

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
September 22, 2003
5:00 P.M. - Dinner Recess
Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green Street, Room C-211
6:30 P.M. - Special and Joint Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL AND JOINT MEETING

OPENING:

The Pasadena City Council convened at the Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green Street, Room C-211, for a dinner recess with the Pasadena Center Operating Company Board. (Absent: None)

Mayor Bogaard called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 6:46 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Little.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Al Cullen, speaking of behalf of his wife Yvonne Cullen, a City retiree, spoke in opposition to Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) medical changes, and expressed concern regarding the impacts to retired employees. He requested Council reconsider its prior decision, and reinstate health plans under PERS. He also requested retired employees be made a separate bargaining unit.

Ms. Judy Ramaker, City retiree, provided information regarding medical insurance available to retirees, and expressed concern that available options are not explained to employees when retiring.

Mr. Walter White, City retiree and President of the Pasadena Chapter of the Retired Public Employees Association, requested the City Attorney look into making retirees a separate group so that they can maintain their connection with CalPERS Healthcare Insurance.

Mr. Ralph Bicker, City retiree and member of the Retired Public Employees Association of California, submitted and summarized a letter dated September 1, 2003 addressed to Ms. Karyn Ezell regarding medical coverage for retirees under the CalPERS Health Insurance Program.

Mr. Leo Johnson, City retiree, reiterated the concerns expressed by the previous speakers.

The City Manager noted a meeting would be scheduled with retirees, the new carrier, and City representatives by Thursday to address the concerns expressed.

The City Manager was requested to provide the following information to Council: what concerns were expressed (at meetings); whether they were appropriately addressed; has there been a diminution in benefits to retirees; specific information regarding the cost benefits (with new providers); and an understanding of the full impact of the change of benefits to employees and to the City.

Ms. Serena Marie Sanfilipo, Pasadena resident, spoke regarding peer counseling in the school system and regarding her housing situation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENT OF KIM HILLS HILLIS TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (District 6 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF MARK H. PERSICO TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION (District 2 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM CROWFOOT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPINIELLO COMPANIES, TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR WATER MAIN LINE INSTALLATIONS IN ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD, MARENGO AVENUE, LOS ROBLES AVENUE, AND ORANGE GROVE BOULEVARD/COLORADO BOULEVARD FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICATION WD-03-02

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Accept the bid dated September 2, 2003 submitted by Spiniello Companies, in response to Specification WD-03-02 for providing labor and materials for Water Main Line Installations for Pasadena Water and Power;
- (2) Reject all other bids; and
- (3) Authorize a contract not to exceed \$2,431,340. (Contract No. 18,365)

CONTRACT AWARD TO E.C. CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CHOKERS AND INTERSECTION ISLANDS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$192,000

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Accept the bid dated September 10, 2003 submitted by E.C. Construction Co. in response to the Specifications for Installation of Traffic Chokers and Intersection Islands at Various Locations, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as required.

(2) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301(c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations of existing public streets) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk. (Contract No. 18,366)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 23, 2003
July 14, 2003
July 16, 2003 (Special joint meeting)
July 21, 2003

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 9374	St. Paul Property and Liability Insurance for 7040 Entertainment, LLC	\$ 1,193.25
Claim No. 9375	Ladonna Woodley	Unknown
Claim No. 9376	Harvey Kaslow	1,255.84
Claim No. 9377	Friendship Baptist Church	Unknown
Claim No. 9378	Eduardo Gonzales	1,500.00
Claim No. 9379	State Farm Insurance	Unknown
Claim No. 9380	Jacqueline Frances Randolph	500.00
Claim No. 9381	San Gabriel Valley Medical Center	20,000.00

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the Consent Calendar with a correction to name of Kim Hillis. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: None)

JOINT MEETING WITH PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council recessed at 7:05 p.m. to a joint meeting with the Pasadena Center Operating Company Board. (Absent: City Council - None; PCOC Board - Ralph Grippo)

PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY ANNUAL UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AT THE PASADENA CENTER

PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY PRESENTATION OF THE CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE PASADENA CENTER (Oral report)

PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY UPDATE ON THE SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT AT THE PASADENA CENTER (Oral report)

The above three items were discussed concurrently.

Mr. Roger Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Pasadena Center Operating Company, introduced the above items.

Mr. John Luke, President, PCOC Board, reviewed a handout and slide presentation of the 2003 Pasadena Hospitality Industry for FY 2003, summarized expansion activities, discussed outreach to keep the community involved, and responded to questions.

Mr. Michael McAlpine, DMJM Management, reviewed the slide presentation of the design plans, schedule and budget for the project, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Holden expressed concerns with the design of the new complex.

Board member Jim Halferty responded to questions regarding the design and discussed the architect's philosophy and vision.

The City Manager noted the project will have design review and will be going through the City's processes.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development, briefly discussed the ongoing process being used on this project between the Planning Department and the development team.

Following a brief discussion regarding the Ice Rink, Mr. Bruckner noted staff will return to Council with an update on the Ice Rink within three months.

Council commended the Pasadena Center Operating Company and staff for their work on the project.

President Luke thanked the City Council for an opportunity to make the presentation.

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

On order of the Mayor, the joint meeting with the Pasadena Center Operating Company Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m., and the special meeting of the City Council reconvened at this time. (Absent: None)

JOINT MEETING
ADJOURNED/SPECIAL
MEETING RECONVENED

ORDINANCES

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF

PASADENA ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 17.08.040 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE (WASHINGTON SQUARE LANDMARK OVERLAY DISTRICT)" (Introduced by Councilmember Gordo) (Ordinance No. 6953)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 17.08.040 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE (SOUTH OAKLAND LANDMARK OVERLAY DISTRICT)" (Introduced by Councilmember Little) (Ordinance No.6954)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Haderlein, Holden, Little, Madison, Streator, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Mayor Tyler (due to a conflict of interest)

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM" (Introduced by Councilmember Little) (Ordinance No. 6933-1)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council recessed at 8:21 p.m. to the special meeting of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENE

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council reconvened at 8:22 p.m. (Absent: None)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ORAL UPDATE REGARDING GOLD LINE PHASE II (Councilmember Haderlein)

Councilmember Little distributed and summarized handouts in response to that showed recent comments from Phase II cities regarding the Gold Line Phase II project to be false and misleading.

Councilmember Haderlein provided an update on the Phase II steering committee meeting he attended on September 18, 2003. He indicated two issues critical to Phase II are governance and funding, and noted the City of Pasadena should support the following: 1) a request that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that empowers the Joint Powers Authority be acted upon by the Blue Line Construction Authority as soon as possible, and 2) a level of funding, perhaps 20%, for Phase II, by the Blue Line Construction Authority.

Following discussion, Councilmember Little was encouraged to urge the Blue Line Construction Authority to place on its October 22, 2003 agenda the MOU and report back to Council next week on the status of the MOU.

Ms. Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena resident, suggested Council keep its eye on the final steps of Phase I and that Council take a look at the City's needs first before allocating funds to Phase II.

Councilmember Madison stated for the record, he didn't enjoy reading in the newspaper what other officials were saying about his colleague Councilmember Little, and expressed his solidarity for Councilmember Little.

CLOSED SESSION

The following closed session item was not discussed:

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

Name of Case: Naum Ware v. City of Pasadena, et al.


Case Number: United States District Court Case No. 01-07778 FMC (FMOx)

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Little recognized the distinguished life of George Adamson who recently passed away, his incredible amount of accomplishments, and considerable contributions to Pasadena.

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:47 p.m. in memory of George Adamson.

ATTEST:


Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk
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Bill Bogaard
Mayor