

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
November 9 2020 – 2:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL  
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

**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 Masuda.

**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 announced that in honor of Veterans Day, the City's Veterans Committee in collaboration with Pasadena Media will present a special one hour tribute to be broadcast on KPAS at 11:00 a.m., November 11, 2020; and presented a proclamation declaring November 11, 2020 as "Veterans Day," in the City of Pasadena.

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

Councilmembers Gordo and Kennedy joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and 2:12 p.m., respectively.

**COVID-19 UPDATE FROM DR. YING-YING GOH, PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER**

Dr. Ying Ying Goh, MD, Director of Public Health, reported on the COVID-19 pandemic, providing information on the number of cases and deaths, hospitalizations and ICU admissions occurring in Pasadena, as well as at the state and national scale. She spoke on the need for the community to continue to practice safety measures; and business owners, and local institutions to increase vigilance when conducting symptom and exposure screening of employees and customers. Dr. Goh provided an update regarding schools and permits for in-person student instruction; the Health Department's flu vaccine drive-thru administration events; and reported on an award presented to Dr. Matt Feaster for his outstanding contributions during the pandemic for the benefit of the people of California and Pasadena; and responded to questions.

The City Council thanked Dr. Goh and the Health Department staff for their hard work.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, read aloud comments advocating for the reopening of in-class instruction for students from the following individuals:

Erika Foy, Pasadena resident  
Mary Forrest, Pasadena resident  
Alyson Pernecky, Pasadena resident

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

**INCREASING CAPACITY OF LOCAL FOOD BANKS TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY RESULTING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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

- (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;
- (2) Appropriate \$206,200 to Account No. 10518001-811400-56901, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Contract Services, and authorize staff to make necessary adjustments to the budget should 100 percent reimbursement not occur with utilization of unassigned fund balance if available or the General Fund Operating Reserve if necessary. This appropriation will cover food pantries and meal programs expenses from November 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to expend an amount not-to-exceed \$206,200, without Competitive Bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with various Pasadena food pantries and meal programs as described in the agenda report;
- (4) Grant the proposed expenditures an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served; and
- (5) Prioritize federal funding to increase the capacity of food bank programs in Pasadena to alleviate food insecurity experienced by City residents as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-15)

Mayor Tornek reported that he is experiencing technical difficulties.

Steve Mermell, City Manager, provided introductory comments and Jim Wong, Senior Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, provided information on the current food banks the City is supporting for food distribution to the community; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that his office is in contact with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, which has been providing groceries to those in need, but noted that the Food Bank is reporting insufficient staffing that is impacting continued food distribution efforts, and requested that staff consider providing minimal resources to ensure this important work continues.

Councilmember Wilson and Vice Mayor Hampton expressed concerns with utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to fund food programs without a detailed report on alternative programs that the CDBG COVID-19 designated funds might support.

Councilmembers Gordo spoke in favor of working with the City's partnerships of local food banks to work with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and Los Angeles County to augment food distribution in the City; and asked staff to determine if any of the proposed funds might be used in other areas.

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments in support of the staff recommendation from the following individuals:

Rosalind Thomas, Pasadena resident  
Paul Little, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Carl Paneno, representing St. Andrew's Catholic Church Food Pantry

Following public comment, 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  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Mayor Tornek  
ABSTAIN: None

#### **PARTICIPATION IN GREAT PLATES DELIVERED PROGRAM**

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

- (1) Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption);
- (2) Appropriate \$430,865 to Account No. 10518001-811400-56901, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Contract Services, and authorize staff to make necessary adjustments to the budget should 100 percent reimbursement not occur with utilization of unassigned fund balance if available or the General Fund Operating Reserve if necessary. This appropriation will cover the Great Plates Delivered expenses from October 10, 2020 – November 8, 2020;

- (3) Determine if Pasadena should continue participation in the State's Great Plates Delivered program and, if so, consider a maximum of three additional months until February 7, 2021; and
- (4) Grant the proposed expenditure an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-16)

Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided information on staff's engagement with FEMA representatives; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Masuda suggested that the City continue the Great Plates program for two additional months; spoke in favor of supporting local restaurants; and expressed concerns with the costs associated with continuing the program.

Councilmember Wilson expressed concerns on the budgetary implications of continuing the Great Plates program, however, noted that the program is helping local restaurants and keeping individuals employed. He stated that he would be more inclined to pull back from the program if the partial re-opening of local restaurants was imminent.

Councilmember Gordo stated that it is not sustainable to expend funds to continue the Great Plates program given the City's finances. He spoke on the need for staff to transition the seniors who are participating in the Great Plates program to other food support options that the City supports, and inform the participating restaurants that the City can't afford to continue to subsidize approximately \$466,000 a month. He reiterated his request for staff to provide a strongly worded letter to Los Angeles County Supervisor Barger, advocating for the Los Angeles County's Great Plates program to continue to serve the City's residents by utilizing Pasadena restaurants to provide meals.

Councilmember McAustin expressed concerns with the costs associated with the Great Plates program, however, spoke in favor of directing staff to continue the program until February 7, 2021, providing time for both the recipients and providers of the program to prepare in advance and transition out of the program.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in support of Councilmember Gordo's suggestion of staff writing an advocacy letter for the Los Angeles County's Great Plates program to continue to serve the City's residents utilizing Pasadena restaurants to provide meals.

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments from Paul Little, representing Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, in favor of the City to continue funding the City's Great Plates program.

Following public comment, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve the staff recommendation, with the program to be funded until February 7, 2021, amended to direct the Mayor to send an advocacy letter to the Los Angeles County Supervisor Barger on behalf of the residents and businesses in the City, as detailed above:

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CONTRACT AWARD TO JUDGE NETTING, INC., FOR JACKIE ROBINSON BASEBALL FIELD FOUL BALL NETTING IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$180,000**

**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 – Existing Facilities, which exempts minor alteration of existing public facilities where no expansion of the use will take place 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 October 15, 2020, submitted by Judge Netting, Inc., in response to the project plans and specifications for the Jackie Robinson Baseball Field Foul Ball Netting Improvements, reject all other bids, and authorize the City Manager to enter into contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$180,000 which includes the base contract amount of \$148,146, and a contingency of \$31,854 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31910)

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH FS CONTRACTORS, INC., GENTRY GENERAL ENGINEERING, INC., AND CEM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR AS-NEEDED SIDEWALK REPAIR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,000,000 FOR EACH CONTRACT**

**AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 31594 WITH WESTIN TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS LLC INCREASING THE TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$157,344 TO \$253,656 AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE TO ADD WORK AND INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

**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 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, or his designee, to amend Contract No. 31594 with Westin Technology Solutions LLC ("Westin") to extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2021 and increase the total not-to-exceed amount by \$96,312, from \$157,344 to \$253,656; and

(3) To the extent this could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection process, it is recommended that the City Council grant the contract an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), for which the City's best interests are served. (Contract No. 31594-1)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 3, 2020  
August 10, 2020  
August 17, 2020

**CLAIMS RECEIVED**

Claim No. 13,636	Swanson Law Group, representing Cesar Elias Peque	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,637	Bauman Law, APLC, representing Ahurelia Arellano Sandoval	\$ 1,000,000.00
Claim No. 13,638	Robert Ames	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,639	Eli James Lozano	9,600.00

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SET**

**November 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** - Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2019-2020) for the Community Development Block Grant Program

**December 14, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** - Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (2019-2020 Program Year) for Projects Funded from Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Home Investment Partnership Act

**December 14, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** – Zoning Code Text Amendment to allow Animal Hospital Uses in Portions of the Central District; and Update Performance Standards for Animal Hospital Uses

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 Contracts with FS Contractors, Inc., Gentry General Engineering, Inc., and CEM Construction Corp.), which was 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 CONTRACTS WITH FS CONTRACTORS, INC., GENTRY GENERAL ENGINEERING, INC., AND CEM CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR AS-NEEDED SIDEWALK REPAIR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,000,000 FOR EACH CONTRACT**

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

- (1) Find the contracts proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities, which exempts minor alteration of existing public facilities where no expansion of the use will take place 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 into a contract with FS Contractors, Inc., for As-Needed Sidewalk Repair Construction Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 over a five-year term, pursuant to Chapter 4.08.135 of the Pasadena Municipal Code – Request for Qualifications;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Gentry General Engineering, Inc., for As-Needed Sidewalk Repair Construction Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 over a five-year term, pursuant to Chapter 4.08.135 of the Pasadena Municipal Code – Request for Qualifications; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with CEM Construction Corp. for As-Needed Sidewalk Repair Construction Services for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 over a five-year term, pursuant to Chapter 4.08.135 of the Pasadena Municipal Code – Request for Qualifications. (Contract Nos. 31915, 31917, and 31920)

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, provided information on the City's annual budget related to sidewalk repair, and City Manager Mermell provided information on the annual expenditures related to the project, with both responding to questions. Kris Markarian, City Engineer, provided information on the City's process of prioritizing sidewalk repair, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns with the prioritization of sidewalk repair and advocated for work to be prioritized by routes used by the disabled community to access public transportation and by the senior community. He requested information on the sidewalk repair prioritization list.

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns with the prioritization of the sidewalk repair in the City and stated his preference that staff, with the assistance of Municipal Assistance, Solutions and Hiring (MASH) workers, to complete the sidewalk repair throughout the City. In addition, he reiterated his request that staff provide an updated sidewalk repair program that identifies approximately \$20,000,000 of repairs of sidewalk replacement that is needed in the City. Councilmember Kennedy asked staff to provide comprehensive data on mapping out sidewalks using a ranking system by greatest need first; and develop options through the Finance Committee to pay for such a program. He also requested that staff provide information on Economic Development staff's role related to business retention in the City, specifically how staff is working with local business owners who live in Pasadena, to meet the City's qualifications in order to be awarded City contracts.

Vice Mayor Hampton stated his preference that the City set aside a budget for Pasadena-based businesses to provide real opportunities to work with the City; and thanked staff for their work on sidewalk repair throughout the City.

City Manager Mermell responded that staff is currently working on a report on local procurement that will be presented at a future Economic Development and Technology Committee meeting for discussion.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Masuda, 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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MULTIPLE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments from Andrew Salimian, representing Pasadena Heritage, in favor of the City Council designating all four historic resources.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE HOUSE AT 989 SOUTH EL MOLINO AVENUE AS A LANDMARK**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
(1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines pertaining to Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the

Environment and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class; therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Find that main residence, detached garage and site features at 989 South El Molino Avenue meet landmark designation Criterion C in Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 17.62.040(C)(2)(c) because they embody the distinctive characteristics of a locally significant property type, architectural style and period. The building and accessory structures are a locally significant, intact examples of a single-family residence property type built in the Craftsman style, and retain integrity;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 989 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, California;

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 989 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, California; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9815)

**Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission:** At its regular meeting of August 28, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the house, garage, and site features at 989 El Molino Avenue as a Landmark under Criterion "C" of PMC Section 17.62.040.

The City Clerk reported that 32 copies of the notice were posted on October 26, 2020, and 85 copies of the notice were mailed on October 23, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Motion: Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to close the public hearing:

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

Motion: It was moved by Councilmember Wilson, 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

**PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE EDWARD WOODRUFF (E.W.) HOUSE AT 1500 NORTH LOS ROBLES AVENUE AS A LANDMARK**

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

(1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines pertaining to Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class; therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Find that main residence, detached garage, and freestanding rear yard pergola accessory structure located at 1500 North Los Robles Avenue meet landmark designation Criterion "C" in Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 17.62.040(C)(2)(c) because they embody the distinctive characteristics of a locally significant property type, architectural style, period, and method of construction. The property is a locally significant example of a two-story Arts and Crafts period single-family residence, designed and built by the original owner, Edward William (E.W.) Woodruff;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 1500 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California;

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 1500 North Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9816)

**Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission:** At its regular meeting of July 21, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the house and accessory structures at 1500 North Los Robles Avenue as a Landmark under Criterion "C" of PMC Section 17.62.040.

The City Clerk reported that 28 copies of the notice were posted on October 28, 2020, and 85 copies of the notice were mailed on October 23, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Motion:

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

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

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion: It was moved by Vice Mayor Hampton, 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 HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 1031 SAN PASQUAL AS A LANDMARK**

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

(1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines pertaining to Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class; therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Find that Wilson Court at 1031 San Pasqual Street meets Criterion "C" for designation as a landmark pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 17.62.040 because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a locally significant property type and period. It is a locally significant example of a bungalow court from the 1920's;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 1031 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena, California;

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 1031 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena, California; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9817)

**Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission:** At its regular meeting of July 21, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the relocated bungalow court at 1031 San Pasqual Street as a Landmark under Criterion "C" of PMC Section 17.62.040.

The City Clerk reported that 27 copies of the notice were posted on October 28, 2020, and 337 copies of the notice were mailed on October 23, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Motion: Following a brief 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

Motion: Following further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, 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

**PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY AT 1145 ARDEN ROAD AS A HISTORIC MONUMENT (“JEWETT ESTATE/ARDEN VILLA”)**

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

(1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines pertaining to Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class; therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Find that the Jewett Estate/Arden Villa at 1145 Arden Road meets Criterion “C” for designation as a historic monument pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.62.040.B.1 because it is exceptional in the embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a historic resource property type, period, and architectural style and is an exceptional representation of the work of an architect whose work is significant to the region. The property is an exceptional example of an Italian Renaissance Revival style single-family residential estate designed by the regionally significant architectural firm of Marston & Van Pelt;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Historic Monument Designation for 1145 Arden Road, Pasadena, California;

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Historic Monument Designation for 1145 Arden Road, Pasadena, California;

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9818)

**Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission:** At its regular meeting of August 18, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the property at 1145 Arden Road as a Landmark under Criterion "C" of PMC Section 17.62.040.B.1.

The City Clerk reported that 25 copies of the notice were posted on October 26, 2020, and 44 copies of the notice were mailed on October 23, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments from Teresa Grime, representing property owners, in favor of the staff recommendation.

Motion: 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

Motion: It was moved by Councilmember Wilson, 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

The City Council congratulated and acknowledged Mayor-elect Victor Gordo on his victory of Mayor of Pasadena, President-elect Biden, and Vice President-elect Harris.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 4:58 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent None):

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property Location: 217 S. Marengo Avenue, #103, Pasadena, CA 91101**

**Agency Negotiator: Steve Mermell  
Negotiating Party: Chun-Shan Wu  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of Payment**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)**

**Property: 78 N. Marengo Avenue (APNs 5723-026-902, 5723-026-903 and 5723-026-900)**

**Agency negotiator: Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating parties: Michael Coolidge of HRI Properties; and Pete Kutzer of Edgewood Realty Partners, LLC**

**Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

**Employee Title and Unrepresented Employee: City Manager**

**City Representative: Terry Tornek**

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Property Location: 1383 Prime Court, Pasadena, California**

**Agency Negotiators: Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating Party: Daniel Freedman**

**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

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 special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m., in memory of all those that have taken ill or who have lost their lives as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk