

CITY OF PASADENA

City Council Minutes
March 23, 2001 - 8:30 A.M.
Council Conference Room 240
City Hall

SPECIAL MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the special meeting with Congressman Adam Schiff to order at 8:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Joyce Streater
Councilmember William Crowfoot
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Paul Little
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Staff:

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

BRIEFING BY CONGRESSMAN ADAM SCHIFF REGARDING HIS EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON BEHALF OF PASADENA

Mayor Bogaard welcomed Congressman Adam Schiff and congratulated the Congressman on his committee assignments.

Congressman Schiff provided a brief comparison of the State and Federal legislative processes. Congressman Schiff reported he has begun working on some of Pasadena's transportation priorities, and has testified before the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee and requested funding for the Blue Line and pedestrian overpass at the Sierra Madre Villa Station, and noted Congressman David Dreier has joined him on both of these requests. He also reported he has made requests regarding ARTS (Area Rapid Transit System) bus funding.

Congressman Schiff noted he is looking at different ways to facilitate bringing resources back to our region for other quality of life issues, such as open space and historic preservation, and

one model for the establishment of a national scenic/heritage area to designate the rim of the San Fernando Valley as a natural heritage area, which would include some of the Arroyo Seco, Angeles Forest, and some of the hills and mountains in the Altadena area.

DISCUSSION OF PASADENA'S FEDERAL PRIORITIES AND ISSUES

Mayor Bogaard reported the Blue Line Authority recently requested \$7 million for a parking facility, expressed his hope this funding request would not be necessary as a successful deal may be achieved with the developer of the subject property, noted the City Manager will be meeting with the Blue Line Authority to clarify the need for the \$7 million request, and stated the City will keep Congressman Schiff informed as information becomes available.

Discussion ensued regarding support and advocacy for extension of the Blue Line; the need to leverage bipartisan support for funding for the Blue Line; and the need to continue to engage the support of Congressman Dreier as well as the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Congressman Schiff offered to sit down and meet with Pasadena officials to develop a game plan for support of the Blue Line. He stressed the need to explore all grant opportunities for funding of the Blue Line, noted his web site will have information on grant opportunities as well as links to other government sites, and he urged Pasadena officials to keep him informed early in the process when State or Federal grants are identified so he can add his voice and advocacy to the application process.

Discussion ensued regarding inadequate maintenance of Caltrans homes in the 710 corridor and the need for a change in how the homes are maintained, and concern that the homes not be mothballed. Congressman Schiff offered to review the suggestions presented in the Caltrans audit pertaining to funding for maintenance of the homes. Councilmember Little suggested that Caltrans should hire a property management firm to oversee the rental and maintenance of the properties.

There was additional discussion on the topics of judicial vacancies and the appointment process; the war on drugs and lack of adequate drug treatment facilities; the need for bipartisanship at the Federal level; the importance of the entertainment industry to the economy; funding for NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) and the challenge to champion increased funding for the west coast, and also get our California senators more engaged in NASA and JPL; and, preservation of the Raymond Theater and whether Federal funds would be available for restoration of the Theater. It was noted the City Council will be addressing the issue of the Raymond Theater at an upcoming Council meeting, and the Council will need to address whether this would be a priority and how high of a priority in comparison to other City projects competing for

funding. Congressman Schiff offered his assistance if Council should determine that the Raymond Theater is a priority, and he also encouraged City officials to seek assistance at the State level as well.

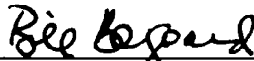
DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ELECTRIC POWER ISSUES, INCLUDING PASADENA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FEDERAL POWER SOURCES

Due to time constraints, the City Manager provided a brief report on recent rolling black-outs in Pasadena, and, in response to questions, discussed why Pasadena is in a different position than Burbank and Glendale in dealing with the power crisis.

ADJOURNMENT

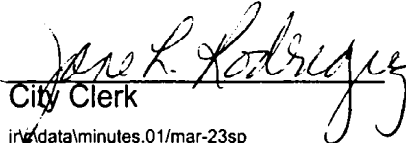
The City Manager thanked Congressman Schiff for his support of various grant projects.

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk

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