

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
July 12, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

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 Gordo called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Williams.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers: Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Andy Wilson
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember John J. Kennedy
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jessica Rivas
Councilmember Felicia Williams

Staff: Assistant City Manager Julie Gutierrez
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: RENEWAL OF THE PLAYHOUSE VILLAGE PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PVPBID)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed renewal of the Playhouse Village Property and Business Improvement District (PVPBID);

(2) Find that adopting a resolution renewing the Playhouse Village Property and Business Improvement District (PVPBID) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption);

Upon closing of the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing, that the City Council:

(3) Order the tabulation of all ballots received and not withdrawn, and request a report on the tabulation results as soon as possible; Upon receipt of the report on the tabulation of ballots, if the results of said tabulation show that a majority protest does not exist, it is recommended that the City Council:

(4) Authorize the City Manager to enter the Baseline Services Contract and the Agreement for Services in the amount of \$224,600 with PVAPBID;

(5) Appoint the Playhouse Village Association (acting by and through its Board of Directors) as the owners association for the purpose of making recommendations to the City Council on expenditures derived from the assessment, property classifications,

as applicable, and on the method and basis of levying assessments; and
(6) Adopt a final resolution "Playhouse Village Property and Business Improvement District".

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing and reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Press and the Pasadena Journal on June 24, 2021, and no correspondence was received regarding this item, with the exception of the voted assessment ballots received by the City.

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, provided introductory comments, and David Klug, Senior Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked staff to report out on the amount of the increase of the tax increment with the inclusion of two additional properties.

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson, to close the public hearing and approve staff recommendation Nos. 1, 2, and 3: ordering the immediate tabulation of all ballots received and not withdrawn, with staff to report on the tabulation results as soon as possible:

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

By order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the public hearing was recessed at 4:50 p.m., until such time as the tabulation of votes is completed.

This item is continued on Page No. 12.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation declaring July 2021 as "Parks Make Life Better Month," in the City of Pasadena. Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, received the proclamation, provided information on the Department's programs to support the community, and expressed appreciation to the Mayor, City Council and the community for the recognition.

Mayor Gordo 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.

Noting the important benefits that recreation and parks has for community members, Councilmember Kennedy asked staff to assist with expediting the pool and pool house renovation project at Robinson Park Recreation Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Jomsky read aloud the amended regulations related to "Public Comment On Matters Not On The Agenda."

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to spend the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to lift up the City's economic disadvantage and marginalized residents of color.

Conner Everts, Santa Monica resident advocated for the City to preserve the trout in the Arroyo Seco Canyon area and restore the natural habitat.

The following individuals expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department policing and budget; advocated for the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez, Officer Dumaguindin, and City Manager Steve Mermell; spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena police officers, and/or spoke on the need for alternatives to policing measures in the City:

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident
Michael Williams, Pasadena resident
Hiram Cormier, Jr., Los Angeles resident
Heavenly Hughes, Pasadena resident
Olden Denham, Pasadena resident

Kathy Cady, Altadena resident, expressed concerns with Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon's "blanket guidelines."

Councilmember Hampton reiterated his request that the narrated video of the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain be removed from the City's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item discussed separately

PURCHASE ORDER AWARD TO MARX BROTHERS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS COMPANY, INC., FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND IN FLEET VEHICLES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$141,576

Item discussed separately

CONTRACT AWARD TO BEST CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC., FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF STORAGE SHED AT CITY YARD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$137,676

CONTRACT AWARD TO CALPROMAX ENGINEERING, INC., FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AT SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,200,000

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find the project 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 1, minor alterations of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, 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 May 20, 2021, submitted by Calpromax Engineering, Inc., in response to the plans and specifications for the Pedestrian Safety Enhancements at Signalized Intersections Project, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,200,000 which includes the base contract amount of \$1,074,718 and a contingency of \$125,282 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32052)

CONTRACT AWARD TO CROSTOWN ELECTRICAL & DATA, INC., FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) DEVICES

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); and
- (2) Accept the bid dated May 6, 2021, submitted by Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc., in response to the specifications for the Maintenance Services for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Devices Project; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for a one-year term with two optional one-year extensions subject to the approval of the City Manager in an amount not-to-exceed \$253,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$76,408 for one year (\$229,225 for three years including the two optional one-year extensions) and a contingency of \$23,775 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32088)

APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 074875 FOR CREATION OF FIVE AIR PARCELS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES AT 256 NORTH WILSON AVENUE

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Adopt a resolution to approve Final Tract Map No. 074875 for the creation of five air parcels for residential condominium purposes; and (Resolution No. 9852)
- (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 June 6, 2018 by the Subdivision Hearing Officer. The exercise of the right granted must be commenced within three years, or by July 19, 2020

APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 074056 FOR CREATION OF 55 AIR PARCELS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES AT 399 EAST DEL MAR BOULEVARD

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Adopt a resolution to approve Final Tract Map No. 074056 for the creation of 55 air parcels for residential condominium purposes; (Resolution No. 9853)
- (2) Accept the offer of easement for public utility purposes as shown on said map; and
- (3) 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 March 1, 2017 by the Subdivision Hearing Officer. The exercise of the right granted must be commenced within three years, or by March 1, 2020.

APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 082598 FOR CREATION OF EIGHT AIR PARCELS FOR RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PURPOSES AT 2411 OSWEGO STREET

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Adopt a resolution to approve Final Tract Map No. 082598 for the creation of eight air parcels for residential condominium purposes; and (Resolution No. 9854)
- (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 May 1, 2019 by the Subdivision Hearing Officer. The exercise of the right granted must be commenced within three years, or by May 1, 2022

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH 72 HOUR LLC FOR PURCHASE OF EIGHT SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, SEVEN 3/4-TON TRUCKS AND TWO 1/2-TON TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$672,512

AUTHORIZE A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH AQUA-SERV ENGINEERS, INC., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER CHEMICAL WATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR GLENARM POWER PLANT

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that contracting with Aqua-Serv Engineers, Inc., to provide chemical water treatment services for the Glenarm Power Plant is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;
- (2) Accept the bid dated May 20, 2021, submitted by Aqua-Serv Engineers, Inc., in response to Specification to Furnish and Deliver

Chemical Water Treatment Service; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Aqua-Serv Engineers, Inc., for a period of five years, not-to-exceed \$265,580, whichever comes first; and (Contract No. 32084)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two optional one-year extensions of \$53,116 each for a total value of \$371,812.

Item discussed separately

APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS AND HOUSING (CESH) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$167,843 AND APPROVAL OF HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$293,785

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation: It is recommended that 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 "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to submit a grant application to the State of California under the Local Housing Trust Fund ("LHTF") Program; and (Resolution No. 9855)

(3) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve any documents in connection with the LHTF grant application or, in the event that the City receives an award, any LHTF grant contract documents that may be required by the State

TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT RESOLUTION FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CSCDA) OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PASADENA STUDIOS, LLC (274 & 282 NORTH OAKLAND AVENUE)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action is not a "project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Adopt a resolution approving the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of Tax-Exempt Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds for the Pasadena Studios, LLC in an amount not-to-exceed \$33,000,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount of bonds to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction and development of a multifamily rental housing

project located at 274 & 282 North Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, California ("The Project"). (Resolution No. 9856)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH NORMAN A. TRAUB AND ASSOCIATES (NATA) FOR HUMAN RESOURCES WORKPLACE INVESTIGATIONS SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$300,000

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the contract for Human Resources Workplace Investigations services is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(2);

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year contract, as the result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Norman A. Traub and Associates (NATA) for Human Resources Workplace Investigations services in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 or three years, whichever occurs first; and (Contract No. 32087)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to extend the contract with Norman A. Traub and Associates (NATA) for Human Resources Workplace Investigations services for up to one additional year in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000 or four years, whichever occurs first.

**RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS**

RESIGNATION OF ERICA GUTIERREZ FROM THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

RESIGNATION OF ROBERT MONTANO FROM THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (At Large Nomination/District 7)

APPOINTMENT OF JEFF MICHAEL TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (At Large Nomination/District 6)

APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH BLANTON TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 7, 2021
June 8, 2021

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,733	Will Johnson Law Offices, representing Veronica Murphy	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,734	Bauman Law APLC, representing Tony Doninelli	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,735	Bauman Law APLC, representing Catalina Reyes Tellez	25,000.00+

Claim No. 13,736	Ashley LaFontaine, Phillips & Pelly, LLC, representing Carol Woodliff	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,737	Orlando Antunez	10,000.00+
Claim No. 13,738	Jonathan Keijser	990.00
Claim No. 13,739	Bauman Law APLC, representing Emmanuel Doninelli	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,740	Kwang N. Kim and Kay Kyung Hee Kim	11,910.00
Claim No. 13,741	Nora Hovsepian Esq., representing Kenneth Anderson	25,000.00+

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Purchase Order Award to Marx Brothers Fire Extinguishers Company, Inc.), Item 2 (Contract Award to Best Contracting Services, Inc.), Item 8 (Authorize Purchase Order with 72 Hour LLC), and Item 10 (Approval of California Emergency Solutions & Housing Funding Recommendations), which were discussed separately:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY**

PURCHASE ORDER AWARD TO MARX BROTHERS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS COMPANY, INC., FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND IN FLEET VEHICLES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$141,576

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 May 18, 2021, submitted by Marx Brothers Fire Extinguishers Company, Inc. (Marx Brothers) in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Fire Extinguishers Service and Maintenance and authorize a purchase order with Marx Brothers in a not-to-exceed amount of \$83,258 over a three-year period with the option for two, one-year additional terms in the annual amount of \$28,870 for first option year, and \$29,448 for second option year, at the discretion of the City Manager, for a maximum total contract length of five years and a total contract amount of \$141,576.

CONTRACT AWARD TO BEST CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC., FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF STORAGE SHED AT CITY YARD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$137,676

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Class 1, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, which exempt minor alteration of existing public facilities where no expansion of existing use will take place; and

(2) Accept the bid dated May 11, 2021, submitted by Best Contracting Services, Inc. (Best Contracting), in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Roof Replacement at 345 West Mountain Street for the City Yard storage shed, and authorize the City Manager to enter into such contract for the roof replacement for an amount not-to-exceed \$137,676, which includes the base contract amount of \$125,160 and a contingency amount of \$12,516 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32080)

The above two Consent Calendar items were discussed concurrently.

Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns with the Notice Inviting Bids process for the two above Consent Calendar items that resulted in only one bid per project. He asked staff to ensure in the future more than one bid is received, or that a detailed explanation is provided in the staff report as to why only one bid was received when staff is recommending approval of the bid and not requesting that the project be re-bid.

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, provided historical information on the City Council awarding contracts with a sole responsive and responsible bidder; Kris Markarian, Acting Director of Public Works, provided information on staff's local outreach efforts, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that staff determine if local businesses, specifically the Rainer Group Fire Systems or Rivas Roofing, Inc., were contacted as part of staff's local outreach.

Mayor Gordo requested that staff provide a web link to all the City Councilmembers with information on upcoming bids where constituents can find bidding instructions; and suggested that staff enroll businesses in the Planet Bids data base as part of the City's business license renewal process.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson, to approve the staff recommendations for the two items that were discussed above:

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

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE ORDER WITH 72 HOUR LLC FOR
PURCHASE OF EIGHT SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, SEVEN 3/4-
TON TRUCKS AND TWO 1/2-TON TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL OF
\$672,512**

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) Authorize the issuance of a purchase order to 72 Hour LLC
(72 Hour) for the purchase of eight sport utility vehicles (SUV),
seven 3/4 ton trucks and two 1/2 ton trucks, in an amount not-to-
exceed \$672,512. Neither Competitive Bidding nor Competitive
Selection are required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H)
and Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(A)(3), contracts
with other governmental entities.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that 38 letters were received in
opposition to the staff recommendation and advocating for the City
to reduce greenhouse gases by purchasing electric vehicles, which
were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part
of the public record.

Kris Markarian, Acting Director of Public Works, and Mark
McCullough, Public Works Administrator, provided information on
the City's consideration and research efforts to purchase electric or
hybrid vehicle models, and the required components that part of the
project scope for the Code 3 vehicles; and responded to questions.
Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, provided information on the
City's electric vehicle fleet; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Williams requested that an update on the City's
policy related to vehicle replacements and California HVIP, Hybrid
and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project, be
presented at a future Municipal Services Committee meeting.

Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns with the staff
recommendation, specifically proposing to purchase gas powered
SUV's; and requested additional information on the availability of
electric SUV's that might serve the purposes of the City and be
added to the City's electric vehicle fleet.

Vice Mayor Wilson requested that staff provide an update on the City's progress in converting the municipal fleet to electric vehicles when the update of the City's transit fleet is presented to the Municipal Services Committee.

The following individuals expressed concerns with the staff recommendation:

Kathryn Kroger, Pasadena resident
Cynthia Cannady, Pasadena resident
Carl Selkin, Pasadena resident
Ashley Chen, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with the agenda report, specifically the lack of detailed information of the proposed replacement vehicles. He spoke on the current climate conditions and advocated to hold the matter for staff to conduct additional review of the proposed purchase instead of electric vehicles.

Councilmember Rivas recommended that staff research the Ford Police Intercept, a pursuit rated hybrid police SUV.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that staff return with a comparative matrix of the various vehicles, including electric vehicles and pricing.

Councilmember Williams recommended that staff present the item with the additional staff review and comparative matrix at a future Municipal Services Committee meeting prior to returning to the City Council.

Vice Mayor Wilson spoke on the importance of the City's Climate Action Plan, and requested that staff provide more information on environmentally responsible options related to procurement contracts in the staff report.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to hold the item, and direct staff to provide the information detailed above, and present the item to the Municipal Services Committee before returning to the City Council:

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

Councilmember Williams
left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS AND HOUSING (CESH) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$167,843 AND APPROVAL OF HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION (HHAP) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$293,785

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Approve the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) and Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding recommendations as the result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code;

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into one sub-recipient contract for CESH funding with The FID Group, dba Friends In Deed in the amount of \$167,843, one sub-recipient contract for HHAP funding with Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services in the amount of \$51,078 and two sub-recipient contracts for HHAP funding with Union Station Homeless Services in the amount of \$82,707 and \$160,000 for programs that serve the needs of people experiencing homelessness for the total aggregate amount of \$461,628 (See Funding Recommendations) with terms concluding on June 30, 2023 unless extended in accordance with the contract provisions; and

(4) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the CESH and HHAP sub-recipient contracts and related amendments. (Contract Nos. FID Group 32091; Hathaway-Sycamores 32093; Union Station Homeless Services - Emergency Shelter 32092; Union Station Homeless Services – HHAP Housing Location 32094)

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the lack of clarity on the number of homeless individuals who will be provided with shelter, and the use of hotel vouchers in the staff report.

Following public comment, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Continued

PUBLIC HEARING: RENEWAL OF THE PLAYHOUSE VILLAGE PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (PVPBID)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed renewal of the Playhouse Village Property and Business Improvement District (PVPBID);

(2) Find that adopting a resolution renewing the Playhouse Village Property and Business Improvement District (PVPBID) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption);

Upon closing of the Public Comment portion of the Public Hearing, that the City Council:

(3) Order the tabulation of all ballots received and not withdrawn, and request a report on the tabulation results as soon as possible; Upon receipt of the report on the tabulation of ballots, if the results of said tabulation show that a majority protest does not exist, it is recommended that the City Council:

(4) Authorize the City Manager to enter the Baseline Services Contract and the Agreement for Services in the amount of \$224,600 with PVAPBID; (Contract No. 23,532)

(5) Appoint the Playhouse Village Association (acting by and through its Board of Directors) as the owners association for the purpose of making recommendations to the City Council on expenditures derived from the assessment, property classifications, as applicable, and on the method and basis of levying assessments; and

(6) Adopt a final resolution "Playhouse Village Property and Business Improvement District". (Resolution No 9857)

David Klug, Senior Project Manager, provided information on the increase of the tax increment with the addition of the two properties. In terms of the result of the assessment, Mr. Klug reported the following: pursuant to the procedures for the completion, return, and tabulation of the assessment ballots, City staff and the consultant have tabulated the ballots that were in support of or in opposition to the proposed assessment. A total of 119 ballots were properly returned, with individual ballots weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each affected property. Based on the tabulation, it has been determined that ballots representing \$360,802 in financial obligation were returned in support of the proposed assessment, and ballots representing \$40,086 in financial obligation were returned in opposition to the proposed assessment. Therefore, 90% of the ballots received, as weighted, were cast in support of the proposed assessment. It is therefore determined that a majority protest against the proposed assessment does not exist and that the assessment is approved.

Vice Mayor Wilson, Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Kennedy, expressed gratitude and congratulations to the Board of Directors of the Playhouse Village Property and Business Improvement District for the strong support of their property holders.

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

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

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: APPEAL OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS' DECISION ON MODIFICATION TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 6222 REGARDING THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 3420 AND 3500 N. ARROYO BLVD (ARROYO SECO CANYON PROJECT)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to July 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Gordo disclosed that he spoke with the applicant to inform him that the Public Hearing will be continued to July 19, 2021.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Rivas, to continue to the Public Hearing on the item to July 19, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.:

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

Councilmember Williams returned to the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT

Recommendation: This report is intended to provide an overview of the City's Housing Element update process, outreach efforts, and timeline; no action is required.

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, provided introductory comments, and David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the City's Housing Element that includes certain requirements that are to be accepted by the State, and stated it's the City's goal to put together a comprehensive plan that

includes funding strategies, and opportunities to collaborate with other municipalities in the region.

Vice Mayor Wilson expressed concerns with the State's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) mandating the City to provide the current cycle number of 9,429 units in the City; and asked staff to provide information on Orange County cities suing the California Department of Housing and Community Development related to their RHNA number allocations, and provide the City Council with an update.

Mayor Gordo asked staff to provide the schedule of the Housing Element's next steps in the process to the City Council; and asked that Councilmembers distribute that information to their constituents.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 11 letters were received providing comments on the item including highlighting the need for affordable housing, advocating for the City to rezone religious properties to allow for affordable housing, and/or various comments on the matter, which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

The following individuals provided comments on the matter:

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident

Bert Newton, Pasadena resident

Anita Mackey, representing League of Women Voters
Pasadena Area

Teresa Eilers, representing Union Station Homes Services

Rev. Connie Tamkin, representing First United Methodist
Church and San Gabriel Valley Community Land Trust

Anthony Manousos, representing Making Housing and
Community Happen

Allison Henry, Pasadena resident

Philip Burns, Pasadena resident

Jill Shook, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns with the Housing Element update, describing it as moving in the right direction, however as being inadequate in terms of substantive measures, and instead containing vague gestures. He spoke on the need for staff to move beyond studying and considering, but rather enacting and implementing housing opportunities. He reiterated his request for affordable housing for extremely-low, very-low, and low incomes residents of the City to allow current residents to stay in Pasadena.

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

CONSIDERATION OF A CALL FOR REVIEW OF A BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS' DECISION TO OVERTURN THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S DETERMINATION NO. 54 FOR THE PROJECT AT 141 SOUTH LAKE AVENUE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 (Councilmember Williams)

Councilmember Hampton reported technical difficulties and disconnected from the meeting.

City Clerk Jomsky, reported that three letters were received in support of a Call for Review of the Board of Zoning Appeals' (BOZA) decision to overturn Zoning Administrator Determination No. 54, and two letters were received in support of BOZA's decision, which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Councilmember Williams stated that she believes that BOZA did a good job of examining the technical issues related to the project at 141 S. Lake Avenue, however, the City Council is charged to review the broader issues to determine how these projects interact with the City's various Specific Plans and to retrieve additional public feedback.

Vice Mayor Wilson spoke in favor of additional transparency related to various aspects of the proposed project.

The following individuals provided comments related to the proposed project:

Jill Shook, representing Making Housing and Community Happen

Richard McDonald, representing the project applicant

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, responded to questions related to the process of discussing policy matters for a particular project in the scope of a call for review public hearing, and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo spoke in support of the Call for Review of BOZA's decision to overturn Zoning Administrator Determination No. 54.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Mayor Gordo, to approve the Call for Review of the Board of Zoning Appeals decision to overturn the Zoning Administrator's Determination No. 54 to the City Council:

AYES: Councilmembers Kennedy, Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Williams, Vice Mayor Wilson, Mayor Gordo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Hampton

ABSTAIN: None

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Councilmember Hampton
reconnected to the meeting.

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE), ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 17.46, SECTION 17.46.020 TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF ALLOWED ADDITIONS TO EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES WITHOUT REQUIRING TWO COVERED PARKING SPACES”

Following discussion, the above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember Kennedy:

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

INFORMATION ITEM

PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW OF A NEW DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANT PROPOSED AT 3333 EAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD

Recommendation: This report is intended to provide information to the City Council; no action is required.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor spoke on the importance of City Councilmembers refraining from making declarative statements during a Predevelopment Plan Review item that may suggest prejudgment, opposition, or support for the project; and responded to questions.

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, provided introductory comments, and David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Ira Smedra, President of the ARBA Group, and Keri Hellinga, Store Development Manager at Starbucks, both representing the applicant, provided information on their organizations and the proposed project; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Masuda noted the current traffic congestion in that area and additional anticipated traffic with the scheduled development at East Foothill Boulevard and Sierra Madre Villa.

Councilmember Williams noted potential issues with only one ingress and egress of the property where El Torito restaurant is located, which does not connect to the larger parking lot in Hastings Village. She suggested that the developer consider making the entire parking lot in Hastings Village accessible to address potential traffic issues.

City Clerk Jomsky, reported that one letter was received expressing concerns regarding the proposed project, which was distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Rick Cole, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the proposed project as he believes drive-through establishments prevent a walkable environment near transit development.

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

Brief Reports from
Representatives/Requests
for Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Madison requested a Covid-19 update from Dr. Ying-Ying Go, Public Health Officer, at the next City Council meeting due to Delta Variant concerns; and asked the City Council to reconsider requiring vaccinations for all City employees returning to work. In addition, he asked staff to provide assurances that staff is conducting best practices related to multi-floor residential development in the City to avoid a building collapse similar to the condominium collapse in Florida. Lastly, he requested information on the status of the City's "Budget in Brief" document that provides an excellent summary of the adopted budget and the results of the recently closed Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021.

Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, responded that staff is currently working on the City's budget documents, including the "Budget in Brief", which will be available soon, and the full budget to be posted online when complete.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:15 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