

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
October 5 2020 – 2:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The virtual meeting was convened pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, and was held solely by videoconference/teleconference

**OPENING:** Mayor Tornek called the special meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Wilson.

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

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS** Mayor Tornek read a declaration by the City Council condemning the September 27, 2020 attack on Armenia by Azerbaijan.

Mayor Tornek requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those that have suffered due to death and illness caused by COVID-19; and of the innocent victims of the September 27, 2020, military aggression between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Councilmember Gordo requested that staff send a copy of the declaration to the City's sister city of Vanadzor, Armenia and that staff contact surrounding municipalities to request they make the same declaration. Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need for the world to condemn the actions of the Azerbaijan government and stand with the people of Armenia.

Mayor Tornek announced a proclamation declaring October 2020 as "Employment of Persons with Disabilities Month," and "National Pedestrian Safety Month" in Pasadena.

Councilmember Kennedy recognize Mr. James Farr as the new Chair of the Accessibility and Disability Commission.

Laura Cornejo, Director of Transportation, acknowledged and thanked the Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition for their dedication in raising awareness on pedestrian safety; and

presented a PowerPoint presentation on the next steps for the Slow Streets Neighborhood Protection Plan.

Councilmembers Masuda and Gordo spoke on the passing of Tim Price, long-time president of the Daisy-Villa Neighborhood Association, expressed condolences to friends and family, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

### **SPECIAL ITEM – COVID 19**

Vice Mayor Hampton connected to the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER AND PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER**

Dr. Ying Ying Goh, MD, Director of Public Health, reported on the number of cases and deaths related to the COVID-19 pandemic occurring in Pasadena, as well as on a national and worldwide scale. She provided information on California's mandate that high risk businesses and operators continue outdoor services only, that the community proceed with cautious gradual sector openings, and provided an update regarding the restarting of in-person student instruction; and encouraged the community to get a flu vaccination. Dr. Goh expressed deepest sympathies for all individuals grieving the loss of loved ones due to COVID-19; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need for staff to consider, anticipate, and provide the needed resources to support the re-opening of various sectors in the City, ensuring the proper implementation of safety protocols and community awareness.

Vice Mayor Hampton expressed concerns regarding the inequity that exists where various sectors of City businesses are allowed to operate, but yoga and boutique gyms are still prohibited.

Councilmember Wilson asked staff to prioritize returning student's to in-class learning, especially elementary students; and spoke on the need for a communication strategy related to guidance on celebrating Halloween.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that a number of correspondence letters and emails expressing concerns related to remote learning, and advocating for the reopening of in-class instruction for students, as well as advocating for the opening of the Hot Yoga Pasadena business, were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Nicole Anido, Altadena resident  
C. Gibson Banta, Pasadena resident  
Marissa Bell, Pasadena resident  
Julie Beswick, Glendale resident  
Karina Bland, residence not stated

Andrew Boaz, Pasadena resident  
Hayley Boaz, Pasadena resident  
Caroline Botsford, Pasadena resident  
Harper Burge, residence not stated  
Noelle Burnett, La Canada resident  
Loryn Cervenka, Pasadena resident  
Mary Forrest, Pasadena resident  
Ryan Forrest, Pasadena resident  
Erika Foy, Pasadena resident  
Anneke Greco, Pasadena resident  
Neha Jespersen, Pasadena resident  
Kate Kohorst, Pasadena resident  
Veronica Luan, Pasadena resident  
Brad Lyddon, La Canada resident  
Celene Lyddon, La Canada resident  
Robert A. Lyddon, Pasadena resident  
Susan Lyddon, Pasadena resident  
Jill Lynn, residence not stated  
Alyson S. Pernecky, Pasadena resident  
Tracy Rannazzisi, Altadena resident  
Erika Reaume, Pasadena resident  
Catie Roheim, Pasadena resident  
Susan Ross, residence not stated  
Heather Sanderson, Pasadena resident  
Spencer Sanderson, Pasadena resident  
Maureen Schimmoller, Pasadena resident  
Kimberly Popvich Shepherd, Pasadena resident  
Kelley Driscoll Terrazas, Pasadena resident  
Cortney Vanis, Altadena resident  
Becky Walley, Altadena resident  
Amy Wilson, Pasadena resident  
Dan Zakaria, Pasadena resident  
Marisa Zakaria, Pasadena resident  
Alyssa Burge, Pasadena resident  
Laurie Smith, Pasadena resident  
Traci IacuanIELlo, Pasadena resident  
Robert Smith, Pasadena resident  
Libbv Davis, South Pasadena resident  
Paul Robi, Pasadena resident  
Tracy Lewis, Pasadena resident  
Wendy Stark, residence not stated  
Riad Momen, residence not stated  
Sophia Chan, residence not stated  
Laura Avella, residence not stated  
Marcie Donald, residence not stated  
Cookie Fahey, residence not stated  
Vera Golakova-Abreu, Los Angeles resident  
John Cheng, Pasadena resident  
Justine Ung, residence not stated  
Stephen McBean, residence not stated

Emily Smernoff, resident not stated  
Karen Iwamiya, business owner  
Jean Ward, Los Angeles resident  
Noelle Aloe, residence not stated  
Richard F. Horton, residence not stated  
Alice M. Sogomoian, residence not stated  
Charles E. Niesen, residence not stated  
Ed Wu, residence not stated  
Carmen Reyes, residence not stated  
Brando Valencia, Pasadena resident  
Fabiola Gomez, residence not stated  
May Kwong, residence not stated  
Anneke Greco, Los Angeles resident  
Brittany Fella, residence not stated  
Masoud Mosallaie, residence not stated  
Gloria Sosa, residence not stated  
Sasha Stone, residence not stated  
Val Sklar Robinson, Owner of Hot Yoga Pasadena  
Kevin Fahey, residence not stated  
Christina Hildebrand, A Voice for Choice Advocacy, Inc.  
Audrey Franks, residence not stated  
Greg Burr, residence not stated  
Jeff Rangel, residence not stated  
Brooke Worrel, residence not stated  
Tom McGovern, Pasadena resident  
Mark Abernathy, Abernathy Insurance Agency  
Cassiel Hamilton, residence not stated  
Tessa Nelson, residence not stated

In addition, he read aloud comments expressing concerns related to remote learning, and advocating for the reopening of in-class instruction for students, as well advocating for the opening of the Hot Yoga Pasadena business; and providing comments and suggestions from the following individuals:

Mary Forrest, Pasadena resident  
Lindsey Wyman, Pasadena resident  
Kate Kohorst, Pasadena resident  
Neha Jespersen, Pasadena resident  
Marcela Rock, Pasadena resident  
Becky Walley, Altadena resident  
Angela Buchanan, Pasadena resident  
Michael Buchanan, Pasadena resident  
Ann Pearson, Pasadena resident  
Nicole Lamb, Pasadena resident  
Dana Banta, Pasadena resident  
Pamela Halferty, Pasadena resident  
Celene Lyddon, Pasadena resident  
Laurie Smith, Pasadena resident  
Traci IacuanIELLO, Pasadena resident



Erika Foy, Pasadena resident  
Nicole Anido, Pasadena resident  
Michelle Sutton, Pasadena resident  
Stacey Francis, Altadena resident  
Alyson Pernecky, Pasadena resident  
Maryann Young, Pasadena resident  
Jill Lynn, Pasadena resident  
Christina Hildebrand, Mountain View resident  
Kathryn Gordon, Altadena resident  
R. Kenton Nelson, Pasadena resident  
Noelle Burnett, Pasadena resident  
Haley Boaz, Pasadena resident  
Harper Burge, Pasadena resident  
Anneke Greco, Pasadena resident  
Jess Smith, Pasadena resident  
Paul Little, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Val Sklar Robinson, Pasadena resident  
Vera Golakova-Abreu, Eagle Rock resident  
John Cheng, Pasadena resident  
Justine Ung, Pasadena resident  
Stephen Gordon McBean, Arcadia resident  
Karen Iwamiya, Altadena resident  
Jean Ward, Los Angeles resident  
Carmen R. Reyes, Pasadena resident  
Alice M. Sogomonian, Pasadena resident  
Kevin Fahey, Pasadena resident  
Greg Gurr, Pasadena resident  
Tami McGovern, Pasadena resident  
Gloria Sosa, Altadena resident  
Richard Hing, Pasadena resident  
Cassiel Getz, Pasadena resident  
Educate Advocate

Steve Mermell, City Manager, stated that once the City moves to the "red tier" of California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, there will be an opportunity for indoor operations of yoga studios and gyms; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need for staff to consider what assistance can be provided by the City to address student mental health issues when returning to in-class learning, and asked that staff reach out to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Mayor Tornek shared that he, along with Councilmember Kennedy and Vice Mayor Hampton, attended a Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) event, and Eric Shahakian, Assistant Superintendent of Student Wellness and Support, provided an update on PUSD's student mental health referral program.

Vice Mayor Hampton expressed concerns related to the closure of the Pasadena Ice Skating Center, while other ice skating rinks located in other cities are open and operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Madison joined the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

#### **GREAT PLATES DELIVERED SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption);
- (2) Appropriate \$905,106 from Unappropriated General Fund fund balance to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget to cover Great Plates Delivered expenses through October 9, 2020;
- (3) Provide direction to City staff regarding continued participation in the Great Plates Delivered program if it is extended by the State beyond the current end date of October 9, 2020, at a cost of \$466,000 per month; and
- (4) Should the Council direct continuation of the program, grant the proposed expenditure 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. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-10)

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented a PowerPoint on the item, with both responding to questions. Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided information on the staff's expectations related to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement for the Great Plates Delivered program, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Gordo expressed frustration with the lack of options or alternatives in the staff recommendation to provide meals for the 235 individuals that are receiving meals from the program. He spoke on the need for staff to provide an analysis on how the City can more efficiently and effectively provide meals for additional residents.

Councilmember McAustin stated that she believes the City cannot afford to continue with the program; and spoke on the need for staff to provide information on alternatives for meal and grocery assistance for the participants of the program. She stated that she cannot support continuing the program as she believes it is not in the City's best interests to use their dwindling financial reserves.

Councilmember Madison spoke in favor of the City continuing the program, as the City's expenditures will be reimbursed approximately 94% from FEMA; and the program has the dual benefit of helping both local restaurants and senior citizens. He requested that staff provide the financial details for the program.

Councilmember Wilson stated that the primary objective of the program is to keep restaurants open; and expressed disappointment on the lack of analysis that might explain the benefits this program has had on local restaurants, including potential losses to employment and businesses should the program be terminated. He asked staff to remain diligent in assessing the risk profile in terms of receiving reimbursement from FEMA. Councilmember Wilson spoke in favor of the program as a stimulus for employment in the City, but recognized the concerns regarding the possibility of not being reimbursed by FEMA in a timely manner.

Vice Mayor Hampton spoke in favor of continuing the program as it provides meals and positive mental health service to the participating senior citizens.

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns that the program is not providing the City enough benefits based on the program's costs. He asked staff to determine if the program can be minimized and still be effective. He spoke in favor of tabling the item so that staff may research the participating restaurateurs to determine if they will continue to participate in the program, if the program is minimized to provide less meals. In addition, he asked staff to develop a transitioning element to the program when it ends.

Councilmember Gordo asked staff to determine if the Los Angeles County's Great Plates Delivered Senior Meals program will include the City's restaurants, specifically the 22 that participate in the City's program, including contacting Supervisor Kathryn Barger to advocate on behalf of the City. He spoke in favor of continuing the City's program for one month, with staff to return with the information requested.

Mayor Tornek expressed concerns with indefinitely sustaining the program given the City's remaining reserve balance, however supported the City's continued participation until staff is able to provide participants adequate alternative programs or assistance.

City Clerk Jomsky, reported that 2 letters were received in support of extending the Great Plates Delivered Senior Meal program were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Blair Salisbury, representing Restaurant Management Group

Robert Shahnazarian, representing NOOR

In addition, he also read aloud comments in support of extending the Great Plates Delivered Senior Meal program, and expressing concerns related to the discussion on the item from the following individuals:

Yan Agaev, Pasadena resident  
Erika Foy, Pasadena resident

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation, amended to continue the Great Plates Delivered Senior Meal program beyond October 9, 2020, with staff to monitor the reimbursement aspect of the program, and return with additional information on the program, as detailed above:

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

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiry related to his request for an update on the City's park baseball field renovations, Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, responded that the renovation schedule for various sports fields is available online, provided sports field phase implementation information, and stated that she will provide additional information in the City Manager's Newsletter.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH LEE & RO, INC., AND YAO ENGINEERING, INC., TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the 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;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 or four years, whichever comes first, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with Lee & Ro, Inc., ("Lee & Ro") to provide on-call electrical engineering services; and (Contract No. 31855)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 or four years, whichever comes

first, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with Yao Engineering, Inc., ("Yao") to provide on-call electrical engineering services. (Contract No. 31854)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH GENERAL PUMP COMPANY, INC., AND LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR ON-CALL WELL AND PUMP MAINTENANCE FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed authorization is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with General Pump Company, Inc., ("General Pump") for on-call well and pump maintenance in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,708,750 for five years, whichever comes first, which includes the base contract amount of \$2,462,500 and a contingency of \$246,250, to provide for any necessary change orders; and (Contract No. 31872)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with Layne Christensen Company ("Layne Christensen") for on-call well and pump maintenance in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,708,750 for five years, whichever comes first, which includes the base contract amount of \$2,462,500 and a contingency of \$246,250, to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31874)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INTER-CON SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC., FOR CITYWIDE PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,834,118 FOR THE INITIAL THREE-YEAR TERM**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the authorization to enter into a contract with Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., for citywide parking enforcement services is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Inter-Con Security

Systems, Inc., for citywide parking enforcement services on designated streets, lots and parking structures in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,834,118 for the initial three year term; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional one year terms, provided any increases do not exceed the increase in the change in the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County consumer's price index for the preceding 12 month period. (Contract No. 31881)

**CONTRACT AWARD TO BOB WONDRIES MOTORS (DBA: WONDRIES FLEET GROUP) FOR SERVICE AND REPAIR WORK ON CITY-OWNED FORD AUTOMOBILES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$625,000 FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and

(2) Accept the bid dated July 31, 2020, submitted by Bob Wondries Motors dba Wondries Fleet Group (Bob Wondries) in response to specifications for Ford automobile service and repair; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bob Wondries for an amount not-to-exceed \$375,000 (which includes \$9,000 in contingency) over a three-year period with the option for two additional one-year extensions in the annual amount of \$125,000 (which includes \$3,000 in contingency), at the discretion of the City Manager, for a maximum total contract length of five years and a total contract amount of \$625,000. (Contract No. 31870)

**APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 072733 FOR CREATION OF NINE AIR PARCELS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES AT 109 NORTH HARKNESS AVENUE**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Adopt a resolution to approve Final Tract Map No. 072733 for the creation of nine air parcels for residential condominium purposes; and (Resolution No. 9808)

(2) Authorize the City Clerk to execute the Certificate on the map showing the City's approval of said map.

**Recommendation of the Hearing Officer:** The subject tentative map was approved on October 21, 2015 by the Subdivision Hearing Officer, to be recorded within three years. A one-year extension through November 3, 2019 was granted in accordance with Section 17.64.040 of the Zoning Code. A second one-year extension through November 3, 2020 was granted per Resolution No. 9774 adopted on March 30, 2020 to suspend certain time limits to land use matters.



**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH VPLS SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF NETWORK DATA COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (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 issuance of a purchase order with VPLS Solutions, LLC, a certified California small business, in an amount not-to-exceed \$325,000. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, material, 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.

Item discussed separately

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 68 URBAN COUNTIES PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITIES OF PASADENA AND SOUTH PASADENA FOR A JOINT PROJECT IN THE ARROYO SECO**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION OF EXECUTION OF FUND TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Acknowledge that the execution of a Transfer Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code and Title 14, Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Fund Transfer Agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to receive annual Safe, Clean Water Program funding for water quality projects and programs. (Contract No. 23,438)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMEND EXISTING PURCHASE ORDER 1210226 WITH ELLIS EQUIPMENT, INC., FOR CONCRETE K-RAIL RENTAL**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), Review for Exemption;



- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Purchase Order No. 1210226, with Ellis Equipment, Inc., from \$75,908.00 to a revised amount of \$225,908.00;
- (3) Appropriate \$50,000 from the Off-Street Parking Fund (Fund 407) and \$100,000 from the Old Pasadena Parking Meter Fund (Fund 213) for the concrete K-rail rental to the Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget; and
- (4) To the extent this transaction could be considered a separate procurement subject to competitive bidding, grant the proposed amendment to the purchase order with Ellis Equipment Inc., an exemption, Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.150, Emergency purchases and pursuant to PMC 4.08.049(B), Contracts for which the City's best interests are served. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-11)

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: RESPONSE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT "A DIET FOR LANDFILLS: CUTTING DOWN ON FOOD WASTE"**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the City's response to the Grand Jury's Report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); and
- (2) Authorize the Mayor to transmit the proposed responses, which appear in the body of the agenda report, to the Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Superior Court for those portions of the Civil Grand Jury's Final Report 2019-2020 – "A DIET FOR LANDFILLS: Cutting Down on Food Waste" that address the City of Pasadena, in order to comply with the recommendations listed in the Report.

**RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS, &  
REAPPOINTMENTS**

**APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA C. RIVAS TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY SALES TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION (Transportation Advisory Commission Nomination)**

**CLAIMS RECEIVED**

Claim No. 13,618	Green Street Restaurant Partners, LLC	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,619	Project Resources Group on behalf of Charter Spectrum	2,215.30
Claim No. 13,620	Tina Weiss	200.00
Claim No. 13,621	Mercury Insurance Company as subrogee for Vatche Ekmekjian	3,706.01
Claim No. 13,622	Downtown LA Law Group, representing Nereida Ulloa	25,000.00+

Claim No. 13,623	The Cochran Firm California representing Jose Garcia, Greg Garcia, Juan Carlos Garcia Sr., Juan Carlos Garcia Jr., Gilbert Rios, and Marisol Garcia	10,000.00+
Claim No. 13,624	Dolores C. Vargas	Not stated
Claim No. 13,625	Rene Gonzalez	544.25
Claim No. 13,626	Lisa Otis-Kisor	1,115.00

## PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

**October 19, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** – Second Extension of Urgency Ordinance No. 7354 of the City of Pasadena Temporarily Prohibiting Demolition and “Major Projects” Affecting Eligible, Undesignated Historic Resources

**November 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** – Designation of 989 South El Molino Avenue as a Historic Landmark

**November 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** – Designation of 1500 North Los Robles Avenue as a Historic Landmark

**November 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** – Designation of 1031 San Pasqual as a Historic Landmark

**November 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m.** – Designation of 1145 Arden Road as a Historic Monument

It was moved by Councilmember Gordo, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 8 (Adopt a Resolution to Approve Application for Proposition 68...), which was discussed separately:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy, Madison, Masuda, McAustin, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hampton, Mayor Tornek

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **CONSENT ITEMS DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 68 URBAN COUNTIES PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITIES OF PASADENA AND SOUTH PASADENA FOR A JOINT PROJECT IN THE ARROYO SECO**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report, authorization to apply for grants for enhancement or restoration of natural areas in the Arroyo Seco, is exempt from the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);

(2) Adopt a resolution approving application for the Proposition 68 Urban Counties Per Capita Grant Program in the amount of \$3.5 million for a joint Arroyo Seco Water Reuse and Natural Stream Restoration project between the cities of Pasadena and South Pasadena; and (Resolution No. 9809)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of South Pasadena for the joint administration of the San Rafael Creek Treatment Wetlands Project.

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, provided introductory comments, and Brent Maue, Assistant City Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy, Madison, Masuda, McAustin, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hampton, Mayor Tornek

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PUBLIC HEARING: SUBMITTAL OF PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY FIVE-YEAR PLAN (2020-2025) AND ANNUAL PLAN (2020) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City of Pasadena (the "City"), as Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission, after a public hearing:

(1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per 15061(b)(3), as it will not have a potentially significant environmental effect and, therefore, falls under the "general rule" exemption; and

(2) Approve the City's Public Housing Agency Five-Year Plan (2020-2025) and Annual Plan (2020), collectively known as the PHA Plan 2020, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents regarding its submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal and the Pasadena Press on September 3, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office on the item.

William Huang, Director of Housing, provided introductory comments, and Anne Lansing, Project Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need for staff to develop policy preference objectives for individuals who have very strong, distinct, long connection, and history with the City of Pasadena.

Councilmember McAustin echoed Mr. Kennedy's comments related to providing housing preference to local residents in Pasadena, including considering amending housing applications to include a category to determine if an applicant has a long family history in Pasadena that have been displaced due to financial hardship, eminent domain, etc.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to close the public hearing:

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

It was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: DECLARATIONS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY - 78 N. MARENGO AVENUE, 255 E. UNION STREET, 95 N. GARFIELD AVENUE AND 280 RAMONA STREET**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378, as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and is not a "project";
- (2) Adopt a resolution declaring the properties at 78 N. Marengo Avenue, 255 E. Union Street, 95 N. Garfield Avenue and 280 Ramona Street as surplus property under California Government Code Sections 54220-54234; and

(3) Adopt a resolution declaring the property at 280 Ramona Street as surplus property and exempt from the competitive sale requirement under Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 4.02. (Resolutions Nos. 9810, 9811)

**Recommendation of the Planning Commission:** At its regular meeting of September 23, 2020, the Planning Commission, by a vote of 4-2:

(1) Found that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378, as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and is not a "project"; and

(2) Found that the proposed disposition of the properties at 78 N. Marengo Avenue, 255 E. Union Street, 95 N. Garfield Avenue and 280 Ramona Street, following declarations that such properties are surplus property, is consistent with the General Plan.

The Commission was also asked to consider the following recommendation, which failed by a vote of 3-3:

- Recommend that the City Council declare the property at 280 Ramona Street as surplus property and exempt from the competitive sale requirement under Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 4.02.

The discussion surrounding this recommendation was focused around concerns about lack of control over potential future development that might occur on this property (i.e., inability to make the finding without a specific project proposal), lack of evidence to support a determination that the property is not needed for another City use, as well as loss of open space.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Press on September 17, 2020; and 3 letters in opposition to the staff recommendation were received by the City Clerk's Office, which were distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public hearing record from the following individuals:

Darrell Cozen, Pasadena resident

Amy Minter, representing Pasadena Civic Center Coalition

Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident

He also reported that 76 letters in support of the staff recommendation were received by the City Clerk's Office, which were distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public hearing record from the following individuals:

Rick Cole, residence not stated

Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident

Jill Shook, Pasadena resident

Lady Artist, residence not stated  
Merilie Robertson, residence not stated  
Anne Tipton, residence not stated  
David Drum, residence not stated  
Jacquelyn Labrie Pulido, residence not stated  
Tom Petersmeyer, residence not stated  
Chase Stafford, residence not stated  
Gloria Newton, Pasadena resident  
Russell Smith, residence not stated  
Shirley Powell, Monrovia resident  
David Winters, Pasadena resident  
Meg Morrison, residence not stated  
Lisa Stinstrom, Pasadena resident  
Gilbert Walton, residence not stated  
Candace Seu, Pasadena resident  
Wes Reutimann, Pasadena resident  
Ashley Huston, residence not stated  
Angels Lewis, residence not stated  
Jacqueline Gadson, residence not stated  
Jeffrey Scott, residence not stated  
Deja Surrey, residence not stated  
Antoinette Jones, residence not stated  
Jennifer Lim, Pasadena resident  
Leonar Martinez-Milton, residence not stated  
Roger Scott, residence not stated  
Sherrie Denham, residence not stated  
Meredith Gill, residence not stated  
Onree Gill, residence not stated  
Richard Williams, residence not stated  
Frieda Williams, residence not stated  
Aleatha Williams, residence not stated  
Lawrence Milton, residence not stated  
Tina Williams, residence not stated  
David Kronberg, Pasadena resident  
Tyeshea Wilks, residence not stated  
Linda Scott, residence not stated  
Carolyn Denham, residence not stated  
Dorothy Milton, residence not stated  
Vanessa Huston, residence not stated  
Dianne Pallay, residence not stated  
Sarah Dusseault, residence not stated  
Richard Pallay, residence not stated  
Thurman Jones, residence not stated  
Judith Sutterlin, residence not stated  
Joyce C. Graham, residence not stated  
Dois Kye, residence not stated  
Lawrence Davy, residence not stated  
Jochen Strack, residence not stated  
Bert Newton, Pasadena resident  
Jermaine Huston, residence not stated



John Odell, Pasadena resident  
Kathie Freeman, residence not stated  
Karen Roberson, Pasadena resident  
Rajeev Nandakurmaran, residence not stated  
Donna M. Lee, residence not stated  
Swantje Wilms, residence not stated  
Marianna M. Rivinus, representing Peace and Social  
Concerns Committee  
Shannon Fernando-Rubera, residence not stated  
Corrine Ochipinti, residence not stated  
Anthony McFarland, residence not stated  
George Korzen, residence not stated  
Bonnie Blustein, Pasadena resident  
Gwendolyn Johnson, residence not stated  
June Carr, residence not stated  
Kathleen Leard, residence not stated  
Pastor Othella Medlock, residence not stated  
Gregory Johnson, residence not stated  
Jonathan Williams, residence not stated  
Jacqueline Oyefeso, residence not stated  
PJ and Mphatso Johnson, residence not stated  
Diane Rogers, residence not stated  
Lucinda Koh, residence not stated  
Jeehong Min, representing Board of Vision Christian  
Fellowship  
Len Tang, Pastor at Missio Community Church  
Megan Katerjian, Executive Director of Door of Hope

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided introductory comments, and Kevin Johnson, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, with both responding to questions. Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, provided information on the City's actions related to the City's risk of losing ownership or control of the referenced properties, and responded to questions.

Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney provided information on the City Council's decision to declare the larger portion of the YWCA property site as surplus property in 2015; and responded to questions.

City Manager Mermell provided information on the Request For Proposal (RFP) related to the 78 North Marengo Avenue site; and responded to questions.

Councilmembers Kennedy and Wilson spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.



Councilmember Wilson asked staff to determine if the Heritage Square South was declared as surplus property to better understand the process of surplus property declarations.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need for more transparency related to RFP process to ensure public awareness and understanding as the issue moves forward, allow for proposed changes/alterations, and the ability to provide feedback.

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments advocating for affordable housing, in support of the staff recommendation, and providing comments/suggestions on the item from the following individuals:

Teresa A. Tiffany, Monrovia resident  
Sonja K. Berndt, Pasadena resident  
Ferne Hayes, Pasadena resident  
Areta Crowell, Pasadena resident  
Gloria Newton, Pasadena resident  
Bert Newton, Pasadena resident  
Ed Washatka, representing Pasadenans for Progress  
Housing Justice Committee  
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident  
Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident  
Philip Burns, Pasadena resident  
Carol Daley, Monrovia resident  
Gloria Newton, Pasadena resident  
Rev. Rich McCullen, representing Mission gathering  
Pasadena  
Kimberly Douglas, Pasadena resident

He also read aloud comments from Marsha Rood, Pasadena resident, in opposition to the staff recommendation, advocating to protect the Civic Center and its green spaces, and providing comments.

Following public comment, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to close the public hearing:

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

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need for staff to be respectful of the City Council's discussion related to established setbacks at the 78 North Marengo Avenue site; and would like to make it clear

that he is not prepared to support extended setbacks to the project as presented in the staff PowerPoint map.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

**RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 20 IN THE NOVEMBER 2020 STATE ELECTION. RECOMMENDATION TO OPPOSE COUNTY MEASURE J FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTION; AND TO SUPPORT PUSD MEASURE O AND PASADENA CITY SERVICES PROTECTION MEASURE P FOR THE 2020 LOCAL ELECTION**  
**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council consider positions on the following ballot measures for the upcoming November 3, 2020 General Election:

- A. Recommend a Support Position on the following State Proposition:
  - Proposition 20: Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors; Restricts Parole for Certain Offenses Currently Considered to be Non-Violent
- B. Recommend an Oppose Position on the following Los Angeles County Measure:
  - Measure J: Community Investment and Alternatives to Incarceration Minimum County Budget Allocation
- C. Recommend a Support Position on the following local measures:
  - Measure O: Pasadena Unified School District Repair, Technology, Student Achievement Measure
  - Measure P: Pasadena City Services Protection

Mayor Tornek, Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), summarized the Committee's discussion on the proposition and measures referenced in the staff recommendation; and responded to questions.

Councilmember McAustin, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, and Councilmembers Gordo, spoke in favor of the City Council supporting Measure P, Pasadena City Services Protection, as the funds are needed to continue to support crucial municipal projects (i.e. sidewalk repair, parks, streets,

infrastructure) and essential City services (public safety, fire, paramedics, etc.).

Councilmembers Kennedy and Wilson spoke on the critical importance to support Measure P, Pasadena City Services Protection, and the need for the voters to vote yes on the measure.

Motion:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember McAustin, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, for the City Council to support ballot Measure P: Pasadena City Services Protection:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy, Madison, Masuda, McAustin, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hampton, Mayor Tornek

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Tornek summarized local ballot Measure O: Pasadena Unified School District Repair, Technology, Student Achievement Measure, voiced support on the measure, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Masuda voiced strong support for Measure O: Pasadena Unified School District Repair, Technology, Student Achievement Measure.

Councilmember McAustin and Vice Mayor Hampton disconnected from the meeting.

Councilmember Wilson stated that he is supportive of Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), but will abstain from voting on Measure O, as he believes he has not researched the measure adequately, and had hoped for more expedited action on the part of PUSD regarding campus consolidations, especially the leasing out the 251 South Hudson Avenue location.

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments from Paul Little, representing Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, in opposition to the City Council supporting Measure O (and Proposition 15: Increases Funding for Public Schools, Community Colleges, and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property), as the tax increases would negatively impact local small businesses.

Motion:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Mayor Tornek, for the City Council to support ballot Measure O: Pasadena Unified School District Repair, Technology, Student Achievement Measure:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy, Madison, Masuda, Mayor Tornek

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember McAustin, Vice Mayor Hampton  
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Wilson

Mayor Tornek summarized State ballot measures Proposition 15: Increases Funding for Public Schools, Community Colleges, and Local Government Services by Changing Tax Assessment of Commercial and Industrial Property; and Proposition 16: Allow Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions; and responded to questions.

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments from Bert Newton, Pasadena resident, in support of the City Council supporting State ballot measure Proposition 15.

Councilmember Wilson  
disconnected from the meeting.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in favor of the City Council supporting Proposition 16: Allow Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions; and stated the following for the record, "No matter what ultimately occurs, the objective is simply to say that it can be used as one factor. Diversity is one factor. And if you think about it, in any business the greater the diversity in a business, the greater the outcome for a business. You may recall that there are African-American women who worked for our Federal Government who calculated the trajectory of different ships that had to go to the moon and elsewhere. They never received credit. My point is, diversity makes us stronger not weaker; and I believe this measure advances that concept. Is it perfect? No. Does it say you must do...? No. It just simply says one factor for consideration of the particular body. So, I am strongly in support of this measure and I hope there would be enough members of such a diverse City that we would find the necessary votes to move this forward as a Council recognizing the diversity in our City."

Mayor Tornek stated his strong support of Proposition 16: Allow Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns as to why the City Council did not discuss the measures sooner; and on the report which he believes lacks the highlights of the discussion by LPC on each measure. He voiced support for Proposition 16.

Motion:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Mayor Tornek, for the City Council to support State ballot measure Proposition 16: Allow Diversity as a Factor in Public Employment, Education and Contracting Decisions:

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Kennedy, Madison,  
Masuda, Mayor Tornek  
NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers McAustin, Wilson, Vice Mayor Hampton

ABSTAIN: None

Vice Mayor Hampton reconnected to the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Tornek summarized State ballot measure Proposition 20: Authorized Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors; Restricts Parole for Certain Offenses Currently Considered to be Non-Violent, and LPC's discussion on the matter, and responded to questions.

City Clerk Jomsky, read aloud comments from Bert Newton, Pasadena resident, in opposition of the City Council supporting State ballot measure Proposition 20, which he believes adversely affects poverty-stricken individuals and people of color.

Councilmembers McAustin and Wilson reconnected to the meeting at 7:34 p.m., and 7:36 p.m., respectively

In response to Councilmember Kennedy's request for additional information on Proposition 20, Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, provided information on the consequences of Assembly Bill 109, Realignment in California and California Proposition 47, Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative; and responded to questions.

Motion:

Following public comment, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, for the City Council to support State ballot measure Proposition 20: Authorized Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors; Restricts Parole for Certain Offenses Currently Considered to be Non-Violent:  
(MOTION WITHDRAWN BY COUNCILMEMBER KENNEDY/MOVER)

Councilmember Wilson spoke in support of Proposition 20, in light of the Chief Perez also voicing support of the proposition.

Vice Mayor Hampton stated that he does not believe the City should take a stance on any State ballot measures, only Measures O and P, and will abstain from voting on State measures.

Motion:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, for the City Council to support State ballot measure Proposition 20: Authorized Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses Currently Treated Only as Misdemeanors; Restricts Parole for Certain Offenses Currently Considered to be Non-Violent

AYES: Councilmembers Gordo, Madison, Masuda, McAustin, Wilson, Mayor Tornek

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Kennedy, Vice Mayor Hampton

Vice Mayor Hampton reported he is experiencing technical difficulties.

Councilmember Wilson suggested that in the future, and for consistency, the LPC develop a checklist that would determine what factors would qualify proposed legislation (i.e. propositions, measures) as having an impact on the City.

Mayor Tornek summarized Los Angeles County ballot Measure J: Community Investment and Alternatives to Incarceration Minimum County Budget Allocation, LPC's discussion on the matter, and responded to questions.

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud comments in opposition to the City Council opposing the Los Angeles County ballot Measure J: Community Investment and Alternatives to Incarceration Minimum County Budget Allocation, and providing comments/suggestions on the matter from the following individuals:

Allison Henry, Pasadena resident  
Juliana Serrano, Pasadena resident  
Jill S. Shook, Pasadena resident  
Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident  
David Chavez, Pasadena resident  
Donna Sider, Pasadena resident  
Bert Newton, Pasadena resident  
Una Lee Jost, Pasadena resident

Councilmember McAustin stated her opposition to Measure J, which she believes is legislative ballot box budgeting that leaves little room for alternatives and discretionary spending during a bad budget year.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in favor of supporting Measure J, which he believes minorities in various counties and cities have been disproportionately impacted by a desire of law enforcement to lock up people as a way to solve crime.

Councilmembers Masuda and Wilson spoke in opposition to the Los Angeles County ballot Measure J; and expressed concerns with forcing budgetary decisions on the Board through the ballot box.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns with the lack of analysis on the finances and impacts related to the measures from staff or LPC; and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) historical lack of actions that benefit the City's residents.

City Manager Mermell provided information on the City's fiscal amount of contribution towards Measure H and the funds received from Los Angeles County to combat and prevent homelessness.



Councilmember Madison spoke in support of Measure J, as the measure notes that during its budgetary decisions, the Board should address disproportionate impacts of racial injustice, and promote youth development, job training, and alternatives to incarceration, which are all programs that the community needs.

Motion:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Madison, for the City Council to support Los Angeles County ballot Measure J: Community Investment and Alternatives to Incarceration Minimum County Budget Allocation:

AYES: Councilmembers Kennedy, Madison

NOES: Councilmembers Gordo, Masuda, McAustin, Wilson,  
Mayor Tornek

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Hampton

ABSTAIN: None

(MOTION FAILED)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
OFFICERS AND  
DEPARTMENTS**

**POTENTIAL HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS AT RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council receive the report and consider whether to provide direction to staff or the Planning Commission.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, including potential temporary and permanent possible housing on religious facilities; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Wilson spoke on the City's inability to meet housing goals, and spoke in favor of staff developing a process to determine if there are opportunities to allow transitional housing at religious institutions.

In response to Councilmember Gordo's inquiry related to the Salvation Army Project, City Manager Mermell responded that the project includes 66 units plus a food bank.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns with a religious institution property that hires a developer, increases the density on the site, raises the value of the property, allows the property to include market-rate housing, and then allows the religious institution to sell a portion of the property and move location.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 81 letters advocating for affordable housing in the City, in support of providing housing at religious institutions, and/or provided comments on the matter were received by the City Clerk's Office, which were distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public hearing



record from the following individuals:

Rev. Cynthia W. Crowell, Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Rick Cole, residence not stated  
Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident  
Wygene Taylor, residence not stated  
Gary L. Moody, residence not stated  
Gretchen Saalbach, Pastor at First Baptist Church Pasadena  
Anne Marie Molina, Pasadena resident  
Areta Crowell, Pasadena resident  
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident  
Amara Onoiwu, residence not stated  
Merilie Robertson, residence not stated  
Anne Tipton, residence not stated  
David Drum, residence not stated  
Jacquelyn Labrie Pulido, residence not stated  
Tom Petersmeyer, residence not stated  
Chase Stafford, residence not stated  
Gloria Newton, Pasadena resident  
Russell Smith, residence not stated  
Shirley Powell, Monrovia resident  
David Winters, Pasadena resident  
Meg Morrison, residence not stated  
Lisa Stinstrom, Pasadena resident  
Gilbert Walton, residence not stated  
Candace Seu, Pasadena resident  
Wes Reutimann, Pasadena resident  
Ashley Huston, residence not stated  
Angels Lewis, residence not stated  
Jacqueline Gadson, residence not stated  
Jeffrey Scott, residence not stated  
Deja Surrey, residence not stated  
Antoinette Jones, residence not stated  
Jennifer Lim, Pasadena resident  
Leonar Martinez-Milton, residence not stated  
Roger Scott, residence not stated  
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Aleatha Williams, residence not stated  
Lawrence Milton, residence not stated  
Tina Williams, residence not stated  
David Kronberg, Pasadena resident  
Tyesea Wilks, residence not stated  
Linda Scott, residence not stated  
Carolyn Denham, residence not stated  
Dorothy Milton, residence not stated

Vanessa Huston, residence not stated  
Dianne Pallay, residence not stated  
Sarah Dusseault, residence not stated  
Richard Pallay, residence not stated  
Thurman Jones, residence not stated  
Judith Sutterlin, residence not stated  
Joyce C. Graham, residence not stated  
Dois Kye, residence not stated  
Lawrence Davy, residence not stated  
Jochen Strack, residence not stated  
Bert Newton, Pasadena resident  
Jermaine Huston, residence not stated  
John Odell, Pasadena resident  
Kathie Freeman, residence not stated  
Karen Roberson, Pasadena resident  
Rajeev Nandakurmaran, residence not stated  
Donna M. Lee, residence not stated  
Swantje Wilms, residence not stated  
Marianna M. Rivinus, representing Peace and Social  
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Shannon Fernando-Rubera, residence not stated  
Corrine Ochipinti, residence not stated  
Anthony McFarland, residence not stated  
George Korzen, residence not stated  
Bonnie Blustein, Pasadena resident  
Gwendolyn Johnson, residence not stated  
June Carr, residence not stated  
Kathleen Leard, residence not stated  
Pastor Othella Medlock, residence not stated  
Gregory Johnson, residence not stated  
Jonathan Williams, residence not stated  
Jacqueline Oyefeso, residence not stated  
PJ and Mphatso Johnson, residence not stated  
Diane Rogers, residence not stated  
Lucinda Koh, residence not stated  
Jeehong Min, representing Board of Vision Christian  
Fellowship  
Len Tang, Pastor at Missio Community Church  
Megan Katerjian, Executive Director of Door of Hope

He also read aloud letters/emails advocating for affordable housing in the City, in support of providing housing at religious institutions, and/or provided comments on the matter from the following individuals:

Sonja K. Berndt, Pasadena resident  
Hugh Martinez, representing Western Pacific Housing, LLC  
John Oh, Monrovia resident  
Juliana Serrano, Pasadena resident  
Gilbert Walton, Pasadena resident

Bert Newton, Pasadena resident  
Gloria Newton, Pasadena resident  
Cynthia Kurtz, Pasadena resident  
Donna Sider, Pasadena resident  
Ed Washatka, representing Pasadenans' Organizing for Progress (POP)  
Jill S. Shook, Pasadena resident  
Andre J. White, Pasadena resident  
Anthony Manousos, representing Orange Grove Peach and Social Concerns Committee  
Philip Burns, Pasadena resident  
Allison Henry, Pasadena resident  
Gary Lynwood Moody, Pasadena resident  
Patricia Keane, Pasadena resident  
Cindy Koh, Pasadena resident  
Pastor Mayra Macedo-Nolan, representing Clergy Community Coalition

Mayor Tornek expressed strong support for the concept of allowing underutilized religious properties to be converted to affordable housing; and spoke on the need to establish minimal standards, asserting that there will not be huge impacts to the surrounding neighbors.

Councilmember McAustin spoke in favor of moving forward with amending the City's Zoning Code to allow for housing on the property of religious institutions, however expressed concerns with too much market-rate housing being allowed.

Councilmember Masuda spoke on the need for additional input from the community on the matter; and expressed concerns with market-rate development in neighborhoods.

Councilmember Gordo expressed concerns with moving forward with the matter without sufficient discussion. He stated his preference that the Planning Commission, affordable housing advocates, and the community be provided with additional opportunities for public discussion on the matter in a thoughtful process, but with a sense of urgency. He asked staff to include as part of any review or analysis, religious institutions, La Salle College Preparatory, Maranatha High School, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, and others on the interplay for potential housing.

Councilmember Wilson spoke in favor of forwarding the matter to the Planning Commission with a sense of urgency to work with staff, including a community outreach process, and return to the City Council in early 2021 with an updated report on the matter.

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

**ORDINANCE – ADOPTED**

**Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING (A) A COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION; AND (B) AN INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR”** (Introduced by Councilmember Kennedy) (Ordinance No. 7368)

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud letters/emails expressing concerns on the proposed ordinance as drafted, and provided comments on the matter from the following individuals:

Sonja K. Berndt, Pasadena resident  
Kenichi Yoshida, Pasadena resident  
Breath Justice  
Edward J. Washatka, Pasadena resident  
David Chavez, Pasadena resident  
Pastor Mayra Macedo-Nolan, representing Clergy  
Community Coalition  
Donna Sider, Pasadena resident

In addition, he reported that letters advocating for ethnic members transparency and accountability to make up Community Police Oversight Commission, an independent auditor, and/or provided comments on the matter were received by the City Clerk’s Office, which were distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Sonja K. Berndt, Pasadena resident  
Helen Shi Stafford, Pasadena resident  
The B.R.E.A.T.H.E. Justice 365 Team  
Emma Carpenter, Pasadena resident  
Daniel James, Pasadena resident  
Nishat Alikhan, South Pasadena resident  
Scott Harden, Pasadena resident  
Kenichi Yoshida, Pasadena resident  
Aprana Mukherjee, Pasadena resident  
David Chavez, Pasadena resident  
Pastor Kerwin Manning, Pasadena resident  
Topher Mathers, Pasadena resident  
George Korzen, Pasadena resident  
Gina Dance, Pasadena resident  
Juliana Serrano, Pasadena resident  
Una Lee Jost, Pasadena resident  
Trina Chen, Pasadena resident  
Edward Washatka, Pasadena resident  
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, and Javan Rad, Chief Assistant City Attorney, provided information on the language used to determine a quorum of the Commission, as referenced in the ordinance, and the Independent Police Auditor's access and restrictions related to unimpeded access to files; with both responding to questions.

Vice Mayor Hampton requested that staff provide an opinion on the Commission's or Councilmembers' ability to use subpoena power to compel testimony from any City employee.

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

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

Mayor Tornek reported on the Notice of Public Hearing for the Proposed Change in Control and Governance of Pasadena Hospital Association, Ltd, scheduled for October 8, 2020.

In response to the Mayor's request, City Clerk Jomsky stated that he would ensure staff posts the notice of public hearing for public information.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Curtis and Steve Mermell**

**Employee Organizations: International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Pasadena Firefighters Association (PFFA), Pasadena Fire Management Association (PFMA), Pasadena Management Association (PMA), Non-Represented Executive, Non-Represented Management, and Non-Represented Non-Management**

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

**Property Location: 640 North Summit Avenue, Unit 3, Pasadena, CA 91103**

**Agency Negotiator: Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating Party: Rita R. Sanders**

**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of Payment**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to  
Government Code Section 54957 and CITY COUNCIL  
CONFERENCE with Labor Negotiator pursuant to  
Government Code Section 54957.6**

**Employee Title and Unrepresented Employee: City Manager  
City Representative: Terry Tornek**

The above closed session items were not discussed.


**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:57 p.m., in memory of all those that have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic; victims of the military aggression between Armenia and Azerbaijan; and Mr. Tim Price, long-time president of the Daisy-Villa Neighborhood Association.

/s/ Victor M. Gordo

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST

  
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City Clerk