

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
September 10, 2007 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:36 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 (Arrived at 6:45 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

Chief Melekian introduced Sergeant Vasken Gourdikian, who will be serving a rotation as the Sergeant-at-Arms; and thanked Sergeant Bruce George for his service.

Councilmember Madison
arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Connie Rey Castro, Pasadena City College (PCC) Board of Trustees President, introduced Dr. Paulette Perfumo, newly-appointed PCC President.

Dr. Jeanette Mann, PCC Board Trustee, spoke briefly about discussions with Councilmember Gordo regarding a proposal to implement a vocational training program at PCC that would begin with a truck driving program.

Dr. Perfumo commented on partnering with the City to provide the educational services that the citizens want and need.

Councilmember Gordo thanked PCC for its efforts in meeting the educational needs of the community, especially students from the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), and expressed support for the College's interest and proposed work in the area of vocational training.

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

Angie Gomez and Rita Elshout, Pasadena Sister Cities Committee members, reported on the delegation's recent trip to sister city Mishima, Japan, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this sister city relationship, and presented the Mayor and Council with gifts from the trip.

Councilmember Gordo was excused at 7:01 p.m.

Reverend Michael Burnes, Pasadena Panthers President, described ongoing problems in contacting Michele McClowry with the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) regarding field usage for the Panthers football team, and expressed concerns regarding priorities that do not provide field usage for students living in the District.

The Mayor indicated the City Manager will again contact PUSD about setting up a line of communication between Rev. Burnes and the District.

Davilena O'Connor, YWCA Co-Chair of Week without Violence, announced activities to be held from October 13-20, 2007 as part of the YWCA's Week without Violence program, and asked the City to approve a proclamation declaring the week of October 13-20 as "YWCA Week without Violence".

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item discussed separately at the request of Councilmember Tyler.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 18,742 WITH STETSON ENGINEERS, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF AN ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR PERCHLORATE REMOVAL

AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL PETROLEUM RESOURCES, INC., FOR FLEET FUEL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2 MILLION ANNUALLY FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD WITH THREE OPTIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS
Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Authorize the issuance of a contract to G.P. Resources, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per year to meet the City's annual purchase of fuel for the City's fleet vehicles. The contract is for a two-year period with three optional one-year extensions; and
- (2) Grant the proposed purchase order an exemption from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

APPROVAL OF FINAL VESTING TRACT MAP NO. 066394 FOR THE CONVERSION OF 23 EXISTING APARTMENT UNITS INTO 23 CONDOMINIUM UNITS AT 166 NORTH WILSON AVENUE

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution to:

- (1) Approve Final Vesting Tract Map No. 066394; and
- (2) Authorize the City Clerk to execute the certificate on the map showing the City's approval of said map. (Resolution No. 8775)

APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 065893, BEING A COMMERCIAL PROJECT TO CONSOLIDATE FIVE EXISTING LOTS INTO A SINGLE PARCEL, AT 1687-1733 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD

Recommendation of City Manager: Adopt a resolution to:

- (1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 065893;
- (2) Accept the offer of easement dedications for street purposes as shown on said map; and
- (3) Authorize the City Clerk to execute the certificate on the map showing the City's approval of said map. (Resolution No. 8776)

CONTRACT AWARD TO HARDY & HARPER, INC., FOR THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE OF STREETS - 2007 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000

Recommendation of City Manager:

- (1) Accept the bid dated August 8, 2007, submitted by Hardy & Harper, Inc., in response to the Project Specifications for the Preventive Maintenance of Streets - 2007, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$1,300,000, which includes a base bid of \$1,028,220 and a contingency of \$271,780.
- (2) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the Public Resources Code in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) (maintenance of existing public streets) pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency, and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the project with the Los Angeles County Clerk. (Contract No. 19,444)

MINUTES APPROVED

June 25, 2007
July 2, 2007
July 9, 2007
July 16, 2007
July 23, 2007
July 30, 2007

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND
FILED

Claim No. 10,421	Greentree Homeowners Association	\$ 156.50
Claim No. 10,422	Arroyo Woods Homeowners Association	356.35
Claim No. 10,423	Maria Christina Feliz	50,000.00+
Claim No. 10,424	Newton R. Russell	694.79
Claim No. 10,425	Sarit Lazarovits	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,426	Yolanda Gonzalez	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,427	AT&T/Diane Mancini	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,428	Le Count Philips Scott	2,000,000.00
Claim No. 10,429	Citizens for Safe Drinking Water	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,430	Sandra Kay Masters	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,431	Multicultural Radio Broadcasting, Inc.	2,750.00
Claim No. 10,432	Moses Tripps	190.00
Claim No. 10,433	Frances Wood	951.89
Claim No. 10,434	Sherman I. Garnett	470.76
Claim No. 10,435	Francisco Margary Jr.	110.00

Claim No. 10,436	Gregory Matthew Berber	1,577.25
Claim No. 10,437	AAA Auto Insurance as subrogee for Ellie Mays	2,323.18
Claim No. 10,438	Anath White	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,439	Robert J. Lytle	310.57
Claim No. 10,440	Paul Derian	Not Stated
Claim No. 10,441	Henkels & McCoy, Inc.	25,000.00+

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

September 24, 2007, 7:30 p.m. – Pasadena Avenue Zone Change -2007, Zoning Code Amendment, and Conditional Use Permit No. 4923, 801 South Pasadena Avenue (Rose Cottage Development)

September 24, 2007, 7:30 p.m. – Master Development Plan Amendment for Westridge School for Girls, 324 Madeleine Drive

October 1, 2007, 7:30 p.m. – Zoning Code Amendment Related to Animal Shelters

It was moved by Vice Mayor Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 1 (Contract Amendment with Stetson Engineers, Inc.), which was discussed separately: (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

Councilmember Gordo returned and Councilmember Holden was excused at 7:03 p.m.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 18,742 WITH STETSON ENGINEERS, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF AN ION EXCHANGE TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR PERCHLORATE REMOVAL

Recommendation of City Manager: Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 18,742 with Stetson Engineers, Inc. (Stetson) for engineering design and construction management services of a treatment system for perchlorate removal at Sunset Reservoir for an amount not to exceed \$609,931, which includes a 10 percent contingency. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract Amendment No. 18,742-1)

In response to Councilmember Tyler's questions, Aldolfo Vargas, Associate Engineer, explained the causes for the work stoppage on the project and efforts to identify the party responsible for the contamination; and the City Manager explained the City's caution regarding identifying resources to pay for the project.

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

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Holden
returned at 7: 09 p.m.

**QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT, QUARTER ENDING
JUNE 30, 2007**

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

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

Vic Erganian, City Treasurer, summarized the agenda report
and responded to questions regarding impacts from the
liquidity crunch.

On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

In response to Councilmember Madison's questions regarding
a future report on the ice skating rink, the City Manager
indicated the bid process was moving forward, and the
contractual questions would be addressed separately.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

Councilmember Gordo
recused himself at 7:13 p.m.,
due to a conflict of interest.

PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REVISIONS

Recommendation of City Manager:

(1) Approve the proposed speed limit revisions on several City
streets as detailed in the Background Section of the agenda
report; and

(2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to
Chapter 10.48 of the Pasadena Municipal Code in order to
reflect the proposed revisions and administrative revisions to
be presented to the City Council for first reading within 90 days;
and

(3) Acknowledge that the proposed revisions to existing speed
limits is categorically exempted from the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15301,
Existing Facilities, of the CEQA Guidelines, and authorize the
City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of
Exemption with the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item, outlined the
impacts on enforcement if approval of the speed limit revisions
is delayed, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison stated his reasons for requesting that
this matter be reviewed by the Transportation Advisory
Commission (TAC), with the Commission to review the
changes in light of the concerns and suggestions presented in
the correspondence received by the City; and stressed the
need to protect streets located in neighborhoods that might not
be classified as residential streets, to explore options to reduce
traffic speeds, and to explore a legislative strategy to address
issues with State laws impacting local authorities and their
ability to adopt legislation that reflects local policy.

Vice Mayor Haderlein asked that TAC look at both the suggested increases and decreases in speed, and also look at ways to reduce traffic speeds to match the existing speed limits rather than raising the limits; and asked staff to confirm the classification of Riviera Drive and provide information on the effectiveness of the traffic calming measures installed on Orange Grove Boulevard in East Pasadena.

Councilmember McAustin expressed concerns regarding the State's apparent intrusion into a city's authority to set local regulations; and suggested the City work with our lobbyists and meet with our State and/or Federal representatives to garner support for steps that can be taken to retain local authority over City streets and speed limits. She also expressed concerns that this action would seem to accommodate speeders, and asked that the report from TAC include additional information on the authority and methodology used in the process for setting speed limits.

Councilmember Tyler expressed concern that this action seems to go against the goal to calm traffic as set out in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP), and suggested TAC explore ways to discourage speeding and to lower speeds.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding the proposed speed limit revisions:

Marilynne Kennedy, East Arroyo Residents Association President, submitted a letter stating concerns.
Sharon Yonashiro, Linda Vista/Annandale Association (LVAA) President
Fred Zepeda, West Pasadena Residents Association President
Craig Miller, LVAA member
Cathy Kiburtz, Pasadena resident
Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident

Discussion followed on the Court's interpretation of the law on regulating speed limits at the local level, the need for outreach to the public in educating them on the process involved in setting and enforcing speed limits, the need for control of traffic regulations in setting speed limits at the local level, and exploration of measures to reduce traffic speeds.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to refer this matter to the Transportation Advisory Commission, with a report to be presented to Council in 45 days. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

Councilmember Holden suggested the Legislative Policy Committee convene a meeting in the same 45-day period with State Senator Jack Scott and Assemblymember Anthony Portantino to discuss possible legislation that could be implemented to address the issues of home rule and the Court's interpretation of the law.

The Mayor, as Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee, concurred with Councilmember Holden's proposal to move forward with the legislative aspects of this matter and report back to Council in 45 days.

VACATION OF GILBERT GONZALES FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF PHIL HOPKINS TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION BOARD (District 7 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF JANE REESE WILKINS TO THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION (District 1 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF BETTE REIGELMAN TO THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH AYALA TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (Crawfords Vista Landmark District Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF LYNNE HESS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (District 4 Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the above vacation, appointments, and reappointment. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

RECESS

Councilmember Gordo
returned at 7:50 p.m.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 7:50 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 7:51 p.m. (Absent: None)

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of “AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA SUSPENDING SECTIONS 9.36.220 AND 9.36.230 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON HOURS OF

OPERATION OF AMPLIFIED SOUND AND GENERAL NOISE SOURCES FOR SPECIFIED HOURS AND AREAS ON SEPTEMBER 22, OCTOBER 20, AND NOVEMBER 10, 2007 (UCLA FOOTBALL HOURS OF OPERATION)"

The above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember Gordo:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCES – ADOPTED

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 8.61 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE SYSTEM, TO CLOSE THE SYSTEM TO NEW APPLICATIONS" (Introduced by Councilmember Tyler) (Ordinance No. 7110)

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

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 8.19 RELATING TO GROUP HOMES FOR THE DISABLED WHICH ARE NOT LICENSED BY THE STATE AND AMENDING TITLE 17, SECTION 17.80.020(B), AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF A BOARDING HOUSE" (Introduced by Councilmember McAustin) (Ordinance No. 7111)

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF RECENT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND CITY'S VARIOUS RESPONSES (Councilmember Gordo and Councilmember Robinson)

The Mayor delivered opening remarks on the scope of the discussion.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item; and indicated staff would be making brief presentations on enforcement,

prevention, and intervention efforts/programs related to street violence and gang activity.

Councilmember Gordo noted that violence is a symptom of what is going on in the community, and offered the following thoughts and suggestions to address what is going on in the environment:

- deal with people and/or organizations/businesses that are acting or operating in violation of the Penal Code (police enforcement) or Pasadena Municipal Code (administrative procedures/code enforcement) – stressed the need to strengthen administrative enforcement
- staff to adequately track license transfers for liquor stores in order to take this opportunity to contact neighbors regarding problems with the operation of the businesses and to impose conditions on a license to address the problems when the title is transferred with Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC)
- staff to examine administrative enforcement of the Deemed Approved Alcoholic Beverage Retail Sale Ordinance and determine if this needs strengthening
- ask for legislative action to again be pursued that would give cities more authority in controlling local liquor stores [State Senate Bill (SB)148]
- hold housing providers accountable for managing their properties and providing their own security (e.g., use of Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) re: security at Community Arms)
- coordinate use of Community Prosecutor in addressing long-term problems regarding businesses operating outside of the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC)
- invite the County and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) to work with City staff and Police Chief to determine if group homes are meeting their responsibilities in operating group homes
- work with PUSD and Pasadena City College (PCC) on developing vocational/technical training for students – support the initiatives and efforts of these institutions in educating youth
- Council to consider working with the community to identify an operator/mechanism for an under-21 facility or nightclub – consider possible use of City or grant funds to provide incentive for a contractor to operate a program through a Request for Qualifications process

Councilmember Gordo asked for the following additional information:

- Police to report where arrests are occurring to determine where Police resources are being spent

- staff to explore drafting a “social host” ordinance to address house party issues related to police calls (property owner to be held responsible)
- City Attorney, City Prosecutor, and City Manager to report on the work being done by the Community Prosecutor regarding code enforcement issues citywide
- Police Chief to provide data on incidences/arrests involving youths in group homes

Councilmember Robinson submitted her written report titled “Pasadena-Altadena Vision 2020”; and summarized components of her initiative that would establish a leadership collaborative that would include governmental representatives from Pasadena, Altadena, and Los Angeles County; PUSD, PCC, local colleges and universities; chambers of commerce; realtors, business and civic groups; and local residents, especially parents and young people. She discussed a proposed Strategic Action Framework that would address issues on: Neighborhood Violence, Youth and Young Adult Development, Safe and Healthy Weekend Recreation, Parenting and Family Support, Inter-group/Human Relations, Education and Training, and Resource Development and Public Policy Formation; with short-term, mid-term, and long-term solutions to be developed and implemented.

Councilmember Robinson highlighted the following thoughts and suggestions:

- Council to meet with the local media to build a culture of support for the City’s youth
- Council to form an ad hoc committee of elected officials of the Pasadena City Council, Altadena Town Council, representatives from the County Supervisor’s office, PUSD, and PCC that will focus on action items
- staff to compile an inventory of all services currently being conducted in the City in order to determine what services are missing from the 8 action areas of the Strategic Action Framework

Police Chief Bernard Melekian provided an update on youth street attacks and gang activity in the City, and the Police Department’s response to these two types of incidents in terms of enforcement, prevention, and intervention (e.g., Operation Safe City program, fugitive apprehension, budgetary increases for additional personnel and equipment, and various outreach programs); and responded to questions.

Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services and Recreation Department, reviewed various City-funded/sponsored programs targeting young people in the community this summer: Realizing Opportunities in Summer Employment (ROSE) youth employment program, job fair, teen and day camps, and

various playground/park activities; noted the City's financial assistance to various local programs provided by other agencies/organizations; and described plans to collaborate with businesses in providing jobs to young people.

Jan Sanders, Director of Information Services (Library) Department, reported on the Try It @ Your Library summer teen program (workshops aimed at teen interests) and the Library's intention of attempting to keep teens actively engaged through continued programming.

Brian Williams, Assistant City Manager, explained the City's partnership with the Western Justice Center to provide community dialogues/forums, train facilitators in conflict mediation, and map the services provided by organizations in the City for better coordination of services; highlighted a proposed pilot project with AmeriCan to provide life skills training for youths who have exhibited negative behavior or may be on the cusp; and noted that the City is actively engaging the faith-based community for assistance in reaching young people to change their behavior and giving them hope.

Yvette McDowell, Deputy City Prosecutor, described a pilot outreach project titled Neighborhood Outreach Workers (NOW) that offers positive gang diversion alternatives for local youths by sending outreach workers into the community to interact with gang members and bring them in to effectuate change in the gang members' lives. Horace Wormely, Neighborhood Services Administrator, noted that training classes for the NOW outreach workers would be held at Robinson Park on character building, conflict resolution and mediation, developing life skills, finding employment, computer skills, preparing for the equivalency diploma exam, and substance abuse.

The City Manager noted that staff is working on a recommendation to hire additional Police personnel during this fiscal year rather than waiting until July 2008 and on a proposal to identify City space for a teen center/under-21 facility.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding various violence issues and/or expressed support for the Pasadena-Altadena Vision 2020 presented by Councilmember Robinson:

Dr. Paulette Perfumo, PCC President, submitted a flyer for the Fourth Annual Young African American Male's Conference to be held on September 22, 2007 at PCC.

Esteban (Steve) Lizardo, PUSD Board of Education President

Edwin Diaz, PUSD Superintendent of Schools

George Lewis, Altadena Town Council Chair

Ed Honowitz, PUSD Board member speaking as an individual

Tim Kelly, Altadena Town Council member
Dr. Gerda Govine, Pasadena resident
Shirley Spencer, Pasadena resident
Pastor John McCall, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
speaking as an individual, distributed informational
material regarding research on violence.
James MacQuarrie, Raymond-Summit Neighborhood
Watch representative
Dr. Sandra Thomas, Altadena Town Council member and
Los Angeles County Human Relations Commissioner
speaking as an individual
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Western Justice Center Executive
Director speaking as an individual
Pastor Jean Burch, Community Bible Church, Community
Arms, and Clergy Community Coalition representative
Renatta Cooper, PUSD Board member speaking as an
individual
Inez Yslas, Pasadena Latino Forum representative
Sole Terramae, Pasadena resident
Rudy Carrasco, Harambee Ministries Director
Celestine Walker, Neighbors Acting Together Helping
(NATHA) representative

In response to the information provided by Mr. MacQuarrie, the City Manager noted that a business license had not been issued for Andy's Liquor and staff was looking at how to prevent that from occurring; and the City was not aware of the Alcohol Beverage Control licensing issue and would look into this, also.

Chief Melekian and the City Attorney commented on the work that has been done at Community Arms through the efforts of the Police, Community Prosecutor, and Community Arms owners/operators.

The Mayor noted that the ongoing challenge for addressing violence issues would be a matter of Council discussion and deliberation in the weeks ahead.

Councilmember Holden offered these comments and suggestions:

- explore hiring an ABC administrative person to work for the City on liquor stores
- continue to understand how the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) operates as this relates to eviction of problem tenants of public housing properties (e.g., Community Arms) and assist the property owners in solving problems
- explore violence as a public health/mental health issue and incorporate this approach/perspective into the discussions and action items

- explore gun control issue and possible development of a gun policy
- Police to report on an effective gun policy
- explore use of a code enforcement expert/specialist to focus on administrative oversight of problem liquor stores citywide
- staff to report on expansion of Drug Free Zones to public housing facilities where educational/afterschool programs are taught
- support conceptual approval of the Robinson initiative to be reviewed and used by staff, along with Council's suggestions/comments, in developing short-term, mid-term, and long-term action steps for Council's consideration, with staff to provide information on the budgetary implications for the action items and with Council to also consider policy decisions related to the action items – staff to report to Council within 1-2 weeks

Councilmember Tyler offered these comments and suggestions:

- need to understand the underlying causes of the violence problems and what the City is trying to address in order to make budgetary decisions and allocations
- concern regarding the number of youth that are not in school and not employed
- stressed the need to hear from the youth as to what is happening in the community as part of the process

Vice Mayor Haderlein offered these comments and suggestions:

- staff to compile the proposed suggestions and return in a short period of time with a package that can be refined by Council
- expand the City's summer youth employment program and explore a full time employment program
- explore expansion of the Police's Safe Schools Team/program to the middle school level

Councilmember McAustin offered these comments and suggestions:

- Council to set a policy of no tolerance for violence in the City
- address code enforcement issues, especially as this pertains to problem liquor stores
- explore violence as a public health/mental health issue
- engage people citywide in supporting our youth
- assist parents with their children (e.g., early intervention)
- staff to provide a report on existing programs

Councilmember Madison offered these comments and suggestions:

- need to understand what's happening with youth (at an early age) and to take action
- develop a positive relationship between youth and police
- staff to explore expansion of Safe Schools program to middle schools
- staff to explore additional recreational activities for youth
- support Police Activities League programs/activities
- need to address criminal violence and community services
- explore an increase in funding for Police enforcement

Councilmembers Holden and Gordo suggested the next joint meeting agenda with PUSD include vocational training, security, and other programs/suggestions involving PUSD and PCC in order to discuss and address the issues/solutions that involve these jurisdictions.

Councilmember Robinson proposed the formation of an ad hoc committee of Council members plus other representatives, and offered to chair the committee.

The Mayor offered these comments and suggestions:

- the challenge involving the needs of young people is a communitywide issue and also transcends into other geographic areas and agencies
- the ad hoc committee to take on the responsibility for a community forum involving all stakeholders and for other methods of community engagement and communication on this matter

Discussion followed on a process for moving forward (gathering information, formulating an action plan, and implementing proposed actions); logistics to be considered in the formation of an ad hoc committee; budgetary considerations; and separation of the action items under the City's purview from those items involving other jurisdictions/organizations (e.g., PUSD, PCC).

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve in principle a strong program along the lines discussed by Council and as presented in Councilmember Robinson's Pasadena-Altadena Vision 2020 document, with specific wording to be presented to Council at the meeting of September 17, 2007 for final approval, and with an active pursuit of the issues to be outlined by staff and presented to Council on September 24, 2007. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

Councilmember Holden suggested the members of the Public Safety Committee serve on the ad hoc committee.

CONSIDERATION OF A CALL FOR REVIEW OF A HEARING OFFICER DECISION TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 4880 TO MAINTAIN AN EXISTING RELIGIOUS FACILITIES CHURCH USE AND ALLOW THE ADDITION OF 560 SQUARE FEET TO AN EXISTING ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (1089 NORTH RAYMOND AVENUE – FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH)
(Councilmember Holden)

Councilmember Holden briefly explained the concerns of the neighbors regarding the transitional housing component related to the addition.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to call this matter for review to the Board of Zoning Appeals. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: None)

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:45 p.m., in memory of Paul MacCready, founder of AeroVironment Inc., accomplished engineer, and inventor of unconventional aircraft; Rogelio Ramirez, Pasadena Marine killed in Iraq; and Justice Paul Boland, longtime Pasadena resident, distinguished member of the Court of Appeal, and mentor to law students and judges.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk