

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
November 18, 2019 – 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: Vice Mayor Hampton)

Vice Mayor Hampton arrived at
5:36 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Curtis and
Steve Mermell
Employee Organizations: American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 858**

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code
Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: Salvador Flores v. City of Pasadena, et al.
USDC Case No. 2:18-CV-03792-DDP-JC**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF LITIGATION pursuant to
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one potential case)**

The above closed session item was not discussed.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:33 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Wilson.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

City Manager Steve Mermell
Chief Assistant City Attorney Javan Rad
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The City Council spoke on the passing of Rabbi Marv Gross, retired Executive Officer of Union Station Homeless Services, and Adelaide Hixon, long time Pasadena resident and philanthropist. At the request of the Mayor and Councilmembers the City Council will adjourn in their memory.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the passing of Bernard J. Tyson, Chairman and CEO of Kaiser Permanente and Dr. Gwendolyn S. Bishop, past Director of Project "UP Beat" and professor at Pasadena City College.

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

Debra A. Johnson, and Shahar Johnson, Pasadena residents, expressed deep concerns regarding the actions of Pasadena Police Officers and Altadena Sheriffs regarding the arrest and alleged harassment of Mr. Johnson, which they believe are retaliatory actions in response to complaints made against the arresting officers.

In response to public comment, City Manager Mermell stated that he would contact Ms. Johnson to set up a meeting to discuss her concerns.

In response to Councilmember Gordo's inquiry regarding the Public Safety Committee agenda and discussing racial profiling, Councilmember Kennedy, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, responded that the Pasadena Police Department is delayed in collecting data, until a new Police CAD system can be purchased and implemented. Once the system is active, staff will collect data that is consistent with new state legislation (AB 953 Law Enforcement: racial profiling) and will provide updates to the Public Safety Committee and the City Council in the future.

The following individuals spoke in support and advocated for affordable housing efforts, including the YWCA building and the Ratkovich Company/National Community Renaissance proposal:

Peter Hartgens, Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)
Dan David, Pastor at Rose City Church
George Patton, Throop Church

The following individuals advocated for the submission and incorporation of the completed work of David Wolf in the City's specific plan process and capital improvement program projects:

Stefanos Polyzoides, Pasadena resident
Blair Miller, Pasadena resident
David Wolf, Pasadena resident

Councilmembers Madison, Wilson, and Vice Mayor Hampton, spoke highly of Mr. Wolf's work and requested that the City and staff incorporate his vision for the Arroyo Seco as the City considers the various proposals, with Councilmember Wilson suggesting that staff operationalize his research to be included in the City's Specific Plans.

Councilmember Kennedy requested additional information on Mr. Wolf's research, including its validation, prior to incorporation. He cited the need to ensure the accuracy of the information, such as historical records related to the original ownership of the Arroyo Seco. In addition, he requested that the Cultural Affairs Manager be included in this review.

In response to Mr. Kennedy's request, City Manager Mermell responded that he will work with the Director of Planning and Community Development to review Mr. Wolf's material to ensure it gets adequate consideration as the City moves forward with the Arroyo Seco planning efforts. The Mayor stated that the City Council will review Mr. Wolf's material in the context of Capital Improvement Programs, including the Arroyo Link concept; and spoke on the challenges of reformulating the planning process in the City.

The City Council expressed gratitude to Mr. Wolf for his dedication and hard work in this voluntary effort to document the City's history and develop concepts and ideas for the future.

Terry Cannon, representing The Baseball Reliquary, invited the City Council and public to a co-hosted event, "A Swinging Centennial: Jackie Robinson at 100", including a concert, to be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019, in memory of Jackie Robinson. Councilmember Kennedy requested that the Councilmembers distribute the event information to constituents.

Korey Schmidt, spoke on the passing of a Los Angeles resident.

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC DBA AT&T, INC.

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the following proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities); and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a telecommunications access agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T, Inc., for ten years with an optional ten year extension for use of and access to a portion of City owned property, resulting in up to \$117,314 in revenue to the City over the initial ten-year term of the agreement. (Contract No. 23,278)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A FIBER LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the following proposed action is 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 license agreement with the California Institute of Technology for use of City fiber for a five-year term. (Contract No. 23,279)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WOOD RODGERS, INC., TO PROVIDE ON-CALL HYDROGEOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

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 for an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 or three years, whichever comes first, as the result of a competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with Wood Rodgers, Inc., to provide Hydrogeological Services, with one optional one-year extension subject to the approval of the City Manager. (Contract No. 31618)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PSOMAS AND DUDEK TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

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;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 or three years, whichever comes first, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with Psomas to provide on-call environmental services; (Contract No. 31617)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 or three years, whichever comes first, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with Dudek to provide on-call environmental services; and (Contract No. 31615)
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contracts for two optional one-year terms in amounts not-to-exceed \$150,000 per contract, per year.

CONTRACT AWARDS TO GREENTECH LANDSCAPE, INC., FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN AREAS I AND III FOR DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER AND POWER IN AMOUNTS NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,539,846 AND \$140,635, RESPECTIVELY; AND TO SANI GROUP, INC., DBA BMC LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES IN AREA II FOR WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$203,695

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines in accordance with Article 19, Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Subsection (h), which exempts maintenance of existing landscaping;
- (2) Accept the bid from Greentech Landscape, Inc., dated July 24, 2019, submitted in response to specifications for Landscape Maintenance for the Department of Public Works; reject all other bids received for Landscape Maintenance Area I; authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$923,908 (which includes a 10% contingency of \$83,992); and authorize the City Manager to extend the contract

for up to two additional one-year terms in the annual amount of \$307,969 (which includes a 10% contingency of \$27,997), subject to the approval of the City Manager, for a maximum contract duration of five years and a total contract amount of \$1,539,846, inclusive of Consumer Price Index increases;

(3) Accept the bid from Greentech Landscape, Inc., dated July 24, 2019, submitted in response to specifications for Landscape Maintenance for the Water and Power Department (Power Division); reject all other bids for Landscape Maintenance Area III; authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$84,381 (which includes a 10% contingency of \$7,671); and authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms in the annual amount of \$28,127 (which includes a 10% contingency of \$2,557), subject to the approval of the City Manager, for a maximum contract duration of five years and a total contract amount of \$140,635 inclusive of Consumer Price Index increases; and

(4) Accept the bid from Sani Group, Inc., dba BMC Landscape Management dated July 24, 2019, submitted in response to specifications for Landscape Maintenance for the Water and Power Department (Water Division); reject all other bids for Landscape Maintenance Area II; authorize the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,739 (which includes a 10% contingency of \$3,704); and authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to four additional one-year terms in the annual amount of \$40,739 (which includes a 10% contingency of \$3,704), subject to the approval of the City Manager, for a maximum contract duration of five years and a total contract amount of \$203,695, inclusive of Consumer Price Index increases. (Contract Nos. 31621, 31620, 31616)

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,000,000 BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA, ACTING AS AGENT FOR THE FOOTHILL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AND THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC., TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT SERVICES

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;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into contract between the City of Pasadena (acting as an agent for the Foothill Workforce Development Board) with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board acting on the behalf of the City of Inglewood, for an amount

not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 over a two year term to provide California Eligible Training Provider List and Individual Training Account services, with one (1) two-year option renewal not-to-exceed \$1,000,000; 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. (Contract No. 23,260)

ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT, NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT, AND NON-REPRESENTED NON-MANAGEMENT SALARY RESOLUTIONS

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;

(2) Adopt the Executive Management Salary Resolution; (Resolution No. 9751)

(3) Adopt the Non-Represented Management Salary Resolution; and (Resolution No. 9752)

(4) Adopt the Non-represented Non-Management Salary Resolution. (Resolution No. 9753)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 28, 2019

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,416	The Law Offices of John Burton, representing Kamau Barr		Not stated
Claim No. 13,417	Ameriprise Auto & Home Insurance as subrogee for Diego Gaona	\$	10,000.00+
Claim No. 13,418	Mercury Insurance as subrogee for Kathryn Flynn		14,641.94
Claim No. 13,419	E.J. Remson		110.22
Claim No. 13,420	State Farm Insurance as subrogee for Nile Leung		22,858.98
Claim No. 13,421	Talia Ellis		100.00
Claim No. 13,422	Isamu Yoshioka		342.21
Claim No. 13,423	Michael W. McWatters		780.43
Claim No. 13,424	Werksman Jackson & Quinn LLP, representing Jeffrey Toland		25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,425	Paula R. Lonergan		Not stated
Claim No. 13,426	Matt Perrigue		796.08

Claim No. 13,427 Law Offices of Irwin R. 25,000.00+
Miller, representing Karen
Webb

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

November 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Zoning Code Amendment to the City's Existing Cannabis Businesses Regulations (Section 17.50.066 of the Zoning Code) to Modify the Location Requirements to Allow up to Three Per Council District and also Decrease the Distance Between Cannabis Retailers from 1,000 Feet to 450.

December 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m. - Appeal of Planning Commission's Decision on Conditional Use Permit: Cannabis Retailer Application No. 6757 for a Proposed Cannabis Retailer at 169 West Colorado Boulevard by Harvest of Pasadena, LLC

December 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m. Appeal of Planning Commission's Decision on Conditional Use Permit: Cannabis Retailer Application No. 6759 for a Proposed Cannabis Retailer at 908 East Colorado Boulevard by Integral Associates Dena, LLC

The following individuals provided general remarks related to the consent calendar:

Korey Schmidt, residence not stated
Herman, residence not stated (submitted documents)

Following public comments, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Clerk opened the public hearings (additional information for each public hearing is detailed below):

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
MULTIPLE PUBLIC
HEARINGS**

The following individuals provided comments on multiple public hearings:

Herman, residence not stated
Wayne from Encino, residence not stated

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: CALL FOR REVIEW OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION'S DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR CONSOLIDATED DESIGN REVIEW FOR A NEW 112,205-SQUARE-FOOT, 5-STORY MEDICAL OFFICE AND RETAIL BUILDING AT 550-566 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to February 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hampton, to continue the public hearing to February 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

PUBLIC HEARING: TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (TEFRA) HEARING AND RESOLUTION FOR THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (CMFA) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SEQUOYAH SCHOOL

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council hold a TEFRA hearing and:

(1) Find that the proposed action is not a "project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena approving a financing to be undertaken by the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) for the benefit of the Sequoyah School in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing certain debt and financing and/or refinancing certain facilities and other matters relating thereto. (Resolution No. 9750)

The City Clerk reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal and the Pasadena Weekly on November 7, 2019; no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded Councilmember McAustin, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded Vice Mayor Hampton, to re-open the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Rene Gonzalez, representing PADRES, spoke in opposition to the City providing financial assistance to private and charter schools while Pasadena Unified School District is struggling to keep a reserve balance; and spoke on the need to assist public schools, especially in the Northwest community.

City Manager Mermell clarified that the staff recommendation, does not include a fiscal impact on the City, does not relate to funding private or charter schools, and that the public hearing process for this item and the recommendation before the City Council is federally mandated as part of the administrative process set forth by the federal government for the Sequoyah School.

Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided introductory comments, and Vic Erganian, City Treasurer, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded Vice Mayor Hampton, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Kennedy requested that the Mayor provide information on the inter-play between City government and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) in terms of the relationship between the two entities. He spoke on the unintentional impacts of the public schools closing in the City and the need to work together to solve those issues.

The Mayor responded that he is working with PUSD administration to determine the best avenue to have an in-depth discussion related to community concerns, which will be presented to the City Council in the near future.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE AVON PRODUCTS COMPANY OFFICE BUILDING AT 2940 EAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD 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 Avon Products Company office building at 2940 East Foothill Boulevard meets Criterion "C" for designation as a landmark pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 17.62.040 because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a locally significant property type, architectural style and period, and represents the work of an architect whose work is of significance to the City. The building is a locally

significant example of a Corporate Modern style office building designed by regionally significant architect Stiles O. Clements;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 2940 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California;

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 2940 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. . (Resolution No. 9754)

Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission:

At its regular meeting of September 17, 2019, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the Avon Products Company office building at 2940 East Foothill Boulevard as a landmark under Criterion C of PMC Section 17.62.040.

Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, responded to questions related to the use of the historic portion of the building, and square footage of the building.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the designation of a landmark for the building at 2940 East Foothill Boulevard, and provided comments:

Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage
Andrew Salimian, Pasadena Heritage

Councilmember Wilson requested that staff confirm the actual square footage of the building on 2940 E. Foothill Boulevard.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
REGULAR BUSINESS ITEMS**

The following individuals spoke on multiple regular business items:

Korey Schmidt, residence not stated
Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage
Herman, residence not stated

Wayne from Encino, residence not stated

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Jim Wong, Senior Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and jointly, responded to questions. William Huang, Director of Housing, responded to questions related to the total number of affordable housing units in the City.

Councilmember McAustin spoke on the need to provide rental housing, and requested that staff formulate policy with a focus on affordable housing, and keying on affordable rental housing. She asked staff to consider how to encourage or incentivize developers to build more rental housing than for-sale housing.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns with the map presented by staff that shows the locations of affordable housing throughout the City, which he believes is inadequate when discussing overconcentration, since it does not identify deed restricted units/properties. He also stated the need for staff to reassure the community that the City will have a responsible comprehensive approach to affordable housing and permanent affordable housing; as well as the need for staff to define the term "over concentration" in terms of the affordable housing discussion.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that he believes in order to keep the diversity in the City, the City needs "low and "very low" income housing rental units, and would like for staff to develop policies that encourage and incentivize developers to build such units. He reiterated his request that affordable housing must be distributed throughout the City.

Vice Mayor Hampton suggested that staff strategically engage property owners prior to them selling property to inquire if they might consider selling to nonprofit organizations; and spoke in favor of the City facilitating additional affordable for-sale housing in the community.

Councilmember Wilson spoke in favor of hotel/motel conversions to affordable housing and spoke on the need to consider the future of affordable housing holistically in terms of the City's housing needs when formulating policy related to affordable housing.

The following individuals provided comments related to affordable housing in the City:

Ed Washatka, Pasadenans Organizing for Progress (POP!)
Bert Newton, Greater Affordable Housing Group (GPAHG)
Mike Greenspan, residence not stated
Theresa Patton, GPAHG
Jill Shook, GPAHG
Kimberly Douglas, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Gordo asked staff to also consider density, as well as available resources for sidewalk repair/maintenance, when establishing policies related to affordable housing.

Councilmember Wilson requested an analysis on future funding sources and the implications of maintaining diversity of housing, as he believes the City will get more inclusionary units, and perhaps limit the City's ability to develop specialized projects.

Councilmember Masuda requested information on the Monte Vista Grove project located on San Pasqual Street, specifically whether it is deed-restricted affordable housing.

Councilmember McAustin asked staff to consider allowing the repurposing of commercial buildings to be used for multi-family housing.

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

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

**ADOPTION OF THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT'S
WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN**

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 21080(b)(4) of CEQA and Section 15269 (Emergency Projects) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Adopt the Water and Power Department's Wildfire Mitigation Plan as an approved operating manual to mitigate the utility's risk of causing a catastrophic wildfire.

Recommendation of the Municipal Services Commission: On November 12, 2019, the Municipal Services Committee approved staff's recommendations and requested that additional information regarding the definitions of fire hazard areas and electrical infrastructure within the "Extreme Fire Risk" areas be

provided to the City Council. This information has been included in Attachment B of the agenda report.

Gurcharan Bawa, General Manager of Water and Power, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison requested that staff provide advance notification to the City Council if staff determines that planned outages are necessary to mitigate high-danger fire conditions, such as high wind scenarios.

Councilmember Wilson asked staff to provide information on the percentage of high voltage power lines that have been converted to insulated lines in the City.

Councilmember McAustin, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, summarized the Committee's discussion of this item, and noted the Committee's support for the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the treeline clearing regulations and standard amendments, suggesting that these be carefully considered and implemented to ensure public safety and take into consideration possible impacts to the City's urban forest. He asked staff to provide fiscal information on the contracts issued to vendors to trim the City's power lines, including a cost-benefit analysis to determine if City employees should take on those responsibilities.

Vice Mayor Hampton stated the need for the City's contractors to ensure an arborist is on site when trimming City trees to ensure the trees are trimmed correctly.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING DEMOLITION AND "MAJOR PROJECTS" AFFECTING ELIGIBLE, UNDESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCES

Recommendation:

(1) Find that the proposed interim ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA State Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15262) because the interim ordinance does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and because the project involves only feasibility or

planning studies for possible future actions which the City has not approved, adopted, or funded, and does not involve adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities;

(2) Find that the proposed moratorium is consistent with the objectives and policies of the General Plan;

(3) Find that there is a current and immediate threat to public health, safety and welfare pursuant to the standards and policies set forth in the General Plan in that the proposed interim ordinance is necessary to preserve eligible, undesignated historic resources; and

(4) Adopt an interim urgency ordinance temporarily prohibiting demolition and "major projects" affecting eligible, undesignated historic resources.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided introductory comments, and Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and jointly, responded to questions.

Councilmember Wilson requested that staff provide information on legislation adopted by other municipalities prohibiting the demolition of eligible, but undesignated, historic resources, and a direct comparison of the benefits of a landmark district.

Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the staff recommendation, including the impacts to hillside development and lack of CEQA protections.

The following individuals spoke in support of the staff recommendation and/or provided comment on the item:

Ann Scheid, Pasadena resident

John Latta, Madison Heights Neighborhood Association (MHNA)

Ryan Panzarello, MHNA (distributed literature)

Councilmember Gordo asked staff to provide a summary of the public comments and concerns expressed to the Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

**ORDINANCES – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of “AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING DEMOLITION AND “MAJOR PROJECTS” AFFECTING ELIGIBLE, UNDESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCES”

The above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember Kennedy:

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

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADOPTING TITLE 24 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, PARTS 1-12, INCORPORATING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE AND APPENDIX CHAPTERS C, D, H, I AND J; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE APPENDIX CHAPTERS H, J, AND V; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND APPENDIX CHAPTER 4 AND APPENDICES B THROUGH O; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE; THE 2019 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE AND THE 2019 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE”

The above ordinance was offered for first reading by Vice Mayor Hampton:

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

INFORMATION ITEM

PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW OF A VEHICLE SALES AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AT 2915 E. COLORADO BOULEVARD

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

City Manager Mermell provide introductory comments, and Arlene Granadosin-Jones, Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and jointly, responded to questions. David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development responded to questions related to the building and site.

Vice Mayor Hampton spoke on Artworks located at 96 N. Sunnyslope Avenue that is used by Learning Works students. Many of the Learning Works students are expelled from Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), and Vice Mayor Hampton would like for staff, along with the property owner, to develop a plan on assisting Artworks in finding a new location given that the school serves a specific population of Pasadena students.

City Manager Mermell responded that if the project is approved he would work with PUSD to determine if a relocation site for Artworks is available.

Councilmember Masuda expressed concerns with the building located on the corner of Sunnyslope Avenue and Walnut Street, being demolished, as he believes the structure is a historic building.

Andrew Salimian, Pasadena Heritage, requested that staff work with the applicant to determine if the building located at the proposed site is an eligible historic structure to be protected from demolition.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA Continued

Mike Greenspan, residence not stated, spoke on UCLA football team.

Herman, residence not stated, spoke on matters related to himself and litigation, and submitted documents.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Hampton reported that the Pasadena Audubon Society unveiled a native plant and pollinator garden at Washington STEM Elementary Magnet on November 16, 2019, which was supported by staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Following comments, on order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:22 p.m. in honor and memory of Rabbi Marv Gross, and Adelaide Hixon.

ATTEST:

Terry Tornek, Mayor
City of Pasadena

City Clerk