

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
December 17, 2007 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

**OPENING:** Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Assistant City Manager Steve Mermell.

**ROLL CALL:**  
Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard  
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Chris Holden (Absent)  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
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 Robinson (on behalf of Councilmember Holden and herself) presented Certificates of Recognition to Keona Williams and Tyre Davenport, current Pasadena Neighborhood Outreach Workers (NOW) program participants, who saved the lives of children at a recent house fire on Yale Street.

Jarvis Emerson, representing State Assemblymember Anthony Portantino, also presented Certificates of Recognition to Keona Williams and Tyre Davenport.

The Mayor presented service award certificates to the following City employees, who were introduced by Karyn Ezell, Director of Human Resources Department:

45 Years of Service

James Hampton, Public Works Department

35 Years of Service

Millicent Sharma, Information Services (Library) Department

20 Years of Service

Cynthia Kurtz, City Manager

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

Mike Ten, Councilmember of the City of South Pasadena and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) representative, submitted information materials from SCAG on "The State of the Region 2007" and regional activities that occurred during the year.

Theresa Marie Moreau, LaCrescenta resident, expressed concerns regarding alleged human rights violations against the clergy by China, asked that anyone on the Council write a letter asking for the release of clergy being held in prison/labor camps, and submitted a handout titled "List of underground Roman Catholic clergy in prison or missing".

The following persons expressed concerns regarding the need for completion of the sewer line at 1220 Linda Ridge Road:

Frank Clark, Pasadena resident, submitted a letter to the Council dated December 14, 2007 with photos of the area.

Charles Vorsanger, Linda Ridge Road Association President

Joe Little, Linda Ridge Road Association member

Jeannine Clark, Pasadena resident

Kent Shocknek, Pasadena resident

The City Manager provided a brief update on this matter involving the property owners (Dumbachers) and a possible limited-term mediation or legal action, and responded to questions.

The City Attorney indicated that at this time, the City would need to obtain a declaration from a court authorizing entry to the property, and discussed actions that might be taken and issues related to proof of imminent threat to public safety.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns regarding public safety issues related to the above situation, urged the City to take action as expeditiously as possible, and asked that this matter be agendaized for closed session when appropriate.

Leslie Levy, West Coast Association of Chinese Political Refugees representative, read and submitted a copy of a poem she had written titled "Black Mob".

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT 077-N TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY – STATE AGREEMENT 07-5064R FOR PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT STREETSCAPES, WALKWAYS, AND ALLEYS, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. RPSTPLE 5064 (041)**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Adopt a resolution approving a Program Supplement Agreement to Administering Agency – State Agreement No. 07-5064R between the City of Pasadena and the State of California, for State Reimbursement of costs for the Playhouse District Streetscapes, Walkways, and Alleys, Federal-Aid Project No. RPSTPLE-5064(041), Program Supplement Agreement No. 077-N. (Resolution No. 8809; Agreement Amendment No. 19,323-4)

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR GRANT AND LA PINTORESCA PARKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,937**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to Landscape Structures, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$167,937 for the purchase of playground equipment for Grant and La Pintoresca Parks. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, supplies or services.

Item discussed separately at the request of Vice Mayor Haderlein.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SPOHN RANCH, INC., TO FURNISH, DELIVER, AND INSTALL SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT AT LA PINTORESCA PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,404.02**

**CONTRACT AWARD TO CALIFORNIA ENGINEERING AND CONTRACTING, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING ON AVENUE 64 FROM COLORADO BOULEVARD TO THE SOUTH CITY LIMIT, PHASE 2, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$81,400**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

(1) Accept the bid dated October 24, 2007, submitted by California Engineering and Contracting, Inc., in response to the Specifications for the Installation of Street Lighting on Avenue 64 from Colorado Boulevard to South City Limit, Phase 2;

(2) Reject all other bids received;

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$81,400; and

(4) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under Section 21084 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1), subsection (c) of the Resources Agency of California Guidelines (minor alterations involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing) 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. 19,504)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A LETTER AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR SERVICES TO REPLACE THE REMOTE TERMINAL UNIT AT T. M. GOODRICH RECEIVING STATION**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

(1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Letter Agreement with Southern California Edison to replace the Remote Terminal Unit at T. M. Goodrich Receiving Station for an amount not to exceed \$264,000.

(2) Grant the proposed contract an exemption from the

competitive bidding process pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(C), contracts for labor, material, supplies or services available from only one vendor. (Agreement No. 19,505)

**APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA POLICE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE TERM SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 THROUGH APRIL 25, 2010**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** Approve a successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Police Sergeants Association (PPSA) for the period September 6, 2007 through April 25, 2010. (Agreement No. 19,506)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACTS WITH OKONITE COMPANY AND WESCO DISTRIBUTION FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERY OF 35 KV SHIELDED ETHYLENE PROPYLENE RUBBER (EPR) INSULATED CABLE, 15 KV SHIELDED ETHYLENE PROPYLENE RUBBER (EPR) INSULATED CABLE, 15 KV HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE TREE WIRE AND 600V XLP INSULATED CABLES FOR PASADENA WATER & POWER DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

- (1) Accept the bid dated December 11, 2007 submitted by Okonite Company in response to Item I: 15kV Single-Conductor Triplexed EPR Insulated Cable;
- (2) Accept the bid dated December 11, 2007 submitted by Okonite Company in response to Item II: Multi-Conductor EPR Insulated Cable;
- (3) Accept the bid dated December 11, 2007 submitted by Wesco Distribution in response to Item III: 15kV Tree Wire;
- (4) Accept the bid dated December 11, 2007 submitted by Wesco Distribution in response to Item IV: 600V AL Single-Conductor Triplexed XLP Insulated Cable;
- (5) Accept the bid dated December 11, 2007 submitted by Okonite Company in response to Item V: 35kV Single-Conductor Triplexed EPR Insulated Cable;
- (6) Reject all other bids; and
- (7) Authorize the Purchasing Administrator to issue purchase order contracts with Okonite Company not to exceed \$6,742,784 for Item I, \$1,452,498 for Item II, and \$874,178 for Item V, and with Wesco Distribution not to exceed \$200,808 for Item III and \$739,369 for Item IV, per year for four years with one optional one-year extension for the same annual amounts, respectively.

The following persons expressed opposition to awarding the above purchase order contracts to Okonite Company (Items 1, 2, and 5) and support for issuing the purchase order contracts on these items to Wesco Distribution as the lowest responsive bidder:

Mark Larsen, General Cable Corporation representative  
Greg Tagliaferri, Wesco Distribution representative

Joe Awad, Business Unit Director, and Larry Hammond, Purchasing Administrator, affirmed the City's position in awarding the purchase order contracts to the Okonite Company, clarified the language contained in the boilerplate vs. the language contained in the bid package specifications, affirmed that staff had met with Mr. Larsen, and responded to questions regarding the request for proposal and the process.

The City Attorney discussed the issue of the more specific language in the bid specifications overriding or modifying the standard boilerplate language.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO E. C. CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GRANT PARK TENNIS COURTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$183,000**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

- (1) Accept the bid dated December 12, 2007, submitted by E. C. Construction, Inc., in response to the Specifications for Grant Park Tennis Courts;
- (2) Reject all other bids received; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$183,000. (Contract No. 19,507)

MINUTES APPROVED

December 3, 2007

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 10,496	Rene Margary	\$ 4,555.00
Claim No. 10,500	Shirley Mc Frazier and Lisa Tucker	450.00
Claim No. 10,501	Lori Hatakeyana	250.00

It was moved by Vice Mayor Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3 (Contract with Spohn Ranch, Inc.), which was discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

**CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SPOHN RANCH, INC., TO FURNISH, DELIVER, AND INSTALL SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT AT LA PINTORESCA PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,404.02**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

- (1) Accept the bid dated November 16, 2007, submitted by Spohn Ranch, Inc., in response to the specifications: "Furnish, Deliver and Install Skate Park Equipment at La Pintoresca Park";
- (2) Reject all other bids received; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$139,404.02. (Contract No. 19,508)

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, responded to Vice Mayor Haderlein's question regarding the skate park equipment.

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

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND TECHNOLOGY  
COMMITTEE**

**AMENDMENT TO ABANDONED SHOPPING CART  
ORDINANCE – PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE  
CHAPTER 9.62**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Shopping Cart Ordinance (Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 9.62) and return 60 days thereafter, in which the ordinance would:

- (1) Prohibit any person, company, partnership or corporation from allowing a shopping cart to be abandoned or remain unattended on any private property, city street, alley, sidewalk or other public right-of-way for any period of time;
- (2) Authorize the City's Code Compliance Officers to issue administrative citations to any person, company, partnership or corporation that allows their shopping cart to be abandoned or remain unattended on any private property, city street, alley, sidewalk or other public right-of-way; and
- (3) Authorize the Director of Planning and Development or his/her designee to require retailers to install a physical cart containment system following the issuance of more than ten (10) administrative citations in a thirty (30) day period for shopping carts that have been abandoned off-premises.

Councilmember Gordo, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, introduced the agenda item.

Jon Pollard, Code Compliance Manager, summarized the agenda report and responded to questions.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, responded to questions regarding compliance with and enforcement of the ordinance provisions.

The City Attorney discussed State regulations and problems with preempting the State as this relates to the noticing required on carts.

Discussion followed on options to address the needs for mobility for elderly patrons, possible noticing of the ordinance penalties on shopping carts, and ramifications of an administrative vs. criminal citation.

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

The Mayor indicated Council would be interested in the City Attorney advising the Council of the City's authority in enforcement of the provisions for labeling shopping carts as required by State law.

#### RECESS/JOINT MEETING

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 7:37 p.m. to a joint meeting with the Community Development Commission. (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

#### FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### **JOINT ACTION: FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **Recommendation of City Manager/Chief Executive Officer:**

It is recommended that the following audited reports for the year ending June 30, 2007 be received by the City Council and/or the Pasadena Community Development Commission (PCDC):

- (a) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- (b) Single Audit Report on Federal Awards
- (c) Pasadena Community Development Commission Annual Financial Report
- (d) Management Letter – City of Pasadena
- (e) Pasadena Center Operating Company Basic Financial Statements
- (f) Rose Bowl Operating Company Basic Financial Statements
- (g) Pasadena Fire and Police Retirement System Report on Audited Financial Statements and Required Supplemental Information
- (h) Air Quality Improvement Fund Financial and Compliance Report
- (i) Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Appropriation Limit Worksheets
- (j) Independent Accountant's Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Employee Deduction for the Internal Revenue Code Section 457.

Councilmember Tyler, Chair of the Finance Committee, summarized the agenda report; distributed a copy of Page 21 of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report showing corrections for some of the financial figures in the City of Pasadena's Net Assets table, Total Liabilities section; and noted that staff would be presenting a report to the Finance Committee about the City's reserves policies at a Committee meeting in January 2008.

Ken Al-Imam, auditor for Mayer Hoffman McCann PC, briefly commented on the audit process and the Comprehensive

Annual Financial Report, noted the City has maintained its AA+ bond rating, and acknowledged the City for participating in the Government Finance Officers Association's national award for excellence in financial reporting program.

It was moved by Councilmember Tyler, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to receive and file the above audited reports. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

## RECONVENED

On order of the Mayor, the joint meeting with the Community Development Commission adjourned at 7:46 p.m. and the regular meeting of the City Council reconvened at this time. (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

## LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

### **2008 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the Federal Legislative Platform for 2008.

The Mayor, Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee, announced that the Committee, with staff concurrence, was requesting that discussion of the 2008 Federal Legislative Platform be deferred until Council has had a discussion and/or taken action on a future report to be presented to Council regarding the City's unfunded priorities, in order to ensure compatibility between the Platform priorities and the unfunded priorities lists.

The City Manager briefly responded to questions regarding the two legislative priorities lists contained in the report.

Councilmember Gordo asked that the Robinson Park and Gold Line projects contained in the report continue to be given priority.

On order of the Mayor, the above item was deferred to a future meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 72 EAST GLENARM STREET AS A HISTORIC MONUMENT**

The Mayor reported on a letter received from the Art Center College of Design (currently in negotiations with the City to acquire the property) stating substantial disagreement with elements of the historic monument designation; and asked Council to defer this matter to allow time for the City and Art Center to confer about the disagreement.

By consensus and on order of the Mayor, the public hearing was continued to January 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING: CONSERVATION OF WATER THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER SHORTAGE PLAN I PURSUANT TO THE WATER SHORTAGE PROCEDURES ORDINANCE (PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.10)**

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

(1) Conduct a public hearing pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 13.10.035 Water Shortage Plan Implementation for the purposes of determining whether a water shortage may exist;

(2) Adopt a finding that a projected water shortage exists and Water Shortage Plan I as set forth in P.M.C. Section 13.10.040 is appropriate to address the projected shortage at this time; and

(3) Order implementation of Water Shortage Plan I by way of public proclamation (attached to the agenda report).

**Recommendation of Environmental Advisory Commission:** At its meeting of November 13, 2007, the Environmental Advisory Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported the notice of public hearing was published on December 3, 2007 in the Pasadena Star-News; and no correspondence was received.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item, indicated that information on the reduction of the City's bill for public (municipal) water usage will be provided in her weekly information letter to the Council some time in January 2008, noted that water conservation measures are included in changes to the Building Code that are currently going through the approval process before being presented to Council, and responded to questions regarding a voluntary vs. mandatory water conservation program.

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power Department, reviewed the agenda report, explained staff's rationale for not implementing Water Shortage Plan II, noted that Council could be provided monthly updates on the water usage/reduction and water consumption information would be posted on the City's web page, and responded to questions regarding the implementation of Plan I.

Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development Department, briefly commented on water conservation measures related to the Building Code that will be brought to Council in January 2008.

Councilmember Tyler suggested more stringent steps be taken regarding the water shortage issue rather than implementing Plan I as proposed by staff; and suggested that the City start at Plan II, design a stronger attention-getting ad campaign, provide a system for monthly reporting of water usage with a comparison to usage from the past year, introduce more rigorous guidelines for new construction and remodeling, explore the potential for conservation by the City itself, and correct municipal water loss. He requested that staff provide a status report on the Raymond Basin Compact (e.g., the City's current allotment and possible future changes to this allotment).

Councilmember Madison cautioned against an ad campaign that is too diffuse, suggested the campaign focus on a limited number of behavior-changing messages, and requested that staff provide information on the budget for the ad campaign and samples from the campaign as currently designed.

Councilmember Gordo suggested information be included with the customers' water bills, and that staff attempt to identify those customers who are over consuming water now so that these customers can be warned about the problem and/or provided guidance in water usage reduction.

Councilmember McAustin suggested the City set the 10% reduction as a starting point with customers encouraged to meet the challenge to do more than the 10% reduction.

Discussion followed on the need to produce a long-term change in residents' behavior involving water usage, components of Plan I implementation, the rationale for not fining customers at this stage of the water shortage, the design of the ad campaign that will be implemented, problems with measuring a customer's usage to determine possible water waste, and the impact of possible future demands from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) for water reductions to be imposed on the City.

The following persons spoke in support of various water conservation measures and/or implementation of Water Shortage Plan I:

Jean Barkauskas, Whispering Waters Home Owners  
Association representative  
Joe Feinblatt, Pasadena resident  
David Czamanske, Sierra Club-Pasadena Group  
Conservation Co-Chair  
Michael Hurley, Environmental Advisory Commission Chair

Tim Brick, MWD Board Chair, discussed the status of the region's water resources and the need for water conservation

and water reduction programs, and noted that MWD would be considering a water shortage allocation program in February 2008.

Vice Mayor Haderlein suggested the water usage information be shown in a prominent place on the City's web page.

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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the City Manager's recommendation, with staff to report to Council in 90 days with an evaluation for possible implementation of Water Shortage Plan II. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF 1154 SOUTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE, 160-162 NORTH ALTADENA DRIVE AND 1879 EAST WALNUT STREET AS LANDMARKS**

**Recommendation of City Manager:**

- (1) Acknowledge that the designation of historic resources is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines Section 15308: Class 8 - Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment);
- (2) Find that Pacific Electric Sub-Station No. 2 at 1154 South Fair Oaks Avenue, meets Criteria A & C in Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 17.62.040 for designation as a landmark because of its associations with the Northern District Lines of the Pacific Electric Railway system, and, although substantially altered, it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a brick industrial building from the late 1890's/early 1900's and of a rare property type (electrical substations associated with the former electric rail system);
- (3) Find that the Lamanda Park electrical sub-station at 160-162 North Altadena Drive meets Criterion C in P.M.C. Section 17.62.040 for designation as a landmark because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of Spanish eclectic design by local architect Robert Ainsworth;
- (4) Find that the Woodbury Well water pump house at 1879 East Walnut Street meets Criterion C in P.M.C. Section 17.62.040 for designation as a landmark because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of Art Deco style and is a rare example of the style applied to a municipal utility property type in the City;
- (5) Approve the designation of the properties at 1154 South Fair Oaks Avenue, 160-162 North Altadena Drive, and 1879 East Walnut Street as landmarks;
- (6) Adopt resolutions approving Declarations of Landmark Designation for 1154 South Fair Oaks Avenue, 160-162 North

Altadena Drive and 1879 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, California;

(7) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declarations of Landmark Designation for 1154 South Fair Oaks Avenue, 160-162 North Altadena Drive and 1879 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, California; and

(8) Direct the City Clerk to record the Declarations with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution Nos. 8810 – 8812)

**Recommendation of Historic Preservation Commission:**

On September 17, 2007, at a noticed public hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the designation of 1154 South Fair Oaks Avenue, 160-162 North Altadena Drive and 1879 East Walnut Street as landmarks. The Commission also provided the following additional recommendations:

- The City should research the existence of original windows that are covered over at 1154 South Fair Oaks Avenue and, if possible, restore the original windows, and
- The City should consider seismic retrofit and use of the building at 1154 South Fair Oaks for a public purpose or museum, possibly for the Electric Railway Historical Association.

Staff concurs with these recommendations. The City is currently in negotiations with Art Center College of Design regarding the future use and retrofit of the building at 1154 South Fair Oaks Avenue.

Councilmember Gordo was excused at 9:02 p.m.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported 25 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on November 2, 2007; 82 copies of the notice were mailed on November 2, 2007; and 1 letter in support was received.

Kevin Johnson, Planner, summarized the agenda report.

The following person spoke in support of the three landmark designations:

Susan Mossman, Pasadena Heritage representative (applicant)

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden)

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

**ORDINANCE**

**Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING THE NORTH LAKE SPECIFIC PLAN OVERLAY DISTRICT” (Introduced by Councilmember Gordo)**

The Mayor announced that the above ordinance would be held for another first reading at the meeting of January 7, 2008.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**RECOMMENDATION TO RE-ESTABLISH A PASADENA YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Recommendation of City Manager:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the re-establishment of the Pasadena Youth Council to serve as an advisory body to identify, discuss, prioritize and address local youth issues. In summary, the Pasadena Youth Council will:

- (a) be an advisory committee available to address youth issues citywide (working as a resource group with various City projects and commissions, as needed);
- (b) be a subcommittee of the Human Services Commission;
- (c) be structured to include a Core Advisory group of 20 youth from local middle and high schools who meet bi-monthly to develop and implement annual work plans, as well as a Youth Network open to all local youth to participate on a non-regular basis via special events, forums and youth-oriented internet opportunities (e.g. web pages); and
- (d) be designed to reflect the diversity of Pasadena middle and high school age youth.

**Recommendation of Human Services Commission:** At their meeting on September 12, 2007, the Human Services Commission reviewed the pilot study findings and recommended that City Council approve the proposed re-establishment of the Pasadena Youth Council.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item, commented on youth involvement in implementing the Youth Council proposal, and responded to questions regarding the proposed Youth Council.

Councilmember Gordo returned at 9:07 p.m.

Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services and Recreation Department, reviewed the agenda report, and responded to questions about the development of the Youth Council, the issues that will be addressed by the group, and the budget/workplan for the Youth Council.

The following person spoke in support of the re-establishment of the Pasadena Youth Council:

Sue Miele, The Partnership for Children, Youth and Families and Asset Development Network representative

Councilmember Tyler stressed the need for strong staff support in sustaining the Youth Council over the years.

Police Chief Bernard Melekian commented on the Boston and Providence youth group models and problems experienced by the groups (e.g., sustainability and responsibilities), and responded to questions.

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

### **UPDATE ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

The Mayor, Chair of the Youth Development and Violence Prevention Committee, distributed and reviewed his memo to the Council dated December 17, 2007, provided a brief history of the Committee, and responded to questions. He highlighted two issues involving: 1) the purpose of the Committee, and 2) the Committee's recommendation regarding "master plan consultant selection and management" that outlines a scope of work in moving forward. He noted the differences between the purpose approved by the Council ("The purpose of the Committee shall be to prepare a plan or set of recommendations to reduce violence in the short term and to develop sustainable community-wide policy and infrastructure to maintain a safe community in the long term.") and the purpose adopted by the Committee ("The purpose of the Youth Development and Violence Prevention Committee shall be to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and sustainable community-wide strategy and policies to reduce violence in Pasadena and Altadena, to support children and families, and to ensure the opportunity for all youth to develop to their fullest potential.").

Councilmember Robinson, Committee Vice Chair, noted that the Committee's meeting of December 20, 2007 will focus on soliciting comments, suggestions, and solutions from the community's youth and young adults; discussed the Committee's support for the Western Justice Center as a consultant to assist in the Plan of Action as set out in the "Report from Committee for Master Plan Consultant Selection and Management" (distributed as part of the Mayor's information dated December 17, 2007); and responded to questions. She stressed the need to compensate the Western Justice Center for its time and resource contributions to this effort, and expressed support for selection of the Western Justice Center as the lead consultant.

Councilmember Madison, Committee member, discussed the Committee's recommendation to hire a consultant and the City's funding of 50% of the cost of the consultant (a total commitment of up to \$50,000 at this point in time); and confirmed that the Committee was suggesting that the City be the fiscal intermediary for the consultant contract.

Jeanette Mann, Pasadena City College Board Trustee and Committee member, spoke in support of the Committee's recommendation regarding the master plan development and consultant/dedicated staff.

Councilmember Tyler suggested that job development be specified as a part of the charge to the consultant and in the development of the master plan.

Councilmember Gordo, Committee member, expressed support for including job development and training in the consultant's work and the master plan being developed; and suggested that Section II, Scope of Work (set out in the Committee's report) be approved in concept by the Council, incorporating Council's comments and suggestions so that this can come back to Council for action regarding the funding of a consultant, and that a signal be given to the Western Justice Center that Council is moving forward with the funding of the consultant selected and recommended by the Committee.

Discussion followed on the process for identifying/selecting a consultant to the Committee, the Committee's rationale for selection of the Western Justice Center as the lead consultant, the basic budget for the consultant work, the scope of work set out in the Committee's report, the expanded scope of the purpose as adopted by the Committee, job development as a component of the action plan, the need for staffing to assist the Committee, and the need to make the Scope of Work more specific.

The City Manager noted that a request for the appropriation of funding monies would first go through the Finance Committee, which would be meeting on January 14, 2008.

The Mayor indicated that with Council consensus for moving in the direction of the selection of the Western Justice Center as the lead consultant, the Committee would make a commitment to the Western Justice Center for compensation, and that one of the first tasks for the Western Justice Center would be to further elaborate, in their professional terminology as consultants, what the deliverables would be and how this would be measured under the contract.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve in concept

the Youth Development and Crime Prevention Committee's recommended Plan of Action with Scope of Work, Items A through D, as set out in the "Report from Committee for Master Plan Consultant Selection and Management" and incorporating Council's comments and suggestions to add specificity to the Scope of Work; with the matter to return to Council (through the Finance Committee) on January 14, 2008 for action regarding the Committee's recommendation and the City's appropriation of up to \$50,000 in funding for a consultant. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

**APPOINTMENT OF JON BROOKHART TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION** (District 1 Nomination)

**APPOINTMENT OF KELLY R. LEWIS TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY** (District 1 Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to approve the above appointments. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Holden)

**DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF USING AIR SPACE OVER A PORTION OF THE EXISTING 210 FREEWAY AS A PARK** (Councilmember McAustin)

Councilmember McAustin commented on the opportunity for creating park space by using air space over a portion of the 210 Freeway, and asked Council to consider directing staff to provide information on what steps might be involved in pursuing this option.

The City Manager noted that staff had not looked into the feasibility of the concept of decking over the freeway and that outside resources would be needed to assist staff in looking into the matter and conducting studies, with a workplan and funding to be included in the budget if Council would want to move forward in exploring the possibility.

Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works Department, briefly commented on some of the issues that would be involved in exploring the feasibility of the decking/park concept.

Discussion followed on the process for exploring the decking/park concept and examples of existing parks that use this concept.

Councilmember Gordo suggested contacting the City's State and County representatives regarding pursuing this concept.

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Vice Mayor Haderlein, to direct staff to outline the process involved in determining the feasibility of a study of the decking/park







