

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
March 27, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

OPENING:

Mayor Tornek called to order the special joint meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at 8:16 a.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Kennedy.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

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

**RECOGNITION OF FUNDING AWARD TO THE ONE
ARROYO PROJECT**

The Mayor expressed appreciation to Supervisor Barger for helping to secure funding for the City's One Arroyo project, which assisted the Arroyo Advisory Group in their work on the project.

Doug Kranwinkle, Co-Chair of Advisory Arroyo Group, responded to questions on the costs related to the initial phase of the One Arroyo project.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the Arroyo Seco area being utilized as a regional resource and the need for the County of Los Angeles and State of California to prioritize the deferred maintenance and recreational projects in the Arroyo Seco.

Supervisor Barger spoke on the need to collaborate with the City to determine what opportunities exist beyond park funding to contribute towards the Arroyo Seco.

Following discussion, by consensus of the City Council, and on order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

**UPDATE PROVIDED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE DEVIL'S GATE
DAM SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT**

Mayor Tornek introduced the item. Supervisor Barger spoke on the project and provided information on the County's plan to hire a consultant and work with South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to incorporate air monitors during the sediment removal project, and noted the formation of a community advisory board to work through impacts and issues that occur as a result of the work. Mark Pestrella, Director of Los Angeles County Public Works, provided an oral report on the progress of the sediment removal project, including outreach efforts, air quality monitoring and accountability, and habitat impacts; and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Kennedy requested that the County also continue to monitor soil samples for evidence of carcinogens in the Arroyo Seco. He expressed concerns with the oversight and transparency related to project, as well as the County's decision to use harmful herbicides, such as Roundup, that are glyphosate based as part of work to remove evasive plants.

In response, Mr. Pestrella stated that he would provide information on weed control efforts to the City Council.

Councilmember McAustin suggested that the County utilize electric vehicles whenever possible during the Devils Gate Dam Restoration project to minimize air and noise pollution.

Councilmembers Masuda and Gordo spoke on the need for City and Los Angeles County staff to test water samples within the Arroyo Seco to ensure the water table is safe.

Councilmember Gordo requested a timeline of key points in the project to ensure transparency regarding progress or critical moments. He also recommended 3rd party peer oversight for all data collected on the project site, and recommended the City's Health Department also review collected data.

The following individuals provided comments/suggestions related to various aspects of the Devi's Gate Dam Sediment Removal Project, including air quality and safety concerns:

Dr. Ken Moccus, residence not stated
Darren Dowell, Pasadena resident
Esther Kornfeld, LCF for Healthy Air
Dr. Elizabeth Krider, La Canada resident
Blair Hansen, Pasadena resident

Tim Brick, Arroyo Seco Foundation
Kathryn Harris, Pasadena resident
Nina Chomsky, Linda Vista-Annandale Association
Shawn Maestretti, Save Hahamonga
Dorothy Wong, Save Hahamonga
Elizabeth Bour, Altadena resident
Elisia Farmer, Pasadena resident
Octavia Thus, La Canada resident

Vice Mayor Kennedy suggested that signage be posted around the Rose Bowl with information on any known health risks associated with the project. He also requested that Mr. Pestrella, provide additional outreach to individuals located near the project site that may encounter difficulty reaching emergency services (i.e. senior citizens) as a result of truck traffic and project impacts.

The Mayor summarized the discussion, stated that the City will continue to work with Supervisor Barger, AQMD and Los Angeles County Public Works staff, with City staff to report on the Pasadena Health Department's engagement with the project.

Following discussion, by consensus of the City Council, and on order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING USE OF MEASURE H FUNDS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

The Mayor provided introductory comments, and Bill Huang, Director of Housing and Career Services, provided an update on the additional funding for Centennial Place (a permanent supportive housing project), increase in homeless numbers, and Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding, and the lack of a contract related to Measure H funds; and responded to questions.

Supervisor Barger apologized for the bureaucracy that affected the approval of the Measure H funds contract, and promised to resolve the issue.

The Mayor spoke on the City's need to address homelessness in the City, noting the urgency in receiving Measure H funds.

Due to time constraints, Councilmember Gordo stated the following for the record: "I will put my comments in writing because I do find this completely unacceptable and I'm glad the Supervisor has acknowledged that because it's not appropriate."

Councilmember McAustin left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

A quorum of the City Council was lost at 9:58 a.m. By consensus of the City Council, and on order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed, and the meeting adjourned.

UPDATE ON THE STATE ROUTE 710 STUB AND RELATED MEASURE R FUNDS

Due to lack of quorum, the item above was not discussed.

UPDATE ON THE CROSSTOWN WATER PIPELINE PROJECT FROM ARROYO SECO TO EATON CANYON

Due to lack of quorum, the item above was not discussed.

UPDATE ON MEASURE W: THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER ACT

Due to lack of quorum, the item above was not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to lack of quorum, on order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Terry Tornek, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk