

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
March 8, 2004 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:38 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

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

Name of Case: Harry Brener v. City of Pasadena, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. GC029596

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 Councilmember Haderlein.

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 (Arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Councilmember Joyce Streater

Staff:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The Mayor announced the "Art Night Pasadena" program, a free event to be held on March 12, 2004, which will offer arts activities at twelve participating local cultural venues.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Kurt Thorgerson encouraged the City to invest in solar panels to generate electricity for profit.

Councilmember Madison arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Ms. Serena-Marie Sanfilippo, Pasadena resident, asked Council to support peer counseling.

Ms. Carolyn Naber, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the circumstances of a recent fatal traffic accident on Glen Oaks Boulevard; the need for safety measures to be installed for roads in the hillside area of North San Rafael Avenue, Patrician Way and Glen Oaks Boulevard; and the need to restrict heavy construction truck traffic on hillside roads. Ms. Naber submitted a letter outlining these concerns and requesting staff to study and recommend capital improvements/safety measures for this area.

The City Manager indicated a report would be presented at the Council meeting of March 15, 2004 regarding a proposed construction moratorium in hillside areas, and staff would take immediate action to inspect for nonfunctioning streetlights in the area discussed by Ms. Naber. She also noted there was an ongoing investigation of the traffic accident.

Councilmember Madison asked staff to include Ms. Naber's letter with the moratorium report to Council.

The following persons also expressed concerns regarding the need to address traffic safety measures and to restrict oversized vehicles in the area described by Ms. Naber:

Mr. Dan Sheehan, Pasadena resident

Mr. Bruce Gabala, Safety & Open Space First-Pasadena (SOS First-Pasadena) representative, displayed an enlarged photograph of the roads in question.

Mr. Norman Parker, Linda Vista Annandale Neighborhood Association President

Mr. Roger Wolf, SOS First-Pasadena representative

Ms. Tricia Stadnyk, Pasadena resident, objected to the City's ordinance regarding the possession of grocery carts that have been removed from business premises, expressed concerns regarding General Relief checks, discussed a need for Section 8 housing, and requested police assistance related to problems with a drug dealer.

The City Manager indicated staff would contact Ms. Stadnyk regarding these issues.

Mr. Barry Poole, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union No. 18 (IBEW) representative, expressed concerns regarding IBEW's current labor negotiations with the City, and submitted a letter detailing these concerns.

The City Manager indicated staff would respond to the IBEW letter using the directions given by Council for the labor negotiations and would inform Council based on the contents of the IBEW letter once it was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF CITY OF PASADENA'S WITHDRAWAL FROM PROJECT D.A.Y. (DIVERSION ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUTH) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (Councilmember Madison) *(Pending motion by Councilmember Little that the City of Pasadena withdraw from the Joint Powers Authority and after December 31, 2003, stop the City's financial involvement.)*

Councilmember Madison, City representative for Project D.A.Y. Joint Powers Authority (JPA), reported Project D.A.Y. had dissolved; and updated Council regarding the transitioning of families out of the program, the status of the organization's financial circumstances, and the City's role as fiscal agent for the JPA. He discussed the JPA's remaining financial liabilities and possible responsibilities of each JPA member, suggested the financial liabilities be written off by the City as fiscal agent, and thanked staff for their work in clarifying Project D.A.Y.'s finances.

Mr. Jay Goldstone, Director of Finance Department, responded to questions.

The City Manager noted the financial losses connected with the JPA fund had not been presented to Council during the last budget process because of a staff oversight, indicated steps would be taken during the next budget process to ensure that Council was informed of similar outstanding funds, supported Councilmember Madison's suggestion to adjust the JPA losses during the City's next budget process, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Streater suggested the City Attorney protect the City's interests in future JPA agreements so that financial responsibilities are distributed equitably amongst the JPA members, and asked that a reporting process be implemented that informs Council of the status of the financial liabilities shared by agreements with other bodies.

Councilmember Gordo suggested the City also protect its interests when accepting the role as fiscal agent for a JPA by ensuring that audits are performed and Council is kept informed of the financial liability.

Vice Mayor Tyler stressed the need for Council to be alerted as funds are advanced and for a status report to be provided to the Finance Committee/Council.

The City Attorney confirmed that a JPA as a legal entity could dissolve itself.

Councilmember Madison thanked the City Attorney and Al Moses for their assistance and services provided during the dissolution process.

The City Manager and Mr. Goldstone agreed to modify the reporting process for these types of liabilities to ensure that Council is aware of the status of the financial transactions.

Councilmember Little withdrew his pending motion regarding the Joint Powers Authority.

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Little, to take no further action on this matter and take the necessary steps to withdraw from the Joint Powers Authority, and to direct staff to account for the financial shortfall through the City's budget process. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

The Mayor thanked Councilmembers Madison and Little for their time and efforts in connection with the JPA.

Councilmember Madison indicated he would inform the members of the JPA of Council's action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Haderlein was excused at 7:24 p.m.

CONTRACT AWARD TO NIKOLA CORPORATION FOR THE LAGUNA ROAD TRUNK SEWER - PHASE 3, HILLSIDE TERRACE TO 360 FEET NORTHWEST OF SAN RAFAEL AVENUE, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$193,000

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Accept the bid dated February 25, 2004, submitted by Nikola Corporation in response to the Specifications for Laguna Road Trunk Sewer - Phase 3, Hillside Terrace to 360 feet northwest of San Rafael Avenue; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required.

(2) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1984 in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301(b) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor expansion of sewerage system with no expansion of use) pursuant to 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. 18,448)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AMERIPRIDE UNIFORM SERVICES TO SUPPLY UNIFORMS TO CITY EMPLOYEES - CITYWIDE

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Accept the bid dated February 3, 2004, submitted by AmeriPride Uniform Services to supply uniforms to City employees;

(2) Reject all other bids; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract, with two optional one-year extensions, subject to the approval of the City Manager and without further City Council

approval, with AmeriPride Uniform Services. The contract shall not exceed \$125,000 annually. (Contract No. 18,449)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DESIGN SPACE MODULAR BUILDINGS FOR MODULAR TRAILERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$595,285

Recommendation of City Manager: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Design Space Modular Buildings, in an amount not to exceed \$595,285, for the three-year lease of approximately 13,000 square feet of modular trailers required for interim space due to the City Hall Seismic Retrofit Project. (Contract No. 18,450)

Item discussed separately at the request of Vice Mayor Tyler.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING FROM THE PARK BOND ACT OF 1996 (PROPOSITION A) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,668 FOR THE ALLENDALE PARK LIGHTING PROJECT

MINUTES APPROVED

February 9, 2004
February 11, 2004 (Special Joint Meeting)
February 16, 2004 (Cancelled)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 9495	Michele Quigley	\$	100.00
Claim No. 9496	Geselle L. Bailey		2,500.00
Claim No. 9497	Guillermo Zamora, Jr.		Unknown
Claim No. 9498	Debra Mercer		Unknown
Claim No. 9499	Wendy Robinson		300,000.00
Claim No. 9500	Nathan E. Bryan		85.60

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

April 5, 2004, 8:00 p.m. - South Lake Annual Plan
April 19, 2004, 8:00 p.m. - General Fee Schedule

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 4 (Grant Funding for Allendale Park Lighting Project), which was discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Haderlein)

CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING FROM THE PARK BOND ACT OF 1996 (PROPOSITION A) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,668 FOR THE ALLENDALE PARK LIGHTING PROJECT

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution to the County of Los Angeles Regional Parks and Open Space District Grant Program seeking funding from the Park Bond Act of 1996 (Proposition A) in the amount of \$24,668 for the Allendale Park Lighting Project. (Resolution No. 8330)

Recommendation of Recreation and Parks Commission: At

their regular meeting on June 3, 2004, the Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously concurred with staff's recommendation to submit an application to the County of Los Angeles Regional Parks and Open Space District Grant Program for funding from the Park Bond Act of 1996 (Proposition A) for \$24,668.

Ms. Kathy Woods, Administrator, responded to questions regarding the lighting project.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

Councilmember Haderlein returned at 7:28 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO PUSD/CITY PRIMARY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Mayor proposed Councilmembers Gordo and Holden as appointees to the above Committee.

Councilmember Little expressed concerns with the language in the New Schools Better Neighborhoods memo dated March 1, 2004, and questioned if Committee members would be restricted in the scope of their work and limited in their participation in the decision-making process to choose a school site.

Following discussion, the Mayor affirmed that Council representatives should feel free to raise any issues, questions, or concerns they might have regarding potential primary center sites.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Little, to appoint Councilmembers Gordo and Holden as representatives on the PUSD/City Primary Center Advisory Committee. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

APPOINTMENT OF MAURA J. HARRINGTON TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)

RESIGNATION OF JEFF HART FROM THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY (Hotel Nomination)

RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL HURLEY FROM THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Streator, to approve the above appointment and accept the above two resignations with regrets. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 7:34 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m. (Absent: None)

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE

**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 12,651 BETWEEN
AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION AND THE ROSE BOWL
OPERATING COMPANY (RBOC)**

Recommendation of Rose Bowl Operating Company: It is recommended that the City Council authorize an amendment to Agreement No. 12,651 between American Golf Corporation (AGC) and the RBOC which:

1. Modifies the formula for contribution to the Golf Course Capital Improvement Fund from the current \$1 per round to 4% of total golf course revenues.
2. Revises the standards set forth in the Course Maintenance, Performance Requirements and Golf Course Operations sections of the current agreement to equal the standards applied at specific "higher end" municipal courses.
3. Modifies the current Fee Schedule for years 2004 through 2006 to include:
 - a. Revision of fees annually over the next 3 years (see Attachment B of the agenda report).
 - b. Revision of the Weekend Reservation Card Program (see Attachment D of the agenda report).
 - c. Establishment of a Non-resident Discount Program during non-prime times.
 - d. Revision of recognized Holidays (see Attachment D of agenda report). (Agreement No. 12,651-7)

Recommendation of Recreation and Parks Commission: At the special meeting of February 13, 2004, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted 6-1 to support the Rose Bowl Operating Company's recommendation to amend Agreement No. 12,651 between American Golf Corporation and the RBOC, and provided the following additional recommendations:

1. Residents are given the option of reserving tee times one day in advance of non-residents if they are willing to pay the non-resident fee,
2. A discounted rate to be established for golfers meeting low-income standards,
3. RBOC staff continues to work with the Recreation and Human Services Department to provide youth golf programs, and
4. Once new revenue sources are realized, golf course revenues currently used to support the Rose Bowl bonds should be used to support the City's recreation and parks program.

Councilmember Madison, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Darryl Dunn, Rose Bowl General Manager, highlighted the background for the recommended actions and responded to questions.

Mr. David Sams, Director of Golf Course Operations, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison outlined his objections to the disproportionate increases in residents' fees and concerns with golf clubs being treated on the same level as residents as this relates to fees, and suggested use of a price structure based on actual residency in the City.

MOTION

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Streater, to refer the report to the Economic Development and Technology Committee to refine the proposal, to mitigate the impact of rate increases on Pasadena residents, and to clarify how golf clubs should be treated.

Discussion followed regarding pricing structures for residents vs. non-residents and various discount rates offered, tracking golf course usage, services provided by the golf clubs, development of a junior golf program, funding for the capital improvement program, and the need for additional review of various fee structure issues by the Economic Development and Technology Committee.

Councilmember Streater suggested any further review by the Committee include the development of a plan for a youth golf program describing the responsibilities and relationships of all parties and costs of the program, and also address the cost structure issues for Pasadena-based non-profit tournaments vs. golf-club sponsored tournaments.

The Mayor suggested the youth golf issue could be separated for review and return within 60 days.

Mr. Bruce Bailey, Pasadena resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed golf course fees and in support of additional review of the fee increases by a committee.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Following additional discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Little, to refer the narrow issue of club discount fees to the Economic Development and Technology Committee for additional review, and to approve the remaining Rose Bowl Operating Company recommendations, with the understanding that the Committee will review the relationship of club fees, recognition of the disparity between non-profits and what the clubs are receiving in discounts, and a youth activities component, with a report to

come through the Committee to Council within 60 days.
(Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Holden acknowledged his father, former Los Angeles City Councilmember Nate Holden, who was in the audience.

Mr. Nate Holden complimented Council on their good work being performed for the City and praised the City.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED APPEAL: APPEAL OF DESIGN COMMISSION DECISION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CONCEPT DESIGN APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-STORY MIXED-USE PROJECT AT 250 SOUTH DE LACEY AVENUE

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Acknowledge that there are no native, landmark or specimen trees on the site. As stated in the Initial Study, "there were a number of large trees on the subject site. Recently, these trees were cut down to make way for the proposed mixed-use project. At the time the trees were cut down, none of the trees were on the City's list of Native or Specimen trees. As such, there will be no locally designated trees that will be removed as a result of the project;"

(2) Affirm the decision of the Subdivision Committee that the initial environmental study concludes that the proposed project will not have any significant effects on the environment (Attachment E of the agenda report);

(3) Affirm the decision of the Subdivision Committee to adopt the Negative Declaration (Attachment F of the agenda report);

(4) Find that the project complies with the Citywide Design Principles in the Land Use Element of the General Plan; the West Gateway Specific Plan Design Guidelines; the Central District Design Guidelines; the Purposes of Design Review in Section 17.92.010 of the Zoning Code; and the Design Guidelines for Windows in Multi-unit Residential Projects if modified to comply with conditions of approval (Attachment A of the agenda report); and

(5) Affirm the decision of the Design Commission to approve the application for concept design approval with the conditions listed in Attachment A of the agenda report, and add a new Condition 9 as outlined in the supplemental City Manager's memorandum.

Recommendation of Design Commission: On January 12, 2004, the Design Commission considered the application for Concept Design Review. There were no negative public comments, and the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application. Although the staff report recommended a continuance because of seven design concerns, the Commission decided that these issues could be resolved by establishing appropriate conditions of approval and by tracking the progress of the project at a 50% review and a final design review. The Commission approved the Concept Design

Councilmember Holden was excused at 8:51 p.m.

subject to eight conditions of approval listed in Attachment A of the agenda report.

The Mayor introduced the agenda item and noted the appeal was being withdrawn.

Mr. Darrell Cozen, Planner, explained Condition No. 9, and responded to questions.

Mr. Sako Marcoosi, Alajajian Marcoosi Architects, Inc. representing the developer, responded to questions regarding the landscape and hardscape elements of the project.

The City Manager responded to questions.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, explained the rationale for the changes in the site plan.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Streater, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

During discussion, Vice Mayor Tyler voiced objection to the plan change that eliminated a large percentage of the landscaping element.

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to acknowledge withdrawal of the appeal and approve the City Manager's recommendation, including the new Condition No. 9. (Motion carried, with Vice Mayor Tyler objecting) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

Councilmember Gordo commended the architect and developer for working with staff and the appellant to reach an agreement.

Mr. Mike Balian, the developer, indicated he had agreed to reimburse the appellant for the appeal fees and had added landscaping features back into the project where possible.

Following discussion and on order of the Mayor, staff was directed to determine if a refund of the filing fees would be allowed and/or appropriate according to City policy and inform Council.

Councilmember Haderlein asked to be informed in the City Manager's green letter on the definition of "mixed-use" and any benefits that might be derived by the developer if the project is deemed "mixed-use."

The City Manager noted this would be discussed as part of the presentation to Council on the Zoning Code amendments scheduled for June/July 2004.

The Mayor noted the policy issue involving density bonuses connected to mixed-use projects should also be a part the Zoning Code discussion

PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS BY THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING FACILITY KNOWN AS PILGRIM TOWER NORTH

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that City Council hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority for multifamily rental housing facility known as Pilgrim Tower North in order for Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) to acquire the property. (Resolution No. 8331)

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on February 23, 2004 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no letters were received.

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, summarized the agenda report.

Councilmember Haderlein was excused at 9:16 p.m.

Mr. Richard Washington, Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) representative, explained the delay in receiving funding from Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the increase and scope in the funding request, and the neutral effect this action will have on the residents' rents.

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Haderlein, Holden)

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Councilmember Little, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Haderlein, Holden)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT, QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

Recommendation of City Manager: This item is for information purposes only.

Councilmember Haderlein returned at 9:18 p.m. and Councilmember Streator was excused at 9:18 p.m.

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced the agenda item and thanked the City Treasurer for the good work performed in regards to the City's investments.

Mr. Vic Erganian, Treasurer, highlighted the agenda report and responded to questions.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher amending seven projects in the Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Improvement Program as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report. (Journal Voucher No. 2004-27)

Councilmember Little summarized the agenda report.

Mr. Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, responded to questions regarding the crosswalk demonstration project and park walkway replacement projects.

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

RECOGNITION AND APPROPRIATION OF \$503,462 IN ANTI-TERRORISM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TERRORISM RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

Recommendation of City Manager: Approve a journal voucher recognizing \$503,462 in anti-terrorism grant funds and appropriating these funds to the Fire Department FY2004 Operating Budget Account No. 230-361000 for the purchase of terrorism response equipment. (Journal Voucher No. 2004-28)

Councilmember Little introduced the agenda item.

Fire Chief Ernie Mitchell summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the City Manager's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Streator)

The City Manager, Mayor, and members of the Council complimented the Chief on his contributions to the City during his tenure and wished him well in his new retirement endeavors.

Councilmember Streator returned at 9:32 p.m.

The Chief expressed appreciation to the Council, City Manager, and City for their support.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Tyler reported the regular schedule of the Municipal Services Committee had been changed to meet once a month on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

AMENDMENTS TO THE MASTER STREET TREE PLAN

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council approve the following changes to the Master Street Tree Plan:

(1) Fair Oaks Median Island - Amend the plan to allow for the alternate species of *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu Tree, for planting in both the North Fair Oaks median islands (between Holly Street and Walnut Avenue) and the South Fair Oaks median island (located between Columbia Street and State Street).

(2) South Hudson between California Boulevard and Arden Road - Amend the plan to substitute the *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore Tree, for the *Calocedrus decurrens*, Incense Cedar Tree.

Recommendation of Design Commission: The Design Commission reviewed and approved the staff recommendation at their regular meeting on February 9, 2004.

Recommendation of Urban Forestry Advisory Committee: The Urban Forestry Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the staff recommendation for the Fair Oaks Median Island at their regular meeting on January 21, 2004. The Committee reviewed and approved the staff recommendation for South Hudson at their regular meeting of November 19, 2004.

Ms. Kathy Woods, Administrator, reviewed the agenda report

Ms. Jan Muntz, Pasadena Beautiful representative, discussed a tree-planting project for South Fair Oaks Boulevard which will be coordinated with the Raymond Restaurant, citizen volunteers, and City staff.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES FOR THE LOWER ARROYO
MASTER PLAN AND THE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED
PARK MASTER PLAN**

Recommendation of City Manager: This report is presented for information only.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item and responded to questions.

Mr. Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, indicated these summaries would initially be distributed to the public at libraries, neighborhood meetings, and public gatherings, and would be available on the internet.

Ms. Rosa Laveaga, Arroyo Seco Park Supervisor, provided an update of the changes in the area that will have limited use by the archers, and discussed the guiding principles and goals set out in the summaries that related to future plans for the flood channel.

The City Manager noted funding issues would be addressed in the Capital Improvements budget.

Councilmember Little asked that a report on the scoping of the Open Space Element of the General Plan be presented to the Public Safety Committee/Council for comments.

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

MID-YEAR PROJECT PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAMS, HUMAN SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND (HSEF) 2003-2004 PROGRAM YEAR (PY) AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) PROGRAM

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

Advisory Bodies: This assessment was presented as an information item to the Northwest Commission on Tuesday, February 23, 2004 and to the Human Services Commission on Monday, March 1, 2004.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item.

Ms. Eunice Gray, Project Planner, and Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, responded to questions.

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

SCHEDULE FOR REPORTING BACK TO COUNCIL ON QUESTIONS/ISSUES RAISED REGARDING SECOND UNITS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS (Oral Report)

The City Manager indicated staff was researching six issues posed by Council and would present a report at a public hearing to be scheduled for April 19, 2004.

Councilmember Little suggested the hearing be scheduled early in the evening to accommodate the public.

Councilmember Madison was excused at 9:57 p.m.

The Mayor noted a time of 7:00-7:30 p.m. could probably be arranged, and the City Clerk would notice the public hearing.

STATE ROUTE 710 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Recommendation of City Manager: This report is for information only.

Councilmember Streator was excused at 10:00 p.m.

The City Manager summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

Ms. Joyce Amerson, Director of Transportation Department, highlighted the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) position regarding the 710 Freeway project and responded to questions.

Brief discussion followed regarding the tunnel study, truck traffic, and the distribution of funding for various projects.

Councilmember Little encouraged staff to continue to press the point of thoroughly examining impacts on the City's surface streets caused by the 710 project.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Tyler asked when Council would be provided with the requested report or workshop on how traffic studies are performed. He reiterated that the report should assist Council in understanding the process in terms of determining the cumulative effect of new projects on traffic, and that it would be helpful if staff would provide an example of a project and walk Council through the process.

The City Manager indicated staff had planned on working with the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) to review the traffic study process and how cumulative impacts are determined, and on developing recommendations for changing the process that could be presented to Council for consideration.

Councilmember Haderlein indicated he was interested in how staff analyzed traffic data to determine the impact of projects on traffic, and would prefer a report be presented to Council for comments before the matter was sent to TAC.

Councilmember Gordo suggested the presentation assist Council to understand how cumulative impacts are measured and how those calculations are derived, with the goal of forecasting growth and mitigation needs when assessing projects in the future.

The Mayor noted that the report should include a discussion of the fair share assessment issue discussed at the last Council meeting and a process for anticipating and mitigating impacts

resulting from growth/development, and requested staff to incorporate Council suggestions into the scope of the presentation to Council.

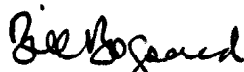
PUBLIC COMMENT

(Continued)

Ms. Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the impact of the Aquatic Center program on student instructional time, and problems that arise for the public when agenda items are taken out of order.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:18 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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