

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 25, 2007 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

Teleconference Location:
Buckingham Gate Hotel, Room 1072
51 Buckingham Gate, London, England

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Bernard Melekian.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison (Participated via
teleconference at 8:00 p.m.)
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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilmember Gordo paid tribute to two City Fire Department Engineers – John Kiesow and Kenneth “Barney” Soltis – who were killed on June 14, 2007 in an off-duty private airplane accident. Mr. Gordo asked the Arts and Culture Commission to give some thought and to make a recommendation to Council on a memorial to recognize the contributions that all City employees have made and continue to make. Mr. Gordo recognized members of the Fire Department who were present at the meeting.

Councilmember Holden asked that a letter be sent to the families expressing the City’s sympathy.

Fire Chief Dennis Downs thanked Council for acknowledging the two firefighters, and expressed the Fire Department’s emotional toll and grief at this double loss.

The Mayor thanked each member of the Fire Department for their service and dedication.

The City Manager indicated Councilmember Gordo's request regarding the memorial would be relayed to the Arts and Culture Commission.

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to Don Bremner as Recreation and Parks Commissioner and Linda Stowitts as Library Commissioner.

Councilmember Holden and Councilmember Gordo presented Certificates of Recognition to the members of the Pasadena High School (PHS) CIF Southern Section Championship Basketball Team. The Mayor assisted Coach Tim Tucker and Athletic Director Tony Brooks in presenting their championship rings to the team members who were present at the meeting. Principal Dr. Derick Evans thanked the Council for this recognition of the team and the school's fans for all of their support.

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

David Czamanske, Sierra Club-Pasadena Group Conservation Co-Chair, asked for deferral of Council's consideration of the Pasadena Water and Power Department's draft Integrated Resources Plan, and submitted a letter commenting on the Plan and suggesting revisions.

The following persons spoke in support of a pilot program to address issues related to gang violence in the City, and asked Council to support funding for the pilot program that will be facilitated by the Human Services and Recreation Department:

Sherwin Williams, Neighborhood Outreach Workers (NOW)
Soldiers of Change member
Omar Shamburger, NOW member
Ricky Pickens, NOW member

The following persons expressed concerns regarding civil rights issues in China and China's alleged persecution of Falun Gong members, and asked Council to address issues related to a Rose Parade float from China in the 2008 Rose Parade:

Wen Chen, Pasadena resident
Yaning Liu, Baldwin Park resident
Bin Li, Rowland Heights resident

Councilmember Holden suggested staff gather information regarding the concerns expressed regarding civil rights issues in China and determine if the City should respond to these concerns or take a position on these alleged human rights issues.

Councilmember Gordo noted the Tournament of Roses is responsible for the float invitations for the Rose Parade,

suggested the above speakers approach the Tournament of Roses with their concerns, and expressed support for Councilmember Holden's suggestion to determine how the City should respond.

Ishmael Trone, Fair Oaks Project Area Committee (PAC) Chair, expressed concerns regarding the ongoing process in moving the Heritage Square project forward and an alleged lack of Council and staff support for the community's input on the project.

The City Manager reported on ongoing discussions about possibly changing the mix of the project and developing the financial information for the project, noted a commitment had been made to members of the community that information on the new project mix would be presented to the community for their review and input as soon as this is possible, and indicated the timing for staff's report to Council is the end of July 2007.

Councilmembers McAustin and Gordo asked that an interim report be distributed to Council through the City Manager's weekly information letter on the progress that has been made and the approach that is being used during the ongoing process.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

**ADOPT THE CENTRAL PARK MASTER PLAN AND
APPROVE THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The Mayor indicated Councilmember Madison had requested the above item be held for a future Council meeting.

On order of the Mayor, the above item was held to the meeting of July 16, 2007.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LABOR AND
MATERIALS CONTRACT WITH R.G. WEST FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF AN OIL CONTAINMENT SYSTEM AT
THE BROOKSIDE SUBSTATION FOR THE WATER AND
POWER DEPARTMENT**

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Accept the bid dated May 30, 2007, submitted by R.G. West to construct an oil containment system at the Brookside Substation for the Water and Power Department;
- (2) Reject all other bids;
- (3) Authorize the issuance of a labor and materials contract not to exceed \$141,587, which includes the base amount of \$128,624 and a contingency of \$12,963 for any necessary change orders; and
- (4) Acknowledge that the project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act [Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(9)]; Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3,

Class 30 Section 15330 (Minor Actions to Prevent, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substances). (Contract No. 19,380)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH CROWN TECHNICAL SYSTEMS TO FURNISH, DELIVER AND INSTALL A SWITCHGEAR REPLACEMENT AT THE EASTERN SUBSTATION FOR WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Accept the bid dated May 29, 2007, submitted by Crown Technical System in response to Specification LD-07-4 to Furnish, Deliver and Install a Switchgear Replacement at the Eastern Substation for the Water and Power Department;
- (2) Reject all other bids; and
- (3) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract to Crown Technical Systems for a total amount not to exceed \$593,260.

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONDUIT SYSTEM ON LOS ROBLES AVENUE FROM WASHINGTON BOULEVARD TO WOODBURY ROAD FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Recommendation of City Manager: Reject all bids received on June 1, 2007 in response to Specifications LD-07-2 to Construct Underground Electrical Conduits on Los Robles Avenue for the Water and Power Department.

MINUTES APPROVED

April 23, 2007 (Special Joint Meeting)
April 23, 2007

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 10,389	Monica Maya	\$	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,390	William E. Molina		1,216.07
Claim No. 10,391	Simon Porter		334.45
Claim No. 10,392	AT&T/Diane Mancini		3,230.52

PUBLIC HEARING SET

July 30 , 2007, 7:30 p.m. – Proposed Amendments to Title 16 (Subdivisions) and Title 17 (Zoning Code) of the Pasadena Municipal Code Related to the Conversion of Residential Rental Multiple-Dwelling Units into Residential Condominium Units

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

INFORMATION ITEM

PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE FOR THE PROPOSED 150,000 SQUARE FOOT PLAZA PASADENA OFFICE PROJECT AT 680 EAST COLORADO

Recommendation of City Manager: This report is being provided for information only at this time.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item.

Robert Montano, Business District Coordinator, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, responded to questions regarding the project.

Discussion followed on the parking arrangements and transit oriented features of the project.

Vice Mayor Haderlein requested that the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) review the project as this relates to transit oriented features and pedestrian issues since the project is located in a transit oriented development area.

On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed, with the understanding that the project will be reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Commission regarding its transit oriented development area considerations and features.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: NORTH LAKE SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT AND RELATED ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Approve the Initial Environmental Study, Initial Environmental Study Errata Sheet and Negative Declaration (Attachment 1 of the agenda report);
- (2) Adopt the Findings that the Specific Plan amendments and related Zoning Code amendments are consistent with Pasadena Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning Code Section 17.74.070) and the General Plan, as outlined in the agenda report (Attachment 2 of the agenda report);
- (3) Adopt the Findings that remaining sites identified in the adopted 2000-2005 Housing Element are adequate to accommodate the City's share of the regional housing need for the planning period pursuant to Government Code Section 565584 (Attachment 2 of the agenda report);
- (4) Amend the North Lake Specific Plan, Zoning Code, to allow certain changes to density of residential and mixed-use development, building heights, certain land use modifications, and land use regulation clarifications, and design review, and amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning designation from commercial to residential for certain areas within the Plan area, as outlined in the agenda report (Attachment 4 and 5 of the agenda report);
- (5) Adopt a resolution implementing the aforementioned amendments to the North Lake Specific Plan (Attachment 3 of the agenda report);

(6) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the Zoning Code and the official Zoning Map of the City of Pasadena to implement the Specific Plan revisions as outlined in the agenda report within 60 days; and

(7) Direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Determination. (Resolution No. 8753)

Recommendation of Planning Commission: The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed Specific Plan and related Zoning Code and map amendments on December 13, 2006, January 24, 2007, April 11, 2007 and June 13, 2007. The Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed amendments with a change in one staff recommendation and included two additional recommendations, as follows:

(a) that the proposed height for the segment between Mountain Street and Orange Grove Boulevard (Segment 3) would allow mixed-use and commercial development with a maximum height of 30 feet for commercial and mixed-use (see Attachment 4 of the agenda report).

Note that the staff recommendation has been revised to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation. In this regard however, staff is further recommending that Drive-through businesses be exempt from the Nonconforming provisions in the Zoning Code to encourage and allow greater flexibility for existing businesses to remodel.

(b) that the City Council direct the proposed amendments for review by the Transportation Advisory Commission, with particular attention to be given to the potential traffic/circulation impact that may result from the increased density on North Lake Avenue between Orange Grove Boulevard and Maple Street (see Attachment 4 of the agenda report).

Staff would note that the 2004 Revised General Plan's analysis of the Specific Plan's potential allocated residential development, coupled with number of improvements needed to accommodate growth as cited by the 2004 Mobility Element, concludes that the City's street system has adequate capacity to accommodate anticipated growth with several improvements. One of these improvements includes street widening for Maple Street between North Lake Avenue and Los Robles Avenue. The improvement was made a priority of the Capital Improvement Program, and will be funded through development fees.

(c) that a parking study to address parking deficiencies along Lake Avenue be completed and reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Commission, the Planning Commission, and the City Council within 60 days.

Funding for the parking study has been included in the recommended Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Recommendation of Northwest Commission: The Northwest Commission considered the amendments during its meeting of

December 12, 2006. The Commission expressed interest in further prohibition of the sale of alcohol for off-site consumption, the need to monitor and facilitate quality development in the Specific Plan area, the need for an educational component to inform developers and businesses on the goals of the Specific Plan, and a mechanism to inform the public on upcoming projects within the Plan area.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on April 9 and 16, 2007 in the Pasadena Star-News and on April 12, 2007 in the Pasadena Journal; 1,520 copies of the notice were mailed on April 9, 2007; and 3 letters expressing concerns, including a petition with 51 signatures, were received.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item and responded to questions regarding the proposed changes and funding for the street improvements.

Patrice Martin, Senior Planner, reviewed the agenda report and responded to questions.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, discussed concerns raised by the community regarding fast food uses with related drive-through uses in Segment 3 and the determination of density in Segment 5 of the Specific Plan area (as shown on the maps in Attachment 4 of the agenda report); explained the staff recommendations to exempt existing drive-through businesses in Segment 3 from the Nonconforming provisions in the Zoning Code (contingent on the adoption of revised Design Standards) and to set the density in Segment 5 as residential uses; and responded to questions regarding the changes.

John Poindexter, Planning Manager, responded to questions regarding Design Standards and the thresholds for review.

Dan Rix, City Engineer, responded to questions regarding street improvements in the Specific Plan area.

Discussion followed on the impact of Senate Bill (SB) 1818 on density and design standards issues regarding housing in the Specific Plan area, the review process to be followed for applications submitted prior to the adoption of the Design Standards, thresholds for design review, funding and timing for the proposed street improvements in the area, the focus of the traffic study to be conducted, issues related to transitioning from the commercial area on Lake Avenue to a residential area, possible modifications to existing drive-throughs as proposed in the amendments [requiring a Conditional Use

Permit (CUP) and review process], and balancing housing capacity while shifting housing density within the Specific Plan area.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns regarding the proposed zoning of the three parcels on the northwest side of Mentor Avenue beginning at the northwest corner of Orange Grove Boulevard and Mentor Avenue, and the inclusion of live-work housing in Segment 3 (as shown on the map in Attachment 4 of the agenda report); and expressed support for approving the exemption for Nonconforming uses to allow modifications of existing drive-through businesses, if the businesses were willing to comply with other aspects of the Specific Plan (reducing curb cuts, no ingress/egress on side streets, and bringing the development to the street) prior to the issuance of the CUP.

Councilmember Madison joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m. via the teleconference location.

Councilmember McAustin expressed concerns regarding dropping the thresholds for review while still applying the existing guidelines, the exemption for drive-throughs, and possible negative impacts on the area in terms of traffic and not complying with the Specific Plan's goal of promoting pedestrian uses rather than auto-oriented uses; and expressed support for remodeling existing drive-throughs, if the square footage is not increased and shared parking is also included.

The following persons expressed various concerns regarding the proposed North Lake Specific Plan/Zoning Code amendments and/or offered changes to the amendments:

Blair Tuckerman, Santa Ana resident and property owner at Lake Avenue and Washington Boulevard
Dilara Rodriguez, Pasadena resident
David Horton, Pasadena resident
Christina Conwell, Pasadena resident
Michael Warner, Pasadena resident
Barbara May, Residents of West Boylston representative
Christian Jones, Pasadena resident
Henry Sideropoulos, Agape Life Change representative
Pastor Benjamin Donley, Agape Life Change representative
Bob Kneisel, Pasadena resident
Regina Gomez, Pasadena resident
Dale Trader, Pasadena resident
Tom Pico, Pasadena resident
Robert Nelson, Pasadena resident
Peggy Renner, Pasadena resident
Edward Rodriguez, Pasadena resident
Michael Litteken, Pasadena resident

Councilmember McAustin was excused at 8:55 p.m.

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

Councilmember McAustin
returned at 9:00 p.m.

The City Attorney noted the thresholds would be written into the Plan documents/ordinance and discussed the need to define the design guidelines that will govern an application and be used by the Design Commission during the interim period before the new Design Standards are in place.

Councilmember Gordo expressed support for responding to the concerns of the community regarding the thresholds for review prior to the adoption of the revised Design Standards.

Following brief additional discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the City Manager's recommendation with the following amendments:

- thresholds will be phased in after the new Design Standards are adopted
- all new development and major rehabilitation will be reviewed by the Design Commission (using the current guidelines) until the new Design Standards are adopted
- Central District thresholds will apply once the new Design Standards are adopted (5,000 square feet and above for new construction, 10,000 square feet and above for major rehabilitation)
- Segment 3 area is limited to commercial so as to exclude residential and live-work
- in Segment 3 area, the northwest corner lot on Mentor Avenue and Orange Grove Boulevard is to be rezoned to RM-16 (currently zoned as C) and the two lots on Mentor Avenue are to be rezoned to RS-6 (currently zoned as R), as located on the map in Attachment 4 of the agenda report
- drive-throughs are exempted from the Nonconforming uses after the Design Standards are adopted, with new construction/remodeling allowed but only to the extent that the square footage that currently exists is retained and the applicants comply with the Specific Plan standards to include: no ingress and egress on the side streets, parking in the rear, consolidation of parking and lots, reduction of curb cuts, and development to be brought to the street
- staff is to be proactive in approaching existing drive-through businesses regarding the opportunity to rebuild structures contingent on complying with the above improvements and neighborhood protections

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**PUBLIC HEARING: APPEAL OF A DECISION BY THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO DENY A**

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR
INSTALLATION OF FRENCH DOORS AND BALCONY AT
975 NORTH HUDSON AVENUE (PLN2007-00236;
WASHINGTON SQUARE LANDMARK DISTRICT)**

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to September 17, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor announced the applicant had requested a continuation of the above item.

On order of the Mayor, the public hearing was continued to the meeting of September 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF THE
FISCAL YEAR 2008 OPERATING BUDGET**

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Adopt by resolution the City's Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Budget by selecting one of the two following options:

Option 1: Adopt the 2008 Recommended Operating Budget as detailed in Exhibit A attached to the agenda report, with the following amendments which are detailed in the Background section of the agenda report:

- (a) Reduce General Fund appropriations by \$2,467;
- (b) Increase Health Fund appropriations and revenues by \$232,099;
- (c) Increase Building Services Fund appropriations by \$21,000;
- (d) Increase Proposition A Fund appropriations by \$7,150;
- (e) Increase Gas Tax appropriations by \$20,000;
- (f) Authorize the addition of 3.15 positions in the Health Fund; and
- (g) Authorize the addition of 1.0 position in the Capital Improvement Projects Fund.

And, any further recommendations from the Finance Committee.

Option 2: Adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 Operating Base Budget as detailed in Exhibit A with the following additions:

- (a) Increase appropriations in the General Fund by \$171,387 (comprised of \$60,000 for the Rose Bowl Fourth of July celebration, \$93,387 for the Summer Rose program and \$18,000 for the Summer Teen Program);
- (b) Increase appropriations in the Proposition A Sales Tax Fund \$2,000 for the Summer Teen Program;
- (c) Adopt the Public Health Department budget as presented in the 2008 Recommended Operating Budget;
- (d) Increase Health Fund appropriations and revenues by \$232,099; and
- (e) Authorize the addition of 3.15 positions to the Health Fund.

(2) Adopt a resolution determining the amount to be transferred from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2008. (Resolution Nos. 8754 and 8755)

The Mayor announced now was the time for the continued public hearing.

Councilmember Tyler, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced the agenda item.

The City Manager distributed a memorandum from the Office of the City Manager dated June 25, 2007 and titled "Finance Committee Budget Actions"; and reviewed the following modifications to the staff recommendation that were approved by the Finance Committee:

Recommendation of Finance Committee: At the City Council/Finance Committee special joint meeting held on June 25, 2007, the Finance Committee voted to approve and forward to the City Council for consideration, the City Manager's Recommended Operating Budget as submitted on May 21, 2007, as modified by those items listed under Option 1 on the agenda report adopting the budget, and with the following modifications:

1. Increase General Fund appropriations by \$92,600 to expand the number of participants in this year's Summer Rose program from 185 to 237;
2. Increase General Fund appropriations by \$85,000 to expand the abandoned item collection and add 1.0 Maintenance Worker II and 1.0 Maintenance Assistant (MASH) in the Public Works Department;
3. Increase General Fund appropriations by \$89,251 for 1.0 Paralegal in the City Attorney's Office;
4. Increase Library Services Fund appropriations by \$125,994 for the following:
 - a. Add \$32,197 for 16 additional public service hours to the La Pintoresca Branch Library;
 - b. Add \$68,797 for eight additional public service hours to the Hastings Branch Library;
 - c. Add \$25,000 to increase the library collection and database;
5. Direct staff to develop further expansion of the Summer Rose Program for summer 2008;
6. Direct staff to discuss with the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) the expansion of the Safe School program to the middle schools and to determine PUSD's interest in cost sharing for the expanded program;
7. Direct staff to examine ways to expand enforcement and education programs related to the abandoned item collection program including partnering with private haulers to provide this service.

Councilmember Tyler and Vice Mayor Haderlein clarified that the Finance Committee's recommendation on Item 6 involved a staff discussion with PUSD about expansion of the program to middle schools as well as cost sharing between the City and District for the expanded program.

Councilmember Holden suggested staff also be directed to review the public outreach efforts and related costs that will be part of the development process for the Open Space Element.

The City Manager indicated public outreach would be a major part of the Open Space and Conservation Element, and outreach costs would be highlighted as a budget item when the process is determined.

The following person spoke in support of funding the Open Space Element:

Edwin Travis-Chin, Open Space Now representative

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, as modified above by the Finance Committee and selecting Option 1 of the City Manager's recommendation:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor thanked the staff, Finance Committee, and community for their valuable work on the recommended budget.

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 9:35 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 9:37 p.m. (Absent None)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

ADOPTION OF APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FY 2008

Recommendation of City Manager: It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution that:

(1) Selects the California Per Capita Income and the population increase for the County of Los Angeles as the indices to be used in calculating the Appropriations Limit for FY2008;

- (2) Establishes the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2008 at \$199,851,168; and
(3) Establishes Appropriations Subject to the Limit for Fiscal Year 2008 at \$127,310,326. (Resolution No. 8756)

Vice Mayor Haderlein was excused at 9:38 p.m.

Steve Stark, Director of Finance Department, summarized the agenda report.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the City Manager's recommendation:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Madison, McAustin, Robinson, Tyler, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Haderlein

RECESS/JOINT MEETING

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 9:39 p.m. to a joint meeting with the Community Development Commission. (Absent: Vice Mayor Haderlein)

PUBLIC HEARING

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL/SUBMITTAL OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2007-2008) AS THE APPLICATION AND STATEMENT OF PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG); EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG); HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME); AND CERTAIN RELATED HUMAN SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND (HSEF) ALLOCATIONS

Recommendation of City Manager/Chief Executive Officer:

It is recommended that upon the close of the public hearing the City Council/Community Development Commission (Commission) adopt a resolution:

(a) Approving the 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan as an application for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and HOME Programs including the identified proposed projects/activities of the City's Human Service Endowment Fund (HSEF). The Draft Annual Action Plan is on file in the City Clerk's Office;

(b) Approving an application for CDBG Entitlement in the amount of \$2,280,199; the allocation of CDBG current year program income of \$200,000; approving an application for ESG funds in the amount of \$97,022; approving an application for HOME Entitlement in the amount of \$1,211,152;

(c) Authorizing the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the Annual Action Plan, the grant agreements, the sub-recipient agreements, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to obtain the allocation of the aforementioned federal CDBG/ESG/HOME funds in a manner acceptable to the City Attorney;

(d) Approving an annual allocation from the City of Pasadena's HSEF of \$146,000 (Interest earnings of \$113,000 and \$33,000 from the Seed Grant Program) for the proposed projects.

(Resolution No. 8757)

Recommendation of Chief Executive Officer: It is recommended that the Pasadena Community Development Commission:

(a) Appropriate \$97,862 from the Inclusionary Housing Trust Fund as the required local match to the HUD ESG allocation; and

(b) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute, and the Secretary to attest, the agreements with the approved recipients/sub-recipients in a form acceptable to the General Counsel (Exhibits A-D of the agenda report). (Resolution No. CDR-253)

Recommendation of Northwest Commission: On Tuesday, May 8, 2007, the Staff Review Team presented its funding recommendation of non-public service projects to the Northwest Commission for 2007-2008. The six (6) non-public service projects recommended by staff are listed in Exhibit B-1 of the agenda report. In the staff recommendation, Mothers' Club Community Center - Climbing Structure for Low Income Pre-Schoolers was recommended for funding and Pasadena Unified School District - Renovation of Muir High School North Baseball Field was not recommended for funding. On Tuesday, May 29, 2007, the Northwest Commission, following the Appeals/Public Meeting, recommended modifications to the staff funding recommendation as identified in Exhibit B-2 of the agenda report. In the Northwest Commission's recommendation, Pasadena Unified School District - Renovation of Muir High School North Baseball Field was recommended for funding and Mother's Club Community Center - Climbing Structure for Low Income Pre-Schoolers was not recommended for funding. However, upon further review, staff has herein retained its funding recommendation as originally presented to the Northwest Commission on May 8, 2007. It is staff's position that the staff recommendation most closely address the CDBG program priorities.

Recommendation of Human Services Commission: On Wednesday, May 9, 2007, the Human Services Commission reaffirmed its previous funding recommendation and recommended City Council/Commission continued funding approval of the 21 proposed public/human service projects (Exhibit A of the agenda report). This is the second year of the Human Services Commission's 2-year funding cycle 2006/2007 and 2007/2008.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on June 7, 2007 in the Pasadena Journal; and no correspondence was received.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item and responded to questions on the proposed projects and funding.

John DePew, Program Coordinator, reviewed the agenda report, and responded to questions regarding the rationale for funding the Mothers' Club Community Center project (Climbing Structure for Low Income Pre-Schoolers) rather than the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) project (Renovation of Muir High School North Baseball Field), and the allocation of housing activities funds.

Discussion followed on options for partially funding the PUSD project for the renovation of the Muir High School north baseball field, and the monies to be received and allocated for housing activities.

Vice Mayor Haderlein returned at 9:49 p.m.

Councilmember Holden expressed support for partially funding the PUSD project by funding the Mothers' Club project at the level recommended by staff (\$15,000); and taking the difference between the staff recommendation and Northwest Commission recommendation funding for the Pasadena Development Corporation program (\$19,287) and designating that amount for the PUSD baseball field project (based on the funding amounts shown on Exhibits B-1 and B-2 of the agenda report).

Councilmember Tyler suggested the funding of the Muir baseball field project be conditioned on the availability of the field for community use.

The City Manager indicated that if the baseball field can be permitted for community use, Residential Impact Fees could also be used as an option to assist PUSD in filling the funding gap for the total proposed project.

Councilmember Robinson asked staff and the District to work together on providing access to restrooms if the City's funding for the project results in a community use arrangement for the field.

In response to Councilmember Tyler's questions, the City Manager noted staff would return with additional information on the CHDO Reserve funding (shown in Exhibit C of the agenda report) with a possible recommendation to re-allocate this reserve if the information warrants this action.

No one appeared for public comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve the City Manager's/Chief Executive Officer's recommendation, as amended to reduce

the staff's recommendation for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Pasadena Development Corporation (Small Business Assistance Program) to a total of \$120,000 and to add funding in the total amount of \$19,287 for the Pasadena Unified School District (Renovation of Muir High School North Baseball Field) project, with Residential Impact Fees to be used to supplement funding for the baseball field project if an agreement for community use of the field is worked out:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the joint meeting with the Community Development Commission adjourned at 10:00 p.m. and the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at this time. (Absent: None)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN NABER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination/District 4)

APPOINTMENT OF FELICIA WILLIAMS TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the above appointments. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 10:01 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 10:03 p.m. (Absent: None)

ORDINANCE – ADOPTED

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 17.20.020 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FOR 112 AND 130 SOUTH HOLLISTON AVENUE” (Introduced by Councilmember Tyler) (Ordinance No. 7105)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT
(Continued)

The following persons expressed concerns regarding civil rights issues in China and alleged persecution of Falun Gong members:

Jie Li, Rowland Heights resident
Lingyun Zhao, Rowland Heights resident
Hongwei Lou, Rowland Heights resident


Edy Roberts, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding a noise issue in her condominium that is not being addressed by the project developer, and asked for assistance in resolving the issue and receiving relief from the noise problem.

The Mayor indicated staff would contact Ms. Roberts regarding the above matter.

The City Manager clarified the bonds that are required by the City as part of a project, and noted that staff would look into the remedies that might be available to Ms. Roberts.

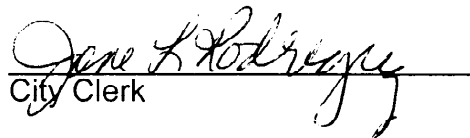
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:23 p.m., in memory of Firefighters John Kiesow and Kenneth (Barney) Soltis, and Ted Tyler, long time resident and community volunteer who had served as a member of the Tournament of Roses, NAACP, YMCA, and Planning Commission.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk