

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
March 31, 2003 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:43 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

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

Property Address: 222 South Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, California

Councilmember Holden arrived at 5:48 p.m.

City Negotiators: Cynthia J. Kurtz and Richard J. Bruckner
Negotiating Parties: L.A. to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:31 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 (Absent)
Councilmember Joyce Streater
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr. (Returned at 6:37 p.m.)

Staff:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilmember Tyler returned at 6:37 p.m.

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to Charles E. Owens as Northwest Commissioner and Timothy E. Alderson as Recreation and Parks Commissioner.

Councilmember Tyler introduced Matthew DeVoll, who was administered the oath of office as Community Development Committee member on March 17, 2003.

The Mayor presented a proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2003 as "Public Health Week." The proclamation was received by Wilma Allen, Director of the Public Health Department, and Public Health Week Committee members in the audience were recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Yvette Nero, Management Analyst, outlined the Public Health Week kickoff activities to be held in Central Park featuring various services delivered by the Health Department.

Ms. Berlinda Brown, Pasadena resident, described various problems concerning property maintenance and illegal activities occurring on Zanja Street between Forest Street and Lincoln Avenue, displayed photos of the area, and requested staff assistance in addressing these issues in order to improve the area.

The Mayor noted the City Manager would review these matters with staff and inform Council regarding the issues that had been raised.

Ms. Alana Johnson, Pasadena resident, commented on various ongoing illegal activities in the Claremont Street area which had been reported to City officials and remained unresolved, and requested that Planning/Code Enforcement staff address these issues with the residents in the community.

Ms. Bernice Golden, Arroyo Terrace Association member, listed various ongoing problems with illegal activities and construction on Del Monte Street; commented on the neighborhood's frustration in the lack of staff response regarding requests made for speed bumps, undergrounding of utilities, and code enforcement in the area; and asked the City to help the neighborhood in resolving these problems.

Mr. Karlos Hlenczuk, Arroyo Terrace Association President, commented on the lack of City response to those concerns which had been discussed in numerous community meetings, and requested that City officials address these ongoing problems.

Mr. Nathaniel Lewis, Jr., Pasadena resident, discussed the speeding and dumping problems on Zanja Street, and indicated that he had presented a proposal to Councilmember Streater for consideration by the Council to alleviate the problems through the work and collaboration of the community and the City.

Mr. Rudy Leufroy, Pasadena resident, reviewed his various contacts with staff regarding ongoing code enforcement issues in the Zanja Street area and the lack of response at the department level, and stated that this area should receive equitable treatment and the same level of attention as offered in other areas of the City.

The Mayor requested the City Manager follow up on the issues that had been raised and report back to Council.

Councilmember Holden suggested the City Manager explore the revitalization of this neighborhood through the joint use of City departments to quickly address the variety of issues, which had been described, and to also propose a plan, which could build in long-term maintenance solutions.

The City Manager indicated she would gather information and consider available options when reporting back to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TURBINE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES CORPORATION DBA SERMATECH POWER SOLUTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF GAS TURBINE UNITS 3 AND 4 AT THE GLENARM POWER PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,850,000

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Accept the bid submitted by Turbine Technology Services Corporation dba Sermatech Power Solutions (Sermatech) for the construction and installation of Gas Turbine Units 3 and 4 at the Glenarm Power Plant site;
- (2) Reject all other bids;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$19,850,000;
- (4) Award this contract also on the basis of emergency and/or impracticality in the public's best interest; and
- (5) Amend the Fiscal Year 2003 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to appropriate an additional \$8,888,676 to the Light and Power Fund Capital Improvement Program under Budget No. 3166 for the "Local Generation Repowering Plan" from the unappropriated Light and Power Fund funds.
- (6) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Turbine Technology Services Corporation dba Sermatech Power Solutions for Construction and Installation of Gas Turbine Units 3 and 4 at the Glenarm Power Plant and making findings related thereto. (Contract No. 18,204; Journal Voucher 2003-40; Resolution No. 8224)

Councilmember Tyler, Chair of the Public Services Committee, provided a brief history of the bidding process and reviewed the agenda report.

The City Manager clarified that the numbers in the report now reflect a full budget project, confirmed that a rate increase was not expected, and explained that adoption of a resolution was recommended to allow the project to move forward on an emergency basis.

Ms. Phyllis Currie, General Manager of the Water and Power Department, provided an overview of the rationale for the bid award and project, and responded to questions.

Mr. Eric Klinkner, Power Supply Business Unit Director, discussed cost impacts and scheduling for the project, and responded to questions.

The following persons spoke in support of the recommendation:

Ms. Vicki Land, Attorney for Turbine Technology Services Corporation (TTS), reviewed TTS's written response to the ARB, Inc. bid challenge.

Mr. Nathen Howard, representing TTS, responded to questions.

Mr. Emory Mack, Chief Union Steward for Local 501 of the International Union of Operating Engineers
Mr. Eugene Thomas, Pasadena resident
Mr. Don Nores, Pasadena resident

The following persons spoke in opposition to the recommendation:

Mr. Steven Goon, Attorney for ARB, Inc., reviewed ARB's bid challenge.

Mr. Wayne Stufkosky, representing ARB, Inc., requested staff reconsider the bid proposals.

Ms. Currie reviewed the re-bid process; discussed staff's response to the objections raised in the ARB, Inc. bid challenge as outlined in the City Manager's supplemental report dated March 31, 2003; and responded to questions. Ms. Currie confirmed that evidence of TTS's license had been seen.

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Vice Mayor Little, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, and to adopt the resolution presented in the supplemental report. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTRACT AWARD TO MEYER, MOHADDES ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE STATE ROUTE (SR) 710 MITIGATION-TRAFFIC CONTROL AND MONITORING SYSTEMS - INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PROJECT

Recommendation of City Manager: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Meyer, Mohaddes Associates, Inc. to prepare the Conceptual Design for the SR 710 Mitigation-Traffic Control and Monitoring Systems - ITS project in an amount not to exceed \$220,000. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), professional or unique services. (Contract No. 18,205)

MINUTES APPROVED

December 2, 2002

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 9243	Seda Papazyan	\$ 727.36
Claim No. 9244	Kenneth Thomas	2,060.64
Claim No. 9245	Rutilia Reyes Alonso	12,759.13
Claim No. 9246	Cora Lee Masino	Unknown
Claim No. 9247	Charles R. Anderson	10,000.00
Claim No. 9248	Samuel Biswas	1,583.04
Claim No. 9249	Valery S. Mokhnatkin	2,147.83

PUBLIC HEARING SET

~~April 24~~, May 19, 2003, 8:00 p.m. - Schedule of Taxes, Fees and Charges for Fiscal Year 2004

The Mayor noted that the public hearing date for "Schedule of Taxes, Fees and Charges for Fiscal Year 2004" should be revised to read May 19, 2003.

Mr. Steve Wright, Principal Engineer, responded to questions regarding various 710 mitigation projects and Lake Avenue improvement projects, and indicated an update could be provided with the presentation of the 2004 Capital Improvement Budget.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Little, seconded by Councilmember Streater, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the revised public hearing date to be set for May 19, 2003. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

INFORMATION ITEMS

PRESENTATION BY PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING A NORTHWEST SCHOOL SITE

The Mayor announced the presentation would be rescheduled to a future date at the request of the Pasadena Unified School District to allow the District to gather and provide additional information.

PRESENTATION BY TIMOTHY BRICK, CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD

Mr. Timothy Brick, City representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board, provided an update regarding various water planning, distribution, and conservation issues and programs being considered and acted upon by the Metropolitan Water District; and distributed a handout entitled "Report on Metropolitan's Water Supplies – A Blueprint for Water Reliability." Mr. Brick discussed the City's participation in the Raymond Basin Conjunctive Use Program and the City's lease of Water District property located in the Arroyo Seco (Hahamongna Watershed area), south of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory facilities. He responded to questions regarding deregulation/privatization, certification of adequate water supplies for development/growth, and water recycling for nonpotable uses.

The City Manager noted that the Arroyo Seco property lease would require a negative declaration, which could be handled in conjunction with the Arroyo Seco Master Plan process in April 2003.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY S. JACKSON TO THE URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Council/District 7 Nomination)

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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

Conduct first reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 14.50 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND CONDITIONS

IN THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE AND THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION HEARINGS”

The above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember Streator:

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

NOES: Councilmember Madison

ABSENT: None

INFORMATION ITEM

Councilmember Holden was excused at 8:37 p.m.

Councilmember Streator was excused at 8:38 p.m.

CITY OF PASADENA PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE EFFORTS

Recommendation of City Manager: The agenda report is for information only.

The City Manager provided an overview of the steps being taken by the City to prepare for disaster events or acts of terrorism/bioterrorism and information being shared with the community.

Acting Police Chief Wayne Hiltz reported on the Police Department’s work in refining established plans to address terrorism and disaster preparedness and responded to questions.

Lt. John Perez with the Police Department discussed the responsibilities and activities of the Counter Terrorism Section.

Ms. Phyllis Currie, General Manager of the Water and Power Department, discussed monitoring and security measures for the water and power facilities, resident notification methods regarding any emergencies, and information available on the Department’s web site at ci.pasadena.ca.us/waterandpower.

Ms. Wilma Allen, Director of the Public Health Department, commented on issues for responding to epidemics in conjunction with bioterrorism preparedness, and noted that grant monies had been received for specialized training and staffing for preparedness. Ms. Allen indicated that a coalition of community organizations and agencies had been formed to act together during emergencies, and responded to questions.

Fire Chief Ernest Mitchell described the Fire Department’s role in consequence management in the event of an emergency/disaster; discussed interoperability in communication, mutual aid partnerships and arrangements, and grants for equipment; and responded to questions.

Ms. Ann Erdman, Public Information Officer, described the City’s communication resources for notification of residents during emergencies, and cited various sources of information for residents in preparing for and responding to disasters/emergencies. Ms. Erdman distributed a packet of materials available to residents.

Discussion followed on the application for grant monies for public safety and public health preparedness, the distribution of

funding for homeland security, and the delivery of funds to state vs. local bodies of government.

Vice Mayor Little and Councilmember Gordo encouraged staff to expand the core coalition for emergency planning and preparedness to include local schools and businesses (Caltech, Pasadena City College, Pasadena Unified School District, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Parsons).

Councilmember Tyler requested that staff provide the Public Safety Committee with information on the public health infrastructure/systems and an updated list of the gaps requiring funding.

In response to the Mayor's questions regarding security vs. personal liberties and the USA Patriot Act, Acting Police Chief Hiltz indicated that the Police Department's philosophy had not changed in response to the Act.

The City Manager noted that staff had prepared a citywide priority list for training and equipment, had provided this information to the City's lobbyists and government representatives, and would revisit this list to also include public health needs. The City Manager indicated that staff would continue to update the Public Safety Committee regarding the City's preparedness and response efforts.

The Mayor and Council commended staff for their work and information provided.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



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