

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 Gordo called the special meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Masuda.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:
Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Andy Wilson
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember John J. Kennedy
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jessica Rivas
Councilmember Felicia Williams

Staff:
City Manager Steve Mermell
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation declaring March 2021 as "Women's History Month," in the City of Pasadena. Beverly Morgan-Sandoz, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, and Ali Everett, Accessibility Coordinator, acknowledged the proclamation, provided information on the Women's History Month, and expressed appreciation to the Mayor, City Council and the community.

Mayor Gordo 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW CLASSIFICATIONS AND SALARIES AND UPDATING SALARIES OF EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS

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 resolution establishing new classifications and salaries and updating salaries of existing classifications.
(Resolution No. 9829)

Regarding the establishment of new classifications and modifications of existing classification salaries, the Mayor provided an overview of the staff report and compensation provided as part of the recommended action.

Steve Mermell, City Manager, and David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided information on the new classifications assigned to the various departments, including the Neighborhood and Business Services Administrator; and responded to questions.

In response to Councilmember Hampton request for an update on when staff will develop pre-approved plans for the building of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) for residents, City Manager Mermell stated that he will provide in update in the City Manager's weekly newsletter.

Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn, Human Resources Manager, provided information on the City's process for determining whether classifications should be reclassified or control rates adjusted; and responded to questions.

Item discussed separately

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: MODIFICATION OF THE PASADENA LOCAL PREFERENCE AND PRIORITY SYSTEM GUIDELINES FOR CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE: FISCAL YEAR JUNE 30, 2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Recommendation: It is recommended that the following reports for the year ending June 30, 2020 be reviewed, discussed, and filed by the City Council and/or the Successor Agency to Pasadena Community Development Commission:

- A. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- B. Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards (This replaces what was called the "Management Letter.")
- C. Pasadena Center Operating Company Basic Financial Statements
- D. Rose Bowl Operating Company Basic Financial Statements
- E. Pasadena Community Access Corporation Basic Financial Statements
- F. Pasadena Fire and Police Retirement System Independent Auditor's Report and Basic Financial Statements with Required Supplemental Information
- G. Air Quality Improvement Fund Financial Statements and Compliance Report
- H. Housing Successor Basic Financial Statements and Compliance Reports

- I. Foothill Workforce Development Board Basic Financial Statements and Compliance Report
- J. Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Appropriation Limit Worksheets
- K. Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Employee Deductions for the Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Program
- L. The Auditor's Communications with the City's Finance/Audit Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE: QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Recommendation: This report is for information only.

**RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS**

APPOINTMENT OF PAT AMSBRY TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF IESHA SILER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF MONIQUE PREYER TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 2 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF CAROL POTTER TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION (Historic Preservation Commission Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WARNER TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

REINSTATEMENT OF CY WARREN ESTABROOK TO THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 22, 2021

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,681	SM Law Group, APC, Daniel Hakhamzadeh, Esq., representing Jemina Avalos	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,682	Maria Lopez Morrison C/O California Automobile Insurance Company	1,344.95
Claim No. 13,683	State Farm Insurance as subrogee For Nobuyo Nishizaka	5,177.23
Claim No. 13,684	Sierra Johnson	981.65
Claim No. 13,685	Bette Baber	10,000.00+
Claim No. 13,686	Scott Palmer	1,387.99

Claim No. 13,687	Andrew Ritholz, Esq., representing Scott Mullen	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,688	Downtown LA Law Group, representing Jasper Rose	1,000,000.00

PUBLIC HEARING SET

March 22, 2021, 4:30 P.M. - Submittal of Public Housing Agency Annual Plan (2021) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 2 (Modification of the Pasadena Local Preference and Priority System Guidelines...), which was discussed separately:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: MODIFICATION OF THE PASADENA LOCAL PREFERENCE AND PRIORITY SYSTEM GUIDELINES FOR CITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

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

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "general rule" that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Approve the modification of the Pasadena Local Preference and Priority System Guidelines ("Local Preference Guidelines") as described in the agenda report, and, if approved, direct staff to memorialize such modification.

Councilmember Madison connected to the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

William Huang, Director of Housing, provided introductory comments, and Caroline Nelson, Program Coordinator I, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson spoke in favor of incentivizing households who are "over-housed" to relocate to smaller units in order to make larger housing units available for larger families; and asked staff to consider implementing a "Second Priority" category to make individuals eligible that were former residents but continue to work in Pasadena.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with the somewhat arbitrary nature of Local Preference Guidelines as proposed in the staff recommendation given the importance of this public policy proposal. He stated his support for the concept of relocating “overhoused” households, and recommended staff develop covenants with tenants to relocate under such circumstances. He stated that the staff’s proposal to provide a priority to former residents is at the expense of the current residents and those that are currently working in Pasadena, which he is unable to support. He suggested staff develop and implement a pilot program/project with former residents placed at a lower priority level (as third or after the third priority) to determine whether the outcomes are as expected, and are achieving the intended goals of the program.

Councilmember Hampton, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, summarized the Committee discussion on the item; and stated his preference that the “Former Resident” Set-Aside for individuals who were displaced be increased from 5 years to 10 years, and are provided a priority classification in the City’s local preference categories.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in favor of the City having a pathway of assisting the return of American black families to Pasadena; and stated that he believes the highest priority for local preference categories should be those families and individuals that were involuntarily displaced from Pasadena due to bad or poor public policy. He spoke in support of a Set-Aside for individuals who were displaced up to 10 years in the past and are provided a priority classification in the City’s local preference categories.

City Manager Mermell provided information on the data the City relies on from California’s Department of Finance to estimate the City’s population; and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo expressed reticence in prioritizing displaced individuals from the last ten years above households that currently reside in the City and are in threat of being displaced; and stated his preference to prioritize current Pasadena residents.

Councilmember Rivas expressed concerns that the proposed pilot program results may not provide the necessary information to determine the most beneficial local preference and priority guidelines for providing affordable housing units to those in need.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that a number of letters and emails providing comments/suggestions on the matter, including support for the staff recommendation, and expressing concerns with the proposed local preference guidelines, which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Bert Newton, representing Pasadena Mennonite Church
Timothy Sales, Owner of Affordable Housing Solutions &
Development of Southern California, LLC
Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident
Jill Shook, representing Making Housing and Community
Happen
Cynthia Kurtz, residence not stated
Una Lee Jost, Pasadena resident

He also read aloud comments and suggestions on the matter from the following individuals:

Sonja K. Berndt, Pasadena resident
Bert Newton, Pasadena resident
Ferne Hayes, Pasadena resident
Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident
Jill S. Shook, Pasadena resident
Ed Washatka, Pasadena resident

Vice Mayor Wilson recommended that the City Council approve the staff recommendation as a pilot program, examining the first 50 units of affordable housing that are allocated, in order to collect and analyze actual data on the proposed Local Preference and Priority Guidelines. He suggested that the staff recommendation be amended to include, as part of the priority guidelines, a 10 year "look back" for those individuals and families that were involuntarily displaced, with a minimum of 5 years residency.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Hampton to approve the staff recommendation, including direction to staff to use the proposed prioritization criteria as part of a pilot program, amended to include participants demonstrating 5 years of residency in Pasadena and expanding eligible displaced persons from up to 10 years prior, with staff to report back to the City Council on participation data after 50 affordable housing units have been filled:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 6831: TO ALLOW A MAJOR PROJECT OVER 75,000 SQUARE FEET; MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW SHARED PARKING; MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW TANDEM AND TRIPLE STACKED PARKING; TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLAN TO

ALLOW A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 62 FEET FOR THE SUBJECT SITE; AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 62 FEET FOR THE SUBJECT SITE

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the Initial Study and EIR prepared for the project site under MCUP No. 5078 is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopted by the Hearing Officer on September 15, 2009. An addendum to the IS/EIR has been prepared analyzing the revised project is in compliance with Section 15164 (Addendum to an EIR or Negative Declaration) of the CEQA guidelines (Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 11). The addendum found that the project revisions will not result in any potentially significant impacts that were not already analyzed;
- (2) Approve Conditional Use Permit No. 6831 with the adoption of the Findings in Attachment A of the agenda report, and the Conditions of Approval in Attachment C of the agenda report;
- (3) Adopt the Findings for a Text Amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan and Zoning Code Amendment, in Attachment B of the agenda report; and
- (4) Approve the amendments and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Sections 17.35.050.C, to Title 17 (Zoning Code) of the Pasadena Municipal Code to allow a maximum height of 62 feet for the subject site.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission: The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on January 27, 2021 to discuss the proposed project. One letter expressing opposition of the project was submitted prior to the Planning Commission hearing, included in Attachment G of the agenda report. There were no other comments received by the public during the public hearing. The opponent of the project articulated concerns related to the Transportation Impact Analysis, Outside CEQA Evaluation. Citing failing intersections in the surrounding area, vehicle trips, and complete streets measures. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended (8-0 vote) that the City Council approve the project and the proposed text amendments, with the addition of three recommended conditions of approval. The conditions of approval have been incorporated in Attachment C of the agenda report for City Council consideration.

The recommended conditions of approval included: prohibiting westbound vehicular traffic on California Boulevard from making left turns onto Edmondson Alley; an as built study to be prepared, at the applicant's expense, two years after the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy to document traffic conditions for informational purposes only; and, the Design Commission to pay particular attention to the location of the open space and its relationship to the vehicular parking ramp.

The Department of Transportation reviewed the recommendations by the Planning Commission and propose the following conditions of approval:

- DOT will monitor access to Edmondson Alley for up to 12 months following the issuance of the project's Certificate of Occupancy to track and document if California Boulevard traffic is impeded by westbound project traffic turning left into the alley. If this movement becomes an issue, the City shall use collected funds to install a "No Left Turn" sign with post that will prohibit westbound left turns into the alley from California Boulevard. Deposit: \$600*

* The deposit, subject to partial refund or additional billing, shall be collected prior to the issuance of the first permit for construction (demolition or building).

- In accordance with City Ordinance No. 7157, the project is subject to the City's Trip Reduction Ordinance (TRO) requirements. The purpose of the trip reduction requirement is to reduce the demand for automobile commute trips by ensuring that the design of major development projects accommodates facilities for alternative modes of transportation. In compliance with the requirements of the Trip Reduction Ordinance, an annual Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan status report shall also be submitted to the City's TDM Program Manager for review and approval.

In addition to satisfying the TRO requirement for a TDM plan, the project shall deposit funds for a technical analysis that will evaluate the project's contribution to Citywide Vehicle Miles Travelled and Vehicle Trips. The City's Department of Transportation will commission the study within 24 months following the issuance of the project's Certificate of Occupancy. Fee: \$15,000*

* The fee shall be collected prior to the issuance of any permit for construction (demolition or building).

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Press on February 22, 2021, and in the Pasadena Journal and Pasadena Press on February 25, 2021 and March 4, 2021; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided introductory comments, and Luis Rocha, Principal Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. Conrad Viana, Transportation Engineer, provided information on the proposed project's Traffic Impact Study related to traffic analysis on South Raymond Avenue and Pico Street, and Fair Oaks Avenue to the driveway of the proposed project site; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison spoke in support of the project and noted the importance of the site for the City, however, he expressed concerns regarding potential traffic impacts on Edmondson Alley, and requested that staff consider making the alley a one-way street going northbound, which would remove access to the site from East California Boulevard.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in favor of the proposed project as it will improve the site and provide additional access to adequate health services. He also noted the Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation for the City Council to approve the project.

In response to Councilmember Williams's inquiry related to the Planning's Commission authority to amend an addendum to the EIR, Mr. Reyes stated that while the Planning Commission does not have such authority, the Commission was presented a Draft EIR for recommendation to the City Council, and only the City Council can certify an environmental document. Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney, stated that the Planning Commission has the authority to recommend corrections when errors are noted; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Williams stated that she understands the importance of the project to the area, however, expressed concerns that the area does not promote a walkable environment. She also expressed concerns with the addendum to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), noting that she believes there are discrepancies leading to issues in transparency and trust, and expressed concerns that the EIR that was presented to the Planning Commission is different than what is presented today at the City Council meeting. She also expressed concerns with staff and the City Council bending City's legislation to accommodate a developer, which she argued may set a precedence for other developers; citing the height of the proposed project, which will be the tallest building on South Fair Oaks Avenue in a pedestrian oriented area.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated that he believes the proposed project is appropriate for the site/land use and is in support of the project, however, he asked staff to ensure projects in the area are being reviewed collectively. He asked the applicant to incentivize employees and visitors to utilize Edmondson Alley as an entrance point and the Metro Gold Line as a commuting option; and supported the suggesting in making Edmondson a one-way street going southbound.

Councilmember Masuda spoke in support of the staff recommendation.

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments and suggestions on the matter from the following individuals:

Thomas, Pasadena resident
Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident
Carol D. Hernandez, Pasadena resident

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need to reinvest in the proposed project site; confirmed that the EIR that is part of the staff recommendation was presented to the Planning Commission; and spoke on the need to review development citywide, and by Specific Plans, to ensure consistency, and for staff to encourage public participation in such a review.

Councilmember Rivas reported experiencing technical difficulties and left the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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

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

Councilmember Rivas returned to the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, reported that Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney advised the Planning staff and the Planning Commission regarding the item; and has reviewed some of the issues that have been raised related to procedures and compliance with Zoning requirements, and staff has determined that there is compliance and that this process has followed the appropriate procedures as required for this project.

Councilmember Williams stated that she is not in support of the proposed project, and noted her strong feelings for a process that is more transparent, promotes public participation, and ensures that all developers are treated equally. She spoke on the need for staff's agenda reports to provide options for appropriate variances, citing that a variance was a more appropriate way to address height issues.

Councilmember Hampton spoke on the need for staff to provide all information related to the proposed project, including the original presentation, so that amendments/edits are easily noted; and spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

ORAL PRESENTATION BY CITY ATTORNEY: "5 MINUTE BRIEFING" ON CHANGES TO STATE LAW REGARDING LOCAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

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

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, and Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. Ms. Bagneris reported that Mayor Gordo plans to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review this issue and determine if the City of Pasadena should enact its own campaign contribution limits or enact a resolution/ordinance that prescribes to set no limits.

Councilmember Madison stated the following for the record, "I have been one who has been in support of limits, but adopted here in Pasadena after thoughtful discourse and consideration by Pasadenans, not by someone named Mullen from....where is [he] from...?" He expressed concerns with the City's Taxpayer Protection Act (TPA), which he believes is poor public policy, and spoke in favor of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the matter.

Mayor Gordo expressed concerns with proposed legislation that does not provide contribution limits to political activist committees, encouraging independent expenditures, which then becomes an issue of transparency.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated that he believes that some campaign limits in the City are worth considering; and that the Ad Hoc Committee work is needed this year, given the upcoming 2022 Election Cycle for some Councilmembers.

Councilmember Williams requested that the Ad Hoc Committee review the TPA issue, which she believes can be amended to make such a policy more effective, and address certain concerns and issues that occur during elections.

Following discussion, 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 AMENDING TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE), CHAPTER 17.71 (NONCONFORMING USES, STRUCTURES, AND LOTS) TO ADDRESS NONCONFORMING USES WHOSE REQUIRED LICENSES OR PERMITS ARE REVOKED, TERMINATED OR SUSPENDED”

City Clerk Jomsky reported that William Hooper, Pasadena resident, submitted a letter expressing concerns related to the ordinance, which was distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney, and David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided information on the legal nonconforming uses that require a license or permit; and responded to questions.

Following discussion, the above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember Kennedy:

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

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE), CHAPTERS 17.30 AND 17.50 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO ANIMAL SERVICES – HOSPITALS”

Following discussion, the above ordinance was offered for first reading by Vice Mayor Wilson:

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

Find that the ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption that CEQA does not apply to projects that do not have the potential for a significant environmental effect; and conduct first reading of “AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TEMPORARILY SETTING MONDAY AT 4:30 p.m. AS ITS REGULAR MEETING TIME DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, provided an oral summary of the proposed ordinance, and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need for the City Council to discuss and analyze City Council procedural issues and rules related to meetings, and consider whether a change in time and day of meetings would be acceptable. He noted that he will be forming an Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council to review this matter with staff.

In response to Vice Mayor Wilson's inquiry related to the anticipated date of when the City Council will be able to meet in person, City Manager Mermell stated that Dr. Ying-Ying Goh will provide a COVID-19 update, including information on in-person meetings at the next City Council meeting.

City Clerk Jomsky stated that staff is already collecting data on the various committees, commissions, and boards regarding regular meeting dates and times that might be impacted should a change occur to the City Council's meeting day and time.

Councilmember Hampton advocated for staff to distribute the City Council information packets a week prior to the City Council meetings to provide the Councilmembers and public ample time to review the information.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) finding:

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

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

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

ORDINANCE – ADOPTED

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION” (Introduced by Vice Mayor Wilson)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Madison requested that consideration of “hero pay” or hazard pay for grocery and pharmacy workers in Pasadena be agendized at a future City Council meeting. In response, Mayor Gordo requested that the matter be agendized at the next Economic Development and Technology Committee meeting for discussion and recommendation to the City Council.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that correspondence was received by the City Clerk’s office related to “hero pay,” which was distributed the City Council.

Councilmember Kennedy asked City Manager Mermell and Dr. Ying-Ying Goh to determine if the necessary findings have been made to allow all Councilmembers to be vaccinated as essential City workers.

Councilmember Hampton requested an update on when the Finance Committee will discuss the City’s General Fee Schedule that includes residential home construction fees.

In response, City Manager Mermell responded that the General Fee Schedule and the Schedule of Taxes, Fees and Charges will be presented in May 2021.

CLOSED SESSION

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting recessed at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent None):

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Curtis and Steve Mermell
Employee Organization: Pasadena Management Association (PMA)

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

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:39 p.m., in memory of all those that are ill and have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk