

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
December 13, 2004 - 5:30 P.M.
Pasadena Senior Center, Multi-purpose Room
85 East Holly Street

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 5:45 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 5:45 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 525 S. Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena, CA 91105,
Assessor's Parcel No. 5722-008-013
Pasadena City Negotiators: Richard Bruckner and Martin Pastucha
Negotiating Parties: John R. Anderson IV and Temo Garcia
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 160 N. Lake Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101,
Assessor's Parcel No. 5738-007-042
Pasadena City Negotiators: Richard Bruckner and Martin Pastucha
Negotiating Parties: Tufeld Corporation
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The above closed sessions were discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 6:30 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 (Arrived 6:37 p.m.)
Councilmember Joyce Streater

Staff:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Channa Arviso, as Northwest Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Streater was excused at 6:35 p.m.

PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REVISIONS

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Approve the proposed speed limit revisions on several City streets as detailed in the background section of the agenda report;
- (2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Chapter 10.48 of the Pasadena Municipal Code in order to reflect the revisions to be presented to the City Council for first reading within 90 days; and
- (3) Acknowledge that the proposed revision to existing speed limits is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15301, Existing Facilities, of the CEQA Guidelines, and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption therefor with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY RESOLUTION RELATING TO SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR POLICE LIEUTENANTS AND POLICE COMMANDERS

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Adopt a resolution amending the Salary Resolution to adjust control rates for the classifications of Police Lieutenant, Police Commander, and Police Commander (Non-Sworn) to the 75th percentile effective July 5, 2004; increase the Deputy Chief assignment pay to up to 12% of base salary; increase the number of earned unused vacation that may be cashed out annually to 70 hours; and increase the annual tuition reimbursement allowance to \$1,000. (Resolution No. 8426)
- (2) Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$150,305 from the Personnel Reserves to the Police Department FY 2005 Operating Budget. (Journal Voucher No. 2005-32)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 9715	Virginia Lance	\$ 1,200,000.00+
Claim No. 9716	Marie Williams	Not stated
Claim No. 9717	Andrea Laura Zamparelli	Not stated
Claim No. 9718	Avis Rent-A-Car by Anne Fields	7,727.19
Claim No. 9719	Jo Holder	Not stated
Claim No. 9720	Nick Vagenas	245.00
Claim No. 9721	Matthew S. Lucas	900.00

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

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AMENDMENT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FY 2005 OPERATING BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY RESOLUTION

ITEM HELD

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, noted that Committee members had requested additional information from staff regarding this item for its next meeting in January, 2005, and stated once the Committee had reviewed the new information, the matter would be forwarded to City Council for action.

Councilmember Madison arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Councilmember Streator returned at 6:38 p.m.

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF PASADENA AND PASADENA COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 649 N. FAIR OAKS AVENUE, SUITE 201 (RENAISSANCE PLAZA)

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Approve the terms and conditions, as generally described in the agenda report and authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement and any other documents necessary to carry out this transaction. (Contract No. 18,731)

(2) Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$8,538 from the General Fund unappropriated fund balance to Budget Account No. 101-141000. (Journal Voucher No. 2005-33)

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

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Approve a journal voucher amending 24 projects in the Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Improvement Program as detailed on Attachment A of the agenda report; (Journal Voucher No. 2005-34)

(2) Recognize and appropriate a Proposition 12 - Forestry and Fire Protection grant in the amount of \$49,813 to the Tree Replacement/Planting (78933) project; and

(3) Recognize the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation grant of \$247,329 and appropriate \$123,704 to the Tree Replacement/Planting (78933) project and \$123,625 to the Habitat Restoration in the Central Arroyo Seco (77372) project.

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

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

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Councilmember Little, representative on the Los Angeles to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority Board, reported on recent activities of the Board, including the appointment of Habib L. Balian as the Chief Executive Officer, the appointments of Al Leiga and Vivian Bonzo as President and Vice President of the Board, respectively, for the coming year. He also presented a check from the Authority in the amount \$2,250,000 to the City Manager, noting the Authority had approved the distribution of surplus funds to the City to be used for Gold Line enhancements.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY HARRISON TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (District 2 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF HARDEN ALONZO CARTER TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY (City/Districts 3 & 6 Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the above appointments (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

Conduct first reading of "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 (NORMANDIE HEIGHTS LANDMARK OVERLAY DISTRICT)

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

AYES: Councilmember Gordo, Haderlein, Holden, Little, Madison, Streater, Vice Mayor Tyler, Mayor Bogaard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 6:45 p.m.

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 7:25 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Haderlein)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darlene Matthews, Pasadena resident, spoke on her homeless situation, and lack of assistance in finding housing and medical care.

Councilmember Haderlein returned at 7:28 p.m.

The Mayor expressed concern for her situation and asked staff to intervene on her behalf with Passageways.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

Continued

Councilmember Madison recused himself at 7:37 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR THE ARROYO PARKWAY STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (Councilmember Gordo)

Mayor Bogaard reviewed the Council's past action of November 15, 2004.

Councilmember Gordo outlined his reasons for asking the Council to reconsider its previous decision. He noted his concern was whether or not Council received adequate advice from the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) with respect to the mobility elements of the project, specifically spacing and intensity of the lighting, proposed transit-oriented developments in the area, and crosswalk/pedestrian elements. He urged Councilmembers to support his request to refer the project back to the Commission for more in-depth review with respect to the mobility aspects only, not project design.

At the request of Councilmember Holden, the City Manager gave a brief overview of the process followed in presenting the project to various committees, commissions and ultimately the City Council.

In response to questions from Mayor Bogaard and Councilmember Little, the City Manager indicated the Design Commission would be reviewing the project at 50% design completion and again at 100% design completion.

Carolyn Naber and Juan Carlos Velasquez, Transportation Advisory Commission members, read a letter submitted to the Council from the Commission chair, Richard Quirk, asking for the project to be referred back to the Commission for additional review.

Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage, spoke in support of sending the project back to TAC.

Vice Mayor Tyler expressed his support to Councilmember Gordo's request, and noted he would welcome comments from TAC with respect to the project's safety issues: posted speed limits, on-street parking requirements, crosswalk configuration, and flood lighting of the trees canopy.

Councilmember Little voiced his opposition to the reconsideration, and expressed concern that referring this project back to TAC would create a precedent for similar streetscape projects in the future.

Councilmember Haderlein expressed his support for referring the project to TAC, noting he would be more comfortable going forward with the plan knowing the Commission had reviewed and approved the mobility elements of the plan.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to refer the transportation, safety, and pedestrian transit aspects of the project to the Transportation Advisory Commission for review and return to the City Council by January 24, 2005, with its comments and recommendations.

Vote on the motion:

AYES: Councilmember Gordo, Haderlein, Vice Mayor Tyler, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: Councilmember Holden, Little, Streater

ABSENT: Councilmember Madison

(Motion failed)

**JOINT MEETING -
PASADENA CENTER
OPERATING COMPANY**

Councilmember Madison returned at 8:20 p.m.

Councilmember Madison was excused at 8:28 p.m.

The Mayor opened the joint meeting and welcomed members of the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) and staff.

Councilmember Madison, City Council's representative to PCOC, offered introductory remarks, and noted PCOC has been working on the proposed expansion for the past four years, following a careful, methodical process to ensure that the recommendations brought to City Council were in the best interests of the City. He expressed regret that he had to excuse himself to catch a flight to Florida on a business-related case.

CONFERENCE CENTER PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Anne-Marie Villicana, PCOC Vice President, thanked the Mayor and members of the Council for their continuing support of the Operating Company, and introduced two new Board members: Todd Iacono, General Manager of the Hilton Hotel, and Keri Robinson, General Manager of the Westin Hotel. She also introduced members of the design team, Michael McCalpine from DMJM, Kurt Fentress and Mike Winters from Fentress Bradburn Architects.

Vice President Villicana briefly outlined the history of the expansion project over the last year, noting tonight's presentation is a product of extensive community outreach and discussion with City staff. She then introduced Roger Smith, Chief Executive Officer, to present an industry update.

Pasadena Center Operating Company Annual Update on Activities at the Pasadena Center

Mr. Roger Smith, discussed the challenges facing travel and tourism in the country, and noted Pasadena continues to outperform the industry, with an average hotel occupancy at 75% for the year and increased Transient Occupancy Tax collections of 7.5%, because it is reliant on short-term transient business and airline crews which have an annual contract with Pasadena hotels. He stated, however, the lack of competitive convention facilities continues to negatively

impact the ability to attract high valued conventions, noting last fiscal year the Center lost thirteen events representing 35,000 room night and approximately \$9 million in economic impact for the City.

Pasadena Center Operating Company Update on the Proposed Expansion Project at the Pasadena Center

Mr. Jamey Canfield, Executive Director of the Conference Center, presented an expansion activities update, including the financial viability of the project, exterior design concept, and community outreach/town hall meetings. He noted the design development has been completed as well as the Environmental Impact Report.

Mr. Canfield also summarized the schedule for the expansion project, noting the design review process will begin in January, 2005 with a target date of April for completion of the process; a projected bid opening of November 2005, with final presentation of the project to City Council in December, with construction to begin in January, 2006 and completion of the project in mid-2008.

Mr. Kurt Fentress and Mr. Mike Winters of Fentress Bradburn architectural firm, updated the Council on the architectural aspects of the project and the design development process, and responded to questions.

Discussion followed among Councilmembers regarding the design review process and the role of the Design Commission. The City Manager noted the ultimate approval of the design rests with the City Council, noting this is a major public building project.

Sue Mossman, Pasadena Heritage Executive Director, spoke in support of the project and approval of the Environmental Impact Report.

Councilmember Little asked the architects to provide a rendering of the view north from the Civic Auditorium through the Paseo to the Public Library.

Following further discussion, staff was asked to keep the Council advised of advisory body reviews of this project and the Mayor indicated his desire for the Design Commission to schedule its discussion of this project at a meeting time other than Monday nights, so interested Councilmembers can attend.

Pasadena Center Operating Company's Endorsement of the Final Environmental Impact Report on the Conference Center Expansion Project and Recommendation to the City Council for Certification

It was moved by Board member Deadrick, seconded by Board member Seifert, to endorse the Final Environmental Impact Report and recommend it to the City Council for endorsement. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Members Halferty, Madison, Serafin)

**PASADENA CONFERENCE CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Certify the adequacy of the Pasadena Conference Center Expansion Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR);
- (2) Approve the De Minimis Impact Finding on the State Fish and Wildlife Habitat; and
- (3) Direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

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

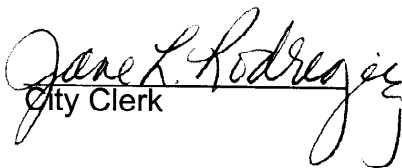
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9: 50 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk