

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
June 18, 2018– 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: Councilmembers Gordo, Hampton, Vice Mayor Kennedy)

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

Councilmember Gordo arrived at 5:49 p.m.

Councilmember Hampton arrived at 6:03 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: Pasadena Police Officers Association (PPOA)**

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:42 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Madison.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

City Manager Steve Mermell  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky  
Assistant City Clerk Latasha Reese

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to Sam Morrissey as Transportation Advisory Commissioner, Patrick Cabral as Code Enforcement Commissioner, and Treasure Sheppard as Recreation and Parks Commissioner.

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

Robert Gorski, The Civitan Club of Pasadena, asked the City Council and public to nominate worthy local businesses to the Civitan Club as employer of the year award.

Bianca Kim, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to implement a fair permit application process for all marijuana dispensaries.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **ADOPTION OF GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution that:

- (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;
- (2) Selects the California per capita income and the population increase for the City of Pasadena as the indices to be used in calculating the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019;
- (3) Establishes the appropriations limit for FY 2019 at \$299,147,643; and
- (4) Establishes appropriations subject to the limit for FY 2019 at \$132,996,539. (Resolution No. 9655)

### **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FUTURE MEDICAL SYSTEMS, LLC FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$90,000**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified in Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Future Medical Systems, LLC to provide public health capacity building and training services for the Pasadena Public Health Department. (Contract No. 31241)

### **PURCHASE ORDER AWARD TO RACEWAY FORD FOR PURCHASE OF THREE FORD PICK UP TRUCKS FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$79,508**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that this 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) Accept the bid dated May 8, 2018, submitted by Raceway Ford in response to specifications for Three Ford Pick-up Trucks and authorize the issuance of a purchase order with Raceway Ford in an amount not-to-exceed \$79,508 for the purchase of three Ford Pick-up Trucks.

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH TRANS WEST TRUCK CENTERS, DBA VELOCITY TRUCK CENTER FOR PURCHASE OF ONE MINI REAR LOADER FOR A TOTAL OF \$148,011**

**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; and

(2) Accept the bid dated May 14, 2018, submitted by Trans West Truck Centers DBA Velocity Truck Centers in response to specifications for the purchase of one mini rear loader, and authorize a purchase order with Trans West Truck Centers, DBA Velocity Truck Centers for the purchase of one mini rear loader in an amount not-to-exceed \$148,011.

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH LOS ANGELES TRUCK CENTERS, LLC DBA VELOCITY TRUCK CENTERS FOR PURCHASE OF TWO SIDE LOADING REFUSE PACKERS FOR A TOTAL OF \$711,830**

**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; and

(2) Accept the bid dated May 14, 2018, submitted by Los Angeles Truck Centers, LLC dba Velocity Truck Centers in response to specifications for two side loading refuse packers, and authorize the issuance of a purchase order with Los Angeles Truck Centers, dba Velocity Truck Centers in an amount not-to-exceed \$711,830.

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH LOS ANGELES FREIGHTLINER FOR PURCHASE OF TWO REPLACEMENT AUTOCAR FREEDOM COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS POWERED FRONT-LOADING REFUSE PACKERS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$751,360**



**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 Los Angeles Freightliner for the purchase of two Autocar Freedom compressed natural gas (CNG) powered front-loading refuse packers in an amount not-to-exceed \$751,360. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors; and

(3) Grant the proposed purchase order 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.

Item discussed separately

**PURCHASE ORDER AWARD TO SOUTH BAY FORD FOR PURCHASE OF FIVE OUTFITTED FORD TRANSIT VANS FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$155,271**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC., TO PROVIDE PERSONAL ESCAPE SYSTEMS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$150,000**

**Recommended:**

(1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 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) Accept the bid dated May 15, 2018, submitted by AllStar Fire Equipment in response to specifications for personal escape systems and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$150,000 for a term of five (5) years from the date of execution by the City. (Contract No. 31233)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE NURSE EDUCATOR AND CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI) PROGRAM COORDINATOR SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$447,360**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule); and



(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract as the result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.), with Huntington Hospital for a Nurse Educator and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Program Coordinator in an amount not-to-exceed \$447,360 for five years. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 31234)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF COMMITMENT OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY COMMITMENT AND GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

**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) Adopt a resolution approving the City of Pasadena General Fund Emergency Contingency commitment of \$35,512,350 and General Fund Operating Reserve commitment of \$11,437,350 from fund balance of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2018. (Resolution No. 9656)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2018 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET**

**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) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Adopted Operating Budget as detailed in the Proposed Budget Amendments section of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2018-39)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019 GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE**

**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) Adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Years ("FY") 2018 and 2019 General Fee Schedule as detailed in the "Proposed Fee Schedule Amendments" section of the agenda report. (Resolution No. 9657)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS WITH ARAMEXX GROUP INC., (NO. 31000), NOHO CONSTRUCTORS (NO. 30987) AND OHL USA, INC., (NO. 22,161-2)**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed actions are not "projects" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, are not subject to environmental review;
- (2) Approve a journal voucher with a net increase of \$1,333,115 amending 27 projects in the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Program Budget as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report; (Budget Amendment No. 2018-40)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31000 with Aramexx Group Inc., to increase the contract amount by \$10,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$160,000; (Contract No. 31000-1)
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 30987 with NoHo Constructors to increase the contract amount by \$15,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$405,000; and (Contract No. 30987-1)
- (5) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 22,161-2 with OHL USA, Inc., to increase the contract amount by \$460,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$11,575,000. (Contract No. 22,161-2)

**RESIGNATION OF CRAIG WASHINGTON FROM THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL STAMMER TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018 (District 7 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF YOLANDA SEPULVEDA TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CLINTON TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018 (District 2 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF BLAIR MILLER TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018 (District 2 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLINA ROMO TO THE  
NORTHWEST COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018**  
(District 2 Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF GRANT SCOTT McCOMB TO THE  
PASADENA COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION BOARD  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018** (District 2 Nomination)

**AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL TO RENEW PROPERTY  
AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378;

(2) Authorize City staff to place and bind the City's Property and Casualty Insurance coverages outlined in the agenda report effective July 1, 2018, with the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,998,395, for all premiums, surcharges, taxes, and fees; and

(3) Grant an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 4.08, pursuant to Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. The proposed insurance coverages are exempt from the competitive bidding process pursuant to the City Charter, Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

June 4, 2018

**CLAIMS RECEIVED**

Claim No. 13,111	Southern California Gas Company	\$ 4,078.92
Claim No. 13,112	Constance Howell White	1,799.05
Claim No. 13,113	Thomas P. Cacciatore, Attorney for Jennifer Herbert	Not stated
Claim No. 13,114	Law Offices of Edward Y. Lee, representing Cecilia Zelaya	25,000.00+

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SET**

**July 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** - Planned Development No. 36 – 3200 E Foothill Boulevard

**July 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** - Appeal of Board of Zoning Appeals' Decision on Affordable Housing Concession Permit No. 11866, a Request to Increase the Maximum Allowable Floor Area Ratio (Far) from 2.25 to 3.00: 233 North Hudson Avenue (AHCP No. 118)



**July 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m. - Call for Review of a Design Commission Decision to Approve an Application for Consolidated Design Review for a New Public Restroom and Storage Building at Desiderio Neighborhood Park, 10 North Arroyo Boulevard**

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 7 (Purchase Order Award to South Bay Ford), which was discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Vice Mayor Kennedy)

**CONSENT ITEM**  
**DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**PURCHASE ORDER AWARD TO SOUTH BAY FORD FOR PURCHASE OF FIVE OUTFITTED FORD TRANSIT VANS FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$155,271**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that this 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) Accept the bid dated May 1, 2018, submitted by South Bay Ford in response to specifications for Five Outfitted Ford Transit Vans and authorize the issuance of a purchase order with South Bay Ford in an amount not-to-exceed \$155,271 for the purchase of five Ford Transit Vans.

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, Randy Rich, Public Works Administrator, and City Manager Mermell, responded to questions related to the Department's outreach efforts to local car dealers, the bid process, and bid specifications.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM**  
**OFFICERS AND**  
**DEPARTMENTS**

**AMENDMENT TO INCLUSIONARY HOUSING REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Acknowledge that the proposed changes to the Inclusionary Housing Regulations to include a mechanism by which Accessory Dwelling Units may be charged a reduced impact fee is not a "project" and are therefore not subject to environmental review pursuant to State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) (definition of project excludes government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project); and

(2) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena approving the proposed changes to the Inclusionary Housing Regulations to include Accessory Dwelling Units. (Resolution No. 9658)

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Jennifer Paige, Deputy Director of Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to questions.

Councilmember Masuda asked staff to provide additional information on the 20 permits for Accessory Dwelling Units submitted in 2018, categorized by Council District.

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING BUDGET**

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

(1) Close the public hearing and adopt by resolution the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Operating Budget as presented in the May 21, 2018 City Manager's Recommended Budget with the following revisions:

- a. Defund but retain the five Police Officer positions recommended for reduction;
- b. Increase recommended revenues in the Library Special Tax Fund by \$108,431 per consultant's estimate; and
- c. Reduce recommended revenues in the Water Fund by \$1.7 million based on projected retail sales.

(2) Adopt a resolution determining the amount to be transferred from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund is 10 percent of gross revenues from retail sales for Fiscal Year 2019; and

(3) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 2.268.020, moving responsibility for the Foothill Workforce Development Board to the City Manager's Office from the Housing Department. (Resolution Nos. 9659, 9660)

City Manager Mermell summarized the agenda report, noted that the staff recommendation is consistent with the City Council's direction to defund but not eliminate five sworn positions in the Pasadena Police Department. In response to City Council's concerns regarding the elimination of one Battalion Chief position

in the Fire Department, City Manager Mermell suggested that staff be directed to return in 60 to 90 days with alternative reductions of approximately \$250,000 to offset the retention of the Fire Battalion Chief position, and responded to questions.

The following individuals provided comments and/or suggestions on various aspects related to the Council of the Young Child:

Vera Vignes, Council for the Young Child  
Dianne Philibosian, Pasadena resident  
Michael Shanklin, Kidspace Children's Museum  
Bill Gould, Pasadena resident

Following public comment, Councilmember Gordo asked staff to amend Attachment C of the staff report to reconcile with Early Child Development Policy, Master Plan Item 4: Create an Early Child Development Standing Committee of the Human Services Commission.

In response to Councilmembers Gordo and McAustin's request and inquiry, City Manager Mermell stated that the Council of the Young Child would be agendaized at a future Economic Development and Technology Committee meeting, followed by a City Council discussion.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with the proposed elimination of a Deputy City Attorney position, which could result in increased expenses for outside attorney fees, and requested that this be removed from the proposed action; and asked the City Attorney to make every effort to avoid outside attorney costs.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, responded to questions related to future outside legal fee estimates and the proposed elimination of the Deputy City Attorney position.

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

Following additional discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to remove the elimination of the Deputy City Attorney position from the Fiscal Year 2019 City Attorney budget, and direct the City Manager to return in 60 to 90 days with alternative reductions that will generate equivalent cost savings of approximately \$170,000:



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

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation, incorporating the action to retain the Deputy City Attorney position, and amended to remove the elimination of the Fire Battalion Chief position from the Fiscal Year 2019 Fire Department budget, and direct the City Manager to return in 60 to 90 days with alternative reductions that will generate equivalent cost savings of approximately \$250,000. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Vice Mayor Kennedy)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
OFFICERS AND  
DEPARTMENTS** Continued

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CIVIC CENTER TASK FORCE  
Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule;
- (2) Receive the recommendations of the Civic Center Task Force (Attachment A of the agenda report) and consider whether to adopt the proposed recommendations as they relate to:
  - a) Setbacks/Open Space
  - b) Building Height
  - c) Land Use
  - d) Public Improvements; and
  - e) Additional Recommended Actions
- (3) Direct staff to initiate a selection process based on the parameters adopted by the City Council in response to the recommendations of the Civic Center Task Force and additional items requested by staff as further described in the Background Section of the agenda report; and
- (4) Thank and excuse the Civic Center Task Force

City Manager Mermell, David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with the staff recommendation leaning heavily towards historic preservation and the lack of an economic analysis related to the YWCA building.

Following discussion, the following individuals spoke on various aspects of the proposed recommendation, and provided comments and/or suggestions:

Jeanette Mann, All Saints Church Foster Care Project  
Amy Minter, Pasadena Civic Center Coalition  
Chris Fedukowski, Pasadena resident  
Nina Chomsky, Linda Vista-Annandale Association  
Avram Gold, West Pasadena Residents Association (WPRA)  
Marsha Rood, Pasadena Resident  
Mic Hansen, WPRA  
Blair Miller, Pasadena resident  
Felicia Williams, Pasadena resident  
Gail Price, Civic Center Task Force member  
Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage  
Tina Miller, Pasadena resident  
Ann Scheid, Pasadena resident  
John Byram, Pasadena resident  
Barbara Lamprecht, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Hampton spoke in favor of preserving the open green space adjacent to the YWCA building site, and asked that any Request For Proposals (RFP) regarding this site include preservation of this area. In addition, Mr. Hampton asked that staff provide a complete analysis of available options for converting the building site into City office space.

Councilmember Wilson asked staff to provide information on the setbacks on the northern side of the YWCA building site (along Holly Street side); and echoed the request for information regarding converting the building to City offices. In addition, Mr. Wilson expressed concerns with starting the RFP process for the site prior to identifying a reasonable scope of uses, and suggested the need for additional community outreach.

Councilmember McAustin spoke in favor of a RFP process, but suggested that the scope of the project be developed in coordination with an architectural firm that can recommend building heights and setbacks, as well as open space designs. She stated the need for the project to reflect the Bennett Plan and take into consideration the six "guiding principles" recommended by the Civic Center Task Force, in order to retain the integrity of the Julia Morgan building, and to ensure the City will have the correct parameters to complete the project.

In response, the Mayor cited the Downtown Urban Design Plan and the Civic Center Specific Plan as examples of exercises that recommended various setbacks and heights for the Civic Center area. He noted that there should be flexibility in the building parameters to build something additional to help with the view and provide a proper entrance to the site. He stated the need to demonstrate conclusively (through an independent fiscal analysis), the economic feasibility of the City renovating and utilizing the building for City purposes. He also stated the need to move forward aggressively with a decision on the YWCA site.

Councilmember Gordo suggested that a formal Public Hearing be scheduled on the matter to provide the public with an opportunity to comment and provide input to the City Council on the use of the building. He also suggested that staff include an analytical report with financial implications (renovation and operating costs) on the utilization of the YWCA building as City office space for the Water and Power Department, taking into consideration the recommendations from the Civic Center Task Force related to the setbacks, so that the City Council may make decisions on the site. Mr. Gordo stated that once a process is in place to determine the building parameters, staff should identify best uses that take into account issues such as finances, and balance with the Civic Center. He expressed concerns with a RFP process at this time, which may lead to duplicate results.

Councilmembers McAustin and Gordo stated that they are not comfortable with making a decision related to the site's setbacks without knowing what the possible impacts may be to the Civic Center.

City Manager Mermell stated that the City could utilize the site as municipal office space, as the City does lease office space to house certain City departments. However, he expressed concerns that the result will cost the City tens of millions of dollars to preserve and renovate the building, while still being responsible for paying future maintenance and operating costs.

Councilmember Madison expressed his frustration with the current process, and stated that the City Council should determine what is appropriate for the site. He suggested that staff be directed to determine whether the \$20-30 million to preserve and renovate the building for City office space is practical. Mr. Madison also expressed concerns that the discussion on the site is leading to spot zoning.



Following discussion, David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, clarified that the consensus direction to staff is to conduct economic studies, based on the proposed uses of the building. The studies will advise on the best potential uses, including civic uses (City office space). He stated the need for a study of different setbacks and design, taking into consideration the Bennett Plan, preservation of the YWCA building, the Gray Book, the Civic Center Plans, and Beaux Arts design and principles; and return to the City Council with an analytical report including visuals.

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

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor reported on the Caltech Commencement held on Friday, June 15, 2018, where he met with Congressman John Lewis, Representing the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Georgia, a Civil Rights icon, which he found to be an extraordinary experience.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:12 p.m., in memory of Judge John Henry Sandoz, long time Pasadena resident.

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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk