

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
January 13, 2003 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:42 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiators: Karyn Ezell, Steve Lem
Employee Organizations: Pasadena Association of Clerical
and Technical Employees**

The above closed session item was discussed, with no reportable action.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Little.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

City Manager Cynthia Kurtz
Assistant City Attorney Nicholas Rodriguez
City Clerk Jane L. Rodriguez

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mr. Gary Thomas, Tournament of Roses President, expressed appreciation to the City and staff for their assistance in a successful 2003 Tournament season.

Mr. Mitch Dorger, Tournament of Roses Chief Executive Officer, reported on the Rose Parade and Bowl activities, and praised the collaborative work accomplished by the professionals and volunteers in carrying out these events.

The City Manager expressed the City staff's pride in their participation in the Tournament's New Year's activities.

The Mayor and Council commended the Tournament of Roses Association and volunteers for a successful Rose Parade and Bowl game.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Richard A. McDonald as Planning Commissioner.

Councilmember Madison thanked Mr. McDonald for his prior service on the Transportation Advisory Commission and the Redistricting Task Force.

Councilmember Madison introduced and congratulated the coach and football team members of Polytechnic High School as the CIF Division XIII 2002 Champions.

Coach Grant Oldfield acknowledged the Poly Panthers team members for their scholastic and athletic achievements.

Councilmember Madison was excused at 6:55 p.m.

The City Manager introduced a video presentation titled "Visibly Pasadena" which was produced in conjunction with the 2003 State of the City Address and highlighted events and accomplishments of the past year. She also acknowledged Ann Erdman and Linda Centell with the Public Affairs Office for their work in the production of the video project.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Robert Wittry, Pasadena resident, suggested the trees that were obstructing the spotlighting of the City Hall building be trimmed.

Mr. Howard Rothenbach, Chair of the Committee to Restore Our Airport Rights (ROAR), described their organization's activities regarding airport expansion issues, and encouraged the Council to submit a letter to the Burbank City Council supporting the participation by one or two of the Pasadena community members in a meeting with the Federal Aviation Administration to discuss these issues.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR SIGNS AND AWNINGS CITYWIDE

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution adopting the revised Design Guidelines for signs and awnings citywide. (Resolution No. 8202)

Conduct first reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTERS 12.15, 17.12, 17.20, 17.22, 17.24, 17.28, 17.32, 17.33, 17.57, 17.72, 17.76, 17.82 AND REPEALING AND REPLACING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 17.72 RELATING TO SIGN REGULATIONS"

The above two items were discussed concurrently.

The City Manager provided a brief history of the development of the revised guidelines, and responded to questions.

Mr. Michael Huntley, Senior Planner, confirmed that the design guidelines reflected the Council's discussion and directions from the Council meeting of July 22, 2002; briefly explained the changes which had been made in the event sign regulations; and responded to questions.

Discussion followed on the recommended dimensions of campaign signs, and staff responded to questions.

Councilmember Streator expressed concern regarding the adequacy of the recommended dimensions for campaign signs in residential areas, and suggested the first reading of the ordinance be held for additional review by staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the City Manager's recommendation to approve the resolution to adopt the revised Design Guidelines for signs and awnings. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

Councilmember Madison returned at 7:29 p.m.

Mr. Robert Wittry, Pasadena resident, expressed concern with the need to make several technical corrections in the ordinance language and issues regarding cabinet sign regulations.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, briefly outlined the permit and code enforcement processes.

The Assistant City Attorney noted that election sign regulations require removal ten days after the event.

By consensus, the first reading of the ordinance was held to the Council meeting of January 27, 2003, to allow additional staff review regarding temporary sign dimensions (event signs).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Madison recused himself at 7:30 p.m., due to a conflict of interest.

APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF TWO PROPOSED EASEMENT DEDICATIONS FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES AT MARTIN ALLEY, EAST OF PASADENA AVENUE, AND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PASADENA AVENUE AND GREEN STREET

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution approving and accepting the two proposed easement dedications for public street purposes at Martin Alley, east of Pasadena Avenue, and at the northeast corner of Pasadena Avenue and Green Street. (Resolution No. 8203; Easement Nos. 7830 and 7831)

AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO SERVE THE PROPERTY AT 2362 NORTH WINDSOR AVENUE IN ALTADENA

Recommendation of City Manager:
(1) Adopt a resolution to approve a grant of easement at 2362 North Windsor Avenue, Altadena, California to Southern

California Edison Company (SCE); and
 (2) Authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute and record the easement document on behalf of the City.
(Resolution No. 8204; Easement No. 7832)

MINUTES APPROVED

October 21, 2002

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 9185	Gilbert Aviles	250.00
Claim No. 9186	Sandra H. Shapiro	4,011.20+
Claim No. 9187	Luz P. Belarmino	40.90
Claim No. 9188	Michael Chung	Unknown
Claim No. 9189	William N. Klove	Unknown
Claim No. 9190	Aqual Cionne Dawkins	Unknown

PUBLIC HEARING SET

January 27, 2002, 8:00 p.m. - Consideration of Moratorium on the Demolition of Structures within RM (multi-family residential) and PS (public and semi-public space) zones bounded by Allendale Road on the north, South Marengo Avenue on the west, and Euclid Avenue on the south and east (Designated Study Area 12)

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Legislative Policy Committee

STATE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND PRIORITIES

Recommendation of City Manager: Approve the State legislative platform and priorities for 2003.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND PRIORITIES

Recommendation of City Manager: Approve the Federal legislative platform and priorities for 2003.

The above two agenda reports were discussed concurrently.

The City Manager briefly reviewed the agenda reports, distributed a memorandum titled "Effects of the State Budget on Pasadena", and responded to questions.

Councilmember Tyler, Legislative Policy Committee member, noted that the State Budget memorandum would serve as a workplan to assist in setting priorities for future action.

Councilmember Haderlein suggested that the construction of soundwalls along the 210 Freeway in eastern Pasadena be added to the list of projects.

The City Manager responded to questions regarding the 210 Freeway soundwalls projects; and indicated the City's request for soundwalls projects would be expanded to include consideration of the eastern Pasadena area, and an update of the City consultant's soundwalls study would be provided to Council when this information is available.

The City Manager briefly discussed the increase in the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) medical costs, and noted information from a study regarding medical costs to be conducted this year by the Human Resources Department would be provided to Council when this is completed.

Councilmember Madison returned at 7:45 p.m.

Discussion followed on the restructuring of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), the development of a San Gabriel Valley master transportation plan and/or an MTA sector format to provide more control by local jurisdictions, the distribution of funding for transportation projects by the MTA, the monitoring of MTA Board actions and fund distributions, and the access to funding for local transportation projects on a federal and state level.

Councilmember Holden suggested the extension of the Gold Line should be stated as a priority to be pursued as part of the City's transportation plan.

The City Manager indicated this issue would be addressed in a list for the reauthorization of projects at the federal level and would be presented to Council through the Legislative Policy Committee at the beginning of February 2003.

Councilmember Madison was excused at 7:55 p.m.

Vice Mayor Little suggested the Gold Line funding should also be addressed on the state level.

The City Manager confirmed an update of the Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station enhancements would be presented at the Council meeting of January 27, 2003; and indicated the perchlorate cleanup issue would be added to the federal platform and priorities list.

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the State and Federal legislative platforms and priorities as working documents. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

RESIGNATION OF RICHARD McDONALD FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination)

Vice Mayor Little commended Richard McDonald for his service.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Little, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to accept the above resignation with regret. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT PENDING NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT RENEWAL

Recommendation of Mayor: Approve a two-month extension of the City Manager's employment agreement (Contract Nos. 16,858 and 16,858-1), through February 24, 2003, to allow for negotiation of a renewal of her employment agreement with the City. (Agreement Amendment No. 16,858-3)

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

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2003 LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) CALL FOR PROJECTS

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Adopt a resolution approving the submission of grant applications to the Los Angeles County MTA to fund the projects as listed below. (Resolution No. 8205)

(2) Authorize the City Manager to complete these applications, and to accept and enter into agreements with the MTA for any of the following applications:

1. Extend Kinneloa Avenue from Walnut Street to Titley Avenue
2. Implement Bus Signal Priority System on ARTS Buses
3. Install Bicycle Parking Citywide
4. Promote Bicycle Safety & Disseminate Information
5. Expand Bikeway System
6. Install Bicycle Detection at Transit Stations
7. Construct Sierra Madre Villa South Pedestrian Bridge
8. Install Walkway and Security Lighting in Central Park and Memorial Park
9. Purchase Four Alternative Fuel ARTS Buses
10. Install Street Lighting and Decorative Crosswalks
11. Install Tree Peninsulas/Tree Lanes/Sidewalks along North Lake Avenue
12. Implement a Gold Line Transit Rider Validation Program

Recommendation of Transportation Advisory Commission:

The Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) reviewed the proposed list of projects on December 6, 2002. TAC members unanimously concurred with the recommended projects 1 through 10. Since TAC's approval, staff further refined proposed project number 10 by dividing it into two separate projects: 10 and 11. A subsequent proposal by the business community for promoting the Gold Line service to/from the City's business districts resulted in an additional project proposal which TAC did not review.

The City Manager emphasized that funding resources might not be available given the status of the state/federal budgets.

Mr. Eric Shen, Transportation Planning and Development Manager, briefly reviewed the agenda report, and noted that a reference on page 6 regarding Project No. 10 should be

corrected to refer to the East Pasadena Specific Plan, not the East Colorado Specific Plan.

The City Manager clarified that the source of the City's matching funds would be designated when the project funds are accepted, explained the rationale for determining the list of projects, and responded to questions.

Mr. Dan Rix, City Engineer, responded to questions.

The City Manager indicated that Councilmember Haderlein would be provided with information regarding the distribution of funds raised by the sale of the Walnut Street properties at a later date.

Ms. Maggie Campbell, representing the Old Pasadena Business Management District, described Project No. 12 - Implement a Gold Line Transit Rider Validation Program.

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

REVISION TO SCHEDULE FOR SUBMITTAL OF ANNUAL REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND ADOPTION OF STANDARD ANNUAL REPORT FORMAT

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to revise the Pasadena Municipal Code to require that annual reports from advisory commissions be submitted to the Council within two months from the end of the fiscal year rather than the current schedule of October 31, or four months; and
- (2) Adopt the annual report format as the standard.

The City Manager briefly reviewed the agenda report.

Councilmember Tyler noted that the various commissions would need to modify their annual meeting dates to accommodate the new report deadlines.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN INSTITUTING VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR PLAN PARTICIPANTS

Recommendation of Deferred Compensation Oversight Committee: It is recommended that the City Council approve the following amendments to the City's Deferred Compensation Plan:

1. Increase the elective deferral and catch-up limits.
2. Allow additional contributions for participants age 50 and

- over.
3. Allow flexible distributions.
 4. Allow in-service transfers for the purchase of defined benefit service credit.
 5. Allow rollovers from 403(b) and other 457 Deferred Compensation Plans.

Mr. Steve Mermell, Deferred Compensation Oversight Committee Chair, briefly reviewed the agenda report.

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

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 8:28 p.m., to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 8:29 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of "AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADOPTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING DEMOLITION OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES 20 YEARS OR OLDER IN DESIGNATED STUDY AREAS"

Mr. Robert Wittry, Pasadena resident, expressed support and suggested additional areas be considered and included in a moratorium.

Mr. David Schuman, developer for a project located on South Craig Street, provided an overview of the process he followed for this pending project with a completed application, and requested the ordinance language be modified to exempt a project with a completed application.

Discussion followed on the permit and ordinance publication processes, and staff responded to questions.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, confirmed that a public hearing regarding the certificate of appropriateness for this project had been scheduled, and that this was the only pending completed application that would be affected by the moratorium.

Councilmember Madison returned at 8:40 p.m.

Assistant City Attorneys Nicholas Rodriguez and Maribel Medina stated that the ordinance language in Section 7 could be modified to add "for which there is an application deemed complete by the City as of January 13, 2003."

The above ordinance was offered by Councilmember Tyler, with modification in the language in Section 7 to read: "This

ordinance does not apply to demolition in connection with replacement projects, residential or commercial, for which there is an application deemed complete by the City as of January 13, 2003, or projects which have obtained a discretionary approval prior to the effective date of this ordinance:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION - SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): One potential case

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) of Section 54956.9 and then, if authorized, pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) of Section 54956.9: One case concerning award of a contract for Specifications LD-02-6, for Providing Labor and Material for Installation of Units GT-3 and GT-4

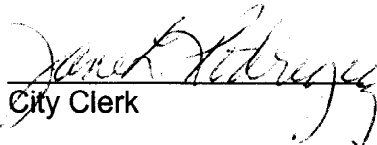
The above two closed session items were discussed, with no reportable action.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:52 p.m.



Bill Bogaard
Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet Rodriguez
City Clerk

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