

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
March 13, 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 5:30 p.m. (Absent: Councilmembers Holden, Streator, Vice Mayor Madison)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

Vice Mayor Madison arrived at 6:08 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): One potential case

Councilmember Holden arrived at 6:14 p.m.

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Haderlein.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Madison
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Paul Little
Councilmember Joyce Streator (Absent)
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler

Staff:

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS
AND PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Christine Harris, Customer Service Supervisor, acknowledged the following recipients of the Black History Sponsorship Awards for their contributions and support related to the Black History Day and Festival events: Bank of America, Safeco Insurance, The Walt Disney Company, The Art Center College of Design, and California Lottery. The Mayor presented plaques of commendation to the following recipients' representatives: Damien Haitzuka with Wells Fargo Bank, Kevin Harris with Miller Brewing Company, Yesceni Ramirez with Wescom, Beverly Wagner with U.S. Bank, and Rich Roche with AT&T.

The Mayor presented a proclamation declaring March 17, 2006 as Octavia Butler Day. The proclamation was received by Dorothy "Jolly" Urner, Library Commissioner/Co-Chair of the One City, One Story Program, and Jan Sanders, Director of Information Services Department (Library). The Mayor provided a brief history of the One City, One Story Program and Octavia Butler, author and former Pasadena resident whose science fiction book Kindred had been selected as the reading for the 2006 Program. Ms. Sanders distributed information on the One City, One Story book discussion events.

Ms. Urner invited the community to participate in various scheduled events to discuss the book and honor Ms. Butler's work.

The Mayor mentioned that Ernestine Walker, first cousin of Octavia Butler and spokesperson for the family, was unable to attend the presentation.

The Mayor presented a commendation to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Reserve Unit of the Pasadena Fire Department for 25 years of service to the community. The commendation was received by Fire Chief Dennis Downs and James Weckerle, Hazardous Material Specialist and coordinator for the Reserve Unit

Chief Downs recognized members of the EMS Reserve Unit who were present.

Mr. Weckerle thanked the members of the EMS Reserve Unit for their ongoing dedication to the community.

PRESENTATION BY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGARDING GOLD LINE EXPRESS SERVICE

Mr. Melvin Clark, Deputy Executive Officer of Rail Operations for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), described the changes in service that had been implemented in conjunction with the Gold Line Express Service, and reviewed scheduling and ridership information for the regular and express trains on the Gold Line. He discussed steps taken to address commuter comments that had been gathered during the first 30 days of express service regarding issues related to the needs to match the express service with Metrolink arrivals and departures and to increase ridership on local trains. Mr. Clark explained that the MTA was exploring ways to decrease run times of the local trains and will continue to evaluate operations during the next 30, 60, and 90 days. He distributed pamphlets on the Metro Gold Line service and express service, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Haderlein voiced his opinion that the MTA should restore the level of service for local commuters within the City, if the level of ridership is not increased by the change to an express system.

Councilmember Little thanked Mr. Clark for providing an update on the express service.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: APPEAL OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION DECISION TO DENY WINDOW REPLACEMENT AND NEW FENCE AT 920 PALM TERRACE IN THE WASHINGTON SQUARE LANDMARK DISTRICT

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Acknowledge that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (Article 19, Section 15301, existing facilities);
- (2) Find that the alteration of window openings and installation of new replacement windows does not comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings (Standards) or the Design Guidelines for Historic Districts (Guideline 7.5: Preserve the location, number, size and arrangement of historic windows and doors, and the policy statement: A new or replacement window or door should match the appearance of the original);
- (3) Find that the new fence does not comply with the Zoning Code for height restrictions on a corner lot in a single-family residential zone; and
- (4) Based on the above findings, deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for alteration of window openings, installation of new windows and installation of a front/side yard fence.

Recommendation of Historic Preservation Commission: At a noticed public hearing on January 18, 2006, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to window openings on the south elevation of the house at 920 Palm Terrace. The Commission voted unanimously to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for the window replacement and a new fence.

The Mayor announced that the appellant/applicant had submitted a letter requesting that the appeal be withdrawn to allow the appellant/applicant to move forward in complying with the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation regarding the Certification of Appropriateness.

On order of the Mayor, the appeal hearing was cancelled, as the appellant/applicant had withdrawn the appeal.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Christopher Sutton, legal counsel representing Rod's Grill (located in Arcadia), alleged a possible violation by Paul Rusnak (Rusnak/Pasadena) of his agreement with the City that

might be caused by the closure of the Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep and Mercedes Benz service locations in Pasadena with possible relocation of these operations to the City of Arcadia, and possible violation of Health and Safety Code §33426.7 by the City of Arcadia, which prohibits a redevelopment agency from poaching auto dealerships from other cities. Mr. Sutton urged the Council to examine its rights in these actions by Mr. Rusnak and the City of Arcadia and to pursue a change in §33426.7 to extend the time period that a dealership must be closed before relocation is allowed to another city.

The Mayor referred the above matter to the City Attorney for further review, with Council to be provided with relevant information that may be developed regarding the matter.

Ms. Joyce Wedseltoft, Pasadena resident, invited Council and the community to the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) All-District Secondary School Instrumental Music Concert to be held on March 22, 2006, and distributed a flyer with information on the musical programs to be performed by high school and middle school students.

The Mayor complimented PUSD on its participation in the City's Art Night activities held on March 10, 2006.

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENGINEERED PLUMBING, INC., AND J. DESIGIO CONSTRUCTION, INC., TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR WATER MAIN LINE INSTALLATIONS IN SAN RAFAEL AVENUE, GALBRETH ROAD, WALNUT STREET, COLORADO BOULEVARD, FAIR OAKS AVENUE, KAWEAH DRIVE AND HERMANOS STREET FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT, SPECIFICATION WD-05-01

Recommendations of City Manager:

- (1) Accept the bid dated February 14, 2006 submitted by Engineered Plumbing, Inc., in response to Specification WD-05-01 for providing labor and materials for Water Main Line Installations in San Rafael Avenue, Colorado Boulevard, Fair Oaks Avenue, Kaweah Drive and Hermanos Street for the Water and Power Department;
- (2) Accept the bid dated February 14, 2006 submitted by J. DeSigio Construction, Inc., in response to Specification WD-05-01 for providing labor and materials for Water Main Line Installations in Galbreth Road and Walnut Street for the Water and Power Department;
- (3) Reject all other bids;
- (4) Authorize the contract between the City and Engineered Plumbing, Inc., not to exceed \$1,044,542; and
- (5) Authorize the contract between the City and J. DeSigio Construction, Inc., not to exceed \$410,709. (Contract Nos. 19,032 and 19,033)

In response to Councilmember Tyler's question, the City Manager explained the bid process that resulted in two contracts being awarded.

CONTRACT AWARD TO MISSION PAVING AND SEALING, INC., FOR THE SLURRY SEAL OF SOUTH LAKE AVENUE PARKING LOTS

Recommendation of City Manager: Accept the bid dated February 1, 2006, submitted by Mission Paving and Sealing Inc., in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Slurry Seal for Two South Lake Avenue Parking Lots; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$135,000, which includes the base bid of \$115,952 and \$19,048 for any additional work the City may order pursuant to the project specifications. (Contract No. 19,034)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 10,050	Rusnak/Pasadena Volvo	\$	2,359.85
Claim No. 10,051	Holly Street Village Apartments		645.63
Claim No. 10,052	Alejandro Gonzalez		221.00
Claim No. 10,053	Michael Raad		3,223.93
Claim No. 10,054	Joseph C. Egizi		112.50
Claim No. 10,055	John and Sandra Von Colln		550.00
Claim No. 10,056	Shelia Low and Richard Tithecott		1,985.00
Claim No. 10,057	Dale E. Jackson		1,223.81

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

April 3, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - Designation of the Seismological Laboratory at 220 North San Rafael Avenue as a Historic Monument

April 24, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - General Fee Schedule

April 24, 2006, 8:00 p.m. - Schedule of Taxes, Fees and Charges

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Streater)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RECOGNITION AND APPROPRIATION OF \$1,033,826 IN TERRORISM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TERRORISM RESPONSE EQUIPMENT, SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AND TRAINING

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council approve a journal voucher recognizing:
 (1) \$461,899 from "FY-05" Urban Area Security Initiative;
 (2) \$395,481 in Homeland Security grant funds from State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) "FY-05" Grant;
 (3) \$46,440 from Law Enforcement's Law Enforcement

Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) "FY 05" Grant;
(4) \$47,288 from the Buffer Zone Protection Program – Law Enforcement;
(5) \$82,718 in State Homeland Security funds that have been reallocated to the City of Pasadena from the "FY- 04" SHSP Grant Program;
(6) Appropriate aforementioned grant funds to the following Homeland Security Grant Fund budget accounts for the purchase of terrorism response equipment, security enhancements, planning and preparedness activities, supplies and training costs: \$153,600 to Public Works - 230-764000, \$379,027 to Police - 230-401000, \$127,885 to Health - 230-561000, and \$373,314 to Fire - 230-361000; and
(7) Authorize the City Manager to enter into any related agreements necessary for receipt of Homeland Security Grant funds. (Journal Voucher No. 2006-38; Agreement No. 19,035)

Councilmember Little, Chair of the Finance Committee, summarized the agenda report, and noted that the work in Item 6 would be performed by the Water and Power Department, with the federal government identifying this funding under Public Works for its purposes only.

Fire Chief Dennis Downs highlighted the agenda report, and noted Council would be provided with additional information on the amounts to be allocated for the bulleted items listed in the Background section of the agenda report through the City Manager's weekly information letter to Council.

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

The Mayor thanked Chief Downs for the department's efforts in obtaining this funding.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

**RESIGNATION OF WENDY A. NASH FROM THE
NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)**

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to accept the above resignation with regrets. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Streator)

**LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SOCCER UNITED
MARKETING FOR A SOCCER MATCH FEATURING THE
MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OF MEXICO ON MAY 5, 2006**

Recommendation of Rose Bowl Operating Company:

(1) The City Council approve a license agreement with Soccer United Marketing (SUM) for a soccer match featuring the men's national team of Mexico at the Rose Bowl on May 5, 2006.

(2) The City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance within 60 days suspending the noise ordinance on May 5, 2006 to allow amplified noise until 11:00 p.m. (Agreement No. 19,036)

Mr. Darryl Dunn, General Manager of the Rose Bowl, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions regarding noise and traffic/parking revenue issues.

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the Rose Bowl Operating Company's recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Streator)

ORDINANCES – ADOPTED

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA SUSPENDING SECTIONS 9.36.220(b) AND 9.36.230 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE HOURS OF AMPLIFIED SOUND AND NOISE SOURCES FOR A PERMITTED EVENT AT VICTORY PARK FROM 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2006 (THE CALVARY CHAPEL OF PASADENA’S EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE)” (Introduced by Councilmember Streator) (Ordinance No. 7030)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Streator

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 14.90 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES” (Introduced by Vice Mayor Madison) (Ordinance No. 7031)

Councilmember Tyler noted the Summary section of the ordinance should be corrected to reflect Council's prior discussion and revised language to Section 14.90.040(A)(4).

Following brief discussion, the City Attorney indicated the first paragraph of the Summary will be revised to read: “... and mixed-use projects and multi-family residential buildings projects that include a residential building which has four stories in height, or more, of new construction.”

The above ordinance, with revised Summary as cited above, was adopted by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Streator

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

**CONSIDERATION OF IMPRACTICALITY FINDINGS
REGARDING THE PASADENA CONFERENCE CENTER
EXPANSION**

Recommendation of Pasadena Center Operating Company:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find, on the basis of the facts presented in the agenda report, that it would be impractical and would not serve the public interest to re-bid the contract for the Pasadena Conference Center expansion on a reduced scope basis.
- (2) Recognize Clark Construction as the low bidder on the project and direct that the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) negotiate a specific and reduced scope of work, consistent with the bid documents.
- (3) Direct that the PCOC return to the City Council for approval of a specific contract dollar amount and scope, which is less than the bid amount within 45 days.

Vice Mayor Madison, Council representative on the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) Board, introduced the agenda item, provided a brief history of the project, and responded to questions.

Mr. Ray Serafin, PCOC Chair, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

Mr. James Canfield, Acting Chief Executive Officer of PCOC, reviewed the bid process, current impacts on the construction market, and proposed changes to the scope and scheduling of the project; discussed two procedural options to reduce costs for the project, and responded to questions.

Discussion followed on the costs of the project; possible steps to re-scope, re-evaluate, re-schedule and renegotiate the project; and the status of the pro forma/financial projections for the project.

The City Attorney explained the rationale for taking action on the impracticality findings.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding subcontractors to be used on the project and support for re-bidding the project:

Mr. Kevin Norton, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 11 representative

Mr. Bob Oedy, IBEW, Local 11 representative, will provide Councilmember Holden with information on lawsuits involving Helix Electric (listed subcontractor for the project).

Councilmember Holden suggested offering the second bidder an opportunity to participate in discussions regarding re-scoping and renegotiating the project.

Councilmember Haderlein asked the PCOC to provide information on possible cyclical aspects of construction costs that might apply to the project into the future.

Councilmember Gordo requested staff provide information on all subcontractors that might present problems as this relates to complaints/lawsuits lodged against the company in the past few years, and indicated that information on some of the subcontractors that had been provided for his consideration would be forwarded to the City Attorney to be shared as part of the information to be presented to Council.

Councilmember Little asked the PCOC to provide updated pro forma/financial projections for the project.

The Mayor suggested the Finance Committee review the pro forma/financial projections for the project prior to taking final action on the project in 45 days. He also suggested that two conditions be included as a part of the project: 1) inclusion of a provision for the transfer of construction risks (costs and completion) to the contractor as a part of the project contract, and 2) obtaining of a favorable ruling and validation proceeding that would be an integral part of the project.

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve the Pasadena Center Operating Company's (PCOC) recommendation as modified to direct that during the 45-day period, PCOC will communicate with both bidders on the project to take advantage of any opportunity for cost saving ideas, and that there will be a rigorous review of the labor practices of all subcontractors, with the understanding that the Finance Committee will review the pro forma/financial projections for the project if possible within the 45-day period. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Streater)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF A ZONE CHANGE TO DESIGNATE A LANDMARK DISTRICT OVERLAY FOR THE NORTH PASADENA HEIGHTS LANDMARK DISTRICT (LD-14)

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that, following a public hearing, the City Council:

- (1) Find that the application for a zone change is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, (Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).
- (2) Find that the proposed zone change is consistent with the

General Plan and the purposes of the zoning ordinance.

(3) Acknowledge the decision of the Historic Preservation Commission on October 17, 2005 that the proposed North Pasadena Heights Landmark District (Attachment 1 of the agenda report) meets the criteria for designation as a landmark district, Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 17.62.040.

(4) Acknowledge that the petition with signatures in support of the landmark overlay district exceeds the 51 percent requirement in PMC Section 17.62.070).

(5) Based on these findings, approve the landmark district and the zoning map overlay for the North Pasadena Heights Landmark District, LD-14.

(6) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the official zoning map of the City of Pasadena established by PMC Section 17.20.020 to designate the landmark district with the LD-14 overlay zone within 60 days, including a provision in the implementing ordinance specifying that alterations or additions that are only visible from an alley shall not require design review.

Recommendation of Historic Preservation Commission:

Following a public hearing on October 17, 2005, the Historic Preservation Commission determined that the proposed district meets the criteria in PMC Section 17.62.040 for designation of a landmark district and unanimously recommended approval.

Recommendation of Planning Commission: Following a public hearing on January 25, 2005, the Planning Commission found that the proposed zone change to create a landmark district is consistent with the General Plan and the purposes of the zoning ordinance and voted unanimously to recommend that the City Council approve designation of the North Pasadena Heights Landmark District.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 116 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on February 24, 2006; 397 copies of the notice were mailed on February 24, 2006; and 48 letters in support of and 1 letter in opposition to the landmark district designation were received.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Darrell Cozen, Senior Planner, reviewed the agenda report, discussed the proposed Code clarification that alterations or additions that are only visible from an alley will not require design review, and responded to questions.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, indicated that staff may need to review the Code to provide uniformity regarding the clarification of the alley provision for residential areas, and responded to questions.

Discussion followed regarding the need to protect and/or preserve the historical aspects of this area, and concerns regarding possible problems caused by demolition of buildings and/or mansionization through either construction or remodeling projects.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the landmark district designation and/or expressed concerns:

Mr. Thomas Downey, Pasadena resident
Mr. Patrick Briggs, Pasadena resident
Mr. James Healy, Pasadena resident
Ms. Lupe Hernandez, Pasadena resident
Mr. William Stout, Pasadena resident

The following persons spoke in support of the landmark district designation:

Ms. Rosemary Hayne, Pasadena resident
Ms. Alda Tracy, Pasadena resident
Mr. John Cervenka, Pasadena resident
Mr. Gary Floyd, Pasadena resident
Mr. Jon Snoddy, Pasadena resident
Ms. Laura Thompson, Pasadena resident
Ms. Joyce Newman, Pasadena resident, recited a statement from Shirley Curren, a realtor.
Ms. Erica Kachmarsky, Pasadena resident
Ms. Lisa Brault, Pasadena resident
Mr. James Lomako, Pasadena resident
Mr. Marc Karish, Pasadena resident
Ms. Trisha Muse, Pasadena resident
Ms. Anne Marie Floyd, Pasadena resident

It was moved by Councilmember Little, seconded by Councilmember Tyler, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Streator)

Brief discussion followed on the process followed and the reasons offered for establishing the landmark district.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: EAST PASADENA SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that, following a public hearing, the City Council:

- Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Initial Study for the specific plan amendment (Attachment 4 of the agenda report);

approve the De Minimis Impact Finding on the State Fish and Wildlife Habitat (Attachment 6 of the agenda report); and direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Determination and a Certificate of Fee Exemption for the California Department of Fish and Game, with the Los Angeles County Recorder (Attachment 7 of the agenda report);

- Find that the proposed specific plan amendment is in conformance with the goals, policies and objectives of the General Plan and other adopted goals and policies of the City (Attachment 1 of the agenda report);
- Approve an amendment to the East Pasadena Specific Plan to transfer 15,000 square feet of Office/R&D space from Sub-area d2 (Foothill Rosemead, Sierra Madre Villa) to Sub-area d3 (Hastings Ranch/Foothill-Rosemead Shopping Center), withholding 2,463 square feet of the 15,000 from occupancy until completion of the street extensions required by the East Pasadena Specific Plan; and
- Direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution amending the East Pasadena Specific Plan Amendment in the manner described in the preceding paragraph within 60 days.

Recommendation of Planning Commission: The Planning Commission voted unanimously to disapprove staff's recommendation to transfer development intensity from Sub-area d2 to Sub-area d3 of the East Pasadena Specific Plan. The Commission expressed concern that the amendment was in response to a specific project, not an overwhelming market demand and that the entirety of the transfer of the development intensity would benefit only one property owner.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 266 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on February 27, 2006; 810 copies of the notice were mailed on February 27, 2006; and 137 letters in support of and 17 letters in opposition to the East Pasadena Specific Plan Amendment were received.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item; and responded to questions regarding the Kinneloa Avenue street extension and the general commercial entitlements for the property at 482 N. Rosemead Boulevard.

Mr. Scott Reimers, Associate Planner, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, clarified the possible uses of property in the two Sub-areas, and responded to questions.

Discussion followed on possible impacts of office vs. general commercial/retail use in the two Sub-areas, the approval process for a proposed project in the area, and the process for transferring usage from one Sub-area to another Sub-area.

Councilmember Haderlein expressed concern regarding the amendment appearing to be project-specific, noted that the Specific Plan seemed to be working quite well without the amendment, and suggested consideration of a transfer involving less square footage than set forth in the staff recommendation.

The following persons spoke in support of the East Pasadena Specific Plan Amendment:

Ms. Aida Dimejian, Pasadena resident
Mr. Edgar Mujukian, Pasadena resident
Ms. Joyce Kristensson, Century 21 Golden Realty representative
Mr. John Clark, Key Finances representative
Mr. Hovig Dimejian, petitioner
Mr. Don Nollar, representing petitioner (Hovig Dimejian)
Mr. Diran Afarian, Pasadena resident
Mr. Greg Derderian, Pasadena resident
Mr. Scott Jenkins, legal counsel for petitioner (Hovig Dimejian)

The following persons spoke in opposition to the East Pasadena Specific Plan Amendment:

Mr. Mark Petrovic, Pasadena resident
Ms. Lyn O'Neill, Pasadena resident
Ms. Velina Petrovic, Lower Hastings Ranch Association Board member
Ms. Arlyn Miller, Pasadena resident
Mr. Greg Hurley, Pasadena resident
Ms. Nicole Hurley, Pasadena resident
Ms. Marian Dorsett-Leos, Pasadena resident
Mr. Gil Galvan, Lower Hastings Ranch Association member
Ms. Diane Kirby, Lower Hastings Ranch Association member
Ms. Laura Rodriguez, Lower Hastings Ranch Association member, submitted petitions with 77 total signatures.
Mr. Greg Jones, Pasadena resident
Mr. Norbert Hudak, Pasadena resident

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

Councilmember Haderlein expressed concerns regarding the amount of the square footage transfer and the project that this could produce.

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein to reopen the public hearing and continue the above matter to April 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., to allow time for a compromise to be worked out between the petitioner and the neighborhood regarding the size of the proposed project and use of this information as a basis for the amount of square footage to be transferred into the Sub-area. (Motion died due to lack of a second)

The City Manager outlined the application process that would be followed if the Specific Plan Amendment is approved.

In response to questions, the City Attorney confirmed that when the resolution is presented to Council for approval, the amount of the square footage to be transferred could be altered at that time to correspond to the size of a project, with the square footage being offset from one Sub-area to another Sub-area.

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, with Bullet 3 revised to read: "Approve an amendment to the East Pasadena Specific Plan to transfer up to 15,000 square feet of Office/R&D space ..."; with Bullet 4 revised to read: "Direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution amending the East Pasadena Specific Plan Amendment in the manner described in the preceding paragraph within ~~60~~ 45 days."; and with the understanding that this matter may return to Council with a specific square footage of Office/R&D space to be transferred stated in the recommendation/resolution. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Streater)

INFORMATION ITEM

PRELIMINARY PLAN REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A 94,645 GROSS SQUARE FOOT BUILDING (CAHILL CENTER FOR ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS) AT 1200 EAST CALIFORNIA BOULEVARD

On order of the Mayor, the above item was held to the Council meeting of March 20, 2006, due to time constraints.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Tyler announced that his term for representing District 36 of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) was expiring and that he would not be seeking another term.

The Mayor commended Councilmember Tyler for the high standard that had been set by his service on SCAG.

Councilmember Gordo commended the City Manager, the Assistant City Managers, and staff for their work on the Housing Summit held on March 10, 2006.

The Mayor invited Council to a luncheon meeting to be held on March 14, 2006 for those who participated on the Housing Summit panel to review the Summit.

Councilmember Holden noted that a number of entities that had built affordable housing units in the City had been omitted from the Summit process and might have provided valuable input into the issues that had been discussed, and he suggested these organizations/individuals be integrated into future discussions on building affordable housing.

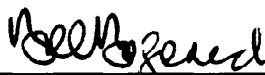
Councilmember Little commented on the narrow focus of the Summit and the need to include a broad prospective from many stakeholders when discussing the City's affordable housing issues.

The Mayor commented on staff's prior review of the Housing Affordability Task Force's recommendations and on possibly devising a similar process to review the Summit issues that could fit individual suggestions into a broader fabric of policy-making, zoning, and community values.

Vice Mayor Madison announced that Jeff Kightlinger (former City of Pasadena Deputy City Attorney) had been recently approved as the General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:43 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Janet Rodriguez
City Clerk