

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
November 8, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL  
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was convened and held virtually by videoconference/teleconference.

**OPENING:** Mayor Gordo called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor.

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS** Mayor Gordo invited the community to the City's recognition of Veterans Day on the steps of City Hall, on Thursday, November 11, 2021, to honor those who have served in the military.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** The following individuals advocated for the City Council to move forward with the rezoning of land owned by churches to allow for "by-right" development as a way to increase affordable housing in the City:

Councilmember Williams joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Joseph Bautista, Pasadena resident  
Donna Sider, Pasadena resident  
Dan Sharp, Pasadena resident

The following individuals expressed concerns and provided comments related to Mayor Gordo comments on community voices; spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena Police Officers; expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department, and the Department's policing policies; advocated for the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez, Officers Dumaguindin, Serrano, Mulrooney, and/or City Manager Steve Mermell:

Councilmember Madison joined the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Sarah Eggers, Pasadena resident  
Heavenly Hughes, representing My TRIBE Rise  
Victor Hodgson, representing My TRIBE Rise  
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident  
Hiram J. Cormier, Jr., Los Angeles resident  
Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident

Kat Ross, representing Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)  
Michael Williams, Pasadena resident  
Vanessa Kale, Altadena resident  
Jason R., Los Angeles resident  
Kate McInerny, Pasadena resident  
Jasmine Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter  
Pasadena  
Carolynn Ghiloni, Sierra Madre resident  
Julia, Los Angeles resident  
Lucia Pier, Altadena resident  
Camile Lewis, Los Angeles resident

Jill Shook, Pasadena resident, spoke on the need for the City to address corporate investor owned properties by creating a citywide policy that helps homeowners and renters; and advocated for the City to adopt the "The Parent Project" program for gang intervention.

In response to public comments made by Ms. Shook, Councilmember Kennedy asked her to submit information on "The Parent Project."

Councilmember Hampton requested that the Pasadena Police Body Worn Camera Policy be agendized at a future Public Safety Meeting for discussion.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's request for an update on SB9 - Housing Development and the process of disciplinary action for Police Department personnel, Mayor Gordo responded that related to SB9 he is considering agendizing the matter under closed session for City Council consideration, and disciplinary action process for the Police Department will be agendized at City Council in January 2022.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item discussed separately

**AMEND EXISTING PURCHASE ORDER NO. 1220746 WITH CALIFORNIA METRO PATROL & EMS LLC TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT THE JACKIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACTS NO. 31829 AND 31830 WITH THE FID GROUP AND CONTRACT NO. 31831 WITH HOUSING WORKS TO ADD ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND EXTEND THE TERMS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022**

**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) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31829 with The FID Group to increase the total contract value by \$48,593 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$269,299 and extend the term through June 30, 2022; (Contact No. 31829-2)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31830 with The FID Group to increase the total contract value by \$25,000 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 and extend the term through June 30, 2022; (Contact No. 31830-1)

(4) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31831 with Housing Works to add an additional year of funding for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$80,838 and extend the term through June 30, 2022; and (Contact No. 31831-1)

(5) To the extent that these actions could be considered to require a new competitive selection process, staff recommends that the City Council grant an exemption to the competitive selection process on the basis that continuation of these contracts is in the best interests of the City pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B).

**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL 809**

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

(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is not a "project" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, is not subject to environmental review; and

(2) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pasadena (City) and the Pasadena Firefighters Association, Local 809.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: PURCHASE ORDER TO MERIDIAN DEFENSE GROUP FOR ARCHER ANTI-VEHICLE BARRIERS NOT-TO-EXCEED \$249,244**

**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 a purchase order, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for labor, material, supplies, or services available from only one vendor, with Meridian Rapid Defense Group for 34 Archer Anti-Vehicle Barriers and 2 haulers for an amount not-to-exceed \$249,244;

(3) It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed purchase and exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served; and

(4) Amend the Department of Transportation's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget by appropriating \$249,244 for the purchase order with Meridian Defense Group. (Budget Amendment No. 2022-13)

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that one letter expressing concerns with outdoor dining and safe bus access was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record for the item.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry related to Metro's complaints and community bus access in the City, Steve Mermell, City Manager, responded that he is not aware of any complaints but will follow up with METRO.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,667 IN MEASURE H FUNDS FOR THE HOMELESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

**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 per Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to approve and execute Contract Amendment No. 3 to the Interagency Agreement and all agreements, amendments, other related documents, with Los Angeles Community Development Authority (LACDA) to receive Measure H Funds for the Homeless Incentive Program (HIP) in the amount of \$103,667 for twelve months. 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 agencies; (Contact No. 22,928-3)

(3) Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$103,667 in Measure H Funds in the Other Housing Funds (238); and (Budget Amendment No. 2022-14)

(4) Authorize the City Manager to approve and execute subsequent amendments to the Interagency Agreement, or to enter into new Interagency Agreements, to receive additional Measure H funds for the HIP in a total amount not-to-exceed \$350,000 over the next three fiscal years (FYs 2023, 2024, and 2025).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 18, 2021

**CLAIMS RECEIVED**

Claim No. 13,782	Cross Country Financial Corporation	\$	714.00
Claim No. 13,783	Turo c/o TRISTAR		13,999.60

Claim No. 13,784	Charter Spectrum/Project Resources Group	4,868.36
Claim No. 13,785	Mark Dragovan	50,000.00
Claim No. 13,786	Mercury Insurance as subrogee for Gilda Pettit	3,346.59

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Amend Existing Purchase Order No. 1220746 with California Metro Patrol & EMS LLC), which was 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**

**AMEND EXISTING PURCHASE ORDER NO. 1220746 WITH CALIFORNIA METRO PATROL & EMS LLC TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES AT THE JACKIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER**

**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 for the project;  
 (2) Authorize amendment to Purchase Order No. 1220746 with California Metro Patrol & EMS LLC (California Metro Patrol), increasing the value by \$118,580 from \$24,999 to a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$143,570 and extend the term through June 30, 2022; and  
 (3) Grant the proposed amendment to the purchase order with California Metro Patrol an exemption from the Competitive Selection process set forth in the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services.

Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, provided information on the current security services at Jackie Robinson Community Center, and responded to quest.

Councilmember Hampton advocated for security services at all City parks, and requested that the matter be agendized at a future Public Safety Committee meeting for an update and discussion.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in support of the staff recommendation and other necessary actions to increase safety at Jackie Robinson Park and Recreation Center.

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

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

**Brief Reports From  
Representatives/Requests for  
Future Agenda Items**

Councilmember Hampton spoke on the Rose Bowl Operating Company's (RBOC) event "Head in the Clouds Festival," an Asian music festival held on November 6-7, 2021; and advocated for the City Council to analyze event contracts in order to ensure that event promoters comply with the noise frequency of "C" and not "A." He also praised the City's Fire and Police Departments, and RBOC staff for their work in safely handling and maintaining the large crowd.

Councilmember Kennedy reiterated his request to agendaize under City Council closed session, consideration and discussion of the City's City Manager Recruitment.

Mayor Gordo responded that he and staff are cognizant of the issues raised by Councilmember Kennedy related to the City Manager recruitment process, and the matter will be agendaized at a future City Council meeting for further consideration.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to place the City Manager Recruitment process on the November 22, 2021 closed session agenda for discussion:

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

**Public Comment on Closed  
Session items**

The following individuals provided comment on the closed session items:

Jane Ward, representing Standing Up for Racial Justice  
Heavenly Hughes, representing My TRIBE Rise



Michael Williams, Pasadena resident  
Yvonne Trice, representing A Mothers Voice  
Hiram Cormier, Jr., Los Angeles Resident  
Kristen Petherbridge, Altadena resident

**CLOSED SESSION**

On order of the Mayor, the meeting recessed at 6:13 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent: None):

**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 Clerk  
City Representative: Victor Gordo**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Name of Case: Diondra Williams, et al. v. Dumaguindin, et al  
USDC Case Nos.: 2:20-cv-09042-VAP-AS**

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one potential case)**

Mayor Gordo reported that the above closed session item will not be considered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk