

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
August 2, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmembers Madison, Robinson)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 6:26 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

**Property: 2920 East Washington Boulevard, Pasadena
Agency Negotiator: Michael J. Beck, City Manager
Negotiating Party: Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Dayna Rotham**

Councilmember Haderlein was excused at 6:48 p.m.

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:49 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Tornek.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Victor Gordo
Councilmember Steve Haderlein (Returned at 6:51 p.m.)
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson (Absent)
Councilmember Terry Tornek

Staff:

City Manager Michael J. Beck
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilmember Haderlein returned at 6:51 p.m.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Carolina Blengini as Historic Preservation Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Les Hammer, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding issues involving a lawsuit filed against the City by Judicial Watch and the City's status as an alleged illegal alien sanctuary city.

Councilmember Madison stated his objections to the comments made by Mr. Hammer regarding the City Attorney.

Sergeant Mac, Family 1st Growth Camp representative, presented the Mayor with a certificate of appreciation, DVD, and t-shirt for his support of the Family 1st's Homeless for the Night event.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES APPROVED

July 19, 2010

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,167	Law Offices of Carlin & Buchsbaum, LLP, Attorneys for Ashok Argawal	\$	Not stated
Claim No. 11,168	John Desjarlais		542.41
Claim No. 11,169	Diane Stuedle		500.00

Councilmember Holden noted that he would abstain from the vote on the above minutes, since he had been absent from the July 19th Council meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried, with Councilmember Holden abstaining on the minutes item) (Absent: Councilmember Robinson)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF AN ICE RINK FACILITY IN THE PAVILION LOCATED AT THE CONVENTION CENTER UNDER PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY (PCOC) MANAGEMENT

Recommendation of City Manager and PCOC Chief Executive Officer:

- (1) Authorize PCOC to submit an application for a conditional use permit for the conversion of the pavilion located at the Convention Center to a single sheet ice skating facility under PCOC management at a cost not to exceed \$3.0 million and to conduct any necessary environmental review;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to issue a low interest, 10-year loan, not to exceed \$1.5 million from City funds to the PCOC to be used for the ice rink relocation to the pavilion if the conditional use permit is granted; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to approve the expenditure of \$1.5 million in PCOC Reserves to be used for the ice rink relocation to the pavilion if the conditional use permit is granted.

Councilmember Holden, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the Committee's discussion of the above agenda item, and support for granting conceptual approval of the proposed ice rink facility resulting in the following action:

Recommendation of the Finance Committee: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) approve staff Recommendation No. 1 to authorize the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) to submit an application for a conditional use permit for the conversion of the pavilion located at the Convention Center to a single sheet ice skating facility under PCOC management at a cost not to exceed \$3.0 million and to conduct any necessary environmental review; and 2) direct the PCOC and staff to return within 45 days to the Finance Committee/City Council with additional information on a 10-year pro forma, possible parking arrangements involving the Paseo Colorado parking structure, and the structure of a public benefit program, to be submitted for further Council discussion and consideration.

Councilmember Haderlein, Finance Committee member, indicated that the 45 days was to be used for the Committee and City Council to receive and consider the requested additional information, while the PCOC is moving forward with the CUP process and before the CUP hearing is held in 60 days.

Michael Ross, PCOC Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, submitted the 10-year pro forma, and responded to questions.

The following persons spoke in support of the proposed ice skating facility:

April Hicks, Build the Rink Committee representative
Alex Carswell, Pasadena resident
Ouida Robins, Pasadena Figure Skating Club President
Victoria Boa, Pasadena Ice Skating Center instructor
Jon Dudley, Pasadena Maple Leafs Vice President
Manuel Valle, Carpinteria resident

Discussion followed on the process to formalize the deal points and financial provisions for the transition of the ice skating facility from its current location to the pavilion (improvements to the structure, operation of the proposed facility, parking arrangements, and public benefit program); and the status of the proposed ice skating rink in the pavilion as a temporary vs. permanent facility.

Councilmember Madison, City representative on the PCOC Board, expressed support for the City Manager/PCOC Chief Executive Officer recommendation, including the understanding that the pavilion is only a temporary solution. He noted that the PCOC is considering other commercial options in their future plans for the pavilion site.

Vice Mayor Gordo expressed support for the Finance Committee's recommendation, and stated concerns regarding use of the pavilion as a temporary solution (5-10 years), with the possibility that the ice skating facility could again be without a location at some future time. He also asked that the PCOC return with clarification of other options that may be considered by the PCOC for alternative uses of this site in the future (e.g., hotel or some other commercial development).

Councilmember Haderlein asked that the additional information to be provided by the PCOC and staff be presented to the Finance Committee/City Council on September 20, 2010; and that clarification of "temporary" be provided for the timeframe of the pavilion usage as a temporary ice skating facility. He also suggested consideration of a possible caveat that an alternative ice skating rink site be identified prior to the closure of the pavilion facility.

The City Attorney cautioned that actions taken by the City Council prior to the CUP hearing must not appear to be predetermining the outcome of the CUP permit process.

Councilmember Holden suggested the PCOC Board and staff be directed to return to the Finance Committee and City Council with the terms and conditions (as part of a proposed agreement, term sheet, or recommendations) that call out the information requested above by the Finance Committee.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve staff Recommendation No. 1 to authorize the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) to submit an application for a conditional use permit for the conversion of the pavilion located at the Convention Center to a single sheet ice skating facility under PCOC management at a cost not to exceed \$3.0 million and to conduct any necessary environmental review; and to direct the PCOC and staff to return to the Finance Committee/City Council on September 20, 2010 with additional information on a 10-year pro forma, possible parking arrangements involving the Paseo Colorado parking structure, the structure of a public benefit program, and clarification of the term "temporary" as it pertains to the timeframe of the pavilion usage as a temporary ice skating facility, for further Council discussion and consideration. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent: Councilmember Robinson)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
MATTERS NOT ON THE
AGENDA** (Continued)

Manuel Valle, Carpinteria resident, expressed concerns regarding issues with his mother's release from a nursing home in Pasadena.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WARNER TO THE
ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION** (District 5
Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE ZAVALA TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF BRYAN REESE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF DEBBIE AYALA TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION (District 2 Nomination)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Haderlein, to approve the above reappointments and appointment. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Robinson)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ADOPTION OF THE DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY AND OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S DEBT PROFILE

Councilmember Holden, Chair of the Finance Committee, requested that the above item be held to allow time for staff to provide additional information to the Committee.

On order of the Mayor, the item was held to the Council meeting of August 9, 2010.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Mayor was excused at 8:21 p.m. Vice Mayor Gordo assumed the Chair.

Councilmember Madison was excused at 8:22 p.m.

UPDATED PLAN OF ISSUANCE AND GUIDELINES FOR RECOVERY ZONE BONDS

Recommendation: This report is for information only.

Andy Green, Director of Finance Department, introduced the agenda item and responded to questions.

Vic Erganian, Deputy Director/City Treasurer, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember Holden, to receive the report and direct staff to file the Updated Plan of Issuance with the appropriate agency. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Madison, Robinson, Mayor Bogaard)

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Recommendation: This report is for information only. The City Manager introduced the agenda item.

Fred Dock, Director of Transportation Department, and Ellen Greenberg, Arup (City's consultant), reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, discussed various traffic issues related to the Gold Line grade crossing areas in West Pasadena, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison returned at 8:33 p.m.

Councilmember Madison suggested staff review the City's use of a segment analysis methodology as this relates to setting a volume threshold.

The City Manager indicated that the Council and staff will need to work together to determine what types of statistics and methodologies will provide the information that will be most helpful in reviewing and amending the City's policies on transportation.

Councilmember Holden suggested staff continue to seek and explore best practices of other communities that can be integrated into Pasadena's transportation planning.

Sharon Yonashiro, Transportation Advisory Commissioner, announced that she had been recently elected as the new Vice Chair and Jennifer Higginbotham had been elected as the new Chair of the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC); and noted that TAC will be involved in both the development of the proposed performance measures and the Mobility Element update process.

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

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed at 9:37 p.m., to discuss the following closed session, and thereafter adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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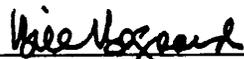
Property Location: Rose Bowl Stadium and surrounding parking areas

Agency Negotiators: Darryl Dunn, Michael J. Beck, Andy Green, and Dan Barrett

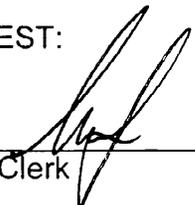
Negotiating Parties: Tournament of Roses and University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:


City Clerk