

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
August 1, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

Teleconference Location:  
Marriott's Desert Springs Villas  
Business Center  
1091 Pinehurst Lane  
Palm Desert, California

**OPENING:** Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Madison.

**ROLL CALL:**  
Councilmembers: Mayor Bill Bogaard  
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Victor Gordo (Participated via teleconference beginning at 6:31 p.m.)  
Councilmember Chris Holden  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Jacque Robinson  
Councilmember Terry Tornek

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS** The Mayor welcomed and Renatta Cooper, Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education President, introduced Jon Gundry, the recently-hired PUSD Superintendent.

The Mayor reported on an event that was organized and hosted by Deborah Sanchez, wife of Police Chief Phillip Sanchez, and held at the Tournament House on July 30, 2011. Mrs. Sanchez explained the purpose of the "Silent Heroes" luncheon in honoring the spouses of the Pasadena Police Department's sworn and civilian employees.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** **CONTRACT AWARD TO VASILJ INC., FOR THE 2011 SEWER CAPACITY UPGRADES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$493,000**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Acknowledge the project to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 1, Sections 15301 and 15302; minor

alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and

(2) Accept the bid dated June 29, 2011, submitted by Vasilj Inc., in response to the Project Specifications for the 2011 Sewer Capacity Upgrades, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$493,000. (Contract No. 20,731)

**CONTRACT AWARD TO SULLY-MILLER CONTRACTING COMPANY FOR THE SLURRY SEAL OF STREETS – 2011 AND THE CITY YARDS PARKING LOT (233 W MOUNTAIN STREET) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$402,500**

**Recommendation:**

(1) 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), repair of existing public streets, pursuant to the findings of the Secretary of the Resources Agency, and a Notice of Exemption for the project has been filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on June 15, 2011; and

(2) Accept the bid dated July 20, 2011, submitted by Sully-Miller Contracting Company, in response to the Project Specifications for the Slurry Seal of Streets – 2011, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract as is required for an amount not to exceed \$402,500. (Contract No. 20,732)

**AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 20,557 WITH EVERLAST BUILDERS, INC., TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$25,000 FROM \$208,000 TO \$233,000 FOR THE PAINTING OF STREET LIGHT POLES, TRAFFIC SIGNAL POLES, AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT, IN THE OLD PASADENA AND SOUTH LAKE AVENUE DISTRICTS, AND THE PAINTING OF BICYCLE RACKS IN THE SOUTH LAKE AVENUE DISTRICT PROJECT**

The Mayor noted that the City Manager had requested that the above item be held to a future Council meeting.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

May 2, 2011  
May 9, 2011  
May 16, 2011

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 11,410	John Kibler	\$ Not Stated
Claim No. 11,411	State Farm Insurance Companies as subrogee for Paul Scott	2,308.51
Claim No. 11,412	Morgan C. Kim-Fanelli	345.13
Claim No. 11,413	Joseph Rene Magana	Not Stated

Claim No. 11,414	Rosemarie Escalante	1,744.20
Claim No. 11,415	Robert Stephenson for Oak Tree Villas HOA	307.54
Claim No. 11,416	AT&T/Pacific Bell	1,670.98
Claim No. 11,417	Ilona Moldavon	25,000.00+

It was moved by Vice Mayor McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3 (Amendment to Contract with Everlast Builders, Inc.), which was held to a future Council meeting:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Madison, Masuda, Robinson, Tornek, Vice Mayor McAustin, Mayor Bogaard  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: None

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

Bob Kneisel, Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition Vice Chair, expressed concerns regarding the closure of Station 39 and the need for public participation in the planning for interim and permanent fire/emergency services for this area, and submitted a letter stating the Coalition's concerns.

Councilmember Madison announced a neighborhood meeting to be held on August 3, 2011 regarding the Station 39 closure.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**DEVIL'S GATE DAM SHORT-TERM SEDIMENT REMOVAL Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15308, actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Los Angeles County for the use of Johnson Field to temporarily store sediment removed from the Devil's Gate Dam basin.

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager and Acting Director of Public Works Department, introduced the agenda item, and responded to questions.

Dan Rix, City Engineer, highlighted the agenda report, and responded to questions regarding the short-term and long-term plans for sediment removal.

Keith Lilley, County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works Principal Engineer, provided an overview of the Devil's Gate Dam sediment removal and risk reduction plan as part of a PowerPoint presentation, confirmed that the removal of material deposited on Johnson Field will be part of the CEQA process and prioritized in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and responded to questions regarding the short-term and long-term sediment removal plans.

The following persons expressed various concerns regarding the proposed sediment removal plan, spoke in opposition to the use of Windsor Avenue as a haul route, and/or spoke in support of the use of Johnson Field for temporary sediment storage:

Henreen Nunley, Windsor-Arroyo Neighborhood Association (WANA) member  
Valerie Caudle, Pasadena resident  
Elizabeth Francis, Altadena resident  
Alonzo Edwards, WANA President  
Hugh Bowles, Altadena resident  
Felicia Williams, Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee member and Environmental Advisory Commissioner  
Tecumseh Shackelford, WANA member  
Debra Francis, WANA member  
Brent Musson, Altadena Town Council member speaking as an individual

The City Manager indicated that staff will take into consideration the community's concerns regarding truck traffic, especially on Windsor Avenue, when they work with the County on both the short-term and long-term sediment removal plans, and that the County's request for a permit, rather than an agreement, will meet the City's needs; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Holden expressed concerns regarding the lack of maintenance by the City, and/or County, of an access road to be used for sediment removal purposes, as stated in the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan.

Vice Mayor McAustin, Municipal Services Committee (MSC) Chair, reported that the MSC had received presentations on the sediment removal plans during past meetings, and stressed the need for this public safety issue to be addressed in a timely manner with a minimal amount of impact on the neighborhood.

Councilmember Tornek emphasized that the timeline for removal of the Johnson Field deposit material could take at least 3-5 years from the deposit date; and suggested that the City should include the following information in the permit that is issued: a request that the County remove the material from Johnson Field as soon as this is possible, a requirement for the County to provide a safe alternative trail during the time that the park area is impacted by the sediment removal project(s), and a requirement for the County to ensure that Windsor Avenue is kept clear and clean of debris when used as an interim hauling route.

Councilmember Gordo, Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) President, noted that the County had also provided a presentation on the Interim Measures Project to the RBOC; expressed RBOC's concerns as to whether the County can assure the RBOC and City that this project will prevent breaches that will impact the Rose Bowl area, flooding its tenants and residents; and stated the need for the County to devise a contingency plan which describes what will be done if a breach should occur, with the contingency plan to be presented to the Public Safety Committee and RBOC.

The Mayor indicated that staff will work with Mr. Lilley and the County in scheduling another update presentation for a City Council meeting in September 2011, which will provide additional information requested by the City Council and public.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Vice Mayor McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation, as amended to approve a City permit to be issued to the County of Los Angeles, rather than an agreement; and with the permit to include a request that the sediment deposited on Johnson Field be removed at the earliest possible date, a requirement for the County to provide a safe alternative trail during the time that this area is impacted by the sediment removal project, and a requirement for the County to ensure that Windsor Avenue is kept clear and clean of debris when used as an interim hauling route:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Holden, Madison, Masuda, Robinson, Tornek, Vice Mayor McAustin, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Councilmember Gordo was excused at 8:19 p.m.

**RESIGNATION OF LARK CRABLE FROM THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION** (District 1 Nomination)

**RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL CHUNG FROM THE LIBRARY COMMISSION** (Mayor Nomination)

**RESIGNATION OF BETTE REIGELMAN FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION** (District 3 Nomination)

**APPOINTMENT OF LAURA RODRIGUEZ TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** (District 4 Nomination)

**APPOINTMENT OF ALAN LAMSON TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION** (District 4 Nomination)

**APPOINTMENT OF SOJI KASHIWAGI TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION** (District 4 Nomination)

It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to accept the above resignations with regrets, and approve the above appointments. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES**

**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE**

**UPDATE FROM THE FLINTRIDGE CENTER SERVING AS  
INSTITUTIONAL HOME FOR COMMUNITY VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION EFFORTS**

**Recommendation:** This report is for information only. The Public Safety Committee requested that this report be presented to the full City Council.

Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation Department, summarized the agenda report, and responded to questions regarding comparable programs and best practices used by other existing programs/initiatives that are addressing these same issues.

Jaylene Moseley, The Flintridge Center President, reviewed the Vision 20/20 Organizational Overview/Institutional Home Report (September 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011) as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Holden suggested that Vision 20/20 contact each individual on the City Council about observing some of the activities and work groups in order to familiarize themselves with the efforts that are taking place.

Councilmember Robinson thanked Ms. Moseley and the Flintridge Center for their work.

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

**ORDINANCES – ADOPTED**

**Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE) TO REGULATE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS GREATER THAN 75,000 SQUARE FEET AND CERTAIN MIXED USE PROJECTS AND TO REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CERTAIN NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS GREATER THAN 75,000 SQUARE FEET IN THE SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLAN OVERLAY DISTRICT” (Introduced by Councilmember Tornek) (Ordinance No. 7210)**

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Holden, Madison, Masuda, Robinson, Tornek, Vice Mayor McAustin, Mayor Bogaard

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Gordo

**Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE) TO REVISE THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE LOWER HASTINGS RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH BUILDING SILHOUETTE REQUIREMENTS"**  
(Introduced by Vice Mayor McAustin) (Ordinance No. 7211)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:  
AYES: Councilmembers Holden, Madison, Masuda, Robinson, Tornek, Vice Mayor McAustin, Mayor Bogaard  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Gordo

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**AMENDMENT TO THE LIGHT AND POWER RATE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 13.04.071 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed amendment to the Light and Power Rate Ordinance is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273, rates, tolls, fares, and charges; and  
(2) Direct the City Attorney to return within 60 days with an amendment to the Light and Power Rate Ordinance, Chapter 13.04.071 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, to extend the authority of the General Manager of the Water and Power Department to implement experimental electric rates for all customers. The experimental rates will either sunset after a maximum three-year period or be recommended as permanent rates, will be available to all customer groups and will be limited to no more than three percent (3%) of retail energy sales as measured in megawatt hours (MWh).

Shari Thomas, Assistant General Manager of Water and Power Department, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation.

In response to Councilmember Madison's questions, the City Manager indicated that an update on the City's approach for addressing the increase in electric vehicles and consequent impacts on the City's electricity supply will be provided in his weekly informational newsletter.

It was moved by Vice Mayor McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

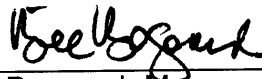
Councilmember Masuda suggested that the 2011 National Night Out celebration be dedicated in honor and memory of the late June Takenouchi, as requested in a letter from the

Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition. The City Manager confirmed that this suggestion could be handled administratively, with information being provided to the public in a timely manner.

Councilmember Holden announced that the Pasadena City College (PCC) will be holding a procurement informational meeting on August 5-6, 2011 for potential vendors/contractors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



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Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk