

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 6, 2012 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:36 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Agency Designated Representatives: Mary Ellen Schubel, Michael J. Beck

Employee Organization: Pasadena Association of Clerical and Technical Employees, Affiliated with the Laborer's International Union of North America (PACTE/LIUNA) Local 777

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Agency Designated Representatives: Mary Ellen Schubel, Michael J. Beck

Employee Organizations: Unrepresented Management Top, Middle and Professional Employees, Technical and Administrative, Confidential and Clerical, Non-Represented, Hourly, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 858, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 18, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 501, Pasadena Management Association (PMA), Pasadena Fire Fighters Association (PFFA) Local 809, Pasadena Firefighters Management Association (PFMA), Pasadena Police Officers Association (PPOA), Pasadena Police Sergeants Association (PPSA), Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721

Egerton Forster, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the City's use of outside consultants for services that could be provided by City employees, and the need for the City to work with its employees in identifying options to address the current budget shortfall and ongoing fiscal constraints.

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

**Property: 877 North Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena
Agency Negotiators: Michael J. Beck and Steve Mermell**

The above three closed session items were discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Masuda.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Victor Gordo (Absent)
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 City Clerk administered the oaths of office to Raphy Timour as member of the Deferred Compensation Oversight Committee, and Dave Folz as Senior Commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one appeared for public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item discussed separately at the request of Councilmember Tornek.

APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 063103, BEING A SUBDIVISION TO CONSOLIDATE 20 LAND LOTS INTO 19 LAND LOTS, AND CREATION OF 270 AIR PARCELS, AT AMBASSADOR WEST – 300 WEST GREEN STREET

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EPA CONSULTING TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED PARSONS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation:

- (1) Find that entering into the proposed contract with EPA Consulting is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), general rule; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with EPA Consulting, in an amount not to exceed \$455,000 for the

preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Parsons Planned Development. (Contract No. 20,930)

TERMINATION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council terminate the Declaration of Local Emergency issued on December 5, 2011.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER GENE MASUDA AS THE CITY OF PASADENA REPRESENTATIVE ON THE METRO GOLD LINE PHASE II JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (Mayor Nomination)

MINUTES APPROVED

January 23, 2012

The City Council also included approval of the minutes for the Pasadena Community Development Commission meeting of January 23, 2012 in the motion (see below).

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No. 11,571	Jeff and Gretchen Warren	\$ 6,729.32
Claim No. 11,572	Paul Strobel	2,500.00
Claim No. 11,573	Hovannes Boyadjian	Not Stated
Claim No. 11,574	Hagop Boyadjian	9,500.00

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Robinson, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Final Tract Map for Ambassador West Project), which was discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 063103, BEING A SUBDIVISION TO CONSOLIDATE 20 LAND LOTS INTO 19 LAND LOTS, AND CREATION OF 270 AIR PARCELS, AT AMBASSADOR WEST – 300 WEST GREEN STREET

Recommendation:

(1) Find that sufficient environmental review was conducted for the Ambassador West Project, with its Final Environmental Impact Report adopted by the City Council on April 2, 2007, and that there are no changed circumstances or new information which would require additional environmental review;

(2) Adopt a resolution to approve Final Tract Map No. 063103;

(3) Accept the offer of easement dedications for water line purposes as shown on said map; and

(4) Authorize the City Clerk to execute the Certificate on the map showing the City's approval of said map. (Resolution No. 9175)

The Mayor noted that Councilmember Tornek had stated his concerns and objections to the project at a prior Council meeting.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE TERRITORY ANNEXED THERETO FOR PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PURPOSES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A CHARTER AMENDMENT MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BY GEOGRAPHIC SUB-DISTRICTS TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council, at the request of the Pasadena Unified School District's Board of Education, adopt the following resolutions related to the calling of a special municipal election on Tuesday, June 5, 2012:

(1) A resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena, California, calling for and giving notice of the holding of a special municipal election to be held in said City, and in the territory annexed thereto for Pasadena Unified School District purposes, on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, for the submission of a Charter amendment measure to provide for the nomination and election of members to the Board of Education by geographic sub-districts;

(2) A resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena, California, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to authorize and order the consolidation of a special municipal election of the City of Pasadena, and the territory annexed thereto for Pasadena Unified School District purposes, with the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, and requesting the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters to provide certain services;

~~(3) A resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena, California, setting priorities for filing written arguments pertaining to a City Charter amendment measure to provide for the nomination and election of members to the Board of Education by geographic sub-districts and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis; and~~

(4) A resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena, California, providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for a City Charter amendment measure to provide for the nomination and election of members to the Board of Education by geographic sub-districts, submitted at a special municipal election to be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. (Resolution Nos. 9176, 9177, and 9179)

Renatta Cooper, Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education President, introduced the agenda item.

Ken Chawkins, PUSD Districting Task Force Chair, summarized the Task Force's activities and proposed Charter language changes as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The City Clerk provided an overview of the administrative steps to be taken by the City Council as part of a PowerPoint presentation, explained the deletion of recommendation No. 3 based on a request from PUSD, and responded to questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Holden, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve staff recommendation Nos. 1, 2, and 4, and direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

INFORMATION ITEM

FIRE STATION NO. 39 REHABILITATION UPDATE

Recommendation: This report is for information only.

Interim Fire Chief Calvin Wells reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, clarified safety issues and procedures related to the location and operation of a rescue ambulance and two-person crew in the proposed residential area, and responded to questions.

The City Manager discussed the conditional use permit process related to the temporary location, the terms of the agreement for the temporary location, the evaluations conducted regarding various proposed temporary/permanent locations for Fire Station 39, and the public safety issues that must be addressed in providing fire services for the area that is affected by the Fire Station 39 closure.

The following persons spoke in opposition to, and/or expressed concerns regarding, the temporary location of the paramedic unit at 159 Glen Summer Road:

Carol Jones, Pasadena resident
David Jones, Pasadena resident
Dr. Mont A. Smith, Pasadena resident
Lasley Biven, Pasadena resident
Ralph Hubbard, Pasadena resident
Michael Loya, Pasadena resident
Paula Snyder, Clelia Reilly Trust representative
Stan Clark, Pasadena resident
Nadine Danz, Pasadena resident
Dr. Ron Palen, Pasadena resident, submitted a letter from the Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition
Melissa O Bryant, Pasadena resident

Christopher Sutton, representing Dr. Ron Paler, submitted
copies of various legal documents
Robert Roginson, Pasadena resident
Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Madison asked staff to contact the trustee for the adjacent property regarding the property boundary and widening of the driveway for the property that the City will be renting at 159 Glen Summer Road, asked that staff continue to conduct outreach to the residents in this area and return to the City Council in 3 months with an update on the operations at this temporary location, and also asked that staff continue to search for an alternative location or rotating locations for the temporary fire station.

The City Attorney indicated staff will confirm the status of the title for the proposed rental property, and responded to questions regarding the City's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Pasadena Municipal Code as this relates to the proposed temporary use of the property.

Councilmember Holden asked that staff conduct a second field test of the rescue ambulance in leaving and entering the temporary location at a time when there are cars parked on both sides of the street to ensure that there is viable maneuverability for the driveway and street.

Chief Wells indicated that operation of the rescue ambulance will be tested again and plans for optimal use of the street will be studied.

Councilmember Robinson suggested staff explore temporary fencing around the San Rafael Park as an additional safety measure for children using the nearby park.

Vice Mayor McAustin asked staff to provide informational updates to the Public Safety Committee at each of its regular meetings.

By consensus and on order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed, with the understanding that staff will continue to explore alternatives for a temporary location for the fire/paramedic services, continue to conduct outreach to the residents in this area, and return to the City Council in 3 months with an update on the operations at the proposed temporary location.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Holden was excused at 9:32 p.m.

The Mayor noted that the City Council will not have meetings on the next two Mondays, due to holiday closures.

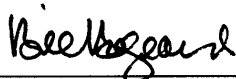
The City Clerk announced that there will be a joint meeting of the City Council and the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

In response to Councilmember Madison's questions, the City Manager indicated that the discussion on the Legislative Policy Committee's review of the City's commissions/committees is tentatively scheduled for the Council meeting of February 27, 2012.

Councilmember Tornek provided information on the upcoming Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) election for the District that represents Pasadena, among other cities.


ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:46 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk