

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
January 29, 2001 - 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the special workshop meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. (Absent: Vice Mayor Crowfoot)

On order of the Mayor, the special workshop meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Attorney

On order of the Mayor, the special workshop meeting reconvened at 6:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tyler.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor William Crowfoot (Arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Paul Little
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Joyce Streater
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Staff:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THIS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Roy Begley, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the cost of the Blue Line and spoke in support of a free market alternative.

PRESENTATION OF THE PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION WORK IMPACTS IN PASADENA BY THE KIEWIT-WASHINGTON GROUP

The above item was introduced by Mayor Bogaard and Councilmember Little.

Mr. Rick Thorpe, Blue Line Authority Chief Executive Officer, noted the project is under construction and moving quickly, and introduced

Mr. Cliff Heck, Project Manager, Kiewit/Washington JV, who will be in charge of project construction.

Mr. Heck provided a brief introduction of the construction company and overview of the light rail project.

Councilmember Holden was excused at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Stan Driver, Deputy Project Manager for the Pasadena area, discussed the sequence and schedule of construction; reviewed the procedure for advance notification and public outreach to businesses and residents; reviewed the street closure schedule; and discussed various construction methods which will be used along the light rail route: soldier piles; street decking, underpinning, and excavation. He also discussed various mitigation measures to reduce noise, vibration, dust and dirt; provide for public safety, business and pedestrian access.

Mr. Heck concluded by noting this is a major construction project with a very tight time schedule and every effort will be made to work with the City, businesses and home owners to be a good neighbor during construction. He noted, there may be times when extended work hours may be requested in order to expedite construction (for quiet work, such as truck hauls, utility work), and stated the construction company would work with the City and the community during special events to mitigate as many impacts as possible.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Bernard Gilpin, Director of Public Works and Transportation, summarized the topics to be discussed this evening and introduced the City's consultant team from Kaku Associates, Mr. Pat Gibson, Ms. Pam Hanna, and Mr. Bruce Chow.

Councilmember Holden returned at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Gibson reviewed the work to date by Kaku Associates regarding the update of the Mobility Element, discussed evaluation criteria used to determine traffic conditions, outlined issues which will be presented and discussed at a series of scheduled neighborhood meetings, presented graphics showing traffic load conditions based on three land use scenarios: existing land use patterns; existing land use patterns plus approved projects, along with regional growth projections to the year 2015; and building out of existing General Plan plus regional growth projections to the year 2015; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Little was excused at 7:50 p.m.

Councilmember Haderlein indicated his desire to have mobility corridors re-evaluated as part of this process and, in particular, those streets currently designated as mobility corridors in the east Pasadena area.

Mr. Gibson stated mobility corridors would be re-evaluated during the course of this process.

Mayor Bogaard stated he would like to know what specific steps were taken to implement the concepts and approaches delineated in the 1994 Mobility Element and whether if stronger emphasis were given to implementation of those techniques would control, or mitigation, of traffic be accelerated over what would happen if the City continued to operate at the same level of implementation.

Mr. Gibson noted when the recommendations are brought forward to Council, they will relate to what has happened over the last six years and what worked.

Discussion ensued on the agenda topics and emphasis of the neighborhood workshops; how the information will be processed into a citywide transportation plan; the importance of looking at levels of land use/growth and how it interplays with traffic patterns, and to be able to integrate the objectives of land use into the Mobility Element; how the 710 Freeway completion (or not) affects traffic projections now and in the future; the need to mitigate traffic congestion regardless of the freeway; and whether freeways are the solutions to future traffic projections, or not.

Vice Mayor Crowfoot and Councilmember Madison expressed concern that scenarios presented by the consultant have a built-in bias because they are based on current documents (i.e., General Plan, Mobility Element), and expressed a desire to see alternative scenarios which would allow Council an opportunity for comparison.

In response to comments above, the City Manager stated nothing staff is looking at now tests the extent to which the freeway is a solution, because based on Council's last actions, staff is proceeding with a General Plan that assumes there will never be a freeway (connection) and is looking at managing traffic on other principal arterial/mobility corridors. She added in the area of land use, staff can test some of the issues raised by Council's discussion showing different types of development and the relationship between density of jobs and trips. She concluded by stating when staff returns to Council with the land use discussion, staff will bring back these types of scenarios which can be matched with transportation projections.

Councilmember Streater expressed concern with the location of the workshop designated for northwest Pasadena, noting the Linda Vista Elementary School was not an easy location for people to get to by automobile, and pointed out that between Arroyo and Lake Avenue there are approximately four major mobility corridors identified and no planned community workshop.

The City Manager responded that she would look into this matter.

Mr. Gibson clarified the role of Kaku Associates and their charge, noting Council direction in 1994 when the General Plan was adopted

was to look at the Plan every five years, analyze available data and take it out to another five year increment, in this case to 2015. The City Manager noted the Council directed staff to redo the General Plan without the freeway which means staff will need to look at what the ultimate build out is, based on this change in policy, and indicated Council has allocated additional resources for this project.

Vice Mayor Crowfoot requested that the issue of density and mixture of land use be revisited when the Council talks about land use and mobility in the summer of 2002.

Mr. Frank Wein, representing Parsons HBA, consultants hired to update the Land Use Element, noted the mobility study and the land use study were progressing together and that recommendations on land use would be back to the City Council in late spring of this year.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

Councilmember Holden was excused at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Roy Begley, Pasadena resident, voice opposition to the light rail project and urged the use of private jitney/mini buses.

Ms. Lorna Moore, Transportation Advisory Commissioner, spoke in support of origin destination studies and in support of Measure C, on the March 6, 2001 ballot.

Mr. James Lomako, Community Development Committee member, noted similarities of issues discussed by the Committee's subcommittee reviewing the Mobility and Land Use Elements.

There was no formal action on this item.

VIDEO PRESENTATION BY THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN REGARDING LOCAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Mr. Tom Selenski and Ms. Sue Miele showed a video presentation on after school programs and briefly discussed the benefits such a program provides.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) TO SUPPLEMENT SR 710 MITIGATION FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS BILL
Recommendation of City Manager:

(a) Adopt a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to MTA for the local matching funds for federal mitigation funding provided by the U.S. Congress Bill HR 5394 (Traffic Mitigation).

(b) Authorize the City Manager to complete all materials associated with the application and agreements for the acceptance of the MTA grants for the eight identified projects. (Resolution No. 7968)

The City Manager introduced the item.

Mr. Bernard Gilpin, Director of Public Works and Transportation, summarized the Design Advisory Group's review and responded to questions, along with the City Manager, regarding project selection and their impacts.

Ms. Lorna Moore, Transportation Advisory Commissioner, referred to a letter from Caltrans to the South Pasadena Transportation Manager, and indicated that the local match is 11.47%, not 20%

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

CONTRACT AWARD TO KENNETH EMANUELS AND ASSOCIATES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES

Recommendation of City Manager: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Kenneth Emanuels and Associates for State legislative advocacy services for one year at a rate of \$3,000 per month plus expenses not to exceed \$1,000. The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 17,529)

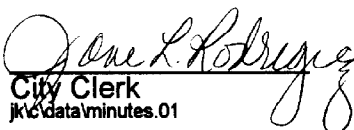
It was moved by Vice Mayor Crowfoot, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Little)

On order of the Mayor, the special workshop meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:23 p.m.



Bill Bogaard
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk
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