

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
October 24, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

**OPENING:**

Mayor Tornek called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  
(Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

Councilmember Hampton  
arrived at 5:43 p.m.

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

**Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Curtis and  
Steve Mermell**

**Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers (IBEW)**

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Management, Non-Represented Management, and Non-  
Represented Non-Management**

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

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilmember Madison introduced Cub Scout Troop 519/Den 9, the Webelos, who led the pledge of allegiance.

Phlunte Riddle, representing Assemblymember Chris Holden's District Office, introduced herself as the newly appointed Senior Field Representative responsible for senior policy and health, including mental health and public safety.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Jeffery Potter as Transportation Advisory Commissioner.

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

Robert Cameron, Pasadena resident, reiterated his adverse and negative personal experiences with the Pasadena Police Department, and requested reparations from the City.

Eliot Rae, Webelos, made comments regarding crime in the City.

Benji Risley, Webelos, spoke on the need for additional bike lanes throughout the City.

The City Manager and the Mayor reported on the lawsuit and related settlement requiring the City to issue tree removal permits for three ficus trees on South Lake Avenue.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the removal of the three trees:

- Branislav Kechman, Altadena resident
- Lori Paul, Altadena resident
- Ann Scheid, Pasadena resident
- Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident
- Robert Ettleman, Pasadena resident
- Maria Politzer, Pasadena resident
- Anna Bowers, resident not stated
- Stephen Beebe, Glendale resident
- Esperanza Garcia, San Gabriel resident
- Christle Balvin, Pasadena resident
- Mic Hansen, Pasadena resident

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CONTRACT AWARD TO MSL ELECTRIC, INC., FOR INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON HILL AVENUE FROM VILLA STREET TO NORTH CITY LIMIT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$860,000**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find the project proposed in the agenda report to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Class 2 and 3, Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and find that there are no changes to the project,

changed circumstances or new information that would warrant further environmental review; and

(2) Accept the bid dated September 28, 2016, submitted by MSL Electric, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Street Lighting on Hill Avenue from Villa Street to North City Limit, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$860,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$777,707 and a contingency of \$82,293 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 30749)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH SIEMENS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOURTEEN 25 KV OUTDOOR VACUUM BREAKERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$319,577.10 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); and

(2) Accept the bid received on August 23, 2016, submitted by Siemens in response to Specification LD-16-05, 25 kV Outdoor Vacuum Breakers; reject all other bids; and, authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order with Siemens for an amount not-to-exceed \$319,577.10.

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZE INCREASE TO PURCHASE ORDER WITH FRONTIER FORD BY \$104,652.25 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$313,956.75 FOR ONE ADDITIONAL SUPER DUTY CREW CAB AND UTILITY FLATBED TRUCK**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUMMARY VACATION OF A PORTION OF LAND OF APPROXIMATELY 75 FEET LONG AND NINE FEET WIDE FRONTING PROPERTY AT 645 EAST WALNUT STREET ON EL MOLINO AVENUE FRONTAGE**

It was noted by the Mayor that this item was pulled by staff from the agenda to be considered at a future meeting.

**APPROVAL OF A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is not a "project" as defined in the California Environmental 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) Approve a side letter of agreement between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Management Association

**RESIGNATION OF JOY RITTENHOUSE FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA CHEN LAU TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF C. DOUGLAS KRANWINKLE TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (District 3 Nomination)**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

October 10, 2016

The City Clerk reported that the minutes were amended to reflect corrected language, as follows: Page 8, second to last paragraph, second sentence, "From a policy perspective perspective..."

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 12,739	Ourfalian & Ourfalian, representing Laura Ann Koza	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,740	Steven McGuire, Esq, representing Kingston Café Corporation and Una L. Morris	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,741	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Insurance as subrogee of Ricardo Lamorena	708.88
Claim No. 12,742	Mary M. Eckhardt	875.00
Claim No. 12,743	Sheila Lam	150.00

**PUBLIC HEARING SET**

**November 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – General Plan Adoption Follow-up: Amendments to Land Use Diagram and Zoning Map**

**November 14, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – Designation of 1600 San Pasqual Street as a Landmark**

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3 (Authorize Increase to Purchase Order with Frontier Ford), to be discussed separately, Item 4 (Adopt A Resolution For The Summary Vacation Of A Portion Of Land), which was pulled from the agenda to re-agendized at a later date; and the October 10, 2016 minutes, which were amended as detailed above. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**AUTHORIZE INCREASE TO PURCHASE ORDER WITH FRONTIER FORD BY \$104,652.25 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$313,956.75 FOR ONE ADDITIONAL SUPER DUTY CREW CAB AND UTILITY FLATBED TRUCK**

**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 increase purchase order No. 1170818, with Frontier Ford by \$104,652.25 to include one additional Super Duty Crew Cab and Utility Grade Flatbed Truck for a total purchase order amount not-to-exceed \$313,956.75. The purchase of the additional vehicle complies with the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) 4.08 and the rules and regulation promulgated thereunder.

Gurcharan Bawa, Interim General Manager Water and Power, introduced the item, and Jeff Barber, Interim Assistant Manager of Water and Power, responded to questions.

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

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**ORAL PRESENTATION ON PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY INITIATIVES**

**Recommendation:** This report is provided for information only; no action is required at this time.

Fred Dock, Director of Transportation, introduced the item, and Joaquin Siques, Engineer for the Transportation Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo requested information on the number of pedestrian and bicycle accidents caused by distracted drivers in the City, and suggested that the Pasadena Police Department allocate resources for enforcement and/or engage in a public campaign to discourage distracted drivers.

Councilmember Wilson requested that when staff fully develops the data on Transportation Indicators, as referenced in the PowerPoint presentation, the analytical information should be posted on the City's website.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the item, and/or provided comments and/or suggestions:

Colin Bogart, Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition (PCSC)  
Dr Gene Wester, PCSC  
Topher Mathers, PCSC  
Blair Miller, PCSC  
Jasmine De La Torre, PCSC  
Misch Anderson, PCSC  
Greg Gunther, Pasadena resident  
Qrys Cunningham, Pasadena resident  
Ernesto Najera, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns regarding the safety of the proposed bicycle track on Union Street, with bicyclists and pedestrians entering and exiting establishments. In addition, Mr. Kennedy asked staff to research data models that might empirically support decisions related to the management of vehicle and bicyclist interactions.

Councilmembers McAustin and Wilson spoke in support of the proposed Vision Zero Policy (a commitment to end all traffic-related deaths and serious injuries) and requested information on the City's ability, process, planning strategies, necessary budget requirements, and framework to move forward in adopting such a policy.

In response to Councilmember Madison's request to have a copy of the staff PowerPoint, the City Clerk responded that the PowerPoint will be available on the City's website tomorrow morning, listed under the agenda report, and that a copy will also be emailed directly to him.

Councilmember Hampton asked that the discussion on the proposed Vision Zero policy be agendaized for a future Public Safety Committee meeting.

The Mayor and members of the City Council expressed appreciation to the Transportation staff on their excellent presentation utilizing various City departments' contribution.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA INTO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319 Annexations of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Projects, and Section 15320 Changes in Organization of Local Agencies; and
- (2) Adopt a resolution supporting the City's annexation into the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. (Resolution No. 9523)

Michael Johnson, Director of Public Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to questions.

Emanuel Najera, Pasadena resident, questioned the services provided by the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District ("District").

Councilmember Gordo asked the City staff to conduct outreach to notify Pasadena residents of the potential annexation into the District, and post links and information online.

Councilmember Kennedy and Hampton stated their preference to first notify Pasadena property owners prior to moving forward with the annexation into the District.

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE CALLING OF THE REGULAR MARCH 7, 2017 PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION AND IF NECESSARY, THE APRIL 18, 2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; CONSOLIDATION OF THE PASADENA BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION WITH SAID CITY ELECTION; CONSOLIDATION OF THE MARCH 7, 2017 CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTIONS WITH A SPECIAL COUNTYWIDE ELECTION; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
(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;

(2) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena calling for the holding of a Primary Nominating Election on March 7, 2017 for City Council Districts 3, 5, and 7, and consolidating said Election with the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Primary Nominating Election for Board of Education Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7; calling for the holding, if necessary, of a General Municipal Election on April 18, 2017; and authorizing the City Clerk to enter into a contract with PUSD for election services;

(3) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena requesting the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to direct the Registrar of Voters of said County to render specified services to said City relating to the conduct of a consolidated City of Pasadena and PUSD Board of Education Primary Nominating Election to be held on March 7, 2017, and if necessary, a General Municipal Election to be held on April 18, 2017, including the potential for the Registrar of Voters to administer the March 7, 2017 City Council and Board of Education Primary Nominating Election as part of a consolidated Special Countywide Election; and

(4) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena setting forth regulations relating to candidate statements for the March 7, 2017 Primary Nominating Election and the April 18, 2017 General Municipal Election. (Resolution Nos. 9526, 9527, 9528; Contract No. 22,679)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARTIN & CHAPMAN COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL ELECTION SERVICES AND SUPPLIES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$415,000**

**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;

(2) Authorize the City Clerk to enter into a contract with Martin & Chapman Company, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services) for professional election services and supplies for the March 7, 2017 consolidated City of Pasadena and Pasadena Unified School District Primary Nominating Election, and the April 18, 2017, General Municipal Election for an amount not-to-exceed \$415,000; and

(3) Grant the proposed contract 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. (Contract No. 30756)



The above two agenda items were discussed concurrently.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the resolutions related to the calling of the March 7, 2017 Primary Nominating Election and April 18, 2016 General Municipal Election, and the authorization to enter into a contract with Martin & Chapman Company for election services; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns in consolidating regular City and School District elections with a Los Angeles County Special Countywide Election. In response, the City Clerk stated that in the event the County Board of Supervisors submits one or more ballot measures to County voters, and the City Council and Board of Education elections are conducted separately as stand-alone elections, then Pasadena and School District voters would encounter a concurrent election process (i.e. two separate ballots and voting systems, polling sites requiring voters to vote at separate tables for each election, etc.), which would likely cause voter confusion and could be seen as an inefficient use of public funds.

The City Clerk reviewed the following bullet points that were contemplated/incorporated as part of the staff recommendation for the two items above:

- > Requesting that the County Clerk administer all facets of the March 7, 2017 City and School District Primary Nominating Election, but contingent on the County conducting a March 7, 2017 Special Countywide Election for one or more ballot measures;
- > Adjusting/allowing for the delay in the timing of the Canvass of Returns for only City Council or Board of Education races without the possibility of a run-off election;
- > Approving the printing and mailing of a separate Supplemental Voter Information Pamphlet; and
- > Reserving the right to conduct a City and School District stand-alone election on March 7, 2017 if there are no countywide ballot measures submitted to the voters.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve the staff recommendations for the two items above, which incorporates as part of the action the information/actions outlined in the bullet points. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**ORDINANCE**

**Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.24, SECTION 3.24.110(A)(8) RELATING TO CAMPING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND FACILITIES AND TITLE 12, CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12.12.080 RELATING TO OBSTRUCTING A PUBLIC WAY OR PLACE"**

The Mayor reported that the second reading of the ordinance was pulled from the agenda and will be considered at the November 7, 2016 meeting.

The City Clerk reported that one letter of correspondence was received regarding this item, which was distributed to the City Council and made part of the public record.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the death of Georgia Wolfson, spouse of Morey Wolfson, Environmental Advisory Commissioner and expressed his condolences.

Councilmember McAustin reported on the community event, Jackie Robinson Post Office Native Plant Transformation, which was held on October 22, 2016.

Councilmember Wilson reported on the Big Bang Block Party presented by Innovate Pasadena, and held on October 20, 2016.

The Mayor reported on the Move a Child Higher, Inc. (MACH 1) expansion of their therapeutic equestrian services located in the Hahamongna area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk