

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
March 31, 2014 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the special meeting to order at 6:05 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 (Arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Terry Tornek

Staff:

City Manager Michael J. Beck
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
Senior Assistant City Clerk Rita Buchanan

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Madison arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Councilmember Tornek provided his personal comments and the acknowledgements of former District 7 City Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr., who recently passed away. He requested that the City Council adjourn in Mr. Tyler's memory and provided information on memorial services to be held at All Saints Church, on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., with a reception to occur in the City Hall court yard immediately following the service.

The Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmembers and staff, shared personal and professional memories of Mr. Tyler, and extended heartfelt condolences to his family.

Councilmember Gordo, with City Council consensus, directed that staff lower flags to half-staff at City Hall and other City facilities in honor of Councilmember Tyler.

**WORKSHOP SESSION REGARDING ELECTRIC RATES:
COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS AND RATE PROPOSALS**

Recommendation: The agenda report is for information only. No City Council action is required

Phyllis Currie, General Manager of Water and Power, introduced the item, and Shari Thomas, Assistant General Manager of Water and Power, provided a PowerPoint

presentation summarizing the agenda report, the Electric Cost-of-Service and Rate Design Study, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Tornek requested that staff amend Page 16 of the PowerPoint presentation to include information in the graph illustrating the expected electric rate increases in the future. In addition, Mr. Tornek stated his concerns regarding the figures noted in the City's electrical charges when compared to other cities, suggesting the numbers should reflect all the City's taxes and fees.

Councilmember Kennedy asked staff to include language noting that the proposed increased rates are subject to change based on variable factors and that an education effort be conducted as soon as possible, utilizing similar tools such as the videos produced by the Southern California Edison Company, to disseminate this information to the City's customers. In addition, Mr. Kennedy requested that staff provide information at a future meeting regarding the ability to transition to fully automated smart meters, and requested assistance in understanding how decreased electric usage by a consumer would impact the cost of electricity on a future bill, whether there would be a correlating decrease in cost.

Eric Klinkner, Assistant General Manager of Water and Power, responded to questions regarding the City's energy efficiency programs, including fiscal information in regards to solar energy systems and components.

Councilmember Gordo urged staff to place greater emphasis in providing and disseminating information on the City's, "Under One Roof" program and other free or low-fee programs available to the Community. He also suggested that staff utilize the City's In-Focus newsletter to disseminate such matters as the proposed rate increase information.

Michael Beck, City Manager, provided information regarding the outage management system that was used during the electric outage on March 24, 2014.

Councilmember Madison requested that for future power rate discussions, staff include a brief summary of the information in order to provide a succinct and understandable explanation of the City's costs to operate the utility, and clearly illustrated data supporting the proposed rate structure to better inform consumers.

Jean Chong, Pasadena resident, provided information on electrical and gas perceptions around the nation.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

At the request of Councilmember Gordo, the following written statement by Mayor Bogaard remembering former District 7 Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr., is included for the record:

With the sudden death of Sid Tyler, Pasadena has lost one of its most distinguished and admired citizens. He was distinguished for his accomplishments in the private sector, including as a senior financial executive in health services, and in the public sector, as a dedicated and effective member of the Pasadena City Council. He was admired for his steady and humane friendship for all of the persons who came to know him.

This community will not be the same without Sid Tyler, who was uniquely able to offer effective help and impeccable judgment on the many issues Pasadena has faced over the years. When the problem on the table was too complicated for the rest of us, it was Sid Tyler to whom we turned for a thoughtful and workable solution.

We will forever remember Sid for his dedication to trees—to Pasadena’s urban forest—and for his valor in supporting that great community resource. In many ways, as a Councilmember and an active member of the community, Sid shaped Pasadena as it exists today and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. He was an inspiration to me and all the Councilmembers, as well as to many others, and he always will be.

On behalf of a grateful and admiring community, I extend condolences and concern to Betsey and all of the Tyler family. We acknowledge and share your profound loss.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned in honor and fond memory of former Councilmember, friend, and colleague, Sidney F. Tyler, Jr. at 8:26 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk