

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 19, 2013 – 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 Congresswoman Judy Chu.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Victor Gordo (Absent)
Councilmember Joel Bryant
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
Member Elizabeth Pomeroy
Member Tom Selinske

Staff:

Jon Gundry, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. John Pappalardo, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Brian McDonald, Academic Chief

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The Mayor recognized and presented letters of appreciation to the following students who attended the State of the City Address and recorded their observations on the www.stateofthecity.com website:

Cheyenne Smith, Marshall Fundamental H.S.
Kandice Horton-Gomez, Marshall Fundamental H.S.
Amy Ochola, Pasadena H.S.
Trinity Skinner, Pasadena H.S.
Alec Brierty, Pasadena H.S.
Rosa Batres, Pasadena H.S.

COMMENTS FROM CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU ON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Congresswoman Judy Chu provided comments on community schools, the importance of educating the next generation, and the need to work collaboratively. She spoke in support of the proposed School/City Work Plan, and applauded the comprehensive nature of the Plan to address socio and economic issues that occur outside the classroom.

Following the presentation, on order of the President and Mayor, the information was received and filed.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON JOINT USE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

- (a) Washington Middle School Gym
- (b) McKinley School Gym
- (c) Field improvements at Muir High School

Dr. John Pappalardo, PUSD Chief Finance Officer, Lisa Fowler, Human Services and Recreation Management Analyst, and Lauren Pluth, Public Works Project Manager, presented separate PowerPoint presentations individually updating the Joint Use Capital Improvement projects at Washington Middle School Gym, McKinley School Gym, and field improvements at Muir High School, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Robinson suggested that staff coordinate at least one community meeting for the Washington Middle School Gym project, and ensure that the surrounding neighborhood is informed and aware of the upcoming construction activities.

Councilmember Bryant suggested that consideration be given to adding dugouts as part of the field improvements during the scoping process since the field will serve as the site for Muir Girls Softball home games.

Following discussion, Vice President Honowitz thanked the City Council and City staff for calling out the grant opportunity to the School District for the proposed field improvement project at Muir, and stated his strong support for a continued collaborative working relationship with the City on community school partnership opportunities that will be beneficial for both students and residents.

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

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION OF THE 2012 QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX REPORT

Dr. Eric Walsh, Director of Public Health Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2012 Quality of Life Index Report, and responded to questions.

Dr. Walsh confirmed that the four priority health issues (reducing teen pregnancy, addressing the rates of obesity, addressing mental health issues including depression, and reducing the rates of substance abuse among youth) will be discussed and studied by community partners, and the outcomes of those discussions will return to the City Council and Board of Education for further direction.

Following questions and discussion, on order of the President and Mayor, the information was received.

2013 – 2016 DRAFT SCHOOL/CITY WORK PLAN

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Education and Pasadena City Council adopt the proposed 2013 – 2016 School/City Work Plan.

The Mayor, City Manager, President, and Superintendent provided supportive opening remarks regarding the quality of the Draft School/City Work Plan, the importance of collaboration between the City and School District, and the need for continued work between the agencies to ensure the Work Plan's future success and effectiveness.

Dr. Brian McDonald, PUSD Academic Chief, and Mercy Santoro, Director of Human Services and Recreation, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2013 – 2016 Draft School/City Work Plan, and responded to questions.

Member Phelps requested that staff include 9th grade math as task/strategy in the draft Work Plan.

Councilmember Madison stated his strong preference for the School District to maintain a school site in West Pasadena, given the proposed closing of San Rafael Elementary School. He also suggested that the Work Plan be tied to measurable outcomes in order to recognize the level of progress achieved with the Plan's stated goals.

Member Pomeroy referred to the tasks/strategies identified in the Draft Work Plan matrix, noted the responsibility of the "community" to address certain assigned task/strategies, and suggested that staff and the "Result Work Teams" identify the community organizations and agencies that will be utilized to address each of the strategies, and return to the City Council and Board of Education with an update on how such organizations and agencies are performing in this capacity.

Member Honowitz suggested that City and School District staff tie future collaborative programs to the tasks/strategies identified in the Work Plan to further support the Plan, the proposed actions, and the sought-after outcomes.

The following persons spoke in support of the 2013 – 2016 Draft School/City Work Plan:

Mario Avila, Jackson Healthy Start
Kristina Nichols, Jackson Healthy Start
Wilbert Sampson, Jackson Healthy Start, Pasadena resident
Khadejam Ray, Youth for Human Rights, Pasadena High Schools Chapter
Cheyenne Smith, Youth for Human Rights, Pasadena High Schools Chapter
Betty Ogba, Youth for Human Rights, Pasadena High Schools Chapter
Joyce Roys-Aguilera, representing State Senator Carol Liu's Office
Esmeralda Cerezo, Madison Healthy Start, Pasadena resident
Guadalupe Trujillo, Madison Healthy Start, Pasadena resident
Peter Dreier, Invest in PUSD Kids
David Berk, Pasadena resident, PUSD Teacher
Steven Cole, Invest in PUSD Kids
Susan Schwartz, Invest in PUSD Kids
Dawn O'Keefe, Invest in PUSD Kids

The following persons spoke in opposition of, or stated concerns with, the 2013 – 2016 Draft School/City Work Plan:

Sandra Siraganian, Sierra Madre resident
Halcyon Koerber, Sierra Madre Resident
John Crawford, Sierra Madre Resident
Anthony Brandenburtz, Sierra Madre resident
Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena Resident
Sole Teramae, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Robinson suggested, in response to some of the comments from Sierra Madre residents, that staff make efforts to inform and provide outreach to the City of Sierra Madre as the Plan evolves and is reviewed in the future. She also suggested that as the City and PUSD begin to appropriate future funding for the Work Plan that staff ensure that partner agencies in the School District (City of Sierra Madre and Los Angeles County) are also asked to assist in providing financial support.

Member Pomeroy suggested that members of the "Result Work Teams" should include representatives from Altadena, Sierra Madre, and/or unincorporated Los Angeles County within the PUSD boundary, and that the Work Teams should also be directed to look for and identify community partner organizations and agencies that are based in Altadena, Sierra Madre, and/or unincorporated Los Angeles County within PUSD's boundary as resources for the community portion of the tasks/strategies.

Vice Mayor McAustin expressed appreciation to Vice President Honowitz for his past service, as he leaves the Board at the end of his term.

Following comments and discussion, it was moved by Member Selinske, seconded by Member Phelps, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Member Miramontes)

It was moved by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Gordo)

CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember Madison and the City Manager provided information on the current water shortage that is impacting the City and PWP customers.

The City Clerk reminded the City Council, Board of Education, and community of the upcoming City and PUSD Consolidated Primary Nominating Election to be held on March 5, 2013.

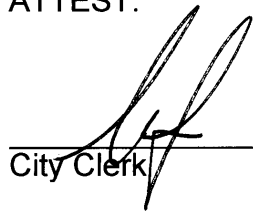
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the President and Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Board of Education adjourned 10:35 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk