

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
June 27, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

Teleconference Location:  
610 Bay Boulevard  
Chula Vista, CA 91910

**OPENING:**

Mayor Tornek called the regular meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.  
(Absent: Councilmember Madison)

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:49 p.m., to discuss the following closed session:

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Jennifer Curtis  
Employee Organization: Pasadena Police Officers  
Association (PPOA)**

The above closed session item was discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:58 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Wilson.

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Terry Tornek  
Vice Mayor Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Victor Gordo  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (Arrived at 6:37 p.m.)  
Councilmember John J. Kennedy  
Councilmember Steve Madison (Absent)  
Councilmember Margaret McAustin  
Councilmember Andy Wilson

Staff:

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

The City Clerk read the following statement for the record on behalf of Councilmember Madison:

“Mayor and Council colleagues, unfortunately I cannot participate in tonight’s Council meeting. As you recall some time ago

tonight's meeting was to be cancelled. Then it recently became clear we would not resolve the budget by last week's meeting, we decided to go forward tonight after all. When the meeting was cancelled I made plans to be away this week. When we rescheduled this meeting, I requested that my participation be noticed telephonically. Regrettably, because of an apparent oversight, my telephonic participation was properly noticed for this afternoon's Public Safety Committee meeting, but not for tonight's Council meeting and I am informed by the City Attorney that now I may not participate as planned. I am supportive of the principal item on tonight's agenda, the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget, and I am particularly gratified that the budget adds sorely needed police officer FTE's to the budget. Thanks, and again I regret I am unable to participate in tonight's meeting as planned."

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to Julius Metoyer, Jr. as Arts & Culture Commissioner, Ali Barar as Planning Commissioner, and Paula Hanson as Deferred Compensation Oversight Committee member.

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

Councilmember Hampton arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Jasmine Abdullah, Black Lives Matter Pasadena, spoke on the Kendrick McDade case, advocated for a community oversight board of the Pasadena Police Department, and expressed concerns on various community issues.

Niles Livingston (Paul) quoted scriptural remarks and stated his belief in the need for prayer and repentance.

The following individuals spoke on behalf of Jasmin Richards (Jasmin Abdullah) and requested that the misdemeanor charges against her be dropped:

Karen Hilfman, Los Angeles resident  
Michele Dumont, White People for Black Lives  
Emila Crotty, Los Angeles resident  
Sonali Kolhatkar, Pasadena resident  
Michael Williams, Black Lives Matter Pasadena  
Marcus Maccapone Higgins, residence not stated  
Paul Shirey, White People for Black Lives  
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ADOPTION OF GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution that:

(1) Selects the California per capita income and the population increase for the City of Pasadena as the indices to be used in calculating the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2017;

- (2) Establishes the appropriations limit for FY 2017 at \$271,617,271; and  
(3) Establishes appropriations subject to the limit for FY 2017 at \$118,506,407. (Resolution No. 9507)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS AND SUPPLIES**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);  
(2) Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a contract with CDW Government, Inc., for the purchase of information technology products and supplies (as described in the agenda report) in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,520,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 to August 15, 2018. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services; and  
(3) 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. (Contract No. 30661)

**APPROVAL OF COMMITMENT OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY COMMITMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule; and  
(2) Adopt a resolution approving the City of Pasadena General Fund Emergency Contingency Commitment of fund balance of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$33,451,483. (Resolution No. 9508)

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Recommended General Fee Schedule consistent with the action taken on June 20, 2016. (Resolution No. 9509)

**RESIGNATION OF DAVID JACOBS FROM THE SENIOR COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF PHYLLIS MUELLER TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JOY RITTENHOUSE TO THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF NICHELLE HOLLIDAY TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN KRANWINKLE TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF CRAIG WASHINGTON TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT OLTMAN TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF GREG GUNTHER TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF TIM WENDLER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 5 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF YUNY PARADA TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (District 5 Nomination)**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

June 13, 2016

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

Claim No. 12,662	Infinity Insurance as subrogee for Raul R. Ortega	\$ 1,283.00
Claim No. 12,663	Talin Safyani	6,900.00
Claim No. 12,664	Miriam J. Sarabia	400.00
Claim No. 12,665	Tony Harris	600.00

**PUBLIC HEARING SET**

**July 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** – Amendment to the Transit-Oriented Development Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal Code Section 17.50.340 (Zoning Code)

**August 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – Substantial Amendment to Community Block Grant Program (CDBG) Program Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan**

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Vice Mayor Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2017 CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Close the public hearing and adopt by resolution the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Operating Budget as presented in the May 9, 2016 City Manager's Recommended Budget and as amended by the recommended modifications outlined in the background section of the agenda report; and
- (2) Adopt a resolution determining the amount to be transferred from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund for FY 2017. (Resolution Nos. 9510, 9511)

Steve Mermell, Interim City Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget, and responded to questions.

Chief of Police Phillip Sanchez responded to questions regarding staffing levels of police officers in terms of Full Time Employees (FTE), and police officers per capita, as well as information on the Pasadena Police Department's recruiting process.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that Chief Sanchez present to the Public Safety Committee (PSC) information on the Department's flexibility in dealing with serious police issues as they arise (e.g. deploying specialized units), voiced his support for the recommended additional 10 FTE positions for the Pasadena Police Department to ensure full or near full staffing levels of police officers, and advocated for a full discussion at the PSC regarding the need for additional FTE's within the Department.

Councilmember Gordo stated his support for a total FTE count of 250 police officers in the Department and requested that the City Council monitor staffing levels at the mid-year budget review. In addition, Mr. Gordo asked staff to return to the City Council, prior to the summer recess in August with a recommendation that includes potential cost recovery and revenue measures that might be considered, the number of park safety specialists needed, and any police officer retention measures to be implemented.

The City Council discussed the Police Department's current staffing level of 239 FTE's with the additional 10 unfunded FTE's being added to the budget as part of the proposed action, and with staff to return to the City Council with a recommendation to establish a funding goal for 250 Pasadena police officers, prior to the summer recess.

Councilmember Wilson requested additional information on the benchmarks used by staff to recommend the 250 FTE's as an ideal staffing level for the Police Department.

Councilmember Hampton voiced his support of community policing and police presence in residential areas.

Councilmember Hampton was excused at 8:07 p.m. and left the meeting.

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, responded to questions regarding FTE's in the Public Works Department; and Rochelle Branch, Cultural Affairs Manager, responded to questions regarding the City's Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program.

Councilmember Kennedy asked staff to closely monitor the need of an additional FTE (Customer Service Representative), for effectiveness in the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Gordo suggested expanding the City's Rotating Public Art Exhibition Program. He also asked the Interim City Manager to develop a formal process for City employees (including represented bargaining groups) to help identify areas of efficiencies that might create budgetary savings for the City. In addition, Mr. Gordo asked staff to review the hours and costs associated with police officer patrols in Old Town Pasadena, with staff to discuss with Old Pasadena Management Association opportunities to utilize parking meter revenues as a resource to fund additional police officers, specifically for Old Town Pasadena.

Councilmember Wilson recommended that staff allocate funds to develop a work plan to address the City's financial challenges.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to increasing the number of police officers in Pasadena and/or suggested utilizing City resources to increase community programming and services:

Jasmine Abdullah, Black Lives Matter Pasadena  
Michael Williams, Black Lives Matter Pasadena  
Patti Beers, residence not stated  
Paul Shirey, White People for Black Lives

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Madison)

Mayor Tornek expressed concerns with the City's ability in sustaining the proposed employee growth when considering the available and projected funding in the future.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve the staff recommendation, amended to include direction to staff to return to the City Council with a recommendation on establishing and meeting a funding goal for 250 Pasadena police officers, with the discussion to occur prior to the summer recess scheduled in August 2016. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Madison)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: ALLOCATION OF \$100,000 FROM THE PASADENA ASSISTANCE FUND FOR PUBLIC/HUMAN SERVICE PROJECTS (CORRECTED)**

**Recommendation:**

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061(b)(3), the "General Rule" that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Approve the allocation from the Pasadena Assistance Fund (PAF) in the amount of \$100,000 for 2016-18 human/public service activities.

William Huang, Director of Housing, introduced the item and clarified the correction to the agenda report, and Randy Mabson, Program Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Madison)

**ORDINANCE – ADOPTED**

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.40 BY ADDING SECTION 10.40.035 TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMOBILIZATION OF PARKED CARS; AMENDING CHAPTER 10.44 SECTION 10.44.010 BY ADDING SUBSECTION “D” TO ALLOW FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITION; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.45, SECTION 10.45.100 TO CHANGE THE METER RATE IN THE OLD PASADENA PARKING METER ZONE” (Introduced by Councilmember Kennedy) (Ordinance No. 7283)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Tornek reported that the City Council’s Special Meeting scheduled for June 28, 2016 is cancelled and will be rescheduled for future date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

  
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Terry Tornek, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk