

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
April 26, 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 4:34 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Rivas.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Councilmembers: 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 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.

Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation declaring April 2021 as "Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness Month," in the City of Pasadena. Beverly Morgan-Sandoz, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, and Ali Everett, Accessibility Coordinator, accepted the proclamation, spoke on the need to continue to educate the public on sexual assault prevention, and expressed appreciation to the Mayor, City Council and the community.

Mayor Gordo announced the recognition of two Pasadena Legacy Businesses, Nouri Rugs and Typecraft, Inc., and provided a biographical summary of each business.

Jay Nouri, owner of Nouri Rugs, Hannah Wood and JJ Gish, representing Typecraft, Inc., expressed appreciation to the community, City Council, and staff for the support and recognition.

Mayor Gordo thanked the two businesses for their contribution to the community.

Councilmember Kennedy and Mayor Gordo spoke on President Joe Biden's announcement in recognizing the Armenian genocide.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department and policing, increase in violence in the City; requested the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez and Officer Dumaguindin; and/or spoke on the need for alternatives to policing measures in the City, including certain social services:

Paul Livingstone, Altadena resident
Abigail Morgan, Pasadena resident
Arden Thomas, Altadena resident
Sophie Megaw, Pasadena resident
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident
Heavenly Hughes, representing My Tribe Rise
Victor Hodgson, representing My Tribe Rise

Councilmember Hampton spoke on the lack of accountability related to controversial incidents involving Pasadena police officers; and the need to provide additional park safety services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

REJECTION OF BIDS TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL SERVICES IN FOUR CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the Bid to Provide Janitorial Services in Four City Owned Parking Lots is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
- (2) Reject all bids received on September 23, 2020 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids to Provide Janitorial Services in Four City Owned Parking Lots.

CONTRACT AWARD TO DARTCO TRANSMISSION SALES AND SERVICE, INC., FOR ALLISON TRANSMISSION SERVICE FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$440,000 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 March 19, 2021, submitted by Dartco Transmission Sales and Service, Inc., (Dartco) for Heavy Duty Allison Transmission Service; reject all other bids; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Dartco for an amount not-to-exceed \$264,000 (which includes a \$24,000 contingency) over a three-year period with the option for two additional one-year extensions in the annual amount of \$88,000 (which includes a \$8,000 contingency), at the discretion of the City Manager, for a maximum total contract length of five years and a total contract amount of \$440,000. (Contract No. 32017)

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR LUBRICATION OILS FOR CITY FLEET VEHICLES

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) It is recommended that the City Council reject all bids received March 25, 2021 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for Lubrication Oils for the Department of Public Works.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH STRYKER SALES CORPORATION TO PROVIDE POWER LIFT SYSTEMS FOR RESCUE AMBULANCES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$138,354

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) Authorize a purchase order with Stryker Sales Corporation for purchases of power lift systems for rescue ambulances an amount not-to-exceed \$138,354. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (C) contracts for labor, materials, supplies or services available from only one vendor; and
- (3) Grant the proposed contract an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF HOUSING ACQUISITION LOAN AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE HOUSING PARTNERS TO PROVIDE PURCHASE FINANCING IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$331,100 TO IMPLEMENT PURCHASE OPTION ON AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP UNIT AT 608 N. FAIR OAKS AVENUE, NO. 127

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

- (1) Find that the proposed housing financing and acquisition activity, as described in the agenda report, does not have a significant effect on the environment and has been determined to be categorically exempt under Class 26 (Acquisition of Housing) of the State California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and, specifically, Section 15326 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
- (2) Approve a budget amendment appropriating \$331,100 from the Inclusionary Housing Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to the Housing Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Operating Budget for the HHP Housing Acquisition Project; (Budget Amendment No. 2021-32)

- (3) Approve certain key business terms, as described in the agenda report, of the proposed Housing Acquisition Loan Agreement with Heritage Housing Partners; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the staff recommendation. (Contract No. 32031)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUND EXCHANGE WITH THE CITY OF CUDAHY

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);
- (2) 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;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year agreement with the City of Cudahy to exchange \$110,775 of Pasadena's General Fund dollars currently dedicated for transit services for \$147,700 of Cudahy's Proposition A Local Return dollars to be used for Proposition A eligible transit operations, programs and projects in Pasadena; (Contract No. 23,499)
- (4) Appropriate \$110,775 from the General Fund portion of the available fund balance in Fund 209 to account 20924043-811400 for the City's portion of the fund exchange; and
- (5) Increase revenue by \$147,700 in account 20824035-657400 for the City of Cudahy's portion of the fund exchange and authorize staff to make necessary adjustments to the budget. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-33)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: FISCAL YEAR JUNE 30, 2020 SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Single Audit Report on Federal Awards for the year ending June 30, 2020 be received and filed by the City Council.

Item discussed separately

RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & REAPPOINTMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 12, 2021

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,707	Maureen Shay	\$	200.00
Claim No. 13,708	Alan Stewart Caron		250,000.00

PUBLIC HEARING SET

May 17, 2021, 4:30 P.M. - City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget

It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 8 (Resignations, Appointments & Reappointments), 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**

RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS &
REAPPOINTMENTS

**APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER MATTHES TO THE HUMAN
SERVICES COMMISSION (District 2 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF GLORIA MEDEL TO THE HUMAN
SERVICES COMMISSION (District 5 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF CAROL HUNT HERNANDEZ TO THE
PLANNING COMMISSION (At Large Nomination/District 5)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DAVID COHER TO THE REDISTRICTING
TASK FORCE (District 1 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET MCAUSTIN TO THE
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE (District 2 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF TERRY TORNEK TO THE REDISTRICTING
TASK FORCE (District 3 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF DONALD C. NANNEY TO THE
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE (District 4 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF JORDAN VANNINI TO THE REDISTRICTING
TASK FORCE (District 5 Nomination)**

**~~APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD MCDONALD TO THE
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE (District 6 Nomination)~~**

**APPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS CHEN TO THE REDISTRICTING
TASK FORCE (District 7 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF VINCE FARHAT TO THE REDISTRICTING
TASK FORCE (Mayor Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF RITA MORENO TO THE REDISTRICTING
TASK FORCE (At Large Mayoral Nomination)**

NOMINATION OF VINCE FARHAT AS REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CHAIR AND RITA MORENO AS REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE VICE CHAIR (Mayor Nomination)

Councilmember Madison reported that Richard McDonald has rescinded his application as a member of the Redistricting Task Force, and therefore made the following nomination for appointment:

APPOINTMENT OF GEOFF BAUM TO THE REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE (District 6 Nomination)

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson, to approve the Resignations, Appointments and Reappointments as amended and detailed above:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S CANNABIS REGULATIONS – PUBLIC HEARING IS CANCELLED AND WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED

Steve Mermell, City Manager, reported that following discussion with Councilmember Kennedy and hearing his concerns related to the proposed Zoning Code Amendments, and noting that this matter was brought forward by staff at his request, and after consulting with the City Clerk and City Attorney, that as the applicant he has decided to withdraw the application and not move forward with the Public Hearing. He noted that the City Council can agendaize the matter at a future City Council meeting; and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo requested that Economic Development and Technology Committee (EDTech) review the City's cannabis regulations, including lessons learned, best practices in other communities, and social equity, and provide an update to the City Council.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that two letters expressing concerns related to the City Clerk and the cancellation of the public hearing were received, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns with staff's decision to cancel the public hearing as the City Council voted to reschedule the public hearing and believes that the City Council should be the authority to cancel the hearing.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney, stated that City Manager Mermell initiated the Zoning Code Amendment application, and once an application is withdrawn the public hearing is cancelled, there is no hearing for the City Council to consider; and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo stated that he will confer with the City Attorney on the process, procedures and authority related to amending or removing items on the City Council agenda to provide better clarity on the cancellation of public hearings.

Councilmember Madison expressed disappointment with the cancellation process of the public hearing.

Councilmember Williams asked staff to provide information on the revenue impacts of the current operating cannabis operators in the City when this item is discussed at a future EDTech meeting.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that a redacted copy (in terms of any sensitive information not for public display) of his letter expressing his concerns on the matter be forwarded to staff and the Chair of the Economic Development Technology Committee.

Following discussion, by consensus of the City Council, and on order of the Mayor, the discussion regarding the proposed Zoning Code Amendments related to the City's cannabis regulations was forwarded to the Economic Development and Technology Committee for further consideration and discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE HOUSES AT 840-842 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE AS A LANDMARK

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines pertaining to Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment and there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;
- (2) Find that Doane and Pinney Houses at 840-842 North Fair Oaks Avenue meet landmark designation criterion C in Pasadena Municipal Code (P.M.C.) Section 17.62.040(C)(2)(c) because they embody the distinctive characteristics of historic resource property types, periods and architectural styles and the Pinney House represents the work of an architect whose work is significant to the

City. The Doane House is an example of a Queen Anne style single-family residence and the Pinney House is an example of a Mission Revival Arts & Crafts Period single-family residence designed by Charles W. Buchanan;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 840-842 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, California;

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 840-842 N. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, California; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9834)

Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission: At its regular meeting of December 1, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the houses at 840-842 N. Fair Oaks Avenue as a Landmark under Criterion "C" of PMC Section 17.62.040.

The City Clerk reported that 35 copies of the notice were posted on April 13, 2021, and 100 copies of the notice were mailed on April 12, 2021; and one letter in support of the staff recommendation was received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, and Mayor Gordo congratulated the applicants of the Landmark designation of the houses at 840-842 N. Fair Oaks Avenue.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to close the public hearing:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING: DESIGNATION OF THE HOUSE AT 371 PATRICIAN WAY (STAUNTON HOUSE) AS A LANDMARK

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the designation of a historic resource is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines pertaining to Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment and there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Find that main residence, attached garage with chauffeur's quarters, and southern exterior freestanding wall with fountain at 371 Patrician Way meet landmark designation Criterion "C" for designation as a landmark pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 17.62.040 because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a locally significant property type, architectural style and period, and represents the work of an architect whose work is of significance to the City. It is a locally significant example of a Spanish Revival-style single family residence;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 371 Patrician Way, Pasadena, California;

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Declaration of Landmark Designation for 371 Patrician Way, Pasadena, California; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder. (Resolution No. 9835)

Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission: At its regular meeting of March 2, 2021, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the house, garage, and site features including the courtyard, driveway and retaining walls at 371 Patrician Way as a Landmark under Criterion "C" of PMC Section 17.62.040

The City Clerk reported that 52 copies of the notice were posted on April 13, 2021, and 23 copies of the notice were mailed on April 12, 2021; and one letter in support of the staff recommendation was received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Councilmember Madison spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, and Mayor Gordo congratulated the applicants of the Landmark designation of the Staunton House at 371 Patrician Way.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to close the public hearing:

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

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF THREE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION NOMINEES TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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 documents pursuant to CEQA is required; and
- (2) Appoint three community-based organization nominees to the Community Police Oversight Commission, as further described in the agenda report.

The City Council discussed the process for voting and appointing the Community Based Organization (CBO) nominees to the Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC).

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney, spoke on the need to discuss and vote on the CBO nominees in the "public view," and responded to questions. City Clerk Jomsky provided options for making CBO appointments to the CPOC.

CBO nominees Florence Annang, Patrice Marshall McKenzie, Mikala Rahn, Juliana Serrano, and Alexis Abernethy, provided information on their experience and qualifications to serve as Commissioners on the CPOC.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that a number of letters and correspondence were received by the City Clerk's office in support, in opposition, providing comments and/or expressing concerns with the five CBO nominees and CPOC members, which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

The following individuals provided comments related to the five applicants:

Rev. James A. Miley, Glendale resident
Brett Sears, Los Angeles resident
Elise Preston Mallory, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. –
Pasadena Chapter
Carl Selkin, The Social Justice Committee of Pasadena
Jewish Temple and Center
Anne-Marie Otey, Pasadena resident
Allan Spring, Pasadena resident
Peter Dreier, Pasadena resident
Pamela Cosse, Pasadena resident
Anita Mackey, League of Women Voters-Pasadena area
BREATHE Justice 365
Allen Edson, Pasadena NAACP
Pablo Alvarado, National Day Laborer Organizing Network
Tina Williams, Covina resident
Kimberly Douglas, Pasadena resident
Ed Washatka, Pasadenans Organizing for Progress
Mike Kinman, All Saints Church
Chelsea, residence not stated
Julieta Aragon, Pasadena resident
Kris Ockershauser, Pasadena resident
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident
Heavenly Hughes, My TRIBE Rise
Jacque Robinson Baisley, Pasadena resident
Jasmine Abdulla Richards, BLM

Following discussion Councilmember Hampton voiced his support for Patrice Marshall McKenzie, Alexis Abernethy, and Florence Annang as CBO representatives to the CPOC.

Councilmembers Madison and Masuda spoke on the need for the CPOC to reflect the community it will serve; and voiced support for Florence Annang, Juliana Serrano, and Mikala Rahn as CBO representatives to the CPOC.

Councilmember Williams expressed concerns with the lack of a clear process in the nomination and selection process; and voiced support for Patrice Marshall McKenzie, Mikala Rahn, and Alexis Abernethy as CBO representatives to the CPOC.

Councilmember Rivas voiced support for Juliana Serrano, Florence Annang, and Patrice Marshall McKenzie as CBO representatives to the CPOC.

Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilmember Kennedy voiced support for Florence Annang, Juliana Serrano, and Alexis Abernethy, as CBO representatives to the CPOC.

Mayor Gordo voiced support for Florence Annang, Mikala Rahn, and Alexis Abernethy as CBO representatives to the CPOC.

The City Council thanked all the applicants for their willingness to serve on the CPOC, attending the Public Safety Committee and City Council meetings, and participating in the selection process.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that Alexis Abernethy received the support of five members of the City Council, Florence Annang received the support of seven members of the City Council, Patrice Marshall McKenzie received the support of three members of the City Council, Juliana Serrano received the support of five members of the City Council, and Mikala Rahn received the support of four members of the City Council. The resulting tally noted that the top three applicants are Ms. Annang, Ms. Abernethy, and Ms. Serrano.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to appoint community-based organizations nominees: Florence Annang, Alexis Abernethy, and Juliana Serrano to the City's Community Police Oversight Commission:

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

The City Council congratulated Florence Annang, Alexis Abernethy, and Juliana Serrano on their appointments to Community Police Oversight Commission.

Mayor Gordo asked staff to provide operating protocols for each member of the City's Community Police Oversight Commission who will potentially be working with sensitive information to ensure the City has appropriate oversight to present to the City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Hampton spoke on the need for CPOC members to have the ability to voice his/her opinion regardless of the opinion of other members or City Councilmembers.

Councilmember Kennedy recommended that the protocols provided by staff related to the CPOC should be reviewed by the Mayor and members of the City Council prior to being presented to the City Council.

**REPORTS AND
COMMENTS FROM
COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT AND LOAN AGREEMENTS FOR FIVE (5) PROJECTS UNDER THE SECOND UNIT ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT LOAN PILOT PROGRAM
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (existing facilities), and there are no features that distinguish the project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;
- (2) Approve a budget amendment appropriating \$674,500 from the Inclusionary Housing Trust Fund's unappropriated fund balance to the Housing Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Operating Budget to be used for loan funding (\$600,000) and third-party project management contract services (\$74,500); (Budget Amendment No. 2021-34)
- (3) Approve the five (5) loan agreements totaling \$600,000 for accessory dwelling unit projects under the Second Unit Accessory Dwelling Unit Pilot Program (the "Program") as described in the agenda report; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the loan agreements, and any and all documents to effectuate the Program. (Contract Nos. E. Holle 32014; J. Hayden 32018; M. Bugarin 32019; C. Lopez 32020; H. Menakian and R. Blakeley 32021)

Councilmember Hampton, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, summarized the discussion at the Committee meeting, including Councilmember Madison's concerns related to the staff recommendation.

William Huang, Director of Housing, provided introductory comments, and Randy Mabson, Program Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Loan Pilot Program selected participants, which are located in only three of the City's Council Districts, stating that he believes the dwellings should be dispersed throughout the City. He also expressed concerns with the perception that the City might be seen as "rewarding" unpermitted construction activity by providing loans to rehabilitate unpermitted ADU's.

Councilmember Hampton spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, which he believes will help homeowners build ADU's to provide affordable housing for family members.

Mayor Gordo spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, and asked staff to monitor the pilot program and note any "lessons learned" in the event the City moves forward with this ADU model, and with staff to consider ways of ensuring a wide dispersion of the program throughout the City.

Councilmember Kennedy supported the comments of Councilmember Madison related to the dispersing the ADU Loan Pilot Program opportunities widely throughout the City. He advocated for additional resources and for the program to be made available to additional program participants.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, and thanked staff for their work on the ADU Loan Pilot Program.

City Clerk Jomsky reported on the number of correspondence by the City Clerk's office that were received in support of the staff recommendation, and/or providing comments, which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked staff to consider utilizing updated average home pricing statistics to account for variability in home values based and ensure that City staff is not setting criteria that would unnecessarily eliminate areas of the City from participating in the City's ADU loan program.

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

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

CONSIDERATION OF A CALL FOR REVIEW OF A HEARING OFFICER DECISION TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REGARDING VARIANCE NO. 11908 TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED 675 SQUARE-FOOT, SINGLE-STORY MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 1388 WEST COLORADO BOULEVARD (PLN2019-0311) (Councilmember Madison)

Councilmember Madison provided information on the site; and reported that a number of neighborhood associations in District 6 have requested the Call For Review (CFR) to allow the City's Board of Zoning Appeals (BOZA) to review the case, and allow the community and the developers of the proposed project to work collaboratively and to move this project forward; and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the Call for Review of the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding Variance No. 11908 to the City Council:

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

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTION 17.35.050.C OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT OF 62 FEET FOR CERTAIN AREAS IN THE SP-2 (SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLAN) ZONING DISTRICT (590 S. FAIR OAKS)”

City Clerk Jomsky reported on the number of correspondence the City Clerk’s office received expressing concerns with the proposed ordinance and providing comments, which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided an update on the City’s Specific Plans, which includes a presentation of the Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan update to the Planning Commission on April 29, 2021, shortly followed by the review of additional Specific Plans (including the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan) in the next couple of months; and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need for staff to address the public concerns related to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan (i.e. height, density) during the update process; and spoke on the need for staff to pursue additional public participation opportunities and efforts including emails and other means of communication.

Councilmember Williams expressed strong concerns with the ordinance, which amends certain areas in the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan, but does not provide a map of the amended area. She stated her opposition to the item due to the lack of a map that displays the parcels that are identified in the ordinance as “Figure 3-23...”

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney, provided information on the City Council’s ability to take action on the ordinance, which provides information on the location; and responded to questions. Theresa

Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney, in response to questions, clarified that the ordinance does not amend the Zoning Map nor is it considered "spot zoning."

Councilmember Madison confirmed with the City Attorney that the ordinance does not require a map, and spoke in favor of offering the ordinance for first reading. He suggested that staff provide Councilmember Williams with the requested additional information.

Councilmembers Kennedy and Hampton, and Mayor Gordo voiced agreement with Councilmember Williams' request for a map that displays the parcels that are identified in the ordinance as "Figure 3-23..." They asked staff to provide a copy of the map when the matter is agendized for adoption. Councilmember Hampton requested that in the future, when ordinances are presented to City Council for first reading and maps are referenced in the ordinance, that staff include such maps along with the ordinance in order to provide detailed information.

Following discussion, Mayor Gordo asked staff to provide a map of Figure 3-23 Height Districts Map of the South Fair Oaks Specific plan referenced in the ordinance to the public and Councilmembers prior to the second reading/adoption of the ordinance by the City Council.

Councilmember Madison responded that the March 8, 2021 staff report (page 4 of 14) clearly delineates the parcel affected by the ordinance.

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

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

INFORMATION ITEM

TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN RECREATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT FEES FOR YOUTH AND TEENS

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

Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the proposed size of the summer camp classes, which is less than 30 kids per group and advocated for additional

funding for local non-profits and organizations to provide additional free or low cost summer programs for the City's youth.

Councilmember Hampton advocated for the City to provide additional funding to non-profit organizations in the City (i.e. Day One) to ensure youth access to low-cost summer programs; and also suggested additional summer programs at other parks in the City.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need for staff to determine how to engage the community to take advantage of the opportunities/activities in the City's parks, and asked staff to provide information on how to engage young adults (including programs that do not involve enforcement) who loiter adjacent to City parks.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need to invest in the City's recreation programs for youths and teens, especially during the pandemic; and asked staff to increase capacity for the programs, and suggested working with Pasadena Unified School District to determine if school sites can be used to host summer programs. He asked staff to ascertain if the costs associated with increasing the summer programs capacity might be refundable by the federal government.

The City Council thanked Ms. Harvey-Williams and staff for their work in helping the City's youth during the summer and the pandemic.

Councilmember Hampton suggested that staff determine if local restaurants, hotels, or entities such as the Pasadena Convention Center might be interested in hiring Summer ROSE Program workers. He spoke on the need for staff to ensure that the City's parks are considered "safe havens" for the community, and recommended security guards assigned to parks.

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

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on President Biden's recognizing the mass killing of Armenians more than a century ago as genocide. President Biden made the declaration on April 24, 2021, Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

The City Council expressed support and appreciation to President Biden, and local elected leaders for their work in recognizing the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day.

CLOSED SESSION

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting recessed at 9:08 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent: Councilmember Kennedy):

Councilmember Kennedy
recused himself due to a
potential conflict and removed
himself from the meeting at
9:09 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL —
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION
54956.9(d)(2): One potential case**

The above closed session item was discussed, with no reportable
action at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council
adjourned at 9:21 p.m., in memory of all those that are ill and have
lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic; and victims of the
Armenian genocide.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk