

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
August 20, 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 6:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Lynne Hess.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard  
Vice Mayor Paul Little  
Councilmember Steve Haderlein  
Councilmember Chris Holden (Arrived at 7:04 p.m.)  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 7:12 p.m.)  
Councilmember Joyce Streator  
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Staff:

City Manager Cynthia J. Kurtz  
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris  
Assistant City Clerk Sharon Johnson

**CEREMONIAL**

Mayor Bogaard recognized Dr. Gregor Edwards as the newly appointed Recreation and Parks Commissioner from District 1.

Dr. Edwards expressed his appreciation to Council for allowing his service as Recreation and Parks Commissioner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Roy Begley, Pasadena resident, commented regarding the Blue Line Light Rail and transportation issues.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PURCHASE OF FOUR 2002 CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS FOR THE PARKS SECURITY PROGRAM**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue a purchase order to Pasadena Ford in an amount not to exceed \$95,853.45 for the purchase of four (4) 2002 Model Crown Victoria Police Interceptors. The proposed purchase is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

It is also recommended that the City Council grant this contract a partial exemption (vendor outreach only) from the Affirmative Action in Contracting Ordinance pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.09.060(C), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

**APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 53125 FOR CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES, BEING AN 8-UNIT CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION PROJECT AT 625 SOUTH ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Adopt a resolution approving the final Tract Map No. 53125 and authorize the City Clerk to execute the certificate on the map showing the City's approval of said map. (Resolution No. 8035)

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO THE PARK PLAYGROUND ACCESSIBILITY AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM FOR \$50,000 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN HAMILTON PARK**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Approve the City of Pasadena's application to the Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program for \$50,000 for safety improvements in Hamilton Park.

**Recommendation of Recreation and Parks Commission:** At their meeting on August 7, 2001, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously endorsed the City's application to the Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program and recommended the City Council take similar action. (Resolution No. 8036)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 4, 2001  
June 11, 2001

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 8840 Wei Zhao	\$ 456.45
Claim No. 8841 Jose G. Zamudio & Nicodemia Arreola	212.00
Claim No. 8842 William F. Norman	Unknown
Claim No. 8843 Jessica Stubee	1,031.46

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SET**

October 22, 2001, 8:00 p.m. - Call for Review of Zoning Administrator Decision No. 18 (889 N. Fair Oaks Avenue) to the City Council

It was moved by Vice Mayor Little, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Madison)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**APPOINTMENT OF JOYCE STREATOR TO THE POLICY BOARD OF THE FOOTHILL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM, AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER (City Council Appointment)**

On order of the Mayor, appointment of the alternate board member was deferred.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the appointment of Councilmember Streater to the Policy Board of the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Madison)

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 6:45 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission. (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Madison)

RECONVENE

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 6:46 p.m. (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Madison)

ORDINANCES - ADOPTED

Adopt "AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ALTRIO COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO CONSTRUCT AND TO OPERATE AN OPEN VIDEO SYSTEM" (Introduced by Vice Mayor Little) (Ordinance No. 6873; Agreement No. 17,758)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Haderlein, Streater, Tyler, Vice Mayor Little, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Holden, Madison

Adopt "AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE ON CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' COMPENSATION" (Introduced by Councilmember Holden) (Ordinance No. 6874)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Haderlein, Streater, Vice Mayor Little, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: Councilmember Tyler

ABSENT: Councilmembers Holden, Madison

The Mayor noted the establishment of the City Council Compensation Committee and discussed the deadline and requirements imposed under the City Charter. The Mayor stated he welcomed recommendations from the public for the Committee member appointments.

Councilmember Streater expressed concern regarding the short timeframe for the Committee to conduct its business and a public hearing, and suggested the appointments occur prior to the end of August.

**REPORTS AND  
COMMENTS FROM  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Holden  
arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Councilmember Madison  
arrived at 7:12 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM OFFICERS AND  
DEPARTMENTS**

**UPDATE ON STATUS OF POLICE FIRING RANGE PROJECT**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that the City Council direct staff to proceed with the analysis and design of an indoor firing range at the current Eaton Canyon site.

Councilmember Haderlein summarized the agenda report.

The following individuals spoke in opposition:

Mr. Ron Woodford, Friends of Eaton Canyon

Dr. Loren Lutz, Society for Preservation and Protection of Wildlife

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**PROPOSED PASADENA AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM  
EXPANSION AND REVENUE FINANCING CONCEPTS**

**Recommendation of Transportation Advisory Commission:**

(a) Adopt the route structure for the Pasadena Area Rapid Transit System (ARTS) shown on Attachment 1 of the agenda report.

(b) Adopt the service schedules shown on Tables 1 and 2 of the agenda report as the framework for the Transportation Advisory Commission and a proposed financial consultant to assess operating revenue requirements.

(c) Utilize the services of a transit financial consultant to work within the framework of Tables 1 and 2 to come up with the funding for the new route structure using the funding concepts in the Transit Funding Chart (Attachment 2 of agenda report) as a starting point.

Mr. Roger Gray, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Commission, reviewed the agenda report, displayed and discussed a city map with possible bus routes, and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued concerning areas that were not well covered in the displayed city map such as north of Altadena Drive, and the east Pasadena area, the need for additional bus routes, and possible funding for the transit system.

The following individuals spoke on the above issue:

Mr. Roy Begley, Pasadena resident, voiced opposition to the project and spoke in support of private transportation.

Mr. Vince Farhat, West Pasadena Residents Association, spoke in support of approving the plan in concept, and urged Council to move forward.

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Streater, to approve the Transportation Advisory Commission recommendation to: a) Conceptually adopt the route structure for the Area Rapid Transit System; b) Conceptually adopt the service schedules as the framework for the Transportation Advisory Commission and a proposed financial consultant to assess operating revenue requirements; and c) Approve the utilization of services of a transit financial consultant to work within the framework and to come up with the funding for the new route structure using the funding concepts in the Transit Funding Chart as a starting point. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Haderlein noted that this proposal was a framework, additional work needed to be done with the frequency in the bus routes, and he requested that staff work with the consultant to achieve its goals.

Councilmember Tyler noted concerns regarding the downtown bus. He stated that some neighborhoods had concerns regarding buses traveling through the residential area.

The City Manager requested to proceed with the initial proposal, and she indicated staff would return in October regarding the issues concerning San Pasqual, overcrowding, and other problems that were mentioned in the discussion.

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE**

Members of the City Council made the following nominations for appointments to the Redistricting Task Force:

Mr. Tim Wendler (District 1 Appointment)  
Mr. Michael Coppess (District 2 Appointment)  
Mr. Joel Bryant (District 3 Appointment)  
Ms. Vannia De La Cuba (District 4 Appointment)  
Dr. Gilbert Cadena (District 5 Appointment)  
Mr. Richard McDonald (District 6 Appointment)  
Ms. Jean Owen (District 7 Appointment)  
Ms. Marguerite Hougasian (Mayoral Appointment)  
Mr. Bill Crowfoot (At-Large Appointment)

Discussion ensued concerning the timeline for the redistricting tasks, and the hiring of a consultant.

The City Attorney indicated that four to six months would be within the timeframe.

Mr. Scott Rasmussen, Assistant City Attorney, indicated that the redistricting tasks should be completed prior to the next City Council election.

Mr. Prentice Deadrick, Assistant City Manager, responded to questions concerning census information.

It was the consensus of the City Council that the entire Redistricting Task Force make a recommendation to the Council for the hiring of a redistricting consultant; and that the Task Force report its progress to the Council by the end of November 2001.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the above nominations and designate Mr. Crowfoot as the Chair of the Task Force. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

## OLD BUSINESS

### **WORKSHOP REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND ITS APPLICATION IN THE CITY OF PASADENA**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** There is no recommendation; this is an information item only. The purpose of the CEQA workshop is to update the City Council on:

- (1) The changes to the State Guidelines for implementing CEQA since 1996;
- (2) Changes in how City staff handles projects subject to CEQA; and
- (3) Preview of changes proposed to the City's Environmental Guidelines.

Ms. Nancy Key, Senior Planner, distributed and reviewed a handout outlining the purposes of CEQA, provided a history of CEQA, defined what a project is according to CEQA, reviewed various changes to the laws pertaining to CEQA guidelines, and responded to questions.

Regarding traffic impacts, Councilmember Tyler asked if the intersection designation maps were updated and if the current map could be provided to the Council.

Mr. Eric Shen, Principal Operations Specialist, indicated that the map was updated in 1999 and it could be provided to Council.

Discussion ensued concerning the definitions of Mitigated Negative Declaration, Negative Declaration, and Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Councilmember Madison indicated that it would be helpful to have a brochure indicating the definitions of CEQA.

Ms. Maribel Medina, Assistant City Attorney, responded to questions concerning CEQA.

The Mayor noted that he would like a distinction be drawn as to what CEQA requires and how much mitigation can be imposed on a developer. He stressed the need for policy approaches to deal with cumulative impacts.

On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ray Dashner, Pasadena resident, commented regarding intersection traffic signals.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor announced that there would be a special City Council meeting on Monday, August 27, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. to make appointments to the Council Compensation Committee and to confirm the delegates to the League of California Cities Conference.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 9:58 p.m. to discuss the following closed sessions, and adjourned thereafter.

**CLOSED SESSIONS**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)**

Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, City of Pasadena, et al., San Francisco Superior Court Case No. 320217

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to support the Metropolitan Water District's position in the litigation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)**

Name of Case: Nelson v. City of Pasadena, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 064064 (consolidated with Case No. BS 068974)

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to authorize an appeal of the decision:  
AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Tyler, Madison, Haderlein, Mayor Bogaard  
NOES: Councilmembers Streater, Holden, Vice Mayor Little  
ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

  
Janet Rodriguez  
City Clerk

  
Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
City of Pasadena