

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
January 22, 2001 - 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:40 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Madison, Vice Mayor Crowfoot)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 5:40 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Properties: 730, 738, 750, 756, 768, 770, 782 and 790 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena

Negotiating Parties: Richard Bruckner and Gregory Robinson for City and Commission; Property Owners Donald and Sally Follett, Thomas D. Scott, John Clay, James and Kathleen Ipekjian, Paul Gedigian Trust, Gordon Robinson, Chong Kim, Young Ho, and Heritage Square Investment, LP

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

Vice Mayor Crowfoot arrived at 6:10 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 740 E. Washington Boulevard, Pasadena

Negotiating Parties: Richard Bruckner for City and Commission; Shahe Jierian, Chairman/Armenian Cultural Foundation

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 6:41 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Public Information Officer Ann Erdman.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Bill Crowfoot
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Paul Little
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Councilmember Joyce Streater
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Staff:

City Manager Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Jane Rodriguez

CEREMONIAL

The Mayor presented a commendation to the Pasadena Fire Department in recognition of the Department's excellence and service, which was accepted by Firemen Rick Pennino and Victor Laveaga.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Randy Shulman as Cultural Heritage Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MS. ANA RAMIREZ, PASADENA RESIDENT, REGARDING ROSE BOWL AQUATICS CENTER SWIMMING PROGRAM

Ms. Ramirez spoke in support of swim coach Gary Anderson and the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center.

MR. EDDIE S. Y. WANG, SOUTH PASADENA RESIDENT, REGARDING ROSE BOWL AQUATICS CENTER SWIMMING PROGRAM

Mr. Wang reiterated Ms. Ramirez's comments.

MR. ANDREW MILLER, GLENDALE RESIDENT, REGARDING ROSE BOWL AQUATICS CENTER SWIMMING PROGRAM

Mr. Miller reiterated Ms. Ramirez's and Mr. Wang's comments.

MR. JERRY GONZALEZ, LOS ANGELES RESIDENT, REGARDING ROSE BOWL AQUATICS CENTER SWIMMING PROGRAM

Mr. Gonzalez did not speak.

Mr. R.C. "Chappy" Czapiewski, North Hollywood resident, expressed concern that the Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena Airport contract employees worked on the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Mr. Roy Begley, Pasadena resident, commented on the recent electrical shortages.

Mr. Charles E.P. Wood, Pasadena resident, spoke in support of swim coach Gary Anderson and the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center.

Councilmember Madison
arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Scott Jenkins, attorney representing the Raymond Theatre Apartments, requested City Council call for review the Board of Zoning Appeals' recent decision regarding the Raymond Theatre.

At the request of Councilmember Holden, the City Clerk was requested to agendaize consideration of a call for review of the February 5, 2001 decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding the Raymond Theater.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Tyler
recused himself at 7:09 p.m.
due to a conflict of interest.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND MBIA MUNISERVICES AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE CITY'S UTILITY USER TAX ORDINANCE

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (a) Approve an amendment to the contract between the City of Pasadena and MBIA MuniServices (formerly Municipal Resource Consultants); and
- (b) Direct the City Attorney to update the City's Utility User Tax Ordinance to reflect current technological advances. (Contract No. 16,116-1)

Councilmember Little, member of the Deregulation Committee, introduced this item, and responded to questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Tyler)

Councilmember Tyler
returned at 7:20 p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS SEIFERT TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Council Appointment/District 6 Recommendation)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the above appointment. (Motion carried with Councilmember Little abstaining) (Absent: None)

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH ROME CABLE CORP. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF 15 KV SINGLE CONDUCTOR TRIPLEXED EPR INSULATED CABLE FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (a) Accept the bid dated December 11, 2000, submitted by Rome Cable Corp. to furnish and deliver 15 kV single conductor triplexed EPR insulated cable for the Water and Power Department;
- (b) Reject all other bids; and
- (c) Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order contract for a period of three years or until \$600,000 is expended, whichever occurs first, with two optional one-year extensions each not to exceed \$200,000 per year.

APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 53047, BEING A 22-UNIT CONDOMINIUM PROJECT AT 457 SOUTH MARENGO AVENUE

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution to approve the final Tract Map No. 53047, and authorize the City Clerk to execute the certificate on the map showing the City's approval of said map. (Resolution No. 7964)

APPROVAL OF THE QUITCLAIM OF AN EXISTING STORM DRAIN EASEMENT FOR MTD NO. 1425 AND THE TRANSFER OF MTD NO. 1425 STORM DRAIN FACILITY TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution by at least a seven-eighths vote (Section 28-13 3/4 of the Water Code requires a four-fifths vote) approving the quitclaim of an existing storm drain easement for Miscellaneous Transfer Drain (MTD) No. 1425 to the Los Angeles Flood Control District ("District"), requesting the District to accept the transfer of MTD No. 1425, and directing the City Manager to execute all documents needed to effectuate said quitclaim and transfer. (Resolution No. 7965; Quitclaim No. 7800)

APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation of City Manager:

(a) Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$100,000 in revenue from Charter Communications and appropriate it to the City Manager's Department Budget Account No. 101-141000-8504-91049 for the replacement of telecommunications equipment in the Council Chambers; and

(b) Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$130,000 from Charter Communications and appropriate it to the PCAC account within the City Manager's Budget, 501-145120-8504-91040, for acquisition of a mobile broadcast van and miscellaneous video production equipment. (Journal Voucher No. 2001-64)

Item removed for separate discussion - public comment speakers.

PROPOSED REROUTE OF METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA) LINE 256

Item removed for separate discussion at the request of Councilmember Tyler.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) UNDER THE FY 2001 CALL FOR PROJECTS

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution approving an application to the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a \$57,000 grant to develop an integrated police and public works accident database. (Resolution No. 7966)

MINUTES APPROVED

November 6, 2000
November 13, 2000
November 20, 2000
November 27, 2000 (Canceled)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 8677	Jodi M. Collins	\$ 268.00
Claim No. 8678	Anita M. Janosova	1,204.24
Claim No. 8679	Louise Miller	Unknown
Claim No. 8680	Keli Muller	200.00
Claim No. 8681	Marquerite Turner	550.00
Claim No. 8682	Ronnie N. Dawood dba Global Finance & Auto Center	Unknown
Claim No. 8683	Teresa E. Kostov	63.40
Claim No. 8684	Bruce Walker	324.00
Claim No. 8685	Steve Steward	10,000.00+
Claim No. 8686	Stephen L. Gilbreath	25,000.00+
Claim No. 8687	Robert A. Vinci	75.00
Claim No. 8688	Michael Painter/Sequoia Financial Services	2,110.26
Claim No. 8689	Merritt Hartman/21st Century Ins. Co.	Unknown
Claim No. 8690	Eliot Kase	7,035.00
Claim No. 8691	Courts & Records Federal Credit Union	3,792.52
Claim No. 8692	The Chandler School	10,389.07
Claim No. 8693	Driftwood Dairy	161.02
Claim No. 8694	Oswaldo Rios by Joseph H. Kanim, Atty.	Unknown

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

February 5, 2001, 8:00 p.m. - Heritage Square Mixed Use Development at 730-790 N. Fair Oaks Avenue -- Proposed Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Approval of Disposition and Development Agreement with Heritage Square Investment, L.P.

February 5, 2001, 8:30 p.m. - Appeal of Revocation of Building Permits 99-05258, 00-00139, and 00-00184, 1496 Kenmore Road, Pasadena (Board of Appeals Meeting)

Mayor Bogaard announced the correct date for the above listed public hearing (re Appeal of Revocation of Building Permits) is February 26, 2001, 8:30 p.m.

February 26, 2001, 8:00 p.m. - Community Input on Potential Cable TV Franchises

It was moved by Streator, seconded by Little, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5 (Proposed Reroute of MTA Line 256) and Item 6 (Authorization to apply for Grants from MTA under the FY 2001 Call for Projects). (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEMS DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY

PROPOSED REROUTE OF METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA) LINE 256

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (a) Reaffirm support for the reroute of MTA Line 256 as recommended in the 1996 Southwest Traffic Study.
- (b) Authorize the City Manager to send a letter to the appropriate authorities at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority stating Pasadena's position.

The following individuals spoke in support of this item:

Mr. Roy Begley, Pasadena resident
Mr. Del Hausmann, Pasadena resident

The following individuals spoke in opposition of this item.

Mr. John Henno, Pasadena resident
Mr. Gary B. White, Pasadena resident
Mr. Ray Dashner, Pasadena resident
Ms. Julie Esuidero, Pasadena resident
Mr. Adrienne Thomas, Pasadena resident

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Crowfoot, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Madison & Vice Mayor Crowfoot were excused at 8:06 p.m.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) UNDER THE FY 2001 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (a) It is recommended that City Council adopt a resolution approving the submission of grant applications to MTA to fund the following projects listed below.
- (b) Authorize the City Manager to complete all materials to the application for and acceptance of this MTA grant.
 - 1. Blue Line Communications and Traffic Control System
 - 2. Bikeway Plan Implementation
 - 3. Playhouse District Pedestrian Improvements
 - 4. Major Street Beautification Program
 - 5. Restoration of Flint Wash Trail Crossing
 - 6. Fillmore Blue Line Station Parking Structure
 - 7. Pasadena Civic Center/Mid-Town Pedestrian Project

In response to questions from Councilmember Tyler, the City Manager committed to providing, in her information letter in the next two weeks, a list delineating the improvements and equipment which the City and the MTA will be responsible for with respect to the Blue Line project.

Staff responded to questions from Councilmember Tyler and Mayor Bogaard regarding arterial priority for bikeway lanes, project parameters for determining which lanes will be included in the grant application, and whether the application could be expanded with additional projects.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, with the addition of adding 2.6 miles of bike lanes on Lake Avenue. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison, Vice Mayor Crowfoot)

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

**CONCEPT APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT CENTRAL ARROYO
MASTER PLAN**

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council approve in concept the Central Arroyo Master Plan.

The City Manager introduced this item.

Mr. Brian League, Acting Project Manager, and Mr. Robert Takata, City consultant, presented an overview of the project and responded to various questions.

Councilmember Streater noted staff's recommendation did not include improvements to the pedestrian path south of the Rosemont Pavilion, and requested it be included. Staff indicated this item would be included. She also indicated her disappointment with the lack of a recommendation dealing with shuttle routes, noting it is a significant item and Council needs to know which routes are going to be used before some of the proposed recommendations can be implemented.

The following individuals spoke on the above issue:

Mr. Omel Nieves, Chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, spoke in support of the plan.

Mr. Richard Janisch, Planning Commission Chair, stated the Commission did not take formal action on the Plan, but noted individual Commissioners' comments and observations were included in a letter which was attached to the agenda report, and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Mr. Don Rogers, representing Pasadena Audubon, asked Council to consider reinforcing the green space in the area, making it a habitat for animals and a place for people to walk and enjoy.

Mr. Charles Witham, Foothill Bicycle Initiative, spoke in support of the plan.

Ms. Elizabeth Bour, representing ETI-Equestrians, spoke in support of the plan.

Mr. Dennis Crowley, representing Loop Users, spoke in support of the plan.

Mr. Kurt Schasker, representing Foothill Bike, suggested a ½" rubber area in the loop for runners.

Mr. Tim Brick, representing the Arroyo Seco Foundation, spoke in support of the plan.

Mr. Porfirio Frausto, Rose Bowl Operating Company Board member, stated the Board fully endorses the plan but expressed concern with the proposed walking loop within the golf course area.

Several Councilmembers and the Mayor commended staff and the Advisory Group for their hard work in bringing this item to fruition, and expressed their support for the plan.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, with the understanding that the environmental study will address many of the issues raised and provide specific recommendations. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

INFORMATION ITEMS

UPDATE ON ELECTRIC POWER ISSUES AND THE IMPACT ON PASADENA CUSTOMERS (Oral report)

Mr. Jay Panzica, Water & Power Department Interim General Manager, updated the Council with respect to the Independent System Operators (ISO); associated risks; conservation efforts; current state legislation; and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Concern was expressed by Councilmembers for the need to monitor ongoing and proposed legislation dealing with the current energy crisis and how it might affect control of our municipal utility. As a result of the discussion, Councilmembers felt there was a need to take action this evening on this matter.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, that there was a need to take action on this issue which arose after the preparation of the agenda and that such action needed to be taken before the next regular meeting of the City Council. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Little, to direct staff to vehemently oppose any legislative action that would take away control of the City's municipal utility; that the City Attorney's Office look at a legal strategy that would be supportive of the objective of the motion; and that the Deregulation Committee further discuss the City's written policy on credit and collection. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 10:45 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENE

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 11:30 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

**REPORTS AND
COMMENTS FROM
COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2001-2002 REGULAR SESSIONS

Recommendation of City Manager: Approve the list of priority issues for the federal 2001 regular legislative sessions.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The City Manager introduced the item and noted the Legislative Committee did not met and therefore has not reviewed this item; however, she had discussed this with the Chair, (Councilmember Holden) who was agreeable to sending this item directly to Council.

Discussion ensued with respect to the funding priorities for transportation, and the need to address mitigation measures citywide, not just in the southwest portion of the city.

The City Manager stated she would remove any reference to the "southwest portion" of the city from the list of transportation projects.

Chief Mitchell responded to questions from Councilmember Streater regarding the federal Fire Act, and Councilmember Streater noted her support for funds to implement a wellness/physical fitness program for firefighters.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Streater, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, as amended. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (a) Amend the FY 2001 Capital Improvement Program to modify five existing projects; and
- (b) Approve a journal voucher amending the FY 2001-2006 Capital Improvement Program budget as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report. (Journal Voucher 2001-65)

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, summarized the agenda report.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

FISCAL YEAR 2001 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS
Recommendation of City Manager:

- (a) Approve a journal voucher implementing certain administrative amendments to the Fiscal Year 2001 Operating Budget as described in the agenda report and Attachment A of the agenda report; and
- (b) Amend the Fiscal Year 2001 Operating Budget to increase the number of Full-Time Employees (FTEs) as described in the agenda report. (Journal Voucher 2001-66)

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the agenda report.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Vice Mayor Crowfoot, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICER AND
DEPARTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF VICKI SARMIENTO To THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (District 6 Appointment)

APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY D. MIERA TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (District 6 Appointment)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Crowfoot, to approve the above two appointments. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000 FOR MEMORIAL PARK/SENIOR CENTER FENCE

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher appropriating \$30,000 in Residential Development Fees allocated to the West Park District Impact Area to Budget Account 71109 (Pasadena Senior Center - Wrought Iron Fence) to provide for the construction of an ornamental iron fence at the Senior Center patio area in Memorial Park.

It was moved by Councilmember Streater, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to refer this item to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Recommendation of Utility Advisory Commission: It is recommended that the City Council approve a proposed amendment to the Utility Advisory Commission (UAC) Rules and Regulations and allow the Commission to hold their regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Crowfoot, seconded by Councilmember Streater, to approve the Utility Advisory Commission's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Holden)

"SAFE FROM THE START" PRESENTATION (Requested by Councilmember Madison)

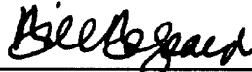
CRIME STATISTICS REPORTING FOR PASADENA (Requested by Councilmember Tyler)

The above two items were held due to time constraints.

PUBLIC COMMENT -
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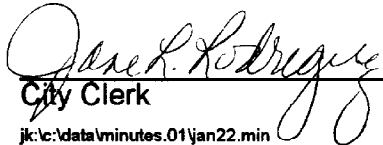
Mr. Ray Dashner, Pasadena resident, spoke on the energy crisis and requested that the funds collected under the Stranded Investment Surcharge be returned to the rate payers.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:57 p.m. in memory of 9-year old Willie Lee who passed away in a recent fire.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk
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