

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

REGULAR MEETING

Teleconference Location:  
Gansevoort Park Avenue Hotel, Business Center  
420 Park Avenue, New York NY 10016

**OPENING:**

Mayor Tornek called the regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.  
(Absent: None)

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:32 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

**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 REGARDING PUBLIC  
EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
and CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE with Labor Negotiator  
pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Position Title: City Manager  
City Representative: Terry Tornek**

The above closed session item was discussed, with the Mayor announcing the unanimous selection of Steve Mermell as the City Manager, contingent upon the successful negotiations of an employment agreement.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:40 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember McAustin.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Terry Tornek  
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy  
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

Councilmember Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Andy Wilson

Staff:

Interim City Manager Steve Mermell  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

The Mayor stated that a prayer vigil was held at City Hall on Sunday, July 10, 2016, organized by clergy and the community and thanked the organizers for the uplifting approach to concerns of national turmoil.

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

Niles Livingston (aka Paul), residence not provided, made suggestions for a better community and read scriptural literature.

The following individuals spoke on behalf of Jasmin Richards (Jasmin Abdullah), requested that the City's pending misdemeanor charges against Ms. Richards be dropped, and expressed concerns on various community issues:

Miguel (Michael) Williams, Black Lives Matter Pasadena  
Michele Dumont, White People for Black Lives  
Matt Harper, residence not provided  
Audrey Georg, Santa Monica resident  
Sarah Leone, Pasadena resident  
Karen Hilfman, Los Angeles resident  
Dagan Vandemark, White People for Black Lives  
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident  
Pilar Schiavo, California Nurses Association

Councilmember Madison  
connected telephonically at  
7:00 p.m.

In response to the public speakers, Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, reiterated that the City Council's decision making jurisdiction would not apply to the case against Ms. Richards.

Scott Austin, Pasadena Fire Fighters Association, congratulated Steve Mermell on his appointment as City Manager.

David Llanes, Pasadena Police Officers' Association, thanked the City Council and reaffirmed the Association's dedication to public safety and serving Pasadena.

Robert Cameron, Pasadena resident, submitted a report to the Mayor.

Sydney Cattouse and Jewel Theus, John Muir High School students and representatives of the Youth for Peace Organization, invited the City Council to attend a peace walk, starting at La Pintoresca Park and ending at City Hall, on Thursday, July 14, 2016.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**APPROVAL OF THE UPDATE TO THE CITY OF PASADENA TRANSIT DIVISION TITLE VI PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule; and
- (2) Approve the update to the City of Pasadena Transit Division Title VI Program.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WELLIGENT INC. TO DELIVER A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM**

**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); and
- (2) Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a three-year contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with Welligent Inc., to deliver a behavioral health case management web-hosted software solution and services in an amount not-to-exceed the grand total amount of \$102,000 which includes the base contract amount of \$96,000 and a contingency of \$6,000 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 30677)

**AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 GRANT FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DIAL-A-RIDE EXPANSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY ENHANCEMENT AND PURCHASE OF TWO NEW DIAL-A-RIDE VEHICLES**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule;
- (2) Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the receipt of \$514,616 in reimbursable Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant funding for the implementation of the awarded Dial-A-

Ride Expansion for Accessibility Enhancement project including three years of additional operating funds and the purchase of two Pasadena Dial-A-Ride vehicles;

(3) Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract with A-Z Bus Sales for two Braun Dodge Grand Caravan Pasadena Dial-A-Ride minivans in an amount not-to-exceed \$92,885. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies, or services; and

(4) Grant the proposed 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.

**AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 GRANT FUNDING AND THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN REPLACEMENT PASADENA DIAL-A-RIDE BUSES**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the purchase of Dial-A-Ride buses is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, replacement of existing transit facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity;

(2) Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the receipt of \$434,700 in reimbursable Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 grant funding for the implementation of the awarded City of Pasadena Aging Vehicle Replacement Project;

(3) Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract with Creative Bus Sales for seven replacement StarCraft Allstar Pasadena Dial-A-Ride buses in an amount not-to-exceed \$512,087. 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

(4) Grant the proposed 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.

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FOR A SUCCESSOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE SERGEANTS REPRESENTED BY THE PASADENA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (PPOA) FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2018**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is not a "project" as defined in the California Environment Quality Act ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, is not subject to environmental review; and

(2) Adopt a resolution accepting and approving a tentative agreement for a successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pasadena and the Sergeants represented by the Pasadena Police Officers Association (PPOA) for the term of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018. (Resolution No. 9512)

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MERIDIAN CONSULTANTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$211,129 TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MIRADOR URBAN HOUSING PROJECT**

**APPOINTMENT OF JOSE NOEL TORO TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination/District 5)**

**APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY DOUGLAS TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 7 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM CORMIER TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2016 (UCLA Nomination)**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

June 17, 2016  
June 20, 2016  
June 27, 2016  
June 28, 2016  
July 4, 2016

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 12,666	Law Offices of Michael V. Jehdian representing Silvia Cherriz	\$ 10,000.00+
Claim No. 12,667	Aldo Serrano	107.00
Claim No. 12,668	Maureen E. McNulty	735.05

Claim No. 12,669	State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company as subrogee for Madeline Barraclough	Not stated
Claim No. 12,670	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, for Kidspace: A Participatory Museum	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,671	Joseph Del Priore	309.57
Claim No. 12,672	Robert and Nancy Hunt	518.75
Claim No. 12,673	Oak Knoll HOA	Not stated
Claim No. 12,674	Elgin Clark	1,437.02
Claim No. 12,675	Leta Secor	Not stated

**PUBLIC HEARING SET**

**September 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** – Review and Approval of the Department of Water and Power’s 2016 Public Health Goals (“PHGs”) Report on Water Quality

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 6 (Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Meridian Consultants):

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

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MERIDIAN CONSULTANTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$211,129 TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MIRADOR URBAN HOUSING PROJECT**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the following proposed actions are exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule); and
- (2) Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), Contracts for Professional or Unique Services, with Meridian Consultants for an amount not-to-exceed \$211,129 for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Mirador Urban Housing Project. (Contract No. 30673)

David Reyes, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, provided clarifying information regarding the relationship between the Fuller Master Plan and the recommendation action that will facilitate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Mirador Urban Housing Project.

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

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

### OLD BUSINESS

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH SEAGRAVE FIRE APPARATUS, LLC, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE AERIAL LADDER TRUCK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,300,000**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that this 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) Authorize a purchase order with Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC, for one aerial ladder truck in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,300,000. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services; and
- (3) Grant the proposed 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.

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, and Fire Battalion Chief Jonathan Trautwein, responded to questions regarding pricing, and equipment specification requirements.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to contact the vendor (Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC) and request that diversified hiring practices be incorporated so as to be consistent with the community of Pasadena, which will be served by the purchased equipment.

Scott Austin, Pasadena Fire Fighters Association, spoke in favor of staff recommendation.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE HOUSE AND EAST GARDEN AT 380 WEST GREEN STREET AS A LANDMARK**

#### **Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines Section 15308: Class 8 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment);

(2) Find that the primary structure and associated landscape at 380 West Green Street meet landmark designation criterion B in the Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 17.62.040(C)(2)(b) because it is associated with the lives of persons who are significant in the history of the City, region, or State. The original property owner and resident was Hulett C. Merritt, a locally significant entrepreneur and industrialist;

(3) Find that the primary structure and associated landscape at 380 West Green Street meet landmark designation criterion C in Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 17.62.040(C)(2)(c) because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a locally significant property type, architectural style and period as well as the work of a locally significant architect. The building is a locally significant, intact example of a large scale, single-family property type built in the Beaux Arts style, designed by architect William F. Thompson and the garden is a locally significant intact example the Period Revival Estate Garden property type;

(4) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 380 West Green Street, Pasadena, California;

(5) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 380 West Green Street, California; and

(6) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder.



**Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission:**

At its regular meeting of May 3, 2016, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the house and east garden at 380 West Green Street as a Landmark under Criterion "B" and "C" of PMC Section 17.62.040. (Resolution No. 9513)

The City Clerk opened the public hearing and reported 18 copies of the notice were posted, and 9 copies of the notice were mailed on June 23, 2016. The City Clerk's office received 1 letter expressing support for the staff's recommendation, which was distributed to the City Council and made part of the public hearing record.

David Reyes, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development, introduced the item, and Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the agenda item; and responded to questions.

Ben Besley, City Ventures Construction, Inc. (applicant) spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to close the public hearing:

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

Following further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**AMENDMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT 12,380-2 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY (PCOC) ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PCOC ANNUALLY**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule;
- (2) Approve an amendment to Operating Agreement 12,380-2 between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Center Operating Company ("PCOC" or "Center") that: (1) establishes a maximum amount of Transient Occupancy Tax revenues to be transferred to the PCOC annually; and, (2) removes the requirement that PCOC pay the City its net revenue, as further described in the agenda report; and
- (3) Request the PCOC Board of Directors to approve the same consistent with the PCOC Board action of June 22, 2016. (Contract No. 12,380-3)

Steve Mermell, Interim City Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to questions.

Councilmember Wilson suggested that staff investigate the need for an ordinance that would regulate the use of such short-term rental services such as AirBNB for possible Transient Occupancy Tax revenue opportunities.

Michael Ross, PCOC, provided information on the PCOC's current outstanding loans

Richard A. McDonald, Pasadena resident, spoke in favor of the staff recommendation

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation, including the agreement with PCOC to review the proposed amendment in two years (July 2018):

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

**INTERIM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council initiate a Zoning Code Amendment to create an Interim Development Review Process, to be reviewed by the Planning Commission, to implement the land uses, floor area ratios, and residential densities of the General Plan Land Use Diagram, but subject to all other existing development standards, in exchange for a community benefit.

**Recommendation of the Planning Commission:** On April 27, 2016, the Planning Commission, at the direction of the City Council, discussed a potential Zoning Code Amendment to create an Interim Development Review Process. Such a discretionary process would allow development projects to utilize the land uses, floor area ratios, and residential densities of the General Plan even though they may be contrary to existing specific plan regulations. This process would be in place until such time as the Specific Plans are updated to achieve consistency with the General Plan.

The Commission supported the creation of an interim discretionary process, including public involvement, to implement the floor area ratios, land uses, and residential densities in the Land Use Element, with existing development standards or minor deviations from existing development standards.

David Reyes, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development, introduced the item, and Arthi Varma, Principal Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the agenda item; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison was excused at 8:19 p.m. and left the meeting.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns with the proposed action that would allow for such land uses not otherwise permitted under the City's Specific Plans, which may have unintended consequences under SB1818 – State Density Bonus Law and cause anxiety in adjacent to single-family residential neighborhoods where development under SB 1818 could have significant impacts. In addition, Mr. Gordo stated that he believes Planned Developments should not be less than two acres and recommended that City Council not make a decision on staff's recommendation until the issue of protecting the single-family residential neighborhoods is complete and fully vetted.

Councilmember Kennedy suggested that a policy discussion and analysis on the community benefit element of staff's recommendation for the Interim Development Review Process include additional emphasis and specificity in relation to the City Council's prioritization of on-site affordable housing projects for very low, low, and moderate income projects.

Vice Mayor Masuda stated his opposition to reducing Planned Developments from two acres to one acre as part of the Interim Development Review Process, and expressed concerns with the possibility of increased density.

Councilmember McAustin spoke in support of an Interim Development Review Process that will allow staff to develop a process to review all projects for Specific Plan requirements, and addresses potential impacts of SB1818.

Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Hampton suggested that potential priority areas to be addressed by the Interim Development Review Process include the Downtown Specific Plan, and perhaps the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan, and stated that the plan also needed amendments to encourage successful project development in those areas.

Richard A. McDonald, Pasadena resident, spoke in favor of the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Following discussion, and by consensus of the City Council, City staff was directed to return with a recommendation that reflects two important distinctions: the Interim Development Review Process would only apply to certain Specific Plan areas or priority areas, which would include a very well developed concept of the community benefits associated with such a change, and present this information to the Planning Commission for discussion prior to presenting to the City Council at a future meeting.

**ORDINANCE – FIRST  
READING**

**Conduct first reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING CHAPTER 8.67 TO TITLE 8 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PREPARED FOOD OR BEVERAGE IN ANY POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE WARE"** (Introduced by Councilmember McAustin)

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the above ordinance and/or provided suggestions on the item:

Veronica Perez, California Restaurant Association  
Robert Korinke, Long Beach resident  
Emanuel Najera, residence not stated

The following individuals spoke in favor to the above ordinance and provided comments on the item:

Craig W. Cadwallader, Surfrider Foundation-South Bay Chapter  
Morey Wolfson, Pasadena resident

Wes Reutimann, Pasadena resident

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, and Gabriel Silva, Environmental Programs Manager, responded to questions regarding the inclusion of rigid polystyrene in the ordinance and the timeframe for the implementation of the ordinance.

Following discussion, the above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember McAustin:

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

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW OF A 115-UNIT MIXED USE PROJECT LOCATED AT 711 EAST WALNUT STREET**

**Recommendation:** This report is intended to provide information to the City Council, no action is required.

David Reyes, Interim Director of Planning & Community Development, introduced the item, and Kelvin Parker, Principal Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and responded to questions

The following individuals responded to questions from the City Council regarding the proposed project:

Richard A. McDonald, applicant  
Burke Farrar, property owner representative

Councilmember Wilson expressed the need and importance that the project be pedestrian friendly.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember McAustin asked City staff for an update on available opportunity sites that may be used for pocket parks.

Councilmember Gordo asked staff to consider the issue of effective enforcement of banning fireworks in the City, and suggested utilizing Parking Enforcement and/or Code Enforcement Officers.

Councilmember Kennedy stated the need for City Council to focus and work to reduce violence in the community, and develop a develop strategies of unity and cooperation within Pasadena.

Councilmember Wilson shared information on the launching of the City of Los Angeles' Ride Share program, which was a great event that Pasadena should emulate in terms of future City programs to be launched.

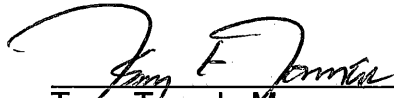
Councilmember Hampton stated his eagerness to discuss fireworks concern at the Public Safety Committee and provided information on various events he attended held throughout the City.

Mayor Tornek stated that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced that all lanes of the west bound 210 Freeway between Lake Avenue and Mountain Avenue (as well as the east bound 134 Freeway connection), will be closed from July 15, 2016, 10:00 p.m. through July 18, 2016, 5:00 a.m.; and July 29, 2016, 10:00 p.m. through August 1, 2016, 5:00 a.m.

The City Council expressed concerns with the late notice provided by Caltrans and asked staff to contact the City's Assemblymember and State Senator to address concerns with Caltrans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

  
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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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For City Clerk