representative: Terry Tornek**

The above closed session items were discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of Case: City of Azusa v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS152744**

The City Council agreed to settle a property tax administration fee lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles with the City receiving approximately \$1.17 million refunded monies, reflecting the City's success at the trial court level.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:49 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Hoyt Hilsman, PCC Trustee, Area 4.

**ROLL CALL:**  
Councilmembers:

Mayor Terry Tornek  
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy (Absent)  
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**

The Mayor introduced Hoyt Hilsman, Pasadena Community College Trustee, Area 4, and Jim Osterling, Pasadena Community College Trustee, Area 2, and provided a brief description on their professional background and achievements. Mr. Hilsman and Osterling thanked the City Council and community for their support.

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

Pat Huffman, Shakespeare Club of Pasadena, provided the City Council with a brief background on the history of the Club, and announced the upcoming play entitled, "Arsenic and Old Lace".

Marla Tauscher, Shelter Track, expressed several concerns regarding the business practices of the Pasadena Humane Society (PHS), alleged that the PHS is in violation of State law, and requested the City's support in addressing the matter.

In response, Councilmember Gordo clarified that the matter regarding the Pasadena Humane Society will be agendaized for discussion at a future meeting of the Economic Development and Technology Committee.

Susan Wood, Executive Director of the Children's Center at California Institute of Technology (Caltech), and Cliff Marcussen, Executive Director of Options for Learning, announced the upcoming "5<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Childhood Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (ECSTEM)" Conference on February 4-6, 2016, highlighted topics to be discussed and distributed invitations to the City Council.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item discussed separately

**CONTRACT AWARD TO VART CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR CITYWIDE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – 2016, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$885,000**

**AMENDMENT TO THE REPLACEMENT GUARANTY AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 18,243-1) WITH IBERDROLA RENEWABLES, INC., FORMERLY PACIFICORP HOLDINGS, INC., TO CHANGE THE GUARANTOR FROM IBERDROLA RENEWABLES, INC., TO IBERDROLA USA, INC.**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the amendment to Replacement Guaranty Agreement (Contract No. 18,243-1) with Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., (formerly Pacificorp Holdings, Inc.) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3);

(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 18,243-1 with Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., by:

(a) Changing the guarantor from Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., to Iberdrola USA, Inc., and the date of the guaranty, and

(b) Updating the notice details and the section on conditions to effectiveness to reflect the replacement guarantor;

(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve any future amendments to the guaranty agreement involving name change or change of parent company on the same terms and conditions; and

(4) Find that this amendment to the existing replacement guaranty agreement (Contract No. 18,243-1) is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(c), contracts for labor, materials, supplies, or services available from only one vendor and Pasadena Municipal Code, Chapter 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. (Contract No. 18,243-2)

Item discussed separately

**APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA (LIUNA), LOCAL 777 FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines, per Section 15601(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the State of California under the Housing-Related Parks ("HRP") Program; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve any documents in connection with the HRP grant application or, in the event that the City receives an award, any HRP grant contract documents that may be required by the State. (Resolution No. 9474)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH VPLS SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK DATA COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract with VPLS Solutions, LLC, a certified California small business, for the purchase of network data communications equipment and services in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000 with an average annualized allocation of \$500,000 for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services; and

(3) Grant the proposed purchase order contract exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, Chapter 4.08 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, pursuant to Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACTS WITH INLAND WATER WORKS SUPPLY CO., AND HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER COLD-WATER METERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$944,277 PER YEAR AND \$218,177 PER YEAR, RESPECTIVELY (SPECIFICATION WD-15-09)**

Item discussed separately

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335,733 TO THE HUMAN SERVICES AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET TO SUPPORT CORE PROGRAMS AND RELATED ACTIVITY**

**RESIGNATION OF SHERYL TURNER FROM THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 2 Nomination)**

MINUTES APPROVED

November 2, 2015  
 November 9, 2015  
 November 16, 2015  
 November 23, 2015  
 November 30, 2015

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 12,543	XPressions Salon, Shady R. Mallory	\$ 7,600.00
Claim No. 12,544	Jacob Maarse, Inc	117,270.47
Claim No. 12,545	State Farm Insurance as subrogee to Benjamin Broudy	10,000.00+
Claim No. 12,546	Zepur Ouzounian	26,658.50
Claim No. 12,547	Sahara Restaurant, Garo Krikorian	2,000.00
Claim No. 12,548	Michael P. Frank	50.00
Claim No. 12,549	Darius Hines	418.90
Claim No. 12,550	Paul Edward May	538.30
Claim No. 12,551	Christian Miller	2,022.86
Claim No. 12,552	Dennis LeFeure and Progressive Insurance	2,975.92
Claim No. 12,553	Mercury Insurance Group as subrogee to Edward Chen	13,472.74
Claim No. 12,554	Arogant Hollywood	2,000,000.00
Claim No. 12,555	Alison Helen Fairchild	2,000,000.00
Claim No. 12,556	Jay C. Simons, AIA	2,000.00

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SET**

**January 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** – Consideration of a Text Amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan and Zoning Code Section 17.35.030 to Allow Hospital Uses with a Conditional Use Permit

**February 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** – Adoption of a Resolution Certifying an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Pasadena Non-Potable Water Project

**March 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** – Approval and Submittal of the Public Housing Agency Annual Plan (2016) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Contract Award to Vart Construction, Inc.), Item 3 (Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pasadena and the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Local 777), Item 6 (Authorization to Enter into Purchase Order Contracts with Inland Water Works Supply Co., and HD Supply Waterworks, LTD.), and Item 7 (Recognize and Appropriate Funds in the amount of \$335,733 to the Human Services and Recreation Department's Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget), which were discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Kennedy)

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**CONTRACT AWARD TO VART CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR CITYWIDE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – 2016, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$885,000**

**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 December 15, 2015, submitted by Vart Construction, Inc., in response to the Project Specifications for Citywide Sidewalk Improvements – 2016, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not-to-exceed \$885,000. (Contract No. 30467)

Councilmember Hampton reiterated his request to staff that there be more effort to identify local firms qualified to bid on City contracts, and to better advertise City projects to Pasadena-based businesses.

In response to Councilmember Hampton, the City Manager indicated that he will provide him with information regarding future City bid projects electronically, and reminded everyone that such information is currently available online with the City Manager's Weekly Newsletter.

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

Councilmember Gordo  
recused himself at 7:18 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA (LIUNA), LOCAL 777 FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2019**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pasadena (City) and the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Local 777 for the term of October 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019. (Contract No. 22,500)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo and Kennedy)

The Mayor clarified that action above included the amended version of the exhibit to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and LIUNA, which was distributed by staff to the City Council at the meeting.

Councilmember Gordo  
returned at 7:19 p.m.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACTS WITH INLAND WATER WORKS SUPPLY CO., AND HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER COLD-WATER METERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$944,277 PER YEAR AND \$218,177 PER YEAR, RESPECTIVELY (SPECIFICATION WD-15-09)**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction);
- (2) Accept the bid dated December 1, 2015, submitted by Inland Water Works Supply Co., in response to Specification WD-15-09, to furnish and deliver cold-water meters for the Water and Power Department ("PWP"), and authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with Inland Water Works Supply Co., for an amount not-to-exceed \$944,277 per year for an initial period of two years, with an option for two additional one-year terms of \$944,277 each, at the approval of the City Manager; and

(3) Accept the bid dated December 1, 2015, submitted by HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd., in response to Specification WD-15-09, to furnish and deliver cold-water meters for PWP, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order contract with HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd., for an amount not-to-exceed \$218,117 per year for an initial period of two years, with an option for two additional one-year terms of \$218,117 each, at the approval of the City Manager.

Following discussion, and in response to Councilmember Hampton, Eric Klinkner, Interim General Manager of Water and Power, noted that he will provide information regarding the savings associated with automated meter reading to date in the City Manager's Weekly Newsletter.

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335,733 TO THE HUMAN SERVICES AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET TO SUPPORT CORE PROGRAMS AND RELATED ACTIVITY**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule); and
- (2) Recognize and appropriate \$335,733 to the Human Services & Recreation (HS&R) Department's Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget. (Budget Amendment No. 2016-20)

Horace Wormely, Director of Human Services and Recreation Department, introduced the agenda item, and Susan Kim, Management Analyst, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo stated support for the proposed action, noted the importance of the funds donated for various programs and participants, and the need for staff to maintain its efforts in seeking such funds in order to continue the goal of funding specific programs and/or program participants going forward.

Councilmember Wilson stated the need to honor restrictions, if any, associated with the donated dollars, specifically in terms of how such funds could be utilized.



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

## PUBLIC HEARING

### PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE WATER SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGE FORMULA PURSUANT TO PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ("PMC") CHAPTER 13.20.035.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) Find that implementation of the recommended Water Capital Improvement Charge ("CIC") formula is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges);
- (2) Open a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed implementation of the CIC to:
  - (a) Approve the implementation of the CIC formula as defined in the Water Rate Ordinance ("Ordinance") to recover the capital improvement costs of the water distribution system;
  - (b) Adopt a recommended system average increase of \$0.45 per billing unit ("BU") to the CIC based on the adopted Fiscal Year ("FY") 2016 Water Fund Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") budget and forecast water sales volumes; and,
  - (c) Authorize use of the CIC formula for FY 2017 based upon adoption of the CIP budget and updated forecast of water sales volumes;
- (3) Direct the City Clerk or Water and Power Department representative to report on timely written protests received;
- (4) Close the Public Hearing;
- (5) Approve the proposed CIC formula implementation and use, and the associated CIC rate increase effective January 18, 2016, or as soon as practical thereafter; and
- (6) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to PMC Chapter 13.20.035 to reflect the proposed CIC formula implementation and use.

The City Clerk opened the public hearing and reported the notice of public hearing was published on November 25, 2015 in the Pasadena Star News; November 26, 2015 in the Pasadena Journal; 45,407 copies of the notice were mailed on November 20, 2015; and 928 copies of the notice were mailed on November 24, 2015.

Eric Klinkner, Interim General Manager of Water and Power, introduced the agenda item, and Shari Thomas, Assistant General Manager, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns regarding the proposed action, specifically as it relates to the volumetric approach to recovering cost to be incurred by the City, noted the need to recover costs in the most fair and equitable way, and stated his support in directing staff to examine/utilize a fixed charges model.

In response to Councilmember Madison, Ms. Thomas noted that staff will include non-volumetric options/methods in recovering costs in their future report to the City Council.

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

Councilmember Madison left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Ken Kules, Pasadena resident  
Alexander Luna, Los Robles Townhome Homeowner Association  
Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena resident  
Ranjit Vishwanath, Pasadena resident  
Ryan Pittman, Pasadena resident  
Melody Rose, Pasadena resident  
Jeffrey Anson, Pasadena resident  
Avis Kawahara, Pasadena resident

Following discussion, and in response to a public comment, Councilmember McAustin agreed on the need for the City to better and more clearly communicate such matters in notices mailed to residents, and stated that the matter will be discussed at a future Municipal Services Committee meeting.

Several Councilmembers supporting a change to the staff's recommended rate, whereby it should be applied based on the 22% water savings level as oppose to the 28% prospective water savings goal, noting that the 22% level is a more accurate measure of where the City is today in terms of water savings.

Councilmember Gordo recommended that the aforementioned matter be revisited on a yearly basis to determine if an amendment is necessary based on the 28% goal, commented on the staff's capital expenditure work plan, and requested that staff formulate a plan on how to best keep the public informed about projects funded by the Capital Improvement Charge (CIC) as funds are expended.

Following discussion, Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns regarding the proposed action.

The City Clerk announced that 8 timely written protests were received by the City Clerk's Office regarding the proposed action, and that therefore, no majority protest exists.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Kennedy and Madison)

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation, amended to apply the Capital Improvement Charge (CIC) rate increase of \$0.36 per billing unit (22% water savings level) as oppose to the CIC rate increase of \$0.45 per billing unit (28% water savings level), staff to include, as part of the CIC formula review for 2017, an updated list of completed projects that were funded by the CIC, as well as a list of proposed projects to be funded the following fiscal year, and to delete staff recommendation No. 6. (Motion carried, with Councilmember Hampton objecting.) (Absent: Councilmembers Kennedy and Madison)

#### ORDINANCE – ADOPTED

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 8.77 TO THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITY” (Introduced by Councilmember McAustin) (Ordinance No. 7272)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Hampton, McAustin, Wilson, Vice Mayor Masuda, Mayor Tornek

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Kennedy and Madison

#### INFORMATION ITEM

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN PASADENA FOCUSING ON FUTURE NEED AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS**

Recommendation: This item is presented for information only.

William Huang, Director of Housing and Career Services, introduced the agenda item and conducted the workshop as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo asked how the reported number of affordable units in the City measure up to other municipalities on a per capita basis, with Mr. Huang noting that he will work with other cities to obtain the needed information to perform a comparison.

Councilmember Wilson requested staff to provide a listing breakdown of affordable housing units becoming available by year, and congratulated City staff for their work on the matter.

Councilmember Gordo strongly stated his preference for the elimination of the inclusionary housing in-lieu fee, noting the importance for encouraging affordable housing construction throughout the City, and suggested that staff continue to pursue the matter with our local State Assemblyman and State Senator. He also asked staff to provide information regarding the commercial linkage fee, to overlay and map where existing affordable housing resources are located, and to provide in the report a distinction between rental and for sale units.

Michael Beck, City Manager, indicated that staff has been studying the concept of proposing an increase to the inclusionary housing in-lieu fee to closely resemble the cost of building a single unit outside of a project, with Councilmember Gordo noting that he would be supportive of such action in the event that the in-lieu fee cannot be totally eliminated.

Councilmember Gordo left the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Councilmember Hampton expressed interest in further discussing future needs and potential solutions to address the housing crisis, specifically as it relates to the creation of a landlord reimbursement fund and a commercial linkage fee, and suggested that these matters be discussed at a future Economic Development and Technology Committee meeting.

Following discussion, the following individuals spoke in support of, and/or, provided suggestions regarding affordable housing:

Darrell Cozen, Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)  
Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services (AHS)  
Martin Yuson, Pasadena resident  
Rose Mary Elizondo, residence not stated  
Renee Aldridge, Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)  
Jill Shook, Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)  
Aaron Wooler, Century Housing  
Tim Peters, Door of Hope  
Robin Hughes, Los Angeles, CA  
Steve Kuchenski, Pasadena resident  
Noel Toro, Pasadena resident

Councilmember McAustin asked about efforts that could be taken to speed up the review/approval process for affordable housing projects, and suggested that the Planning Commission consider the matter.

Councilmember McAustin suggested that the next steps and/or areas of focus would be to increase the Inclusionary In-Lieu fee, to consider the Eaton Wash development project, to evaluate the commercial linkage fee, and to "aggressively" revisit the

second unit ordinance. Councilmembers McAustin and Wilson stated the need to move quickly on some projects/matters, and requested that staff bring forward a real list of priorities and a schedule for review and commitment by the City Council, with Councilmember Wilson specifically expressing interest in learning more about the commercial linkage fee at a future Economic Development and Technology Committee meeting.

Following discussion, Mayor Tornek agreed on the need to prioritize and take action on some items, to find a process for bringing the ideas forward through the Planning Commission, Economic Development and Technology Committee, and to the full City Council within a reasonable period of time, stated his support for increasing the Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu fee and inclusionary affordability requirements in Transit Oriented Districts (TOD's), stated his concern regarding the commercial linkage fee, and encouraged further discussion on the potential use of three identified City-owned sites (Heritage Square South, Kinneloa, and Garfield/Holly) for new permanent supportive housing.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's earlier comment, the Mayor noted that there will be a discussion at the upcoming Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) to be held on February 8, 2016, regarding the City's interest in possible joint-use affordable housing projects on PUSD's sites.

In response to the Mayor's questions, Mr. Huang stated that he will research whether or not new legislation passed regarding affordable housing projects and parking ratios, and stated that the proposed actions/ideas with regard to how the City might further address the housing crisis, will be brought forward to the Planning Commission for discussion in February, 2016, followed by the Economic Development Committee, with a priority list to the full City Council shortly thereafter for consideration.

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

**BRIEF REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES/ REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember McAustin complimented the City Manager and staff for their work and effort in managing the New Year's events.

Councilmember Wilson complimented the new technology in the Council Chamber, and thanked staff and the consultants for overseeing a successful project.

Vice Mayor Masuda announced a District 4 community forum on the topic, "Are we Earthquake Ready?", at Victory Park on January 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., and noted that Lucy Jones, California Institute of Technology's (Caltech) Seismologist expert and public voice will be the speaker.

The Mayor invited everyone to the State of the City Address to be held at McKinley School on January 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., and congratulated City and Rose Bowl staff for successful Rose Parade and Rose Bowl events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:17 p.m., in memory of Skipper Rostker, a long time Pasadena resident and an active community member.

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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk