

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
April 18, 2005 – 6:00 P.M.
Pasadena Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room
85 East Holly Street

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the special meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by three Civics class students attending La Salle High School.

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 Kurtz
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
Acting Deputy City Clerk Kathy Vandervort

GOLD LINE PHASE II GOVERNANCE: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RELATING TO BOTH PROPOSED LEGISLATION INCREASING THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BOARD TO SEVEN, AND TO A NON-LEGISLATIVE CHANGE IN THE EXISTING COMPOSITION OF THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY; AND CLARIFICATION OF TIMING OF TRANSITION IN PASADENA REPRESENTATION ON THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

Recommendation of Mayor: It is recommended that (i) the City Council adopt a resolution supporting proposed legislation to increase the membership on the Construction Authority Board from five to seven persons and approving a non-legislative modification of the existing composition of Construction Authority, which would take effect in the near future; and that (ii) the Council clarify, in consultation with Councilmember Paul Little, the timing of a transition in Pasadena representation on the Construction Authority.

The Mayor noted a procedural question had been raised concerning the reasoning for placing the above item on an agenda that had been originally dedicated to the closed session discussion of National Football League negotiations, due to cancellation of the regular Council meeting. He discussed recent conversations with Congressional

Representatives David Dreier and Adam Schiff regarding the leadership role they saw the City of Pasadena playing in resolving the ongoing dispute between stakeholders in the San Gabriel Valley regarding governance issues involved with the Gold Line – Phase II extension project, increasing pressure to resolve the governance issues related to the Phase II Project, and timing factors involved in placing the item on the agenda at this time.

The Mayor also noted a procedural question had been raised regarding the decision to not televise the special meeting, explained the logistical and financial factors in this decision, and pointed out that the meeting would be audio taped for the record.

Councilmember Holden expressed support for televising a meeting on this item based on the importance of the topic and having a televised record of the discussion, and for providing the opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the discussion at a regular Council meeting.

The Mayor indicated that action to be taken at this meeting would involve approval in principle of the report's recommendations, with work to be done at a future date on any legislation with the participation of the Phase II Project stakeholders. He outlined his understanding of the current positions of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) and the Phase II Joint Powers Authority (JPA) on the approaches contained in the agenda report, reported on a presentation of the information contained in the report to the JPA, and reviewed the ongoing dialogue between the principal bodies regarding these governance issues.

Councilmember Holden expressed concern regarding the lack of prior Council discussion on the governance issues, and indicated he was not comfortable in voting at this time on conceptual approval of an approach that would alter the City's role to a non-voting position.

Vice Mayor Tyler, representative on SGVCOG, expressed concerns regarding the need to take action on the governance issues in order to move the project forward and gain funding.

Discussion followed on concerns regarding the need to move forward in resolving Phase II governance issues, the status of the JPA, the City's leadership role on Phase II governance issues, the status of formal positions taken by Phase II stakeholders, the proposed legislative and non-legislative approaches offered in the report, and the City's participation on the Construction Authority Board.

The Mayor reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions. He confirmed Councilmember Little's resignation from the Construction Authority as stated in Mr. Little's letter dated April 15, 2005, which had been distributed.

Councilmember Little suggested consideration be given to an approach in which the JPA would provide Construction Authority representation for Phase II cities based on cities located in the Eastern, Middle, and Western areas of the Phase II extension. In response to this suggestion, Councilmembers noted this would ultimately be determined by the JPA.

MOTION

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Councilmember Little, to support, in concept, legislation increasing membership on the Construction Authority Board from five to seven persons, with the two new Board positions and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) Board position to be nominated by the Phase II Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to represent cities in the JPA membership, with support of this legislation being contingent upon no amendments being made that would in any way constrain the forward progress of the Phase II project. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Discussion continued on the City's role in the JPA, and the roles of the JPA, SGVCOG, and Construction Authority in the Phase II Project

Councilmember Little suggested consideration of a requirement that a member of the Construction Authority Board report to Council on a quarterly basis, and expressed concerns regarding the impacts of the proposed changes in governance on the Phase II project.

Mr. David Margrave, South Pasadena representative on the Construction Authority Board, thanked Councilmember Little for his contributions to the Board and the Blue (Gold) Line project, commented on Phase II governance issues, and cautioned the cities of South Pasadena and Pasadena on the need to ensure participation/representation by these cities throughout the completion of the Phase II project.

Councilmember Gordo thanked Councilmember Little for his years of service on the Construction Authority Board.

MOTION

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by Vice Mayor Tyler, to approve, in concept, a plan in which the Phase II Joint Powers Authority (JPA) would identify three of its members who would then be appointed to the Construction Authority Board respectively by Pasadena, South Pasadena, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), with the arrangement to run for a one-year period

only and contingent on the JPA finalizing its structure. (Motion carried, with Councilmember Little objecting and Councilmember Holden abstaining) (Absent: None)

RECESS

The City Manager outlined the process for public discussion of the NFL proposal and use of the Rose Bowl.

On order of the Mayor, the City Council recessed at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the following closed session:

Councilmember Little was excused at 7:15 p.m.

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

Property: Rose Bowl Stadium and surrounding parking areas

Agency Negotiators: Cynthia Kurtz, Darryl Dunn, and Jay Goldstone

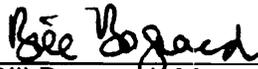
Negotiating Party: National Football League

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:26 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk