

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 21, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

OPENING:

Mayor Bogaard and President Cooper called the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education to order at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Manuel Rustin, teacher at John Muir High School.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden (Arrived at 7:56 p.m.)
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

Board of Education:

President Renatta Cooper
Vice President Ed Honowitz
Member Kimberly Kenne
Member Ramon Miramontes (Absent)
Member Scott Phelps (Arrived at 7:11 p.m.)
Member Elizabeth Pomeroy
Member Tom Selinske

Staff:

Jon Gundry, Superintendent of Schools
John Pappalardo, Chief Financial Officer

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

**RECOGNITION OF JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
MANUEL RUSTIN, DISTINGUISHED RECIPIENT OF THE
MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD**

President Cooper recognized Manual Rustin, recipient of the Milken Educator Award, for his teaching skills and contributions to John Muir High School during its reinvention program. The Mayor presented a commendation to Mr. Rustin for his teaching accomplishments.

RECOGNITION OF PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PEDRO LOEZA AND ASHLEY MERCADO FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA "STATE OF THE CITY" STUDENT REPORTING PROGRAM

The Mayor briefly described the California "State of the City" Student Reporting Program. Rhonda Stone, Field Representative to the Mayor, who coordinated the program, presented certificates to Ashley Mercado, Pedro Loeza, and Travis Jarjour, program participants from Pasadena High School.

Gilbert Gonzales, Vons/Safeway Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, announced that a check for \$1,000 had recently been presented by Vons to Neighbors Acting Together Helping All (NATHA), as part of Vons' ongoing program for giving back to the community by donating to local nonprofit organizations.

Superintendent Gundry acknowledged the Pasadena Educational Foundation for receiving a 2012 CAMMY Award from the California Association of Museums, for the "My Masterpieces, Discovering Art in My Community" program, which provides students in the PUSD system with visits to local museums as part of an instructional and cultural experience.

The Mayor noted that Blair High School Culinary Arts and Hospitality Academy students had prepared and served dinner to the City Council and Board of Education prior to this joint meeting, under the guidance of Donnetha Wallace, Culinary Arts teacher.

UPDATE ON THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL LEASE/SALE OF THE LINDA VISTA SCHOOL SITE

John Pappalardo, PUSD Chief Finance Officer, provided an update on several school District properties (Allendale school, Hodges Center, and Linda Vista school) under consideration as future surplus properties, as part of a PowerPoint presentation; and responded to questions.

Vice President Honowitz responded to questions regarding the Linda Vista School property, and discussed finding a balance between supporting the community schools concept (joint use of a portion of the property as a park) and maximizing the District's need to generate revenue through its surplus properties (lease or sale of the property).

Member Phelps arrived at 7:11 p.m.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding the need to ensure continuation of the City/PUSD joint use arrangement for the park located at the Linda Vista School site into the future, and suggested actions to be considered by the City/PUSD:

Lee Zanteson, Linda Vista/Annandale Association (LVAA) President
Betsy Nathane, Friends of Linda Vista Park representative and LVAA Board member, submitted informational materials
Susan McClymonds, LVAA Vice President
Myra Martin Booker, LVAA Vice President
Nina Chomsky, LVAA Board member
David Grannis, Pasadena resident
Barbara McKinzie Slater, Linda Vista Library Associates President
Anita Fromholz, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Tornek suggested that the City/PUSD explore formalizing and signing a month-to-month agreement for continued use of Linda Vista Park, that PUSD incorporate current property appraisal information into the lease/sale process for the property, that the City/PUSD explore conditioning the lease or sale of the property to include continued park use for the site, and that the City and PUSD Facilities Committee discuss these issues in order to address concerns regarding future use of the property as a park.

Member Selinske expressed support for PUSD working with the City to optimize the market value for the property in developing future lease/sale bids for the site and a continued joint use agreement for the park.

Councilmember Gordo suggested the District explore and consider possible future needs for surplus properties as infrastructure to be used for educational uses (e.g., vocational/trade schools).

On order of the President and Mayor, the information was received and filed.

Councilmember Holden arrived at 7:56 p.m.

UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF PASADENA HUMAN SERVICES AND RECREATION AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS ON THE CITY-WIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND SURVEY PROCESS FOR HUMAN SERVICES, RECREATION, AND HOUSING PROGRAM NEEDS

Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Human Services, Recreation and Housing Needs Assessment

(the purposes, development, administration, and outreach for the survey that will be conducted March 5-23, 2012), and distributed an informational flier.

On order of the President and Mayor, the information was received and filed.

APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO THE JOINT USE FACILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF THE MCKINLEY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Education:

(1) Authorize the City Manager and Superintendent to enter into an Addendum to the Joint Use Facilities Agreement between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Unified School District for the construction and use of the McKinley School Gymnasium, provided the following conditions are met:

- (a) The City's future use of the site has been approved pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
- (b) The City has successfully obtained the required conditional use permit for its use.

It is recommended that the City Council:

(2) Appropriate \$1,250,000 from Account No. 101-5091 (General Fund reserve for Designated Capital-Related Projects) to Account No. 8114-101-952515-95635 upon execution of the Addendum by the City Manager. (Agreement No. 13,991-10)

Lisa Fowler, Management Analyst, and Robin Brown, PUSD Bond Program Manager, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The City Manager clarified the City's funding for the project.

It was moved by Councilmember Tornek, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

It was moved by Member Phelps, seconded by Member Selinske, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Member Miramontes)

REPORT BY THE PASADENA PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON THE 2011 QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX FOR PASADENA, ALTADENA, AND THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of Public Health Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the 2011 Quality of Life Index, with a focus on data related to the social determinants of health for the City's/District's youth; noted that hard copies of the full report are available from the City; and responded to questions.

On order of the President and Mayor, the information was received.

UPDATE FROM THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING PASSAGE OF PUSD RESOLUTION 2181, SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONCEPT, AND DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVES

Superintendent Gundry confirmed the District's endorsement of the concept of community schools and intention to work with the City and community partners to advance this concept.

Vice President Honowitz noted that the District and City are already engaged in a strategy of community schools in a significant way, and suggested the District leverage what is already being done with the City and other community organizations to realign and enhance the services that are currently being provided. He noted that Superintendent Gundry and the Director of Human Services will be making a site visit to Portland, Oregon to see how that City has implemented the community schools concept over the past 10 years, and asked that a report on their findings and best practices be presented at some future date.

Ann Rector, PUSD Health Programs Coordinator, described the services being provided at the Healthy Start Centers located on five school campuses, and responded to questions.

Member Selinske suggested that programs designed to provide vocational training to students through partnerships with Pasadena City College and various City departments would offer a natural fit with the community schools concept.

Councilmember Masuda suggested that the City Council agendaize a discussion of an eighth guiding principle for the City, which would support education.

Steven Cole, Invest in PUSD Kids President, spoke in support of adding an eighth guiding principle to the City's General Plan that would include a statement of the City's placement of a high value on a first-class education system, and developing the community schools concept.

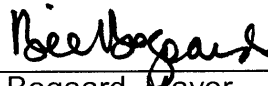
Vice Mayor McAustin suggested that the City's next meeting with Supervisor Michael Antonovich include a community schools concept discussion item, with PUSD representatives invited to attend.

President Cooper suggested that the Board of Education, City Council, and Pasadena City College consider holding a discussion on the general topic of the future of education in the City as part of a brainstorming session.

On order of the President and Mayor, the information was received.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the President and Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Board of Education adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk