

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
July 20 2020 – 2:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL MEETING

The virtual meeting was convened pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, and was held solely by videoconference/teleconference

**OPENING:** Mayor Tornek called the special meeting to order at 2:04 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  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS** Mayor Tornek requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those that have suffered due to death and illness caused by COVID-19 in Pasadena, the nation and around the world; and in the memory of U.S. Representative John Lewis.

The Mayor announced a proclamation declaring July 26, 2020 as the “30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act” in Pasadena.

Vice Mayor Hampton recognized Robert Gorski, former City of Pasadena Accessibility Issues Coordinator, for all his work in the City to provide more accessibility for disabled individuals.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, provided information on the 2020 Census self-response period, including the City’s current self-response rate of 64.6%, urged Pasadena residents to complete the 2020 Census, and provided the current self-response rate, and responded to questions.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT WITH YANG, ROGER CHING-FENG MD TO PROVIDE MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$150,000**

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

- (2) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule); and
- (3) 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 Yang, Roger Ching-Feng MD for a Medical Director in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for five years. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 31796)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE FIRE NOZZLES AND APPLIANCES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$300,000**

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

- (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 action; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated April 27, 2020, submitted by Allstar Fire Equipment in response to specifications for fire nozzles and appliances, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract with Allstar Fire Equipment for an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000. (Contract No. 31797)

**REJECTION OF BIDS FOR PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

- (1) Find that the rejection of bids is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- (2) Reject all bids received on April 7, 2020 in response to specifications to provide SCBA equipment and maintenance for the Pasadena Fire Department.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VOX NETWORK SOLUTIONS, INC., TO PROVIDE 24/7 TELECOM SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE COVERAGE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$238,388**

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

- (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 City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified

by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Vox Network Solutions, Inc., to provide 24/7 Telecom Systems Maintenance Coverage and Professional Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$238,388 for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023. (Contract No. 31790)

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR HUGELKULTUR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

**CONTRACT AWARD TO EXBON DEVELOPMENT, INC., FOR ROOF RESTORATION AT PASADENA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER & COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE OF PASADENA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$726,000**

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

(1) Find that this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, which exempts minor alteration of existing public facilities where no expansion of existing use will take place; and

(2) Accept the bid dated June 9, 2020, submitted by Exbon Development, Inc., in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Roof Restoration at the Pasadena Community Health Center & Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (PCHC & CHAP), reject all other bids, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for the roof restoration for an amount not-to-exceed \$726,000, which includes a contingency amount of \$66,000 for possible change orders. (Contract No. 31795)

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31,603 WITH FS CONTRACTORS, INC., FOR CITYWIDE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2020, TO INCREASE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$260,000 FROM \$1,649,000 TO \$1,909,000**

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

(1) Find that pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines that the effects of the Proposed Project are typical of those generated within that class of projects (i.e., Class 1 – Existing Facilities) which consist of, among other things, the repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of this determination, and that, therefore, pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Proposed Project will not cause a significant effect on the environment and is, therefore, categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with FS Contractors, Inc., to increase the contract by \$260,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,909,000 for additional concrete sidewalk repairs. (Contract No. 31603-2)

**CONTRACT AWARD TO GEORGE SALINAS TREE PRESERVATION FOR CITYWIDE TREE WATERING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$532,800 FOR 5 YEARS**

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

(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; and

(2) Accept the bid from George Salinas Tree Preservation dated June 10, 2020 submitted in response to specifications for citywide tree watering for the Department of Public Works; reject all other bids for citywide tree watering; authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$319,680; and authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms in the annual amount of \$106,560, subject to the approval of the City Manager, for a maximum contract duration of five years and a total contract amount of \$532,800 inclusive of Consumer Price Index increases. (Contract No. 31794)

**AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER WITH TOTER, LLC FOR PURCHASE OF 4,500 ROTATIONAL MOLDED AUTOMATED REFUSE CONTAINERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$225,000**

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

(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 the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,000 without competitive bidding pursuant to the City Charter Section, 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services to Toter, LLC; 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

**CONTRACT AWARD TO BSN CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR PASADENA EQUESTRIAN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – DOMESTIC WATER SUB-METERING PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$353,964**

Item discussed separately

**CONTRACT AWARD TO DBX, INC., FOR I-210 CONNECTED CORRIDOR PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$320,000**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BLUSKY RESTORATION CONTRACTORS LLC FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND REMEDIATION FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

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

(1) Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract, based on a competitive selection process as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with BluSky Restoration Contractors LLC ("Harbro"), for asbestos remediation and abatement for an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 or five years, whichever occurs first, with two additional one-year optional extensions of \$100,000 each, or whichever occurs first. The total contract amount including optional extensions would be equal to \$700,000 over a period of seven years. (Contract No. 31789)

**AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC., ("ARCA") FOR LOW INCOME REFRIGERATOR REPLACEMENT AND RECYCLING SERVICES**

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

(1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption or General Rule);

(2) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) Contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies, or services, with ARCA for procurement, delivery and recycling services in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 or two years, whichever comes first, with three optional one-year extensions of up to \$150,000 each subject to the approval of the City Manager. If these options are exercised the total contract amount would be up to \$750,000; and

(3) It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code ("PMC") Section 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served. (Contract No. 31814)

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARINA LANDSCAPE, INC., TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE JONES RESERVOIR IRRIGATION PROJECT**

Item discussed separately

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS**

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

(1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per 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 authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the State of California under the Local Housing Trust Fund ("LHTF") Program; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve any documents in connection with the LHTF grant application or, in the event that the City receives an award, any LHTF grant contract documents that may be required by the State. (Resolution No. 9795)

Item discussed separately

**ADOPTION OF A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2020 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 809**

Item discussed separately

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOGNIZE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS OF \$1,876,323 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE SOUTHBAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT SERVICES**

Item discussed separately

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECENT ACTIONS BY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM REGARDING INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND GOVERNING BOARD STRUCTURE**

**RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & REAPPOINTMENTS**

**APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT MONTANO TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (At Large Nomination/District 7)**

**APPOINTMENT OF VALERI SIEGEL TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF GLENN CAMHI TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (District 7 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF SANDY GREENSTEIN TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 18, 2020  
May 25, 2020  
June 1, 2020

**CLAIMS RECEIVED**

Claim No. 13,557	Albert P. Bartulis	\$	738.00
Claim No. 13,558	Virginia M. Howard		2,641.00
Claim No. 13,559	Kenneth Frankel		70.00
Claim No. 13,560	Billy Ray Burton, M. Ed.		55,000,000.00
Claim No. 13,561	Chante Giles		25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,562	Irene Lin		600.00
Claim No. 13,563	Claims Resource Services, on behalf of AAA, as subrogee for Daniel Licea		1,776.37
Claim No. 13,564	Setsuko Honda		60.00
Claim No. 13,565	Tiffany Marie Jasso		25,000.00+

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 5 (Authorization to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation), Item 10 (Contract Award to BSN Construction, Inc.), Item 11 (Contract Award to DBX, Inc.), Item 14 (Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Marina Landscape, Inc.), Item 15 (Adoption of a Resolution to Authorize Submittal of an Application to the State of California for Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant Funds), Item 17 (Adoption of a Side Letter of Agreement to Extend the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 MOU between the City and PFFA), Item 18 (Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds of \$1,876,323 to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget), and Item 19 (Recent Actions by California Public Employees Retirement System Regarding Investment Strategies & Governing Board Structure), which were discussed separately:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**  
**DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR HUGELKULTUR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed authorization is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA guidelines, Section 15301(a) Existing Facilities, and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter agreement No. R20AP00266 between the City of Pasadena and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation ("BOR"), and authorize the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement contract with the BOR to receive grant funds in the amount of \$86,904, for the Hugelkultur Demonstration Project; and
- (3) Designate the City Manager, or his designee, as the authorized representative with signature authority for the grant agreement and all contract documents pursuant to this grant. (Contract No. 23,395)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARINA LANDSCAPE, INC., TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE JONES RESERVOIR IRRIGATION PROJECT**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed authorization is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated July 2, 2020 submitted by Marina Landscape, Inc., in response to Specification WD-20-08 for providing labor and materials for the Jones Reservoir Irrigation Project for the Water & Power Department ("PWP"), reject all other bids, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a labor and materials contract with Marina Landscape, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$270,600. (Contract No. 31803)

*The two above agenda items were discussed concurrently*

Councilmember Masuda suggested that the median strip on Sierra Madre Boulevard be used as a demonstration garden project.

Mitch Dion, Assistant General Manager of Water and Power, provided information on the City utilizing supplemental sustainable water to for median, which could be used to demonstrate water conservation techniques with the assistance of Public Works Department; and responded to questions.



Councilmember Gordo asked staff to return to the City Council with information on how the City might use the medians along Sierra Madre Boulevard as recreational areas, including building out pedestrian walkways and beautifying these gateways into the City.

Councilmember McAustin congratulated staff on their work in obtaining the grant award.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve the staff recommendations:

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

**CONTRACT AWARD TO BSN CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR PASADENA EQUESTRIAN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS – DOMESTIC WATER SUB-METERING PROJECT, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$353,964**

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

(1) Find the contract proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and

(2) Accept the bid dated June 18, 2020, submitted by BSN Construction, Inc., in response to the Project Plans and Specifications for the Installation of Pasadena Equestrian Center Improvements – Domestic Water Sub-metering Project, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$353,964 which includes the base contract amount of \$321,964, and a contingency of \$32,000 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31788)

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, provided information on the scope of the project, tenant's water use, and responded to questions. Jeffrey Hernandez, Real Property Manager, provided information on the tenant lease agreements.

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

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

**CONTRACT AWARD TO DBX, INC., FOR I-210 CONNECTED CORRIDOR PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$320,000**

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

(1) Find the project proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15303, Class 3, new construction or conversion of small structures, and find that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and

(2) Accept the bid dated June 23, 2020, submitted by DBX, Inc., in response to the plans and specifications for I-210 Connected Corridor project, reject all other bids, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract amount not-to-exceed \$320,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$266,387 and a contingency of \$53,613 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31792)

Councilmember McAustin expressed concerns that the proposed signage may impact the aesthetic character on Corson and Maple Streets, and asked staff to work with vendors to encourage appropriate signage use.

Joaquin Siques, provided information on the installation, noted that the signage is not very noticeable and will only be turned on as needed, and responded to questions. Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, provided information on the number of signs on Mountain and Walnut Streets, and responded to questions.

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

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

ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per 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 authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the State of California under the Permanent Local Housing Allocation ("PLHA") Program;
- (3) Authorize and adopt a five (5) year PLHA Plan, describing the manner in which allocated funds shall be used for eligible activities; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve any documents in connection with the PLHA grant application or, in the event that the City receives an award, any PLHA grant contract documents that may be required by the State. (Resolution No. 9794)

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments from the following members of the public in support of the staff recommendation:

Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident  
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident

William Huang, Director of Housing, provided an update on the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) pilot program, and responded to questions. David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided information on potential grant funding opportunities to provide standardized ADU construction plans, and responded to questions. Jim Wong, Senior Project Manager, provided information on the funding allocation for the five-year plan.

Councilmember McAustin asked staff to prioritize making available standardized ADU construction plans to the public.

Vice Mayor Hampton requested that Councilmember Gordo, Chair of the Economic Technology Committee, agendaize a discussion on the City's Homeownership Opportunity Program.

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

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

**ADOPTION OF A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2020 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 809**

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

- (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) Adopt a side letter of agreement to extend the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Fighters Association (PFFA) by three months to September 30, 2020. (Contract No. 21,847-2)

City Manager Mermell provided information on the continuance of bargaining negotiations with PFFA; and responded to questions. Jennifer Curtis, Human Resources Director, provided information on the increase to paramedic's salary, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison asked staff to consider the appropriateness of a 90-day extension due to the impact on the City's public safety employees and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the importance of staff highlighting in the report that the members of PFFA recognize that the City is in a difficult financial period, that the union agreed to extend their contract without pay increases.

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

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOGNIZE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS OF \$1,876,323 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE SOUTHBAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT SERVICES**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed actions are exempt from 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 a contract between the City of Pasadena (administrative entity for the Foothill Workforce Development Board) and the State of California Employment Development Department for the receipt of:
  - a. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Program Year 2020-21 grant funds in the amount of \$501,323 over a 27-month term;
  - b. COVID-19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant funds in the amount of \$525,000 over a 24-month term;
  - c. Additional Assistance Underserved COVID-19 Impacted Individuals grant funds in the amount of \$450,000 over a seven-month term;
  - d. Regional Planning Implementation 3.0 grant funds in the amount of \$400,000 over an 18-month term;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract amendment between the City of Pasadena (administrative entity for the Foothill Workforce Development Board) and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (administrative entity for the City of Inglewood), for an increase of \$360,000 for a new contract amount not-to-exceed \$2,860,000; and
- (4) Amend the Fiscal Year 2021 Career Services Division Operating Budget to recognize revenues in the amount of \$1,876,323 and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$2,236,323. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-03, Contract Nos. TBD)

Diane Russell-Carter, representing the Foothill Workforce Development Board (Foothill WDB), provided information on the number of program participants, both youths and adults that are supported by the Foothill WDB; and responded to questions.

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

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECENT ACTIONS BY CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM REGARDING INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND GOVERNING BOARD STRUCTURE**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 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 Manager to work with other cities to send a letter to California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) recommending against actions to increase the overall risk to its investment portfolio; and
- (3) Recommend that the City engage local State Legislators to pursue changes to CalPERS governance including the Board structure and increased transparency.

Mayor Tornek, Chair of the Finance Committee, summarized the Committee's discussion, as well as the direction to staff to submit a letter to CalPERS expressing concerns regarding increased risks being added to the Pension Fund's portfolio; and responded to questions. City Manager Mermell stated that he is discussing the City's concerns with other surrounding municipalities, and noted that a meeting requested by CalPERS representatives is being scheduled to discuss the City's concerns; and responded to questions. Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided information on recent data points of CalPERS investment returns for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; and responded to questions.

Councilmembers Wilson and Gordo expressed concerns with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) reported approach, as well as a lack of transparency on the part of the Pension Fund, and asked staff to continue to monitor these developments and report back to the City Council and the public.

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

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) OF THE 2020 ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE REPORT**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that upon close of the public hearing the City Council take the following actions:

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Approve the submission of the 2020 City of Pasadena Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the 2020 City of Pasadena Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report, certifications, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to ensure the City's efforts to affirmatively further fair housing.

City Clerk Jomsky opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal on July 16, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office on the item.

William Huang, Director of Housing, provided introductory comments, and Randy Mabson, Program Coordinator II, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, with both responding to questions.

Vice Mayor Hampton disconnected from the meeting

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need for staff to provide the actual range of incomes that fall under Extremely low, Very Low, and Low Income levels to better illustrate the qualifying requirements for housing assistance programs. He requested that staff develop a policy, and locate additional financing and funding sources, to be included in the annual reports. He suggested the following policy: "The Pasadena City Council, by the power vested by the voters of the City, has committed to building, in conjunction with private nonprofits developers, 1000 very low or extremely low housing units to meet the most difficult needs in the City of Pasadena." He suggested to include a three-year time limit on his proposed policy.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to close the public hearing:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

Vice Mayor Hampton  
reconnected to the meeting

**PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2020-2024), THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2020-2021) AND RELATED FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that upon close of the public hearing the City Council take the following actions:

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Approve the submission of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024) and the Annual Action Plan (2020-2021) as part of the application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs;
- (3) Approve the submittal of a grant application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020-2021 entitlement funds in the amount of \$2,095,319, and the reprogramming of existing and anticipated CDBG funds in the amount of \$497,764 for a total of \$2,593,083 allocated towards 2020-2021 CDBG program activities;
- (4) Approve the submittal of a grant application for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Year 2020-2021 entitlement funds in the amount of \$176,398 and the reprogramming of existing and anticipated ESG funds in the amount of \$20,000 for a total of \$196,398 allocated towards 2020-2021 ESG program activities;
- (5) Approve the submittal of a grant application HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Program Year 2020-2021 entitlement



funds in the amount of \$834,537 and the reprogramming of existing and anticipated HOME funds in the amount of \$174,098 for a total of \$1,008,635 towards 2020-2021 HOME program activities; and (6) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024), the Annual Action Plan (2020-2021), the grant applications, certifications, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to obtain the allocation of the aforementioned federal entitlement funds.

City Clerk Jomsky opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal on July 16, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office on the item.

William Huang, Director of Housing, provided introductory comments, and Randy Mabson, Program Coordinator II, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, with both responding to questions. City Manager Mermell provided information on the full data set, which can be found on pages 27-29 of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, which is part of the staff report and available online; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need for staff to develop a policy for City Council consideration that prioritizes assistance for Latinos and African-Americans since these communities are disproportionately experiencing housing issues. He asked staff to provide additional data on Housing Needs in the City (referenced on page 5 of the PowerPoint) and to provide the percentage of African-American households with 30% Area Median Income (AMI), the percentage experiencing housing problems, as a way to compare the data related to the Hispanic household AMI.

Councilmember Wilson also expressed concerns with the Hispanic and African-America housing problems in the City; and spoke on the need for staff to prioritize City resources and policies to remedy the housing needs for these two communities.

Vice Mayor Hampton spoke on the need for staff to assist Hispanics and African-Americans with the homeownership process (for housing where the City provides funding), including assisting with lending practices of banks; and asked staff to ensure that the City's contact name and phone number is provided by developers when presenting information to potential buyers. He also spoke on the need to prioritize assistance to Latinos and African-Americans that are disproportionately impacted by housing problems.

Mr. Huang stated that staff will schedule for discussion at a future Economic Development and Technology Committee, to occur within 90 days, a Housing Preference Policy consistent with the City Council's requests and direction above.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to close the public hearing:

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

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES**

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PLACING A TEMPORARY CAP ON COMMISSIONS CHARGED BY THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SERVICE PROVIDERS**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption (formerly the "general rule") that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;
- (2) Direct the City Manager to place a temporary cap on commission fees charged by third-party delivery service providers on retail food establishments in Pasadena; and
- (3) Adopt a resolution ratifying the Sixth Supplement to Declaration of Local Emergency Placing a Temporary Cap on Commissions Charged by Third-Party Delivery Service Providers. (Resolution No. 9796)

Eric Duyshart, Business Development Administrator, provided introductory comments, and Michelle Garrett, Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, with both responding to questions.

Councilmember Gordo, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee (EDTech), summarized the Committees discussion on the item; and thanked staff for their hard work on this item.

Councilmember McAustin thanked the Committee for bringing the item to the City Council and spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Wilson expressed concerns with negatively impacting the tipping process for delivery drivers, as many do not make minimum wage, however, spoke in support of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with the staff recommendation procedurally and substantively, especially on an emergency declaration basis. However, he will support the staff recommendation, as other cities have adopted similar legislation and because staff feels the recommendation is appropriate.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER:**

#### **REPORT ON LATEST HEALTH ORDERS**

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments. Dr. Ying Ying Goh, MD, Director of Public Health, provided an update on the latest Health Officer orders, including data on state monitoring metrics for Pasadena, as well as case rates, and the City Health Departments actions to continue to work proactively with other agencies to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Wilson asked staff to provide information on Huntington Memorial Hospital's patient capacity at the next COVID-19 update.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need to reach out to the Latino community, with Vannia de la Cuba, District 3 Liaison, to contact Dr. Goh and her staff to discuss strategies.

Councilmember Kennedy asked staff to provide statistical information on mortality rates for City residents under 50 years old.

Vice Mayor Hampton asked staff to provide information on the number of elder abuse cases being reported within the last five years, and on the training provided to the Pasadena Police and Fire Departments related to identifying and reporting elderly abuse.

### **UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS THROUGH OUTSIDE DINING**

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments from Brian Wallace, representing Playhouse Village Association, thanking staff for their work implementing on-street dining on areas in Colorado Boulevard.

Joaquin Siques, Traffic Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee (EDTech), summarized the Committee's discussion on assisting small businesses, noted the additional costs businesses will incur to create outdoor dining areas, and asked the City Council to consider providing small grants to help cover the additional costs.

City Manager Mermell stated that staff will agendaize at the July 27, 2020 a report requesting appropriation of approximately \$275,000, to support on-street dining for local restaurants; and staff will provide an update on the Pasadena Assistance Fund grant program.

Councilmember Wilson asked staff to provide information on occupancy and usage related to sidewalks and converted parking lots for outdoor dining; and an update on the City's Business Assistance Grant program, including any matching grant funds received.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that the Transportation Department provide an informational update on public safety related issues to on-street dining.

Councilmember McAustin spoke on the need for staff to be mindful of small restaurants and residents in other parts of the City that may not be aware of outdoor dining opportunities, and asked that there be additional outreach on the available assistance.

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

## **ORAL REPORT ON THE CITY'S EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

This item was not discussed and will be agendaized at the next City Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020.

### **CONSIDERATION OF A CALL FOR REVIEW OF A HEARING OFFICER DECISION TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 82693 TO ALLOW THE CREATION OF NINE AIR PARCELS ON ONE LAND LOT FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES AT 351 ADENA STREET (Councilmember Gordo)**

Councilmembers Gordo and Kennedy spoke on the Call for Review request, stating that residents of the City raised concerns about the proposed project, and the lack of notification to the surrounding neighbors.

Councilmember Kennedy summarized the residents' concerns, noting that some felt that they were left out of the decision-making process for proposed project, however, many of the residents' concerns have been alleviated, or will be addressed, and therefore, he will not support the Call for Review request.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided information on the staff level approval of a 9-unit project, stated that staff will return to the City Council within the next 60 days to discuss the Pasadena Municipal Code related to public notice and staff level reviews of projects; and responded to questions.

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments and reported that 1 letter in support, from Renee Pierson, Pasadena resident, of a Call-for-Review of the proposed project, was received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record. He also read aloud comments from Anita To, representing Adena Investment, LLC, stating their willingness to work with tenants on timing of relocation.

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

### **ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING TITLE 5, CHAPTERS 5.80 AND 5.82, TO THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RECALL PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN WORKERS LAID OFF DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RECALL PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN WORKERS WHEN A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OCCURS RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”**

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 2 letters in opposition to the ordinance, were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record; and read aloud comments in support of the ordinance from the following individuals:

Mark Maier, Pasadena resident  
Carl Friedlander, Pasadena resident  
Juliana Serrano, Pasadena resident

He also read aloud comments from Paul Little, Pasadena resident, expressing opposition to the ordinance.

Councilmember Wilson reiterated his concerns related to the ordinance, that the definition of municipal affairs as it relates to Charter Cities does not include labor affairs, and therefore, will not support the ordinance.

Councilmember Masuda reiterated his concerns related to the ordinance, that the City is singling out the hotel industry, and therefore, will not support the ordinance.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, stated that staff was directed to return to the City Council with a status report 12 months after the termination of the City Manager's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19.

Vice Mayor Hampton stated that it was his understanding that the ordinance would sunset 12 months after the termination of the City Manager's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and will be unable to support the ordinance if that stipulation is not included in the ordinance.

The Mayor spoke in favor of amending the ordinance to include a sunset date, so that the ordinance can move forward and the City Council can conduct a new first reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Madison stated that the proposed ordinance will not impede hotels from re-opening, but provides protections for hotel workers. He asked staff to provide a report to the City Council on the effectiveness of the ordinance 2-3 months prior to the sunset date.

Following discussion, the ordinance was amended, as follows: Section 5.82.090, titled "Report," change the title to "Expiration and Report", with the following provisions: "No later than eleven months after the lifting of the City's declaration of emergency related to COVID-19, staff shall report to the City Council and Mayor on the effectiveness of the provisions of this chapter in protecting workers when a business changes ownership, recommendations for additional protections that further the intent of this chapter, and

whether the provisions of the chapter are still necessary based on the City's recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This ordinance shall expire and sunset 12 months after expiration of the City Manager's declaration of emergency related to the COVID-19 emergency" and Section 5.80.080 to read as follows: "No later than eleven months after the City Council terminates its declaration of local emergency related to COVID-19, staff shall provide a written report to the City Council on the effectiveness of the provisions of this chapter in protecting workers' stability of employment, recommendations for additional protections that further the intent of this chapter, and whether the provisions of the chapter are still necessary based on the City's recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This ordinance shall expire and sunset 12 months after expiration of the City Manager's declaration of emergency related to the COVID-19 emergency."

The revised ordinance (amended as detailed above) was offered for first reading by Councilmember Madison:

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

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW OF A NEW PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSING A MIXED-USE PROJECT WITH 227 UNITS OF HOUSING AND 4,500 SQUARE FEET OF GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL SPACE AT 452 NORTH LOS ROBLES AVENUE**

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

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that he believes the proposed project will be a great addition to the community, however, he noted that staff needs to ensure the project has the right configuration of the affordable housing component. He stated that if the project is approved, and on-site affordable housing is available, staff should ensure that affordable housing units are priced for extremely low income requirements for rental units.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns with the height and density of the proposed project in the surrounding neighborhood and community, and the lack of on-site affordable housing units. He spoke on the need to carefully scrutinize the project and complete a traffic study.

Councilmember McAustin echoed concerns related to the size of the proposed project, and stated that she finds it offensive that the developer of such a large project would not propose onsite affordable units. She also expressed concerns with the proposed design that blocks out the community; and the use of a Planned Development (PD) that advantages the developer, but disadvantages the City and its residents.

Mayor Tornek stated that he views the proposed project site as a transitional zone due to its proximity to Gold Line train station, freeway, and downtown Pasadena. He echoed concerns related to the proposed PD, with the developer proposing the maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR); and stated his preference that the proposed project provide at least a portion of on-site affordable housing units.

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments expressing concerns related do the project, from the following individuals:

Cindy Schnuelle, Pasadena resident  
Randy VanDeventer, Pasadena resident  
Barbara Woman, Pasadena resident  
Allison Henry, Pasadena resident  
Carol Hernandez, Pasadena resident

In addition, Mr. Jomsky reported that 2 letters in opposition to the proposed project (as presented), were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record

Keven Doherty, Vice President of Development with Summerhill Housing Group, and Laurie Summers with KTG Architecture + Planning, jointly presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed project, provided information on their plans to provide affordable housing off-site; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on other projects in the City with affordable housing units on site; and suggested the following considerations to the developer: 20% local hire, 15% local material, and 20% local contracting. Councilmember Kennedy stated the following for the record, "I want to tell you what would be valuable, and that is that we find really local businesses that are amenable that could really make this particular development pop or click for the benefit of the community and for the residents that will live here."

Councilmember Gordo asked staff to consider the density and the lack of off-street parking in the proposed project site area; and the developer's vision of moving away from expanding affordable housing throughout the City, which he believes is not consistent with the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and raises a social equity issue.



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

Councilmember Kennedy requested the following for the record:

Congressman John Robert Lewis born in Troy, Alabama, in 1940, the son of sharecroppers, died at age 80 this past Friday, July 17, 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia. A celebrated civil rights leader and activist, Congressman Lewis throughout his career, fought harder than anyone in our country's continuing struggle for civil rights and justice.

Congressman Lewis, also known as one of the Big Six Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, at the age of 23 was the keynote speaker at the historic March on Washington in August 1963. Among his numerous and distinct achievements, he supported the framework for landmark legislation of the Civil Rights Act 1964 and in 2011 was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Former President Barack Obama. Moreover, in 2015, both Congressman Lewis and President Obama came together on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to commemorate the Selma to Montgomery march. The Edmund Pettus Bridge is named after an avowed racist and there has been some discussion across the country in renaming that bridge "John Lewis Bridge."

John Lewis was a national treasure and a civil rights champion. We are deeply saddened by his passing but profoundly grateful for his immense influence to changes in the realm of social justice.

In a moment where our nation feels divided, let the legacy of John Lewis bring us together one more time. Allow his example to continue to influence us towards a new and improved democracy.

Congressman John Robert Lewis is survived by his son, John Miles Lewis. His wife, Lillian Miles, a graduate of the University of California Los Angeles, she died on News Year's Eve 2012. Our most sincere condolences to the family of Congressman Lewis and the nation, may our prayers provide you with comfort and strength. He remembers one thing about Congressman Lewis more than many things, his statement, "We must get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America," made atop the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 1, 2020.

The City Council spoke on the passing of Congressman John R. Lewis, and expressed sorrow and sympathies on his passing.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 7:54 p.m. to discuss the following closed session, in memory of all those that have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic and Congressman John Robert Lewis. (Absent: Councilmember Wilson):

Vice Mayor Hampton was excused and disconnected from the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

**Name of Case: Ivis Moran v. City of Pasadena et al**

**CA Ct. App. Case Nos.: B299155, B305929; USDC Case No: 2:15-cv-09136-JAK-MRW**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Following closed session discussion, on order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

/s/ Terry Tornek

Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk