

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
October 21, 2013 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

**OPENING:**

Mayor Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 5:57 p.m. (Absent: None)

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:57 p.m., to discuss the following closed sessions:

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

**Agency Designated Representatives: Kristi Recchia and Michael J. Beck**

**Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 858**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

**Agency Designated Representatives: Kristi Recchia and Michael J. Beck**

**Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721**

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (two potential cases)**

One potential litigation case listed above was discussed, with no reportable action at this time, with the second case not discussed.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

**Agency Designated Representatives: Kristi Recchia and Michael J. Beck**

**Employee Organization: Pasadena Fire Fighters Association (PFFA) Local 809**

The above closed session item was not discussed.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:39 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Masuda.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard  
Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Terry Tornek

Staff:

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

The City Clerk introduced Rita Buchanan as the new Senior Assistant City Clerk, and provided the City Council with a brief description of her professional background.

**PRESENTATION BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN ON THE STATE OF THE STATE**

State Assemblyman Chris Holden presented an update on the recent 2013 legislative session, events taking place in 41<sup>st</sup> Assembly District, highlighted several key Assembly Bills (AB), and reported on the financial health of the State of California, including information on economic development enhancements, education improvements and funding, public safety, affordable health care, and a proposed water bond.

Councilmember McAustin stated concerns regarding the City's loss of local control in areas such as affordable housing and prevailing wages, citing the recent passage of Senate Bill (SB) 7, which requires charter cities to adhere to prevailing wages on state funded construction projects.

Councilmember Madison recommended that an extension of the Gold Line from Pasadena to the Bob Hope Airport be considered.

Following discussion, by order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the information was received and filed.

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

Gale Blankenship, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the alleged unwarranted penalties/interest added to her bill from the City covering the annual business license fees charged to property owners.

The following persons stated concerns regarding the recent officer involved shooting of Paris Holloway:

Jan McFarlane, South Pasadena resident  
Vance Martin, Altadena resident  
Philip Koebel, Pasadena resident  
Deirdra Duncan, Pasadena resident

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez provided information on the officer involved shooting, noting that a comprehensive investigation is underway to determine if the actions taken were appropriate and within policy.

Councilmember Kennedy indicated that letters were recently sent to Chief Sanchez in reference to the incident concerning policy issues and protocol as it relates to the use of deadly force, provided the City Council with copies of these letters, and asked that the issues raised be agendaized for discussion at a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Gordo asked staff to provide statistical data indicating instances where deadly force was lawfully allowed but instead Pasadena Police Officers were able to utilize other methods to avoid using deadly force.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRO GOLD LINE AT-GRADE CROSSING MOBILITY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the Metro Gold Line At-Grade Crossing Mobility Enhancements Project is exempt from review, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facilities, and identified as an activity listed in 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3); and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) associated with the receipt of grant funding and the implementation of the project.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (ITS) PHASE III PROJECT**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Phase III Project is exempt from review, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, existing facilities, and identified as an activity listed in 23 CFR 771.117(c)(3); and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) associated with the receipt of grant funding and the implementation of the project.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

July 29, 2013  
August 5, 2013  
August 12, 2013  
August 19, 2013  
August 26, 2013  
September 2, 2013

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 12,026	Richard H. Bigby	\$ 380.00
Claim No. 12,027	Shereé Haygood	2,500.00
Claim No. 12,028	Claudette Kenney	89.98
Claim No. 12,029	Gloria Thomas	2,500.00
Claim No. 12,030	Elke Lorraine Coffey	1,066.07
Claim No. 12,031	Auto Club Enterprises/Afni as subrogee for Sofia Escalante	2,820.58
Claim No. 12,032	Reyna V. Corral	692.70

It was moved by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF THE LINCOLN AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Adopt a resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan (SCH #2011091041) (Attachment 1 of the agenda report), adopting findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and adopting a mitigation monitoring reporting program;
- (2) Adopt a resolution setting forth the Statement of Overriding Considerations;

- (3) Adopt a resolution approving the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan (Attachment 2 of the agenda report), including recommended changes in Attachment 3 of the agenda report;
- (4) Direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Determination; and
- (5) Recommend that the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an implementation ordinance within 90 days.

**Recommendation of Planning Commission:** On August 14, 2013, the Planning Commission concurred with the staff recommendation, and further recommended that the Draft Specific Plan be amended to remove references to redevelopment as a potential implementation tool. Staff concurs with this recommendation, and Attachment 3 of the agenda report outlines the recommended changes to the Draft Specific Plan. (Resolution Nos. 9313, 9314, and 9315)

Councilmember Kennedy  
recused himself at 8:16 p.m.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

The City Clerk reported that 90 copies of the notice of public hearing were posted on September 19, 2013; 213 copies of the notice were mailed on September 19, 2013, and no correspondence was received.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning and Community Development Department, introduced the agenda item and Laura Dahl, Senior Planner, reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Robinson stressed the need to view the limited parking as an immediate implementation issue, cited the measures to address parking as contained in the Plan (as detailed on Page 110), and suggested that staff determine if a potential parking credit program might also be applied to this area.

Councilmembers McAustin and Tornek expressed concerns regarding the potential density bonus impacts caused by Senate Bill (SB) 1818 on the North Lake Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Specific Plans. Councilmember McAustin asked that the Economic Development staff continue to work to attract the type of businesses that are desirable and in harmony with the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan.

The following persons spoke in support for the adoption of the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan:

Patricia Tucker, Neighbors Acting Together Helping All (NATHA)  
Celestine McFearn-Walker, Pasadena resident  
Nancy Spears, Pasadena resident  
Ron Lewis, Pasadena resident  
Gary L. Moody, Pasadena resident

The following person expressed concerns regarding the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan:

Margarita Bedolla, Business Owner

Following discussion, Vice Mayor Robinson indicated that numerous privately owned lots/parcels located along the Lincoln Avenue corridor are being placed on the market by the owner, and suggested that City staff investigate the possibility of purchasing the lot on McDonald/Lincoln Avenue, where a liquor store currently exists, in hopes of removing this use from the neighborhood.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Kennedy)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation, amended to place a higher priority on the identified parking implementation measures contained in the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Kennedy)

Councilmember Kennedy returned at 9:12 p.m.

Councilmember McAustin was excused at 9:12 p.m.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR) FOR PROJECTS FUNDED FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) AND HUMAN SERVICES ENDOWMENT FUND (HSEF) PROGRAMS**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to November 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Tornek, to continue the public hearing to November 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember McAustin)

**RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM OFFICERS AND  
DEPARTMENTS**

Councilmember McAustin  
returned at 9:22 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ART MASTER  
PLAN**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, 15304, and 15311, Classes 1, 3, 4, and 11; and

(2) Approve the Public Art Master Plan.

**Recommendation of Arts and Culture Commission:** On April 10, 2013, the Arts and Culture Commission recommended that the City Council approve the Public Art Master Plan.

Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning and Community Development Department, introduced the agenda item and Rochelle Branch, Cultural Affairs Manager, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

The City Clerk reported that 5 letters in support for approval of the proposed Public Art Master Plan had been received and made part of the record.

The following persons spoke in support for the proposed Public Art Master Plan:

Meriel Stern, Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission  
Lyla White, Arts and Culture Commissioner  
Ann Scheid, Pasadena resident  
Ron Lewis, Pasadena resident

Vince Bertoni and Rochelle Branch noted that staff will report back to the City Council at a future meeting with implementation strategies and a schedule of all the items to be completed prior to implementation, including funding strategies.

Barbara Goldstein, Public Art Planning Consultant, spoke on the role of the Arts and Culture Commission as stewards of the Public Art Master Plan, and issues raised regarding public/private art funding and resolving controversies.

Councilmember Kennedy encouraged a greater level of outreach to local Pasadena developers to allow them an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed fee adjustments recommended in the Public Arts Master Plan.

Vince Bertoni indicated that staff will include as part of the implementation strategies, proposed changes to the funding sources for both public and private art projects, including the mandatory 1% contribution.

Councilmember McAustin asked staff to return to the Municipal Services Committee with information on the anticipated public art funds to be collected from the Power Plant Renovation Project, including information identifying the budget source.

Members of the City Council commended staff and the Arts and Culture Commission for their leadership and work on the Public Art Master Plan.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

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

Gale Blankenship, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the City's sidewalk repair pilot program, stating her objection to the City transferring financial responsibility to adjacent property owners.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT – NEXT STEPS  
Recommendation:**

- (1) Receive the Strategic Planning Retreat summary and direct staff to implement the objectives defined in the Strategic Objectives Matrix; and
- (2) Consider methods for continuing the strategic planning process and provide direction to staff.

The City Manager introduced the agenda item, and Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, summarized the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the format and process for a strategic planning workshop to be scheduled as part of a regular City Council meeting, in order to determine the City Council's priorities, goals, and direction on major topics (Environmental Stewardship, Public Schools, Transportation, Program and Service Expectations, Aging Infrastructure, and Affordable Housing), with the process to include the following:

- Staff to develop issue statements to facilitate district discussions and provide a uniformity of topics, as well as a timeline that includes the schedule for both district meetings and the City Council's strategic planning workshop



- Councilmembers to identify the top district priorities and/or issues unique to the district based on constituent input and utilizing the issue statements to be developed by staff
- Staff to continue to pursue the objectives identified by the Executive Leadership Team (outlined in the agenda report)

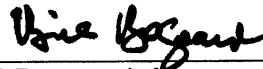
Councilmember Madison was excused at 11:16 p.m.

Councilmember Gordo was excused at 11:17 p.m.

Following discussion, the City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to develop issue statements to facilitate district discussions with constituents, as well as a timeline detailing the schedule for both district meetings and the City Council's strategic planning workshop, and to continue to pursue the objectives identified by the Executive Leadership Team at the recent workshop meeting, with staff to return to the City Council in the early part of 2014 for review and approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:19 p.m.



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Bill Bogaard, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk