

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 22, 2021 – 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 Gordo called the special meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Kennedy.

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 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 spoke on the passing of Mrs. Margaret H. Sedenquist, long-time Pasadena resident, businesswomen, and entrepreneur; Mrs. Lacreata Isbell Scott, Pasadena resident, honoree (together with her husband Jack Scott) as Contemporary History Makers in 2019 by the Pasadena Museum of History; and Mrs. Nellie Moore, long-time Pasadena resident and businesswomen; and requested that the meeting also be adjourned in their memory.

Councilmember Kennedy shared fond memories of Mrs. Lacreata Isbell Scott, and voiced support to adjourn the meeting in her memory.

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZE A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH MATHESON TRI-GAS INC., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER CALIBRATION AND INDUSTRIAL GASES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

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, Chapter 3, Class 1 Section 15301 (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; and

(2) Accept the bid dated January 12, 2021, submitted by Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., (“Matheson”) in response to specifications for Calibration and Industrial Gases for Broadway and Glenarm Power Plants; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$195,000 over a period of three years. The contract would include the option of two additional one-year extension periods not-to-exceed \$65,000 each, subject to the approval of the City Manager. If both options are exercised, the total contract amount would be a maximum of \$325,000 with a maximum term of five years. (Contract No. 31988)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HENKELS & MCCOY, INC., TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE INSTALLATION

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the following proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Section 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures;

(2) Accept the bid dated January 19, 2021, submitted by Henkels & McCoy, Inc., in response to specifications for Fiber Optic Installation work; reject all other bids received; and authorize the issuance of a contract for a period not-to-exceed five years, or until \$2,000,000 has been expended, whichever comes first. (Contract No. 31989)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KLDISCOVERY ONTRACK, LLC (DBA KLDISCOVERY) FOR THE MIGRATION OF ARCHIVE EMAIL DATA TO MICROSOFT EXCHANGE ONLINE CLOUD SERVICES

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with KLDDiscovery Ontrack, LLC (dba KLDDiscovery) for planning and migration services of archive email data to Microsoft Exchange Online cloud services for an amount not-to-exceed \$179,520, which includes the base contract amount of \$163,200, and a ten percent contingency of \$16,320 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. TBD)

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 30800 WITH CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES LLC, DBA: SUPERION LLC TO PROVIDE FALSE ALARM BILLING AND COST RECOVERY SERVICES

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed contract is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);

(2) Authorize the City Manager to extend the term of Contract No. 30800 with CentralSquare Technologies LLC, DBA: Superior LLC from February 25, 2021 to June 30, 2021 for false fire alarm billing and collections services; and

To the extent this could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, it is recommended that the City Council grant the contract an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. (Contract No. 30800-3)

CONTRACT AWARD TO COMET ELECTRIC, INC., FOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PHASE I – VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEM AND FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATION, FEDERAL AID PROJECT HPLUL – 5064 (091) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$380,000

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 find 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 December 2, 2020, submitted by Comet Electric, Inc., in response to the project plans and specifications for Intelligent Transportation System Phase I – Video Detection System and Fiber Optic Communication project, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$380,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$332,175 and a contingency of \$47,825 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 31990)

Item discussed separately

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (PFFA) FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Item discussed separately

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (PFMA) FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Item discussed separately

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS (IUOE) FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Item discussed separately

ADOPTION OF SALARY RESOLUTIONS FOR NON-REPRESENTED NON-MANAGEMENT, NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT, AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31563 WITH BATZA AND ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL RELATED INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$99,999

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) (Common Sense Exemption);
(2) Authorize the City Manager to increase Contract No. 31563 with Batza and Associates by \$25,000 for a revised not-to-exceed amount of \$99,999 to continue to provide personnel-related investigative services; and
(3) To the extent this could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, it is recommended that the City Council grant the contract an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. (Contract No. 31563-1)

CONTRACT AWARD TO TITAN DISPOSAL CO., INC., TO FURNISH LABOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR DEBRIS HAULING, DISPOSAL, AND STREET SWEEPING SERVICES

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 this action; and
(2) Accept the bid dated December 17, 2020, submitted by Titan Disposal Co., Inc., ("Titan Disposal") in response to Specification WD-20-21; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$721,552 for an initial period of one year with an option for three additional one-year terms at \$721,552 per year subject to the approval of the City Manager. If the three additional one-year terms are exercised, the total contract amount will be \$2,986,208. (Contract No. TBD)

Steve Mermell, City Manager, noted that the bid specifications erroneously included a Class A License requirement, which is not required for this work; and responded to questions. He also noted

that the City received a protest letter related to the Class A License requirement, however, upon reviewing the matter with the City Attorney's Office, and pursuant to provisions contained in the bid specifications allowing staff to waive minor irregularities, he stated that staff recommends proceeding with the contract award.

In response to Councilmember Kennedy's request for confirmation, Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney, confirmed that the waiving of the Class A License specification qualifies as a minor irregularity.

Item discussed separately

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF TWO PUBLIC SERVICE EASEMENTS LOCATED AT 3405 E. COLORADO BOULEVARD, PASADENA – (PROPERTY OWNER: KCB PASADENA STORE, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: JOINT ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PASADENA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY (PPFA) - EXTENSION OF BANK OF AMERICA LETTER OF CREDIT RELATED TO THE VARIABLE RATE DEMAND REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, SERIES 2008A (CONFERENCE CENTER PROJECT)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council and Pasadena Public Financing Authority (PPFA):

(1) Find that the proposed action is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 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 form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fifth Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement; and authorizing the execution and delivery of other related documents and approval of other documents and actions in connection therewith. (Resolution Nos. 9824, PPFA-30)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: QUARTERLY CLEAN-UP REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action is exempt from 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;

(2) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Adopted Operating Budget as detailed in the agenda report by a net amount of \$288,512 and increase the citywide total Full-time Equivalents (FTE) by 4.0 limited-term FTEs; and (Budget Amendment No. 2021-29)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division, California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) to accept and administer grant funds on behalf of

the City of Pasadena (in connection with Item No. 2). (Contract No. 23,478)

RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATION OF BEATRIZ MARTINEZ SANCHEZ FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (At Large Nomination/District 2)

APPOINTMENT OF PEGGY SISSON TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (Mayor Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF BETSY MITCHELL TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION (District 2 Nomination)

REPORT ON ACTION BY NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR VICTOR M. GORDO TO VACATE SEATS NOMINATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR ON THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION, HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.45.050

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 30, 2020 Pasadena Public Financing Authority
February 1, 2021
February 4, 2021
February 8, 2021
February 15, 2021

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,674	Law Office of James P. Segall-Gutierrez, representing Walter Beasley III	\$	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,675	Vititoe Law Group, LLC, representing Zhiwu Zhang		25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,676	Steve U. Miguel		25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,677	High Quality Mobile, Inc.		6,700.00
Claim No. 13,678	Ariel Yen Ju Hsieh		1,000.00
Claim No. 13,679	Jason Bubalo		2,569.57
Claim No. 13,680	Law Offices of Scott Warmuth, representing Esther Kei Lau		25,000.00+

PUBLIC HEARING SET

March 8, 2021, 2:00 p.m. – Conditional Use Permit No. 6831: To Allow a Major Project Over 75,000 Square Feet; Minor Conditional Use Permit to Allow Shared Parking; Minor Conditional Use Permit to Allow Tandem and Triple Stacked Parking; Text Amendment to the South Fair Oaks Specific Plan to Allow a Maximum Height of 62 Feet for Parcels that Abut South Fair Oaks Avenue, South of East California Boulevard; and Zoning Code Amendment to Allow a

Maximum Height of 62 Feet for Parcels that Abut South Fair Oaks Avenue, South of East California Boulevard

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 6 (Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Fighters Association), Item 7 (Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Management Association), Item 8 (Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Pasadena and the International Union Of Operating Engineers), Item 9 (Adoption of Salary Resolutions for Non-Represented Non-Management, Non-Represented Management, and Executive Management Employees) and Item 12 (Adoption of a Resolution Ordering the Summary Vacation of Two Public Service Easements), which were discussed separately:

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

CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (PFFA) FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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 between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Fighters Association (PFFA) for the term of October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021.

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (PFMA) FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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 between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Management Association (PFMA) for the term of July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021.

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS (IUOE) FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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 between the City of Pasadena and the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) for the term of January 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021.

ADOPTION OF SALARY RESOLUTIONS FOR NON-REPRESENTED NON-MANAGEMENT, NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT, AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

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;

(2) Adopt the Non-Represented Non-Management Salary Resolution; (Resolution No. 9825)

(3) Adopt the Non-Represented Management Salary Resolution; and (Resolution No. 9826)

(4) Adopt the Executive Management Salary Resolution. (Resolution No. 9827)

The above four Consent Calendar items were discussed concurrently.

Councilmember Hampton expressed appreciation to all City employees for their hard work; but expressed concerns with approving salary increases during a pandemic, and when residents and businesses are suffering financially during the resulting economic downturn.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve Item 6 (Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Fighters Association), Item 7 (Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Fire Management Association), Item 8 (Approval of

a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Pasadena and the International Union Of Operating Engineers), and Item 9 (Adoption of Salary Resolutions for Non-Represented Non-Management, Non-Represented Management, and Executive Management Employees) recommendations:

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

Vice Mayor Wilson recused himself due to a potential conflict and disconnected from the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF TWO PUBLIC SERVICE EASEMENTS LOCATED AT 3405 E. COLORADO BOULEVARD, PASADENA – (PROPERTY OWNER: KCB PASADENA STORE, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

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 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Adopt a resolution ordering the summary vacation of two public service easements located at 3405 E. Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, APN 5754-003-047 (“Property”); and Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any other documentation as may be required to accomplish said summary vacation. (Resolution No. 9828)

City Manager Mermell provided information on the City’s use of the properties related to the two easements, and Gurcharan Bawa, General Manager of Water and Power, provided information on the lot sizes and ownership related to the easements, with both responding to questions.

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND

GENERAL PLAN OVERVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

DEPARTMENTS

Vice Mayor Wilson
reconnected to the meeting at
2:19 p.m.

Recommendation: This report is intended to provide an overview of the City's General Plan and recent implementation programs, and seeks further direction from the City Council on carrying out key citywide goals and policies.

Mayor Gordo provided introductory comments; and reported to the City Council and public his plans to appoint a Housing Task Force, requested that each Councilmember provide suggestions for appointees to serve on the Task Force, and noted that he will work with staff to develop a scope and framework for the Task Force, including the number of members and a work plan, which will include providing input on the City's Housing Element.

Councilmember Williams spoke on the importance of including, as part of the representation on the Housing Task Force, large institutions/employers (i.e. Pasadena Unified School District) who need housing for their employees (and students).

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, with David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Anita Cerna, Senior Planner, presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns with the Single-Family Residence definitions; and spoke on the need for an update to the General Plan to help maintain the character of the City.

Councilmember Masuda expressed concerns with the commercial development caps in District 4 as he does not believe there is enough commercial square footage available in that area to support such development.

Councilmember Williams spoke in favor of stopping the Specific Plan process and conducting a minor update to the General Plan; and for staff to analyze transit oriented development, occupancy, parking, transit rail ridership, and traffic impacts data to determine what changes should be made to the General Plan. She stated that she believes the City's current Mixed-Use Zoning provisions to be analyzed to determine areas for improvement; and for the staff to consider land-use changes in anticipation of the post COVID-19 pandemic reality. She asked staff to review the 2015 General Plan before proceeding with the Specific Plan updates. Councilmember Williams stated that she does not support adjusting the four areas in Map 1 (Requested Amendments to the Land Use Diagram by Specific Plan Area) of the staff report, which does not reflect the vision of the City, the General Plan, and is not good policy, since it can be considered spot zoning. She spoke on the need for the City Council to consider whether housing overlooking the 210 freeway should be allowed due to health impacts; and to amend the General

Plan to allow for adaptive reuse of vacant offices for possible residential use.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need for staff to carefully examine “New Development” versus “Adaptive Reuse” of existing buildings, including looking at open space in general in the City related to the specific planning process or updating the General Plan.

Vice Mayor Wilson spoke on the demand of land uses that may have changed, which creates an opportunity for the City to address more pressing needs (i.e. housing near transit), which is inconsistent with the General Plan; and for staff to consider a hybrid work space in the South Lake Avenue area. He also expressed concerns with updating the City’s Specific Plans to reconcile with the City’s General Plan, which is outdated.

City Manager Mermell and David Reyes, spoke on the challenges and risk factors if staff were to pause or shelve the City’s existing General Plan process to recreate a new plan, which includes development range for each land use referenced in the General Plan; State legislation that will allow residential uses on commercial properties, and in the Housing Ability Act potential challenges to the City’s General Plan “range.”

Vice Mayor Wilson recommended that staff develop a General Plan amended guiding principle in order to avoid the appearance of the City performing spot zoning.

Councilmember Madison connected to the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Councilmember Rivas spoke in favor of amending the City’s General Plan to allow for residential housing in commercial zoned areas in the City.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that a number of letters and emails providing comments/suggestions on the matter, including support of the proposed amendments the Central District Specific Plan, expressing concerns and advocating to amend the General Plan, which were 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, Pasadena Heritage
Wayne Hunt, residence not stated
Phil Hawkey, Pasadena resident
Colleen Carey, Lee & Associates
Jeanette Mann, residence not stated
Brian Wallace and Bernard Chua, Playhouse Village
Megan Foker, Livable Pasadena

He also read aloud comments and suggestions on the matter from the following individuals:

Richard A. McDonald, Pasadena resident
Erika Foy, Pasadena resident
Ken Perry, Pasadena resident
Rick Cole, Pasadena resident
Shlomy Hillel, Abert Sharaf, Aitan Hillel and Oren Hillel,
Pasadena residents
Albert Sharaf, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Kennedy requested that staff produce a document with information on the options available to developers that are allowed by the state that can supersede the City's policy/guidelines if the City Council does not amend the development guidelines in the General Plan and/or Specific Plans.

Mayor Gordo expressed concerns with amending the General Plan for specific changes involving policy when the City should be amending the General Plan in a comprehensive manner. He spoke in favor of a comprehensive General Plan amendment, with staff to consider what the correct process is to update the General Plan, taking into consideration state legislation, the impacts of COVID-19, and the need to rethink the City's land uses and spaces. He spoke on the need to strike a balance with job growth, affordable housing, and protecting neighborhoods, which are paramount in the consideration of updating the General Plan.

Councilmember Madison requested that staff agendaize for discussion the topics of Planned Developments and Development Agreements at a future City Council meeting, as those agreements are legislative in nature and the standards of review should be considered if the City's decisions are scrutinized. He also spoke on the need for staff to consider zoning options for the 710 corridor, which he believes may be an important component of the City's compliance with meeting the City's allocation of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that the Mayor consider asking the City Council or staff to allocate funds to study the impacts of "redlining" of the African-American, Japanese, and Latino communities in order to have a really good foundational understanding of what took place that caused a negative impact of housing to those specific groups.

Councilmember Williams spoke in favor of proceeding with a minor update to the General Plan, which should also include identifying the best process to complete a comprehensive update to the General Plan. She noted that this smaller update could be incorporated into the Specific Plan and Housing Element updates. She asked staff to provide ideas on how to update certain areas of the General Plan through the existing process to be more efficient and make better use of public meetings.

Vice Mayor Wilson spoke on the need to make a general amendment to the General Plan, as opposed to the 4 specific proposed amendments in the staff report (as detailed in Map 1, Requested Amendments to the Land Use Diagram by Specific Plan Area), which may be a result of changes for the demand of land use. He requested that staff develop a process that allows the City Council to systematically consider staff proposals that addresses changes in demand of land uses, considers the mix between office and residential use, and takes into account long-term implications of filling in the 710 Freeway ditch. He spoke on the need for staff to develop a policy framework that allows the City Council to achieve some level of consistency and explanation to residents why such amendments to the General Plan are recommended.

In response to Vice Mayor Wilson's inquiry related to when staff will return to the City Council with the requested information, Mr. Reyes responded that staff believes the process they are working on is consistent with what the City Council is requesting and will return to the City Council at a future meeting.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need for staff to incorporate an opportunity for the community to provide input prior to updating the General Plan; and noted the importance of recognizing policy and land use changes and impacts in terms of maintaining the long-term character of the City. He also suggested that the Legislative Policy Committee agendaize for discussion the concept of utilizing adaptive reuse of existing buildings, which the state does not allow the City to count towards RHNA housing requirements, and to engage the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments on this matter.

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

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION”

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

- Julianna Delgado, Pasadena resident
- Jon Ripley, Pasadena resident
- Joe and Pepi Feinblatt, Pasadena resident
- Ann Scheid, residence not stated

He also read aloud comments and suggestions on the matter from the following individuals:

Julianna Delgado, Pasadena resident
David Delgado, Pasadena resident

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that staff conducted a thorough review of the ordinance, held many meetings with community stakeholders, as well as the Historic Preservation and Planning Commissions, and noted that the proposed ordinance implements the City Council's direction to include further protections for those undesignated properties that are within a Landmark District; and responded to questions.

Following discussion, the above ordinance was offered for first reading by Vice Mayor Wilson:

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

ORDINANCE – ADOPTED

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 14 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING CODE) TO REVISE THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS INCLUDING NEW DESIGN STANDARDS, NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY STANDARDS, AND DISCRETIONARY REVIEW PROCESS” (Introduced by Councilmember Hampton)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Hampton requested an update on the recent violence that has occurred in the City at the next Public Safety Committee.

CLOSED SESSION

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 4:36 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent None):

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case Diego Gaona v. City of Pasadena et al
LASC Case Nos.: 20STCV03745**

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 5:08 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Margaret H. Sedenquist, Mrs. Lacreata Isbell Scott, and Mrs. Nellie Moore all longtime Pasadena residents; and 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