

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
February 27, 2006 – 5:30 P.M.  
Pasadena Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room  
85 East Holly Street

**REGULAR MEETING**

**OPENING:**

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Vice Mayor Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

Councilmember Holden arrived at 5:51 p.m.

Vice Mayor Madison arrived at 6:02 p.m.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
**Name of Case:** Patrick Briggs, Mary Gavel v. City of Pasadena

**Case No.:** United States District Court, No. CV05-6747 FMC

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

Councilmember Gordo arrived at 6:12 p.m.

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

**Property:** A part of AP No. 5432-02-907 Pasadena, California

**Agency Negotiator:** Cynthia J. Kurtz

**Negotiating Parties:** Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

**Under Negotiation:** Price and terms of payment

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:38 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Madison. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Pasadena Police Officer Kyle Ballard who died on February 24, 2006. The Mayor announced that a memorial service for Officer Ballard will take place on March 3, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

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

## **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Floraline I. Stevens as Transportation Advisory Commissioner.

Steven Macala, Chair of the Human Relations Commission, and Meta McCullough, Human Relations Commissioner, recognized the winners of the Human Relations Commission Essay Contest, as follows:

Joseph Williams-Ridge, John Muir High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner receiving \$1,000  
Katherine Donnelly-Crocker, John Muir High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner receiving \$500  
Sarah Dianne Yell, John Muir High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner receiving \$250

Nat Nedar, Human Relations Commissioner, recognized Citi National Bank whose monetary donation of \$2,000 provided the prize money and increased the participation in this year's contest. Mr. Macala, Ms. McCullough, and Mr. Nedar also recognized the following students who received honorable mention in the contest and a \$50 prize:

Nereida Arteaga, Pasadena High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Jeffery Bennett, John Muir High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
MacKenzie Champlin, Pasadena High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
April A. Dela Vega, Marshall High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Pierre Jackson, John Muir High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Lisa Mann, John Muir High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Frances Martin, Marshall High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Gavin McRobbie, Pasadena High School, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Denise Robles, Marshall High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Christina Tucker, John Muir High School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Also recognized for their contributions to the contest was Ms. Mary Eyer, Department Head of the English Department at John Muir High School, and Dr. Daniel Webb, Principal of John Muir High School.

Councilmember Gordo congratulated all the participants and winners of the contest, and provided his own special recognition on behalf of his family to his cousin Nereida Arteaga for her achievement of being a recipient of an honorable mention award in the essay contest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
MATTERS NOT ON THE  
AGENDA**

Richard McDonald, Planning Commissioner, stated his concerns regarding the integrity of the approval process for the Environmental Impact Report of the Sares-Regis project, indicating that the discretionary approval process being utilized for the project was contrary to the direction given by the City Council at its January 10, 2005 meeting. He stated that the City Council directed that the project's EIR go through a compulsory approval process, which would require an initial public hearing and review by the Planning Commission, and a subsequent public hearing by the City Council for final review and approval.

The City Manager stated that the process for approval of the Sares-Regis project was originally presented as a Planned Development project due to a zone change request, and that following the January 10, 2005 Council meeting, the developer decided to remove the requested zone change element, which allowed staff to move the project forward through the discretionary approval process. The City Manager stated that City staff would meet with the City Attorney in order to determine if any legal issues exist and if additional action is necessary in order to disclose the change in the project's approval process.

Mr. McDonald clarified that the project's EIR states that it would be subject to a compulsory approval process, and that during the January 10, 2005 City Council meeting, due to its size, scope, complexity, and potential impact, the project was presented to the public as one warranting a full EIR review, along with a description of the compulsory approval process through the City's advisory commissions up to the City Council.

Vice Mayor Madison stated his support for the need of public disclosure regarding changes in the approval process for such an important and large-scale project. He also requested, with City Council consent, City staff provide a supplemental presentation regarding the changes to the Sares-Regis project, the impact of those changes, and why those changes occurred.

The City Manager agreed to provide a supplemental presentation that will outline the changes to the project and discuss the different review processes.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

- (1) Adopt a resolution that will approve renewal of the General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles.
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to sign said renewal on behalf of the City; and authorize the City Manager or her designee to request, as needed, various functions or services from the

County of Los Angeles in accordance with applicable City ordinances and policies.

The Agreement is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to Section 1002(H) of the City Charter (contracts with other governmental authorities). (Resolution No. 8565; Agreement No. 19,024)

**CONTRACT AWARD TO REPIPE - CALIFORNIA, INC. FOR SEWER RELINING ON GREEN STREET AND OTHER LOCATIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Accept the bid dated February 10, 2006 submitted by RePipe - California, Inc. for the Sewer Relining on Green Street and Other Locations, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required. (Contract No. 19,025)

**ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT NO. 18,801 WITH CONRAD AND ASSOCIATES, LLP TO MAYER HOFFMAN McCANN P.C.**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Authorize the City Manager to approve the assignment of Contract No. 18,801 with Conrad and Associates, LLP to Mayer Hoffman McCann, P.C. for financial audit services. (Contract No. 18,801)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

January 16, 2006 (Cancelled Meeting)  
January 23, 2006  
January 30, 2006  
February 6, 2006  
February 13, 2006 (Cancelled Meeting)  
February 20, 2006 (Cancelled Meeting)

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 10,024	Yuhparn Chang Wang	\$ Not Stated
Claim No. 10,025	Edmund Victor Fry	5,275.72
Claim No. 10,026	Connie White	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,027	SBC/Pacific Bell	9,000.00
Claim No. 10,028	Lan Fung Chan	3,066.88
Claim No. 10,029	Rodney W. Burgoyne	393.69
Claim No. 10,030	Juan Antonio Hernandez Maradiaga	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,031	Miguel Angel Palos	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,032	Daniel Singman and Samantha Richitelli	2,047.58
Claim No. 10,033	Nelson Munoz	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,034	Edward Louis Ray Romo, Jr.	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,035	Diane Blum	371.15
Claim No. 10,036	Luis Elias Cardenas	200.00
Claim No. 10,037	Shunji Ozaki	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,038	Alan Zanger	Not Stated

Claim No. 10,039	Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club subrogee for Suresh Bangara	2,453.05
Claim No. 10,040	John J. Gilligan	2,000.00

## PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

March 13, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - East Pasadena Specific Plan Amendment

March 20, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - Designation of 660 Elizabeth Street as a Landmark

March 20, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - Modifications to Amendment to Planned Development-11 (PD-11, Foothill Boulevard, Craig Avenue, and White Street District)

March 20, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - Designation of 539 North Los Robles as a Landmark

March 20, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - Designation of South Hudson Avenue as a Landmark District

The City Manager responded to questions regarding the Renewal of General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, gave a brief explanation regarding the reason for setting a public hearing for the East Pasadena Specific Plan Amendment, and provided information regarding the financial audit personnel being utilized in the assignment of Contract No. 18,801 with Conrad and Associates, LLP to Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Streater, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

## REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

## **CITY HALL SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT - APPROVAL OF CONTINGENCY ADJUSTMENTS AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR**

### Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Approve the allocation of \$234,507 from Project Contingency for unforeseen conditions and activities discovered during the retrofit of City Hall, thereby reducing the amount of Project Contingency from \$7,923,016 to \$7,688,509; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 3 to Contract No. 18,768-1 with Clark Construction Group - California, LP (Clark Construction), for increases in scope of work due to unforeseen conditions discovered during the retrofit of City Hall, thereby increasing the contract amount by \$234,507 from \$79,611,896 to \$79,846,403.

Recommendation of City Hall Restoration Oversight Committee: On February 8, 2006, the City Hall Restoration Oversight Committee reviewed and discussed the above topics

of contingency adjustments, General Contractor Change Order No. 3 and recommended the following: The Committee concurred that these changes are reasonable and consistent with ongoing construction activities of similar projects. The Committee recommended that the City Council authorize the allocation of \$234,507 from Project Contingency and increase Contract No. 18,768-1 with Clark Construction by \$234,507.

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced the item.

Dr. Paul Jennings, Chair of the City Hall Restoration Oversight Committee, summarized the report.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Haderlein was excused at 7:26 p.m.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH R. T. LARSEN, INC. TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR UTILITY STREET REPAIRS FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICATION WD-05-02 AND APPROVAL OF A JOURNAL VOUCHER AMENDING WATER MAIN DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

- (1) Accept the bid dated February 6, 2006 submitted by R. T. Larsen, Inc., in response to Specification WD-05-02 for providing labor and materials for Utility Street Repairs for Pasadena Water and Power;
- (2) Reject all other bids;
- (3) Authorize a contract between the City and R.T. Larsen, Inc. not to exceed \$3,000,000 for an initial term of two years with an option for two additional one-year terms; and
- (4) Approve a journal voucher appropriating \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated Water Fund balance to the Capital Improvement Program Budget, Project No. 1001 for additional expenses incurred from the construction and installation of water distribution main. (Contract No. 19,026; Journal Voucher No. 2006-37)

Councilmember Little summarized the agenda report.

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

Councilmember Haderlein  
returned at 7:28 p.m.

**QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT QUARTER ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** This report is for  
informational purposes only.

Councilmember Little introduced the item.

Vic Erganian, City Treasurer, summarized the agenda report.

Councilmember Streator commended staff for effectively  
managing the City's investments and providing an excellent  
and comprehensible report.

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

**ROSE BOWL ADMISSIONS TAX, GRANDSTAND SEAT  
SURCHARGE AND GRANDSTAND PERMIT APPLICATION  
ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Approve increases to  
the Rose Bowl admissions tax, grandstand seat surcharge, and  
grandstand permit application as set forth in the body of the  
agenda report, effective February 27, 2006.

Councilmember Little 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)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Councilmember Little was  
excused at 8:15 p.m.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 580  
NORTH LAKE AVENUE AS A LOCAL LANDMARK**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that  
the City Council continue the public hearing to April 10, 2006 at  
8:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by  
Councilmember Holden, to continue the public hearing to  
April 10, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried)  
(Absent: Councilmember Little)

**PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that  
the City Council continue the public hearing to March 6, 2006  
at 8:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Streator, seconded by  
Councilmember Holden, to continue the public hearing to  
March 6, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried)  
(Absent: Councilmember Little)

**PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE AMENDMENT TO MODIFY DENSITY BONUS PROVISIONS**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to March 6, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Streater, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to continue the public hearing to March 6, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Little)

**PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 361 ADENA STREET AS A LANDMARK**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

(1) Find that the circa 1890 house at 361 Adena Street does not meet the criteria for landmark designation in Section 17.62.040(B) of the Pasadena Municipal Code because it lacks architectural integrity due to substantial fire damage in the 1960s; and because evidence that the property has an important association with the lives of a person or persons who may have owned or occupied the house is inconclusive.

(2) Deny the application for designation of the property as a landmark.

**Recommendation of Historic Preservation Commission:** On November 7, 2005, the Historic Preservation Commission voted to recommend denial of the application for designation of 361 Adena Street as a landmark.

It was moved by Councilmember Streater, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to continue the public hearing to March 27, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Little)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

Councilmember Little returned at 8:25 p.m.

**SUPPORT PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PUSD) BY IMPLEMENTING PHASE I OF INITIATIVES DEVELOPED BY THE CITY/SCHOOL JOINT STUDIES OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TEAM**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to:

- (1) Negotiate with our Workers' Compensation third party administrator a contract amendment which will result in a savings to the City and the PUSD;
- (2) Provide City Real Estate and Advanced Planning services to PUSD for their future Real Estate and Planning needs at City's cost;
- (3) Enter into an annual agreement with PUSD to purchase fuel from the City of Pasadena utilizing our existing contract pricing;
- (4) Negotiate Lease of PUSD Property to City for storage of ARTS buses;
- (5) Enter into an annual agreement for use of PUSD school



- buses in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation;
- (6) Develop Bus Pass Program with ARTS buses;
  - (7) Design and Implement Madison Elementary School Park Project including re-appropriate unused funds from Audubon Project to Madison; and
  - (8) Design and Implement Willard Elementary School Park Project.

The City Manager introduced the item and summarized the agenda report. Lisa Fowler, Special Assistant to the City Manager, provided an overview of the recommendations to City Council and responded to questions.

Eva Lueck, PUSD Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, responded to questions regarding the anticipated level of real estate and advance planning services needed by PUSD and the potential impact to the City.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works, responded to questions regarding potential cost savings for including the fuel needs of PUSD as part of the total fuel amount contracted by the City.

Councilmember Streator commented on the proposed plan to lease PUSD property adjacent to John Muir High School for the storage of City ARTS buses, stating that land could best be utilized as a recreational park facility and that the agreement should be a temporary short-term parking solution and the property should be examined for its potential uses as a recreational facility.

Councilmember Streator requested additional information regarding the status of the inter-changeability of ARTS and METRO bus passes, stating that the initial concept was to allow students the ability to access both bus systems with one pass. She also requested that the ARTS student bus pass program be made available to all students on a wider scale than the current program. The City Manager responded that students with ARTS student bus passes can purchase transfers and use the transfers on the METRO bus system but stated that she would confirm the details of the bus riding program and she would also explore the possible expansion of the ARTS student bus passes to all students that wish to purchase.

Vice Mayor Madison requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission be provided with the plans and recommendations for the Madison and Willard Elementary School Park Projects.

Councilmember Streator asked that as part of the School Park Project at Willard Elementary School, the proposal to utilize the Southern California Edison property adjacent to the school

include the potential for parking school and ARTS buses underneath the power lines.

Councilmember Holden raised concerns regarding the utilization of both Madison and Willard Elementary Schools as public park sites because each site creates a perceived accessibility issue for the public due to the fencing needed to protect children during school hours.

Councilmember Tyler suggested that further cooperative efforts for emergency planning with PUSD be explored.

The following persons spoke in support of the City Manager's recommendation, and some speakers noted this is a good first step:

Mr. Rob Filback, representing Invest in Kids - One LA  
Ms. Oralia Garza de Cortes, Pasadena resident and representing Invest in Kids – One LA  
Mr. Peter Dreier, Pasadena resident  
Mr. Greg Spiegel, representing All Saints Church, One LA and partner organizations  
Ms. Anita Fromholtz, Pasadena resident  
Mr. Mark Persico, Pasadena resident  
Mr. George Brunder, Pasadena resident  
Mr. Mike Babcock, member of the Pasadena Board of Education  
Mr. Ed Honowitz, President, Pasadena Board of Education

Councilmember Haderlein suggested that consideration be given to expanding the Student Bus Pass Program to include not only all PUSD students, but also Pasadena residents. He also requested that staff utilize the Parks Master Plan during the implementation of the initiatives in order to understand the City's needs and identify the best uses for the additional recreation facilities.

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

## **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT**

**Recommendation of Task Force on Good Government:** It is recommended that the City Council:

(A) Concur with the Task Force on Good Government's proposed changes to the City Charter, Article XVII, Taxpayer Protection Act, as set forth in the "redline" text shown on Exhibit 1 of the agenda report to accomplish the following:

(1) **Non-profits** - The ban on receiving personal or campaign advantages should not apply to officers and directors

from 501 (c)(3), (4), and (6) organizations (other than officers and directors of political action committees or who control political action committees controlled by such organizations), except that disclosure of such persons would continue to be required. Section 1703 (b)(2).

(2) **Contracts with the City** - The TPA should be amended so that its provisions also cover persons who are bidding on or negotiating for contracts that are worth over \$25,000 except those who are bidding on or receiving low bid contracts. Section 1704 (c).

(3) **Contribution Limitations** - The TPA should be amended to apply contribution limits to Pasadena races: \$1,000 per election for City Council and \$2,000 per election for Mayor, adjusted for cost of living increases every two years, rounded off to the nearest \$100. Section 1706.5.

(4) **Ballot Measure Committees** - The TPA should also cover Pasadena public officials who raise money for local ballot measure committees that the official controls. Section 1703 (c) (3).

(5) **Outside Election Races** - The TPA should only apply to officials and candidates in city races and not elections outside of Pasadena. Section 1703 (c)(3).

(6) **Enforcement** - The City should authorize the City Attorney to bring criminal actions except in cases involving elected City officials in which case the City Attorney should refer the complaint to the L.A. County District Attorney's office. The current law that allows citizens to bring private civil actions should not be changed. Section 1707 (a) and (c).

(7) **Subpoena Power** - The TPA should give subpoena authority to the City Attorney and where referrals are made to it, the L.A. County District Attorney. Section 1707 (d).

(8) **Agencies Outside the City** - The TPA should only apply to Councilmembers or other City officials serving on outside boards as City representatives (e.g., the Burbank Airport Authority), if these other agencies have reporting requirements allowing compliance with the TPA. Section 1704 (b).

(9) **Thresholds** - The thresholds for determining which decisions should be affected by the TPA should be the same (over \$25,000) in most instances. The only exceptions would be the grant of a tax abatement, exception or benefit, which should remain at over \$5,000 in a twelve-month period and awarding of franchises worth over \$50,000 in gross receipts. The thresholds should be adjusted for cost of living increases every five years and rounded off to the nearest \$1,000. Section 1703 (a) (7) and (9).

(10) **Disclosure Implementation** - The files of the City listing those persons who would be prohibited from providing personal advantages to City officials who have made a decision benefiting them should be posted on the internet so that the records are available to the public in an easy-to-use and timely manner. Section 1705 (c).

(11) **Cumulation** - The TPA should eliminate the need

to cumulate public benefits in amounts under \$5,000 unless it is clear that the amounts will meet or exceed the thresholds. Section 1703 (a) (8).

(12) **Franchises** - The TPA should be clarified to require that the franchise has to be awarded by the City. Section 1703 (a) (4).

(B) It is further recommended that the City Council cause to be placed on the ballot at the next available city-wide election the Task Force on Good Government's proposed changes to the City Charter, Article XVII, Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

John Van de Kamp, Chair of the Task Force on Good Government, and consultant Steve Levin, Center for Governmental Studies, introduced the item, summarized the final report, provided an overview of the recommendations to City Council and responded to questions.

The Chair commended the City Attorney, City Clerk, and Consultant staff that was assigned to support and assist the Task Force in reviewing the Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

Responding to Councilmember Streator's request for reasons the Task Force was recommending campaign contribution limitations, the Chair stated that implementation of such a provision would limit the appearance of corruption and strengthen the public's confidence in the political process in Pasadena.

Consultant Levin provided information regarding the State's disclosure process and the method in determining if a Councilmember were in control of a ballot measure committee.

Councilmember Little suggested that language be crafted that would have the TPA apply evenly to all candidates by prohibiting companies or persons receiving a public benefit from contributing to any Councilmember or Mayoral campaign.

Vice Mayor Madison stated his concerns that the TPA is fundamentally flawed due to the constitutional legal issues surrounding the measure and that the City Council may have given the Task Force an impossible assignment.

Councilmember Haderlein  
was excused at 9:40 p.m.

Councilmember Gordo stated that the public is interested in full disclosure of political contributions made during elections and raised concerns that by implementing campaign contribution limits, political action committees may utilize independent expenditures as a means of bypassing the disclosure process and therefore, deny the transparency that the public desires. The Chair stated that the limits recommended by the Task Force are purposely set at a high level in order to encourage political participation through contributions while limiting the influence of money on the political process.

Councilmember Gordo also expressed concern that those individuals with abundant financial resources could independently fund a political campaign and, based on contribution limits, have an advantage over those candidates who required financial support through political contributions.

Councilmember Little was  
excused at 10:19 p.m.

Councilmember Holden raised the issue that the Task Force did not adhere to the charge given to it by the City Council, which related to the constitutional issues of the TPA, and by addressing campaign contribution limits, the Task Force was acting outside its purview. He stated his concerns that campaign contribution limits would further act as a deterrent to those with limited resources to seek public office in Pasadena. He stated for the record that examining the issue of campaign contribution limitations was a stretch of the Task Force's charge.

Carmen Balber, representing the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, spoke in favor of the recommendations presented to the City Council and commended the effort of the Task Force on Good Government.

In response to a question, Task Force Chair John Van de Kamp clarified that the proposed contribution limits would apply separately to the primary election and to the general election.

Councilmember Haderlein  
returned at 10:36 p.m.

Vice Mayor Madison suggested that the recommendations from the Task Force be agendized for further discussion at the March 6, 2006 City Council meeting. The City Attorney stated that the City Council would need to adopt the election resolutions at the March 6, 2006 meeting in order to meet the deadlines for the June 2006 ballot, and suggested that if the item were agendized for the March 6, 2006 meeting, then the City Council should direct the City Attorney to draft proposed language for the election resolutions.

Councilmember Little  
returned at 10:38 p.m.

Councilmember Streater stated her concerns regarding the lack of time needed to discuss the issues properly and, given that the TPA is currently being implemented by the City, she suggested that the City Council utilize additional time as an opportunity to review the recommendations of the Task Force, discuss the proposed changes, present new changes, and draft new language accordingly.

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to calendar this item for further Council discussion in the near future.

The Mayor and City Council expressed their gratitude to the Task Force members, the staff of the Center for Governmental Studies, and City staff for the hard work and dedication required to provide the recommendations to the Council.

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES**

**REPORTS FROM  
REPRESENTATIVES**

**ORAL STATUS REPORT FROM CITY'S APPOINTEE ON  
THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
GOVERNING BOARD (Councilmember Tyler)**

Councilmember Tyler provided a status report regarding recent legal issues surrounding the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG).

Following concerns stated by Vice Mayor Madison, Councilmember Streater requested that the City Attorney's Office examine the COG's financial issues and the potential legal and liabilities issues that may pertain to the City, if any.

Councilmember Little expressed his concerns regarding the COG's handling of the situation and the need for future potential changes to the relationship that the City of Pasadena has with the organization. He requested that the City Council continue to be apprised of the situation in order to determine if future changes are needed.

It was noted that an update report will be provided to the Council within approximately one month.

Councilmember Streater reported, pursuant to the requirements of AB 1234, that she attended on behalf of the City a joint sponsored seminar of the Independent Cities Association and the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association on February 17-19, 2006 to discuss issues in working together during emergencies.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
OFFICERS AND  
DEPARTMENTS**

**SUPPORT FOR AN INITIATIVE TO CLOSE THE  
PROPOSITION 42 "LOOPHOLE" THEREBY SECURING  
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

- (1) Adopt a resolution to support a measure to secure local transportation funding; and
- (2) Authorize the Mayor to send correspondence to the appropriate authorities stating Pasadena's position. (Resolution No. 8566)

The City Manager summarized the agenda report.

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

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 11:09 p.m. to the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission.

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at 11:10 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Streater)

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Madison reported that he attended a luncheon with Police Chief Melekian, Fire Chief Downs, Maurice Suh, Deputy Mayor for the City of Los Angeles, and Tom O'Brien, Chief of the Criminal Division for the U.S. Attorney's Office, to discuss Homeland Security issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

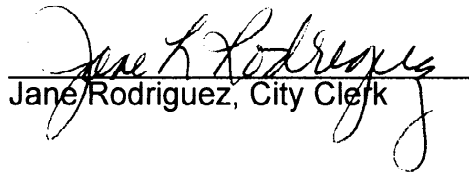
On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:13 p.m.



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Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
Jane Rodriguez, City Clerk