

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
May 14, 2007 – 7:30 P.M.
Pasadena Conference Center East Pavilion
300 E. Green Street

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the special meeting to order at 10:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison (Absent)
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler

Staff:

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

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: INCORPORATING
FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR NET METERING, SMART
METERING, AND INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS IN
PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.04**

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council cancel the public hearing to be scheduled and re-noticed at a future date.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to cancel the public hearing and re-notice the public hearing at a future date. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Madison)

DESIGNATION OF JUDITH SAUNDERS AS THE CITY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE OF PASADENA
(Mayor's Nomination/District 7)

APPOINTMENT OF MARY SCHANDER TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (Mayor's Nomination/District 6)

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR BILL BOGAARD TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES ASSOCIATION, REPLACING FORMER COUNCILMEMBER JOYCE STREATOR

APPOINTMENT OF CAROL BRAINERD TO THE SENIOR COMMISSION (Mayor's Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve the above designation and appointments. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Recommendation of Mayor: Following discussion, I recommend that the Council approve in principle certain changes in the committee Council arrangements currently in effect, specifically sunsetting the Municipal Services Committee and enlarging the purposes of the Finance, Economic Development and Technology, and Public Safety Committees. Following Council consideration, the City Attorney would review existing ordinance provisions regarding Council committees and draft appropriate changes to reflect Council's action.

The Mayor summarized the agenda report and responded to questions regarding the proposed changes.

Councilmember Holden suggested Council hold a retreat where broad policy issues involving education, Council committee charges, and the linkage between Council committees could be discussed.

The Mayor suggested a fresh look at Council's priorities for the City also be discussed, if a retreat is scheduled; and clarified that the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Manager, Board President, Board Vice President, and Superintendent currently meet informally to discuss education issues, with momentum being built to regularize these meetings in order to benefit the ongoing relationship between the City and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD).

Discussion followed on sunsetting the Municipal Services Committee (MSC), scheduling a Council retreat with various proposed topics for discussion, possible impacts of the proposed changes to the scopes of the Council standing committees, options and possible conflicts for review of open space issues by multiple committees/commissions, and options for developing the relationship between the City and District regarding education issues.

Councilmember Tyler expressed support for defining a stronger advisory role for the Economic Development and Technology Committee in its relationship with the Community Development Commission, and suggested Council hear from the Environmental Advisory Commission in the near future.

The City Manager indicated that most of the staff reports that had been referred to the MSC would be distributed to the Finance Committee, if the MSC was sunsetted, with a few items to come directly to Council; and indicated a change in the process for reports involving budget amendments under \$75,000 would be instituted that would treat these items as consent items, rather than Council committee items, in order to free up time for the Finance Committee's additional workload. She also discussed the addition of affordable housing to the Economic Development and Technology Committee's scope in terms of review of strategic planning and policy issues by the Committee and keeping projects moving through the process.

The City Attorney clarified that staff would prepare an ordinance to reflect any changes the Council approves.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to sunset the Municipal Services Committee, to add affordable housing to the charge of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, and to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance reflecting these changes, with the understanding that further changes to the Council committees will be discussed in a Council retreat. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:06 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Jane K. Rodriguez
City Clerk