

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
November 23 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 2:01 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Tornek.

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
Assistant City Clerk Latasha Reese

CEREMONIAL MATTERS Mayor Tornek presented a proclamation declaring November 28, 2020 as "Small Business Saturday," in the City of Pasadena.

Mayor Tornek requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those that have suffered due to death and illness caused by COVID-19 in Pasadena, the nation and around the world.

SPECIAL ITEM – COVID-19 **COVID-19 UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER AND PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER**

Steve Mermell, City Manager, provided introductory comments, and Dr. Ying Ying Goh, MD, Director of Public Health, and Dr. Matt Feaster, City Epidemiologist, reported on the COVID-19 pandemic, providing information on the number of cases and deaths, hospitalizations and ICU admissions occurring in Pasadena, as well as at state and national levels, with all responding to questions. Dr. Goh provided update on the State's limited Stay at Home Orders; and expressed concerns with the alarming rate of increased Covid-19 cases. Dr. Lori Morgan, President of Huntington Hospital, provided information related to COVID-19 patients at the hospital; and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Hampton stated the following for the record, "That is also my hope, that we do not have to make a step that is detrimental to...as we had a ceremonial matter that was right before this... to our small businesses, not necessarily just to small businesses. But

also the people who work in these businesses, they need the jobs, they need work, they need to be able to continue to pay their mortgages, they need to continue to pay their rent. This I understand, you know it is very serious, but it is an economic...it's going to be an economic nightmare for the next three or four years and if the State is saying that you can still have outdoor dining...unless the State is telling us to close it, I would advise that the City of Pasadena continue, no matter what. At this point following the County is...if the State says that we could do it [allow outdoor dining] that is what we should be doing. And if the State says we can't do it, well then OK, then that's the fight. We have our Health Department and I know that we've had this over and over and gone over this over and over again, but at this point unless you can track all...you know a significant amount of cases happening to people doing outdoor dining or in store shopping, you know Target or Walmart or small business. At the end of the day, what I see here happening is...this is an equity issue because people that are extremely wealthy are sitting and it's fine for them because this is an economic boom for them. The Jeff Bezos' of the world...the Amazon's of the world, the Walmart's, the Target's. This is an economic boom for them, but for the rest of America, which is 47% as the Mayor mentioned employed by small businesses, are suffering. And everyone in government, no offense to Dr. Goh, and everybody and Steve, you guys are all getting a check. No matter we close down or not, the City [of Pasadena] is still paying people. That's not a shot at you, I'm just saying outside of the City, there are people that live in the City that make our City what it is, and if they cannot afford to live in our City, which they are already getting close to that because they are not able to work, then it's not Covid that has done this to us, it is government that has stifled people and forced them out of the City of Pasadena and closed businesses in the City of Pasadena. So unless the state is saying...I have to reiterate this... unless the state says that we need to close those businesses, we can't choose and pick because there is a surge. We have to let our businesses open and if you have to be more strict with our businesses and tell them, you know, they need to take a temperature every time somebody comes in, then do that. But we need to let our businesses open and they've invested a lot of money, a lot of money during Covid, and all of a sudden were going to tell them they have to close. And these people who don't know where they are going to get their next check from that live in our City. And now they have to go home and figure it out, potentially lose their homes. This is bigger...speaking of the deaths, imagine the mental...people will...I'm just saying...people will either continue to work and just say forget what was talked about at this point because the only right we have as Americans, is the right to work. That's a right and government does not have the right to tell me I can't work."

Councilmember Kennedy stated the following for the record, "Dr. Morgan did you say elective surgery are being continued? Share with us exactly what you stated." Mr. Kennedy spoke on the need to allow science and data to lead the City's actions; and asked the City Attorney to determine if the City Council has the authority to use Water and Power funds to provide some level of protective equipment to the public.

In response, Dr. Morgan replied that Huntington Hospital is within their capacity to manage the hospitals current patient volume, but if a surge becomes similar to the volume in March or July, the hospital will have to scale back in terms of surgeries.

Councilmember Madison spoke on the need for additional COVID-19 testing resources, and asked staff to provide information on the City's website related to COVID-19 testing locations. He spoke in favor of not imposing additional stricter regulations related to dining or any other segment of the City's economy; and requested that an emergency meeting of the City Council be scheduled prior to any decisions made related to imposing stricter regulations to the City's businesses. He also spoke on the need for the Health Department to be robust and aggressive, including provide funding for COVID-19 vaccinations to the public.

Councilmember Masuda asked staff to consider other options to help the restaurants, suggesting extending takeout hours.

Councilmember McAustin spoke on the need for the underserved community, which has been negatively affected the most by COVID-19, to be given some priority when it comes time to administer the COVID-19 vaccination.

Councilmember Wilson expressed concerns with the closing of City restaurants that would lead to individuals losing their jobs close to the holidays; and spoke on the need for creative thinking to keep restaurants open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councilmember Gordo requested that staff clarify the restaurant operating hours as there may be some confusion on that matter. He also asked staff to provide additional information on the percentage of current COVID-19 cases that are children under the age of 18 in the last week or two to determine data on the surge of COVID-19 cases. He asked staff to develop a COVID-19 vaccination distribution program taking into consideration the actions of the State and Los Angeles County related to the matter, suggested that staff provide an update to the Public Safety Committee. Councilmember Gordo requested that staff inform the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on the City's decision to assess data prior to closing restaurants in the City.

The City Council expressed appreciation to Dr. Goh, Dr. Feaster, Dr. Morgan, and the staff at the City Health Department and Huntington Hospital for all their hard work and dedication during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic.

Latasha Reese, Assistant City Clerk, reported that a number of letters and emails providing comments/suggestions advocating for the reopening of in-class instruction for students, and to continue to allow Pasadena restaurants to operate outdoor dining were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Erika Foy, representing Protect Pasadena Kids
Stacey Fortner, Pasadena resident
Carol Potter, Pasadena resident
Stephanie Fox, Pasadena resident
Kristin Poulsen, residence not stated
Elizabeth Stellwagen, Pasadena resident
Dan Mellinkolf, Pasadena resident
Jill Pearson, Pasadena resident
Francisco Diaz, residence not stated
Jane Tansurat, residence not stated
Yennis Wong, residence not stated
David L. Minasian, Pasadena resident
AJ Sacher, representing Barney's Beanery
Pauline and Dean Yasharian, Pasadena resident
Lis Santana, residence not stated
Pietro Amirkhanian, representing Tower Investments Group
Megan Mountford, residence not stated
Jaqueline Baldwin, residence not stated
Jacob Munguia, Pasadena resident
Andrew Murcia, residence not stated
Bob Lynn, representing La Grande Orange
Winnie Wang, residence not stated
Bob Harrison, residence not stated
Paul Zee, residence not stated
Jordan Lynn, representing LGO Hospitality
Nicole Barney, representing La Grande Orange Café
Florence Sanders, representing Ingo's Tasty Diner
Joseph Badaro, representing Hummus Labs
Natalee Ray, Pasadena resident
Mercedes Raffuls and Jasmine Lymon, representing The Pan
Cindy Winzlau, representing Winzlau Vineyard
Ernest P. Algorri, representing DeWitt, Algorri, & Algorri
Mary Forrest, Pasadena resident
Laurie Smith, Pasadena resident
Ai Kennedy, Pasadena resident
Pamela Byron, Pasadena resident
Erin Clougherty, Pasadena resident
Shannon Williamson, Pasadena resident

Lauren Le Guilloux, Pasadena resident
Hayley Eaves, Pasadena resident
Rebecca Reed, Pasadena resident
Catherine Meek, San Marino resident
Pam Riley, San Gabriel resident

Latasha Reese, Assistant City Clerk, and Sandra Robles, Deputy City Clerk, read aloud comments advocating for the reopening of in-class instruction for students, and churches, to continue to allow Pasadena restaurants to operate outdoor dining, and expressing concerns with restaurants not abiding by COVID-19 safety precautions from the following individuals:

Michele Mozilo, Pasadena resident
Nicole Mozilo, Pasadena resident
Kirsten Clougherty, Pasadena resident
Michael Mozilo, Pasadena resident
Anthony Clougherty, Pasadena resident
Barbara Anglin, Pasadena resident
Lisa Evans, Pasadena resident
Mary Forrest, Pasadena resident
Suzanne Holder, Pasadena resident
Paul Little, representing Pasadena Chamber of Commerce
Alyson Pernecky, Pasadena resident
Roger Toussanit, Pasadena resident
David A. Lamb, Pasadena resident
Donald Dooley, Pasadena resident
Justin Markowitz, Pasadena resident
Kimberly Shepherd, Pasadena resident
Sharon Freeark, Pasadena resident
Emina Darakjy, Pasadena resident
Stacy Fortner, Pasadena resident
Julie Pernecky, Pasadena resident
Nellie Tran, Pasadena resident
Melissa K. Eaves, Pasadena resident
Eric Tjahyadi, Pasadena resident
Marcela Rock, Pasadena resident
John Weithas, Pasadena resident
Armen Sarkissian, Pasadena resident
Kevin, Pasadena resident
Dom Crisp, Pasadena resident
Annie Chapman, Pasadena resident
Anthony, Pasadena resident
Alexander Manos, Pasadena resident
Elizabeth Stellwagen, Pasadena resident
Susan Lyddon, Pasadena resident
Erika Foy, Pasadena resident
Johnny Liska, Pasadena resident
Nicole Beadles, Pasadena resident
Bob and Patti Harrison, Pasadena resident

Marie Petulla, representing Union Restaurant
George and Silvia MacPherson, Pasadena resident
Pamela Johnson, Pasadena resident
Sarah Shelton, Pasadena resident
Alfred John Esmalla, Pasadena resident
Betty Y., Pasadena resident
Jia Food Blog
Curtis Anderson, Pasadena resident
Daniel Mellinkoff, Pasadena resident
Chelby Crawford, Pasadena resident
Paul Zee, Altadena resident
Maria Dietz, Pasadena resident
Leah Freeark, Pasadena resident
Jeff Smith, Pasadena resident
Adriana, Pasadena resident
Althea De Pietro, representing De Pietro Holdings
Linda Jimenez-Griffin, Pasadena resident
Christy S. Bradley, Pasadena resident
Cristal, representing Day One

In response to Councilmember Gordo's inquiry related to informing Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor on the City's assessing its restaurants prior to making a decision, City Manager Mermell stated that he has already conveyed the information to Supervisor Katherine Barger's Health Deputy.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH MATT CHLOR, INC., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER CHLORINE EQUIPMENT PARTS, SERVICE AND REPAIRS FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action is not considered 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; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated October 9, 2020, submitted by Matt Chlor, Inc., in response to Specification WD-20-10 to furnish and deliver chlorine equipment parts, service and repairs for the Water and Power Department ("PWP") and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a purchase order not-to-exceed \$305,578 for a maximum contract length of five years.

CONTRACT AWARD TO RITE-WAY AXLE AND SUSPENSION, INC., FOR HEAVY DUTY TRUCK SPRING SUSPENSION AND ALIGNMENT SERVICE FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$275,000 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 October 13, 2020, submitted by Rite-Way Axle and Suspension, Inc., (Rite-Way) in response to specifications for Heavy Duty Truck Spring Suspension and Alignment Service, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rite-Way for an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000 (which includes a \$12,375 contingency) over a three-year period with the option for two additional one-year extensions in the annual amount of \$55,000 (which includes a \$4,125 contingency), at the discretion of the City Manager, for a maximum total contract length of five years and a total contract amount of \$275,000. (Contract No. 31932)

CONTRACT AWARD TO HERIBERTO EDDIE NAVARRO DBA NAVARRO'S TOWING FOR TOWING OF CITY OWNED HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$150,000 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 September 28, 2020, submitted by Heriberto Eddie Navarro dba Navarro's Towing (Navarro's Towing) in response to specifications for Heavy Duty Vehicle Towing; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Navarro's Towing for an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000 (which includes a \$22,935 contingency) over a three-year period with the option for two additional one-year extensions in the annual amount of \$30,000 (which includes a \$7,645 contingency), at the discretion of the City Manager, for a maximum total contract length of five years and a total contract amount of \$150,000. (Contract No. 31931)

Item discussed separately

CONTRACT AWARD TO G TEAM LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR LOWER ARROYO SECO HABITAT RESTORATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$484,998

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH E.E. ELECTRIC INC., FOR CLIFTON ALLEY CIRCUIT CONVERSION PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$418,136

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

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

(2) Accept the bid dated August 11, 2020, submitted by E.E. Electric, Inc., in response to specification titled "Clifton Alley Project"; reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$418,136, which includes a base contract amount of \$363,596 and a 15% contingency of \$54,540 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31926)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OSMOSE UTILITIES SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE LABOR AND SERVICES FOR WOOD POLE INSPECTION, REPAIR, AND TREATMENT FOR A MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,274,110

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(9); and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15301 (Class 1 Existing Facilities) and Section 15302 (Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction), and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and

(2) Accept the bid dated September 8, 2020, submitted by Osmose Utilities Services, Inc., ("Osmose") in response to the Specifications to provide labor and services for wood pole inspection, repair, and treatment for the Water and Power Department ("PWP"); authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Osmose for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,964,466 for three years or until the not-to-exceed amount has been expended, whichever occurs first, with two optional one-year extensions each for an amount not-to-exceed \$654,822, at the discretion of the City Manager, or his designee, for a maximum contract term of five years in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,274,110. (Contract No. 31936)

Item discussed separately

PASADENA ARTS & CULTURE RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VERSATERM, INC., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER A POLICE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)

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); and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Versaterm Inc., to provide software, licenses, and implementation and support services for a replacement Police Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,587,325, which includes the base contract amount of \$3,308,975, and a contingency of \$278,350 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31936)

**RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS**

**RESIGNATION OF TERRY TORNEK FROM THE FIRE AND
POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 2020**
(City Council Nomination)

**RESIGNATION OF TERRY TORNEK FROM THE GAMBLE
HOUSE ADVISORY BOARD EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 7, 2020**
(City of Pasadena Nomination)

**APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN PACHECO BELL TO THE
LIBRARY COMMISSION** (District 5 Nomination)

**APPOINTMENT OF JOHN S. MILLER TO THE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION COMMISSION** (Prospect Historic District
Nomination)

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,642	Law Office of Fred Grannis, representing St. Andrew Catholic School	\$ 93,500.00
Claim No. 13,643	Law Office of Fred Grannis, representing Archdiocese of Los Angeles Education & Welfare Corporation	93,500.00
Claim No. 13,644	Richard Walker	250.00
Claim No. 13,645	Law Office of Werner R. Meissner, APLC, representing Enrique Gonzalez	25,000.00+

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 5 (Contract Award to G Team Landscape Construction, Inc.), and Item 8 (Pasadena Arts & Culture Relief Grant Program Awards), which were 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

**CONTRACT AWARD TO G TEAM LANDSCAPE
CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR LOWER ARROYO SECO HABITAT
RESTORATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$484,998**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find the contract proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 4 for minor alterations to land and Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15333, Class 33 for small habitat restoration projects; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated, November 5, 2020, submitted by G Team Landscape Construction, Inc., in response to the Project Plans and Specifications for the Lower Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$484,998 which includes the base contract amount of \$387,998 and a contingency of \$97,000 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31930)

Councilmember Madison summarized public meetings held in District 6 on this item, noting that Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works and staff responded to questions and concerns from members of the public regarding the Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration project.

Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, provided information on why staff is not recommending the removal of all eucalyptus trees in the Arroyo Seco, and responded to questions.

Sandra Robles, Deputy City Clerk, and Latasha Reese, Assistant City Clerk, read aloud comments expressing concerns of the removal of trees in the Lower Arroyo Seco from the following individuals:

Dr. Barbara Lamprecht, Pasadena resident
Thomas Seifert, Pasadena resident
Dianne Philibosian, Pasadena resident
Ann Scheid, Pasadena resident

They also read aloud comments in favor of restoring the habitat of the Lower Arroyo Seco by removing invasive, non-native plants in the area from the following individuals:

Tim Brick, representing Arroyo Seco Foundation

Ken Kules, Pasadena resident
Michael Polka, Pasadena resident
Glenn Camhi, Pasadena resident
Michael L. Dodge, Los Angeles resident
Thomas Priestley, Pasadena resident

Latasha Reese, Assistant City Clerk, reported that a number of letters and emails providing comments/suggestions related to the Arroyo Restoration Plan, including the removal of Eucalyptus and Canary Island trees in the Arroyo Seco, expressing concerns and in favor of the Arroyo Restoration Plan were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Don Wielenga, residence not stated
Cassandra Marketos, Los Angeles resident
Keiko Miller, residence not stated
Jane Tsong, Pasadena resident
Katie Riggs, Pasadena resident
Kristen, residence not stated
Janet Pickering, residence not stated
Noel Rhodes, Highland Park resident
Doug Molitor, Altadena/Pasadena resident
James Balzli, Pasadena resident
Betsy Mertens, Pasadena resident
Tim Brick, representing the Arroyo Seco Foundation (submitted a petition letter with approximately 800 names)
Alice Zhang, residence not stated
Emily Goodall, residence not stated
Michael Dodget, Los Angeles resident
Candace Seu, Pasadena resident
Thomas Priestley, Pasadena resident
Bob Gutzman, Pasadena resident
Steve Messer, representing Concerned Off-Road Bicyclist Association (CORBA)
Arnheim, residence not stated
Pepi and Joe Feinblatt, Pasadena residents
Al and Yvonne Cullen, residence not stated
Rebecca Seman, residence not stated
Claire W. Bogaard, Pasadena resident
Marcie Chan, Pasadena resident
Benjamin Brown, representing Regenerative School Garden Project
Mary Smith, residence not stated
Monique O'Conner, residence not stated
Jody Donnelly, residence not stated
Glenn Camhi, Pasadena resident
Byron Motley, Pasadena resident
Paul Felix, Pasadena resident
Parker Davis, representing Hahamongna Native Plant Nursery

Ann Schied, Pasadena resident
Weslee Glenn, residence not stated
Barbara Lamprecht, Pasadena resident
Jeffrey Miiller, residence not stated
Mike Polka, Pasadena resident
Loc Tran, Pasadena resident
John Latta, residence not stated

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns with the Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration project, specifically the lack of removal of Eucalyptus and Canary Island trees as he believes the trees are not safe. He also requested that the vendor, G Team Landscape Construction, Inc., hire young residents of Northwest Pasadena to assist with work related to the contract.

In response to Councilmember Kennedy's request related to information on G Team Landscape Construction, Inc.'s principals, staff stated they would provide the City Council with a copy of the organization's Tax Payer Protection Act (TPA) form.

Vice Mayor Hampton echoed concerns related to the Arroyo Seco Habitat Restoration project, specifically the lack of removal of Eucalyptus and Canary Island trees, which he believes may cause damage to the area. He spoke on the need for staff to review the City's policy to determine if invasive trees cause harm to the local ecology.

Mayor Tornek asked staff to ensure the Eucalyptus and Canary Island Pine trees will be removed in the Lower Arroyo Seco once the native Sycamore trees have flourished in the area; and any Eucalyptus trees that provide a safety hazard will be removed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to approve the staff recommendation, amended to direct staff to ensure the Eucalyptus and Canary Island Pine trees will be removed in the Lower Arroyo Seco once the native Sycamore trees have flourished in the area:

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

NOES: Councilmember Kennedy

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASADENA ARTS & CULTURE RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS

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) Approve the recommendations for the Pasadena Arts & Culture Relief Grant awards as listed in the agenda report; and

(3) Recognize and appropriate \$50,000 from Pasadena Community Foundation to the Fiscal Year 2021 Planning and Community Development Department's Operating Budget, Account No. 61321002-815300, to provide additional funding for the Pasadena Arts & Culture Relief Grant Program, as described in the Background section of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-2019)

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided introductory comments, and Rochelle Branch, Cultural Affairs Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. City Manager Mermell provided information on the generous contributions provided by the Pasadena Community Foundation; and responded to questions.

Councilmembers Wilson and McAustin, and Mayor Tornek spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, congratulated the grant funded awardee organizations, and thanked staff for their work on the item.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Wilson, 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARING: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2020-2021) FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; FUNDING FOR FOOD PANTRIES

Recommendation: It is recommended that upon close of the public hearing the City Council take the following actions:

(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;

(2) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2020-2021) as described in the agenda report;

(3) Approve the submittal of a grant application for Community Development Block Grant CV Round 3 Program Year 2020-2021 (CDBG-CV3) entitlement funds in the amount of \$1,220,949;

(4) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the grant applications, certifications, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to obtain the allocation of the aforementioned federal entitlement funds;

(5) Amend the FY 2021 Housing Department operating budget by recognizing and appropriating \$1,220,949 in CDBG-CV3 entitlement grant funds to be used towards the distribution of food by local food banks and pantries for low to moderate income households that have been affected by COVID-19 and program administration; and (Budget Amendment No. 2021-20)

(6) Grant the selection of funding sub-recipients an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

Latasha Reese, Assistant City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal and Pasadena Press on November 12, 2020; and no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

Jim Wong, Senior Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Assistant City Clerk Reese, read aloud a comment from Rosalind Thomas, representing Morning Star Outreach Ministry, expressing gratitude to the City Council for their support.

Motion: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to close the public hearing:

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

Motion: It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Vice Mayor Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH HRI IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
HISTORIC REHABILITATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW**

**BUILDING LOCATED ON CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY AT
78 N. MARENGO AVENUE**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- (1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "general rule" that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Approve the terms of the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with HRI as described in the Background section of the agenda report in connection with the development of the historic rehabilitation and construction of a new building located on city owned property at 78 N. Marengo Avenue; and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest the ENA and any other related documents necessary to effectuate the ENA. (Contract No. 23,459)

City Manager Mermell presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Councilmember McAustin spoke on the need for the implementation of a comprehensive landscape plan to ensure there are cohesive architectural and landscape plans for the Civic Center, and suggested that staff seek grant funds to support that effort.

Councilmember Madison spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, but stated that the site has not been well handled by the City Council.

Latasha Reese, Assistant City Clerk, read aloud comments expressing concerns that included converting the YWCA building to a hotel, undue pressure placed on developers, and providing comments related to the project site, from the following individuals:

Adry Furchtgott, Pasadena resident
Johnathan Thomas, Pasadena resident
Marsha V. Rood, Pasadena resident

Assistant City Clerk Reese reported that a number of letters and emails providing comments/suggestions related to item were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Susan N. Mossman and Andrew Salimian, representing
Pasadena Heritage
Beth Gertmenian, Pasadena resident
Susan Flaming, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need for staff to provide the analyses on the proposed project to the public.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, 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

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT REGARDING TOURNAMENT YEAR 2020-2021 (CONTRACT NO. 20,502)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to finalize negotiations and sign an amendment to the Amended and Restated Master License Agreement with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association regarding COVID-19 impacts to Tournament Year 2021 as set forth in the agenda report. (Contract No. 20,502-5)

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Michelle Garrett, Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. Darryl Dunn, General Manager of the Rose Bowl Operating Company, provided information related to the COVID-19 costs for game day expenses; and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY AND PRODUCTION (Mayor Tornek)

Recommendation This report is for information only; no City Council action is required.

Mayor Tornek provided introductory comments, and David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Assistant City Clerk Reese reported that a number of letters and emails providing comments and suggestions related to providing additional affordable housing units in the City were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record from the following individuals:

Dr. Jill Suzanne Shook, Pasadena resident
Ed Washatka, Kim Douglas, Lorynne Young, and Rick Cole,
representing Pasadenans Organizing for Progress/Housing
Justice Committee (POP!)
Rev. Connie Millsap Tamkin, representing First United
Methodist Church, Pasadena
Steve Salinda and Andrea Davis, residence not stated
Richard Hogge, residence not stated
Gilbert Water, Pasadena resident

Latasha Reese, Assistant City Clerk, and Sandra Robles, Deputy City Clerk, read aloud comments and suggestions related to providing additional affordable housing units in the City from the following individuals:

Andre J. White, Pasadena resident
Sonja K. Berndt, Pasadena resident
Teresa Eilers, South Pasadena resident
Bert Newton, Pasadena resident
Alison Henry, Pasadena resident
Anthony G. Manousos, Pasadena resident
Areta Crowell, Pasadena resident
Gloria Newton, Pasadena resident
Jill Suzanne Shook, Pasadena resident
Ed Washatka, Kim Douglas, Lorynne Young, and Rick Cole,
representing POP!

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need to find resources (\$400,000-\$600,000, per unit) to build housing that is required in the City, and designated specifically for individuals who are categorized as "Extremely Low Income, Very Low Income, and Low Income."

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need for the City Council to be bold as the City looks at future affordable housing opportunities in the City. He also spoke on the need for the City Council to appoint a commission to look at the complexity of affordable housing, made up of residents and professionals to help the City determine a legislative platform to advocate for additional affordable housing. He stated that the staff report is missing the retention of affordable

housing, and spoke on the need for the City Council and staff to address the issue of losing existing affordable housing stock.

Councilmember McAustin spoke on the need for the City Council and staff to continue to consider diversity related to affordable housing in the City and to also consider micro units.

Councilmember Wilson expressed concerns with the State's narrow view and approach to increase affordable housing by supersizing cities, and stated his preference that staff consider conversions, micro units, and land use conversions as methods to provide affordable housing in the City. He spoke in favor of a City commission that will be charged with focusing on the affordable housing issue.

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

INFORMATION ITEM

EXPANSION OF THE ROSE PROGRAM AND INCREASED SUPPORT FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

Recommendation: This report is for information purposes only.

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, presented a PowerPoint on the item and responded to questions. LaWayne Williams, Supervisor, provided information on the criteria of the organizations that would like to participate with the Rose Program; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy suggested that the City offer additional Pasadena organizations the opportunity to participate in the Rose Program and provide them with the Rose Program applicant list. He expressed concerns with Caltech not being a participant in the Program, noting what he believes is a lack of diversity on their Board; and requested that staff contact Caltech and ask that they become more inclusive in their diversity and more proactive in reaching out to the community. He asked staff to broaden the number of participating organizations in the Rose Program and noted that he is available to provide additional recommendations.

Councilmember Gordo spoke on the need to lobby for the return of the Summer Youth Employment and Training programs, and asked staff to provide a proposal to the Legislative Policy Committee to ask congressional leaders to move forward with such a program.

Vice Mayor Hampton recommended Mentoring and Partnership for Youth Development, Outward Bound Adventures, and Alkebulan Cultural Center organizations as participants in the Rose Program.

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

Vice Mayor Hampton spoke on the "Hurt and Healing" event, held on Sunday, November 22, 2020 a memorial tree planting for Anthony McClain; and spoke on the need to hold City employees accountable.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 7:54 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent Councilmember Madison):

Councilmember Madison connected to the closed session at 8:05 p.m.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 1383 Prime Court, Pasadena, California
Agency Negotiators: Steve Mermell
Negotiating Party: Daniel Freedman
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

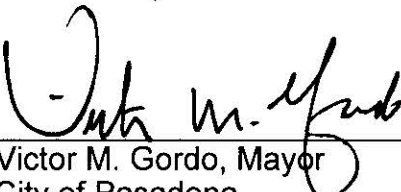
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Properties: A) 55 S. Raymond Ave.; B) 65 S. Raymond Ave.; C) 36 S. Fair Oaks Ave.; D) 41 S. DeLacey Ave.; E) 48 S. Fair Oaks Ave.; F) 30 S. Fair Oaks Ave.; G) 42 S. Fair Oaks Ave.
Agency Negotiator: Steve Mermell
Negotiating Parties: A) Amara Barroeta, dba Amara Chocolate & Coffee; B) Jo Wee, Ananya Chai, LLC, dba Fig Sprout; C) Uttam Adhikari, Kapil Adhikari, dba Himalayan Group; D) Yan Agaev, Linked Progress, Inc. dba White Horse; E) Chukiat Navasu, dba City Thai Restaurant; F) Dae Kyu, Insu Choi, Sena La, Indason Corp., dba Old Pasadena General Store; G) Nghi Hue Duong, N&N Beauty Salon, LLC
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Vice Mayor was excused and disconnected from the meeting at 8:20 p.m.


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

ADJOURNMENT

Following closed session discussion, on order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m., in memory of all those that are ill and have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.


Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk