

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
March 25, 2015 – 8:00 A.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the special joint meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich to order at 8:14 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Jacque Robinson (absent)
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember John J. Kennedy (arrived at 8:45 a.m.)
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

UPDATE ON AB 109

Reaver E. Bingham, Deputy Chief of Field Services for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, provided an update on the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 109 and its impacts to cities in the Los Angeles County area, commented on the implementation of AB 1468 (Penal Code Section 1170H) relating to split-sentencing and the law's potential benefit of improving public safety by requiring mandatory supervision, and if necessary, participation in a rehabilitation/treatment program. He also reported on Proposition 47 and its impacts related to crime, submitted written material, and responded to questions.

Supervisor Antonovich provided statistical data on the recidivism rates in Los Angeles County and other data as it relates to inmates in the County jail system, and submitted written material.

Councilmember Madison was excused at 8:51 a.m., and left the dais.

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez, provided information on the effects of AB 109 and the recidivism rates experienced locally, commented on the on-going work of the Pasadena/Altadena Parole Reintegration Council and the need to repurpose funds received from the State for enforcement purposes with respect to AB 109, to fund a case worker to help reintegrate formerly incarcerated individuals back into society.

Chief Sanchez also noted that sustained funding is needed to address AB 109 issues in the form of a Program Director, full-time case worker, and a Police Officer, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo commented on the need for codified stringent conditions to be imposed on inmates released as a result of AB 109, and suggested that the matter be referred to the Public Safety Committee for discussion, and to include the various public law enforcement agencies and the City's Police Department in the discussion.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the information was received.

UPDATE ON THE COUNTY'S JAIL PLAN

Councilmember Madison returned at 9:14 a.m.

David L. Fender, Chief of Custody Services Division with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, provided information regarding the County's \$1.9 billion jail construction plan to replace the Los Angeles County Men's Central jail and programs in the jail facility; described the existing dilapidated conditions, as well as mental health and infrastructure needs, and responded to questions.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the information was received.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF DESIDERIO PARK

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works, introduced the agenda item, and Loren Pluth, Project Manager, provided a brief overview of the Desiderio Neighborhood Park project, reported that the project is partially funded at this time, with a budget gap of \$1.9 million in relation to the project's total budget cost of \$3.4 million, and asked for assistance in terms of funding to complete the project.

In response, Supervisor Antonovich requested that Mr. Pluth submit a budget proposal to the County, and noted that they will be reviewing available Proposition A as a possible funding source.

Councilmember Madison stated his support for the project, and expressed appreciation in advance of any funding assistance the County can provide to the City.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the information was received.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF ROBINSON PARK RECREATION CENTER REHABILITATION PROJECT

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works, introduced the agenda item, and Steve Wright, City Engineer, provided a summary of the Robinson Park Recreation Center Rehabilitation Project, highlighted the project's current funding sources, including the project's budget gap of \$3.3 million in relation to the project's total estimated cost of \$11.4 million (excluding unfunded improvements to pool room, locker area, and associated additional improvements to the gymnasium). He also indicated that staff is currently working on additional funding to close the shortfall, and have also engaged the community who are assisting through community fundraising efforts.

In response, Supervisor Antonovich requested that Mr. Wright submit a budget request to the County, and noted that they will review Proposition A funding to determine what grant monies might be available for this project.

Councilmember Kennedy stated his support for the project, and thanked the Supervisor for his consideration.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the information was received.

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT BY SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE FOR MUIR SOFTBALL FIELD PROJECT

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works, spoke on behalf of the City, and expressed gratitude to Supervisor Antonovich for the funding assistance received for the John Muir High School Softball Field Project.

The City Manager thanked Supervisor Antonovich's staff for their overall responsiveness and assistance on various issues/matters.

RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE IN SEEKING RESOLUTION TO ISSUES RELATED TO THE RAMON ST. PARKING GARAGE AND CITY POLICE BUILDING

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager, highlighted the issues involving the Ramon Street Parking Garage/City Police Building, and expressed gratitude to Supervisor Antonovich and his staff for their assistance as it relates to the matter.

RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT PROVIDED TO ALTADENA SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ADDRESS RECENT INCREASES IN AREA VIOLENCE

Supervisor Antonovich reported that he allocated/appropriated funding for the Police Officer increase in the Altadena Sheriff's Station to help address the issues related to the increase in local violence.

The City Manager added that the collaborative work between the Altadena Sheriff's Station and the City in reducing the increased violence has been effective, and thanked the County for their assistance.

Supervisor Antonovich recognized the Mayor for his 16 years of service as Mayor, and congratulated him on his success.

ADJOURNMENT

Following general comments, on order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Terry Tornek, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk