

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
November 21, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

**OPENING:**

Mayor Tornek called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (Absent: Councilmember Hampton) The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Wilson.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**  
regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code  
Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Cases: Li, et al. v. City of Pasadena, et al. (consolidated with Thomas, et al. v. City of Pasadena, et al.)

LASC Case Nos.: BC614872, BC619680

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY**  
**NEGOTIATORS** Pursuant to Government Code Section  
54956.8

Addresses of Properties: 391 South Orange Grove  
Boulevard, Pasadena; 835 South Raymond Avenue,  
Pasadena; 700 Seco Street, Pasadena; and 360 North Arroyo  
Boulevard, Pasadena

Agency Negotiator: Steve Mermell

Negotiating Party: Tournament of Roses Association, Bill  
Flinn

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The above closed session item were not discussed.

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

Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Curtis and  
Steve Mermell

Employee Organization: Pasadena Fire Management  
Association (PFMA)

**CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY**  
**NEGOTIATORS** Pursuant to Government Code Section  
54956.8

Property Location: 1133 Rosemont Avenue, Pasadena,  
California

Agency Negotiators: Darryl Dunn, Dave Sams

Negotiating Party: Southern California Golf Association,  
Kevin Heaney

Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment

The above closed session item were discussed following the  
conclusion of the regular meeting (see page 8).

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Terry Tornek  
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (Arrived at 7:04 p.m.)  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Andy Wilson

Staff:

City Manager Steve Mermell  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Councilmember Hampton  
arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Councilmembers Kennedy, Hampton and Gordo expressed sympathies and condolences in the passing of Pastor John W. Burch, retired City employee, longtime community leader, and former Pastor at Community Bible Church; and requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory. Pastor Jean Burch shared fond memories and experiences regarding her father and thanked the City Council for this recognition.

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

Thomas Puckett, Bradley Land, and Alvaro Ballesteros representing Andrew Escajeda Clinic, expressed gratitude and appreciation to the City for their support of the City's Health Department, the Andrew Escajeda Comprehensive Care Services, and the Michael D. Antonovich Dental Clinic.

The Mayor thanked Steve Mermell, City Manager and Councilmember Gordo for their diligent work with the Pasadena Public Health Department clinics and community agencies to continue medical outpatient services.

Dale Gronemeier, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, submitted copies of legal complaint documents and expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Body Worn Camera Policy.

Councilmember Kennedy stated for the record, "The Public Safety Committee met earlier today and if it is not out of order, the recommendation from the Chair of the Public Safety Committee is that the matters that were on the agenda related to Body Worn Cameras and its promulgation of its policy be agendized at the Council level. In reference to Mr. Gronemeier's comments at the podium, I would simply read a brief paragraph: After the implementation of the Body Worn Policy the Council may review the City Manager's policy by a vote of at least 5 Councilmembers. Charter Section 604(J) that was referenced by the speaker, upon review, the Council may take no action, overrule, or modify the Policy by a vote of 5 Councilmembers.

The Public Safety Committee may draft and recommend a policy to the City Council, if the existing Body Worn Camera Policy were considered to be rescinded, or substantially modified, City staff would be obligated to then "Meet and Confer" with the unions prior to the rescission or modification."

George Korzen, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with budget cuts that may affect the positive benefits provided by Neighborhood Connection.

In response to the public comment, Steve Mermell, City Manager, provided information on the responsibilities associated with Safe Streets Now, the Pasadena Neighborhood Institute, and part-time temporary employees with the Human Services and Recreation Department.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOBILITY CORRIDORS: ROSE BOWL ACCESS SYSTEMS PROJECT**

#### **Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the Mobility Corridors: Rose Bowl Access Systems Project is exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to 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 in the amount of \$1,298,000 and the implementation of the aforementioned project.

### **CONTRACT AWARD TO TRC ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS FOR THE PASADENA TRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE VEHICLE FLEET**

#### **Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the following proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with TRC Engineering Services, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed \$101,479.40 for a period of two years with a one year option at \$30,855 subject to the approval of the City Manager to conduct inspections of the Pasadena Transit and Dial-A-Ride vehicle fleet.

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE APEX SECURITY GROUP FOR SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES AT MAJOR EVENTS**

**APPOINTMENT OF ROGELIO RAMIREZ TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF FRANK T. SATA TO THE SENIOR COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY S. SALES TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

November 7, 2016

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 12,754	Claims Resource Services for American Automobile Association (AAA) as subrogee of Lauren Fujikuni	\$ 1,680.55
Claim No. 12,755	William Post Brooks, Attorney at Law, representing Michael John Villano	25,000.00+
Claim No. 12,756	Sandra Tsing Loh	4,430.98
Claim No. 12,757	Jonas Pulley	270.00
Claim No. 12,758	Cheryll Wegge	1,932.00
Claim No. 12,759	Suzette De Alba	186.27

**PUBLIC HEARING SET**

**December 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** – Designation of 1015 South El Molino Avenue as a Landmark

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3 (Authorization to Enter Into A Contract with Apex Security Group), which was discussed separately. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEMS DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE APEX SECURITY GROUP FOR SUPPLEMENTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES AT MAJOR EVENTS**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with the APEX

Security Group for supplemental traffic control and security services at Major Events in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 per year, for a period of three years;

(3) It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B); contracts for which the City's best interests are served; and

(4) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year periods, in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 per year, without further City Council authorization. (Contract No. 30771)

Police Chief Phillip Sanchez introduced the item and Police Sergeant Art Chute responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton asked that staff provide annual updates to the Public Safety Committee regarding cost and vendor performance prior to the approval of further extensions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation, with the additional provision regarding updates to the Public Safety Committee. (Motion unanimously carried)  
(Absent: None)

CEREMONIAL MATTERS  
(Continued)

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to Rogelio Ramirez as Northwest Commissioner, and Frank T. Sata as Senior Commissioner.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
OFFICERS AND  
DEPARTMENTS**

**POCKET PARK UPDATE AND DESIGNATION OF A PORTION  
OF LANDSCAPED AREA AT LAMANDA PARK LIBRARY AS A  
POCKET PARK**

**Recommendation:**

(1) Find that the proposed actions are not "projects" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, are not subject to environmental review; and

(2) Designate a portion of the landscaped area at Lamanda Park Branch Library as a pocket park location pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.17.060.

**Recommendation of Recreation and Parks Commission:** On November 1, 2016, the Recreation and Parks Commission reviewed and supported a revised potential Pocket Park Inventory with a recommendation that the location identified at Union Street and Euclid Avenue be removed from consideration, and recommended that the City Council designate a portion of the Lamanda Park Branch Library grounds as a pocket park location.

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, introduced the item, and Loren Pluth, Parks/Forest Project Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation; and responded to questions.

Steve Mermell, City Manager, provided an overview of staff's challenges in identifying properties in the urban areas of the City as potential pocket park locations, and responded to questions.

Councilmembers Wilson, Hampton and Gordo expressed concerns with staff defining joint-use recreational agreements of school grounds as "neighborhood parks."

Councilmember McAustin expressed disappointment and concerns with the lack of identified sites for pocket parks in North Central Pasadena and the need for staff to do a better job and take a more strategic approach, working with such entities as the William Carey International University as potential locations; and spoke in favor of pursuing potential parkland sites: Locations C (235 S. Bonnie Avenue) and D (City right-of-way at Walnut Avenue and Oak Avenue), as identified in the presentation and referenced in the agenda report.

The Mayor also expressed his disappointment and concerns with staff and the criteria used to search and identify possible locations to establish pocket parks, suggested acquiring property through the City's eminent domain process, and asked that the Economic Development staff with real estate experience be utilized to review potential sites.

Stefan Fauble, The Maryland Homeowners Association, spoke in favor of the Recreation and Parks Commission recommendation.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to research other government agencies that own property (i.e. Caltrans) for potential pocket park sites.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: None)

**ORDINANCE – ADOPTED**

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 17.50.340 OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE CITY'S TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE" (Introduced by Vice Mayor Masuda) (Ordinance No. 7288)

Following discussion, the above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Hampton, Kennedy,  
Madison, McAustin, Wilson, Vice Mayor Masuda,  
Mayor Tornek  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the recent District 3 community meeting held where he distributed 1,000 turkeys to the community.

Mayor Tornek spoke on the City's Operation Gobble Gobble (turkey distribution to families in need) that was held on November 19, 2016 at City Hall.

Councilmember Hampton requested that the Mission Statement of the Public Safety Committee and information on the Committee's oversight of the Pasadena Police and Fire Departments be agendaized at a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Madison expressed gratitude to the City Council, City Manager, City staff, and the Rose Bowl Operating Company for attending and/or participating in the reopening event of Linda Vista Park on November 20, 2016; stated that the Public Safety Committee is considering agendaizing a discussion on the City's position on immigration issues; and noted that the City Council's requirement to report on business travel at the next Council meeting following the travel appears to be lacking.

In response to Councilmember Madison's stated concerns on immigration, the Mayor noted that the City has an adopted policy in place regarding immigration (Resolution No. 9319), and expressed his hesitancy in discussing legislation or taking further action prior to any new federal policies that might be set forth by the incoming Presidential Administration. In response to concerns regarding the lack of reporting by Councilmembers traveling on City business, the Mayor stated that he would ensure that travel reports are consistently provided at future City Council meetings in accordance with existing requirements.

Councilmember Gordo, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, reported on the Committee's discussion regarding a comparison of the City's adopted Minimum Wage Ordinance and the new State laws recently enacted regarding minimum wage, and the unanimous decision of the Committee to proceed with the City's adopted plan. He also invited the City Council and community to participate in the "Great Day of Service" event scheduled for Friday, November 25, 2016, in Council Districts 3 and 5.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 8:39 p.m.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:08 p.m. in memory of Reverend John W. Burch, retired City employee, longtime community leader, and former Pastor at Community Bible Church.

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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk