

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
December 7, 2020 – 12:00 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 of the City Council to order at 12:12 p.m.

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING The Mayor announced it was time for the Organizational Meeting of the City Council.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Rabbi John Carrier, Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center, led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember McAustin.

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE
"CERTIFICATE OF THE CANVASS OF THE ELECTION
RETURNS" AS PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY
CLERK FOR THE PASADENA GENERAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020
PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Adopt a resolution accepting the "Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Returns" (Exhibit A to the resolution) as prepared and certified by the Los Angeles County Registrar-

Recorder/County Clerk for the Pasadena General Municipal Election, consolidated with the Presidential General Election held on November 3, 2020, resulting in the election of Victor M. Gordo as Mayor of Pasadena, and the passage of Measure P amending the Pasadena City Charter. (Resolution No. 9821)

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, summarized the agenda report as part of his oral presentation, and responded to questions.

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments expressing appreciation for the passing of Measure P, the need to assist homeless individuals, and advocating for additional permanent supportive housing in the City from the following individuals:

Sonja K. Berndt, Pasadena resident
Jackson Loop, Pasadena resident
Joanne Long, Pasadena resident
Raquel Calderon, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Kennedy requested that the closure of the bad weather shelters be agendaized for discussion at a future City Council meeting in support of the public comments that the distribution of warm clothing is insufficient to help homeless individuals during the cold winter weather.

Vice Mayor Hampton echoed comments related to helping homeless individuals while shelters are closed, and requested an emergency City Council meeting be scheduled to address the issue.

In response to Councilmember Kennedy and Vice Mayor Hampton's concerns related to the closure of bad weather shelters, Mayor Tornek responded that staff is currently looking into the matter, but stated that there are complications related to the staffing of shelters while meeting pandemic protocols. Steve Mermell, City Manager, reported that the Housing Department staff has been working on the matter for months trying to identify a location for a bad weather shelter, and noted that staff will provide additional information on those efforts at a future City Council meeting.

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

**PRESENTATIONS/
STATEMENTS**

Jonathan Horton, Representative for Congresswoman Judy Chu; Teresa Lamb-Simpson, Field Representative for Congressman Adam Schiff; State Senator Anthony J. Portantino; Assemblymember Chris Holden; Los Angeles County Supervisor Katheryn Barger; Bob Miller, 2021 President of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association; Darryl Dunn, General Manager of the Rose Bowl Operating Company; City Manager Steve Mermell representing Executive Management staff; Michael Warner representing Sister Cities Committee; and Mayor-Elect Gordo representing the City Council; all expressed praise and gratitude to Mayor Tornek and Councilmember McAustin for their many years of dedicated service on the City Council, and submitted certificates of recognition and appreciation for their contributions to the City and Pasadena residents. They also congratulated newly elected Mayor Victor M. Gordo and Councilmember Felicia Williams.

The City Council expressed appreciation and gratitude to Mayor Tornek and Councilmember McAustin.

Mayor Tornek and Councilmember McAustin thanked all the speakers, presenters, City Council and staff for their heartfelt words, certificates and tokens/gifts of appreciation.

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments from Jacque Robinson, Chair of the National Women's Political Caucus – Greater Pasadena Area Chapter, recognizing and expressing gratitude to Councilmember McAustin for her work and in recognition of her leadership with the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

Councilmember McAustin acknowledged Margo Morales, Field Liaison for District 2, for her dedication and expressed appreciation for her many years of service to the community.

**ADJOURN OUTGOING
COUNCIL - SINE DIE**

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Vice Mayor Hampton, to adjourn this City Council sine die:

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

The meeting was recessed to issue the oath of office to Councilmembers Hampton and Williams, and Mayor Gordo.

RECONVENED

Mayor Gordo reconvened the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

City Clerk Jomsky administered the oaths of office to Councilmembers Madison and Masuda.

Mayor Gordo representing the City Council presented Vice Mayor Hampton with a token in appreciation for his service as the City's Vice Mayor. Councilmember Kennedy thanked Mr. Hampton for his service as Vice Mayor.

Tyron Hampton expressed appreciation to his colleagues and the City of Pasadena for allowing him to serve as Pasadena's Vice Mayor.

The Mayor opened the floor for nominations for a new Vice Mayor.

Following discussion it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to nominate Andy Wilson as Vice Mayor, for a term beginning December 7, 2020 and expiring on December 12, 2022. There being no further nominations, the Mayor declared the nominations closed, and directed the City Clerk to conduct a roll call vote, as follows:

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

The Mayor recognized Andy Wilson as the new Vice Mayor and introduced the newly constituted Pasadena City Council.

STATEMENTS/CONCLUDING
REMARKS

Vice Mayor Wilson acknowledged Councilmember Hampton for his service as Vice Mayor, and expressed appreciation to his colleagues and constituents for their support and assistance.

Councilmembers Kennedy and Hampton congratulated Mayor Gordo as newly elected Mayor and Councilmember Williams as District 2 representative.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the killings of three teenagers in Pasadena by gang members on Halloween 1993, and the recent murder of three men at Villa Parke, which he believes is the result of the gang culture in the community; and expressed condolences to the families of the victims.

Councilmembers Kennedy and Hampton requested that the special City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of violence at Villa Parke; and those that have suffered due to death and illness caused by COVID-19 in Pasadena, the nation and around the world.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 3:49 p.m. in honor of all victims who have lost their lives to senseless violence; and all those that are ill, have suffered, and may have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk