

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
February 8, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

**OPENING:**

Mayor Tornek and President Pomeroy called the Special Joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pomeroy.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Councilmembers:**

Mayor Terry Tornek  
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Andy Wilson

**Staff:**

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

**Board of Education:**

President Elizabeth Pomeroy  
Vice President Kimberly Kenne  
Member Roy Boulghourjian  
Member Patrick Cahalan (Absent)  
Member Adrienne Ann Mullen  
Member Scott Phelps (Absent)  
Member Larry Torres

**Staff:**

Dr. Brian McDonald, Superintendent of Schools  
Shawn Bird, Chief Academic Officer  
Mercy Santoro, Associate Superintendent

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

**RECOGNITION OF 2016 ROSE COURT**

The Mayor and President Pomeroy recognized and presented Certificates of Recognition to the 2016 Rose Court: Queen Erika Karen Winter, Princess Bryce Marie Bakewell, Princess Natalie Breanne Hernandez-Barber, Princess Rachelle Chacal Renee Liu, Princess Donaly Elizabeth Marquez, Princess Regina Marché Pullens, and Princess Sara Sumiko Shaklan.

The Mayor and President Pomeroy thanked the Tournament of Roses for the opportunity to meet and introduce the Royal Court, and members of the City Council and PUSD Board congratulated the Rose Court for their achievements, wishing them well in their future endeavors.

#### **UPDATE ON COLLABORATE PASADENA**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council and PUSD Board of Education receive an update on the 2015 progress of Collaborate Pasadena and overview of the 2016 work plan (Attachment A of the agenda report) for information only

The Mayor introduced the agenda item.

Lila Guirguis, Lead Coordinator for Collaborate Pasadena, and Brian Biery, Youth Master Plan Facilitator, distributed copies of the Collaborate Pasadena brochures, presented informational video on the Dual Enrollment Program, and provided an update on the item, and responded to questions.

Marry Donnelly-Crocker, Executive Director of Young & Healthy, and Mo Hyman, Executive Director of College Access Plan, provided information on collaborative efforts with Collaborate Pasadena in assisting the children and students of the community.

Councilmembers Wilson and Kennedy suggested that measurable metrics be utilized when presenting data in future Collaborate Pasadena brochures.

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

#### **YOUTH MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Steve Mermell, Assistant City Manager introduced the item.

Tony Santilena, Human Services Commissioner, provided information on the formation of Youth Master Plan, and responded to questions.

Brian Biery, Youth Master Plan Facilitator, and Christy Zamani, Executive Director of Day One, provided an overview of survey information gathering strategies and results from Pasadena students, and responded to questions.

A number of Pasadena students presented a PowerPoint presentation on the six priority areas (Access to Healthy Food Environments, Life Ready, Feeling Free to be Me, United Youth Support, Buses & Bikes, and Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco) contained within the Youth Master Plan, and requested that the City Council and Board of Education adopt the Youth Master Plan.

The following individuals provided comments and spoke in favor of the Youth Master Plan:

Eric Johnson, Pasadena resident  
Diana Carranza, Pasadena Youth Council  
Maya Hammond, Pasadena Youth Council  
Laurence Diarra, Pasadena resident  
Nicholas Gersh, Pasadena resident  
Lisa Odigie, Pasadena resident  
Nancy Verdin, Pasadena resident  
Socorro Angriano, Pasadena resident  
Daniel Fong, Pasadena resident  
Claudia Morales, Pasadena resident  
Jasmine De La Torre, Youth Master Plan  
Catalina Gonzalez, Pasadena resident  
Tomas Castaneda Jr., Lake Avenue  
Julian Bugarin, Pasadena resident  
Adam K. Smith, Day One

Dr. Brian McDonald, Superintendent of Schools, and Nelson Cayabyab, Chief Facilities Officer, responded to concerns and comments regarding the food provided at schools and water available at various school sites.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that staff and the School District work to inform realtors of the strong improvements to the PUSD schools.

Mercy Santoro, Associate Superintendent, responded to questions regarding preventive measures of bullying in the Pasadena schools.

Councilmember Wilson expressed concerns with the proposed multi-jurisdictional framework required to implement the Youth Master Plan, and the need to clearly articulate the roles and responsibilities of the City, Pasadena Unified School District, and community organizations to ensure accountability and successful implementation of the Plan's proposed measures.

The Mayor stated that the Youth Master Plan will be agendized at a future City Council meeting to discuss implementation strategies.

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

Member Mullen was excused and left the dais at 10:01 p.m.

**UPDATE ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief of Police, Phillip Sanchez, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the joint partnership with the Pasadena Police Department and PUSD, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo was excused and left the dais at 10:17 p.m.

The following individuals provided comments, recommendations, and/or spoke in favor on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pasadena Police Department:

Ariel Bustamante, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
Kris Ockershauser, ACLU Pasadena  
Pablo Alvarado, Pasadena resident  
Michelle White, ACLU

Mercy Santoro, Associate Superintendent, responded to questions regarding trends illustrated by the data regarding arrests, counseling, and calls for service at Pasadena schools.

Councilmember Hampton requested information on the number and type of police calls that were initiated per campus in the City, and expressed concerns with the negative image of a Pasadena Police Patrol car parked in front of John Muir High School.

Councilmember Kennedy asked that the Pasadena Police Department staff attend a future Public Safety Committee meeting with information on the benefits of a visibly parked police vehicle on or near school campuses.

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

**UPDATE ON CITY AND PUSD JOINT-USE PROJECTS:  
(A) MCKINLEY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
(B) WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
(C) JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS FIELD**

## **IMPROVEMENTS**

Mercy Santoro, Associate Superintendent, and Loren Pluth, Project Manager-Parks/Forest, presented a PowerPoint presentation on each of the listed Joint Use Projects, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to follow up on a report of a missing gate at the north/east corner field at John Muir High School.

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

## **CONCEPTUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS ON PUSD SITES**

William Huang, Director of Housing, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

The following individuals provided comments, recommendations, and/or spoke in favor of the item:

Skip Hickambottom, Pasadena resident  
Laura Diaz Allen, Pasadena resident  
Michelle White, Affordable Housing Services  
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident  
Mary Dee Romney, Pasadena resident

Dr. Brian McDonald, Superintendent of Schools, responded to questions regarding PUSD staff living in Pasadena and any potential housing projects.

Councilmember Hampton requested information on homeownership options on PUSD sites.

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

## **OVERVIEW OF PUSD'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A FIVE-YEAR EDUCATIONAL MASTER PLAN**

Mercy Santoro, Associate Superintendent, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

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**CLOSING COMMENTS**

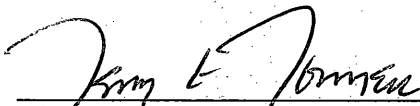
Councilmember Madison expressed gratitude to PUSD's commitment to San Rafael Elementary School and announced that the school received the California Gold Ribbon Award.

Mercy Santoro, Associate Superintendent, announced that Hamilton Elementary School had also received the California Gold Ribbon Award.

Dr. Brian McDonald, Superintendent of Schools thanked Michael Beck, City Manager for his support and friendship.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the order of the President and Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Board of Education adjourned at 11:36 p.m.



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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk