

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
June 14, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

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 4:47 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Stephanie Miller, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to amend its regulations related to construction hours to commence at 8:00 a.m. in residential neighborhoods.

Mayor Gordo responded that staff will reach out to Ms. Miller to address her concerns.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City Council to move forward with the rezoning of land owned by churches and other religious organizations to allow for building and providing affordable housing.

The following individuals requested that the narrated video of the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain be removed from the City's website; expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department and policing, spoke against the increased violence in the City; advocated for the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez, Officers Dumaguindin and Sereno, and City Manager Steve Mermell; spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena police officers, expressed concerns with the time limitations related to public comment, and/or raised concerns regarding the selected Independent Police Auditor (IPA):

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident  
Jason Reedy, Los Angeles resident  
Jasmine Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter  
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident  
Michael Williams, Pasadena resident  
Kerwin Manning, Pasadena resident  
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, provided information on the community opportunities to provide "Public Comment" during the City Council meetings, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton advocated to allow all individuals who submitted a public speaker card to speak during "Public Comment On Matters Not On The Agenda," but suggested that the time be decreased so that all speakers are allowed to speak at the beginning of the City Council meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
Item discussed separately

**QUARTERLY CLEAN-UP REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2021  
OPERATING BUDGET**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO ANNUAL SOFTWARE  
MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT CONTRACTS WITH  
INTELLITIME SYSTEMS CORPORATIONS FOR THE CITY'S  
VIRTUAL TIMECARD INTERFACE (VTI) SYSTEM**

**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 enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with Intellitime Systems Corporation for software maintenance and support for the City's Virtual Timecard Interface (VTI) system in an amount not-to-exceed \$91,250 for the twelve month period beginning July 1, 2021;
- (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; and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to execute future annual maintenance and support contracts, including an amount for any as-needed services, for as long as the City utilizes the VTI system.  
*(Note to Legislative File: this item was processed as a Purchase Order)*

**CONTRACT AWARD TO MCCAIN, INC., FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT**

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

- (1) Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
- (2) Accept the bid dated April 20, 2021, submitted by McCain, Inc., in response to the specifications for the Traffic Signal Safety Enhancements Project; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$204,000 which includes the base contract amount of \$184,576 and a contingency of \$19,424 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32102)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATES AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM GRANT TO CALTRANS**

**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 15061(b)(3) (General Rule); and
- (2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms required to submit a Low Carbon Transit Operations Program grant application to the California Department of Transportation. (Resolution No. 9845)

**AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET AND ADOPT ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 (SB1) PROJECT LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed actions are not "projects" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, are not subject to environmental review;
- (2) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report; (Budget Amendment Nos. 2021-41, 2021-41a)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements associated with the receipt of Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 10 Funds administered through the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance, including any Program Supplement Agreements to Master Agreement between the City of Pasadena and the State of California; and
- (4) Adopt by resolution the Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB1) project list. (Resolution No. 9846)

Item discussed separately

**CONTRACT AWARD TO LDV, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE OPERATIONS CENTER VEHICLE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,800,000**

Item discussed separately

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT INITIAL FUNDING APPROPRIATION**

**ADOPTION OF THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT'S UTILITY PHYSICAL SECURITY PLAN**

**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; and
- (2) Adopt the Water and Power Department's ("PWP") Utility Security Plan ("Plan") in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") Decision D.19-01-018.

**CONTRACT AWARD TO CREATIVE HOME/DBA: CHI CONSTRUCTION FOR INSTALLATION OF DUCTILE IRON WATER MAINS IN ARROYO PARKWAY**

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

- (1) Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated May 17, 2021, submitted by Creative Home/DBA: CHI Construction in response to Specifications WD-21-03 for installation of ductile iron water mains in Arroyo Parkway; reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$2,798,516 which includes the base contract amount of \$2,433,492 and a contingency of \$365,024 to provide for any necessary change orders. The duration of the contract is for 200 days plus any time earned due to change orders. (Contract No. 32065)

**RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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

- (1) Find that General Services Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080 and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) Adopt a resolution approving renewal of the General Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles; (Resolution No. 9847)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year renewal on behalf of the City, and to request various functions or services

from the County of Los Angeles as needed and in accordance with applicable City ordinances and policies. 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; and  
(4) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to request from time to time, various functions and services from the County of Los Angeles, in accordance with applicable City ordinances and policies.

Councilmember Rivas disclosed that she is employed with the Los Angeles County but does not have a personal interest in this matter.

**CONTRACT AWARD TO TORO ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR ANNUAL CITYWIDE STREET RESURFACING AND ADA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – FY 2021 PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$4,825,000**

**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 24, 2021, submitted by Toro Enterprises, Inc., in response to the plans and specifications for the Annual Citywide Street Resurfacing and ADA Improvement Program – Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$4,825,000 which includes \$4,498,494 for the base bid plus all additive alternates and \$326,506 as contingency to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32051)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PRUDENTIAL OVERALL SUPPLY TO PROVIDE CITYWIDE UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,403,006**

**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; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated April 27, 2021, submitted by Prudential Overall Supply in response to specifications for Citywide Uniform Rental Services; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$1,403,006 for six years, which includes the

base contract amount of \$1,275,460 and a contingency of \$127,546 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32059)

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR A 2016 EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF THREE CURRENT TRANSFORMERS ON TRANSFORMER BANK NO. 2 AT THE T.M. GOODRICH RECEIVING STATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$251,302 PURSUANT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NO. 20,398**

**RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS &  
REAPPOINTMENTS**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF KEVORK KEUSHKERIAN TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 4 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN LEVY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 7 Nomination)**

**CLAIMS RECEIVED**

Claim No. 13,728	Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club	\$ 819.47
Claim No. 13,729	Badalyan Law Firm, APC, representing Volga Mehrabian	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,730	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Insurance Company as subrogee for Loraine Mason	4,519.66

**PUBLIC HEARING SET**

**August 2, 2021, 4:30 p.m.** – Consideration of a Time Extension - Conditional Use Permit No. 6279 for Rehabilitation of Historic YWCA Building & Construction of a Two-to-Six-Story, 91,000-Square-Foot Building for use as a Hotel at 78 North Marengo Avenue

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Quarterly Clean-Up Report – Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget), Item 6 (Contract Award to LDV, Inc.), Item 7 (American Rescue Plan Act Initial Funding Appropriation) and Item 13 (Authorization of Payment to Southern California Edison...) 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**

**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; and
- (2) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Adopted Operating Budget as detailed in the agenda report by a net amount of \$1,561,751. (Budget Amendment No. 2021-40)

**CONTRACT AWARD TO LDV, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE OPERATIONS CENTER VEHICLE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,800,000**

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

- (1) Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated October 26, 2020, submitted by LDV, Inc., in response to specifications for the procurement of a mobile operations center vehicle; reject all other bids received; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with LDV, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,800,000. (Contract No. 32062)

*The above two Consent Calendar items were discussed concurrently.*

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that correspondence was received providing comments on Consent Calendar items, including expressing concerns with the City purchasing a Mobile Operations Center (MOC), which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

The following individuals provided general remarks related to the two above detailed consent calendar items, including expressing concerns with the purchase of a MOC:

Tammy Silver, Pasadena resident  
Pastor Kerwin Manning, Pasadena resident  
Jasmine Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter  
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident  
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident

In response to concerns raised by the public speakers, Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, reported that the City's agendas list the opportunities for public speaking and the manner in which the City conducts public comment, which is consistent with the Brown Act; and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and City Manager Mermell summarized the Committee's discussion on the matter; and responded to questions.

Police Chief Perez provided information on the City's 911 outage caused by a technical issue, and the benefits of that the MOC provided to mitigate that issue; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need for staff to provide a clear understanding to the Public Safety Committee and the City Council on the definition of "mutual aid" if the City were to experience a significant outage with potentially hundreds of residents calling the City's Dispatch Center; and spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Kennedy, to approve the staff recommendation related to Item 1 (Quarterly Clean-up Report – Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget), and Item 6 (Contract Award to LDV, Inc. for the Purchase of a Mobile Operations Center Vehicle for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,800,000):

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

#### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT INITIAL FUNDING APPROPRIATION**

**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 and 2022 Adopted Operating Budgets as detailed in the background section of the agenda report by a net amount of \$4,048,000; (Budget Amendment No. 2021-42)
- (3) Amend the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program Budget to add the Public Health Building Improvement (No. 71920) project as detailed in the agenda report and appropriate \$250,000 upon the Planning Commission's concurrence that this project is consistent with the General Plan; and (Budget Amendment No. 2022-03)
- (4) Recognize revenue in the amount of \$26,312,988 in FY 2021 for the initial tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funding and obligate the full \$52,625,975 allocation for Public Health response and revenue reduction offset as allowed in the Treasury Interim Guidance document.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that correspondence was received expressing concerns and in opposition to the staff



recommendation on the item, which were distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation, with the exception of providing funding to the Public Health Department; and advocated for the City Council to seek public input on the allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds:

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident,  
Jasmine Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter  
Jill Shook, representing Making Housing and Community  
Happen (MHCH)  
Anthony Manousos, representing MHCH

Councilmember Kennedy suggested that the City Council direct the City Manager to empanel a group of residents to provide input on how to spend the remaining ARPA funds, which he believes would embrace the community needs and educate the City Manager on those needs.

Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. City Manager Mermell stated that staff will present the matter to the City Council on numerous occasions for discussion on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding allocations; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with staff's recommendation, describing it as "quick pitched," and asked staff or a City Council Sub-Committee to review and provide a comprehensive proposal on how to spend all the ARPA funds.

Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Kennedy spoke in favor of staff agendaizing the matter for further discussion and for staff to provide information on how Los Angeles County and the State plans to spend/allocate their ARPA funds, and to allow the City Council and public to provide input on the matter at future meetings.

Vice Mayor Wilson advocated for a strategic plan related to spending of ARPA funds and City allocations, and asked staff to return with information on the City's priorities and comprehensive strategies related to the ARPA funds and allocations.

Councilmember Williams expressed concerns with the possibility of the ARPA allocation process becoming politicized, and stated that the correct process should be through the Finance Committee.

#### Motion

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson, to approve the staff

recommendation, amended to limit approval to the following appropriations: Public Health Response, Public Health Building Improvements (71920), and Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Recovery Plan in the amount of \$1,075,000; recognize revenue of \$26,312,988 in Fiscal Year 2021 for the initial tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funding; and direct staff to forward future ARPA related matters to the Finance Committee for further discussion and recommendation, as well as to schedule a future City Council workshop to determine how the City should appropriate the remaining funds.

**Substitute Motion:**

Following further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Williams to approve the staff recommendations, amending the Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 Operating Budgets totaling \$4,048,000 and amend the Fiscal Year 2022 CIP Budget adding a new project for Public Health Building Improvement and appropriating \$250,000 upon concurrence through Planning Commission.  
(MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND)

**Original Motion:**

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson, to approve the staff recommendation, amended to limit approval to the following appropriations: Public Health Response, Public Health Building Improvements (71920), and Pasadena Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Recovery Plan in the amount of \$1,075,000; recognize revenue of \$26,312,988 in Fiscal Year 2021 for the initial tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funding; and direct staff to forward future ARPA related matters to the Finance Committee for further discussion and recommendation, as well as to schedule a future City Council workshop to determine how the City should appropriate the remaining funds.

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

**NOES:** Councilmember Williams

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR A 2016 EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF THREE CURRENT TRANSFORMERS ON TRANSFORMER BANK NO. 2 AT THE T.M. GOODRICH RECEIVING STATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$251,302 PURSUANT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NO. 20,398**

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

(1) Find that the authorization request is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption (formerly the General Rule) that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and

- (2) Authorize a payment to Southern California Edison ("SCE") for an amount not-to-exceed \$251,302 for the emergency replacement of three Current Transformers ("CTs") on Transformer Bank No. 2 at the T.M. Goodrich Receiving Station ("TMG") pursuant to Section 4.11 of the Interconnection Agreement No. 20,398 ("Agreement") between SCE and the City of Pasadena; and
- (3) Find that the proposed authorization is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(C), and Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(A)(6) contracts for labor, material, supplies, or services for actual emergency work.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated the he will abstain from the vote due to a potential conflict.

Councilmember Kennedy disclosed that he was previously employed with Southern California Edison, but does not have a personal interest in this matter.

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

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

Councilmember Hampton requested that staff agendize the removal of the narrated video of the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain from the City's website; and to ask the City Manager to terminate the officer involved in the shooting of Anthony McClain.

Vice Mayor Wilson requested that the City Attorney provide a response related to Councilmember Hampton's request as he shares some of the same concerns.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE AMENDMENT TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONS TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES**

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

- (1) Find that the Zoning Code Amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15305 (Class 5 – Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, there are no unusual circumstances, and none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply;
- (2) Adopt the Findings of Consistency with the General Plan (Attachment A of the agenda report); and

(3) Approve the amendment and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Section 17.46.020 of Title 17 (Zoning Code) of the Pasadena Municipal Code to exempt additions of any size to existing single-family residences from the two-car covered parking requirement, except for residences located within an HD Overlay Zone (Attachment B of the agenda report).

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Press on May 31, June 3, 2021, and June 10, 2021, and in the Pasadena Journal on June 3, 2021, and June 10, 2021; and 1 email in support of the staff recommendation, which was distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided introductory comments, and Andre Sahakian, Senior Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson suggested the proposed action allow additions to single-family dwellings of up to 500 square feet, or some other cap, to be exempt from the requirement of providing two covered parking spaces; and to allow for parking in a driveway and/or carport as an alternative. He also suggested that additions to single-family dwellings of 1,200 square feet or more should abide by the requirement of providing two covered parking spaces.

Councilmember Hampton spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, and stated that he believes the required covered parking requirement is unreasonable. He spoke in favor of allowing property owners who have space on their property to determine where to park vehicles and that it not be tied to building additions or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

Christine McLaughlin, Pasadena resident, spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Williams spoke on the need for the City Council to consider why the parking requirements were put in place, which she believes is to preserve the safety of City streets. She expressed concerns with homeowners who build additions and ADU's but are unable to acquire overnight parking permits. She spoke in favor of allowing additions to single-family dwellings of more than 500 square feet to be required to provide parking onsite. In addition, Councilmember Williams stated that she does not believe the findings for the Zoning Code Text Amendment (referenced in Attachment A of the agenda report), can be made, specifically Finding No. 2: "The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety convenience or general welfare

to the City” due to public safety concerns created by vehicle street parking on the more narrow streets of the City.

In response to Councilmember Kennedy’s request, Mr. Reyes summarized the recommended changes suggested by Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilmember Williams, as follows: for additions or ADU construction of up to 500 square feet - no covered parking would be required; for construction of more than 500 square feet but less than 1,200 square feet - staff to conduct a parking study to determine if adequate parking existed at the property (i.e. drive way, tandem, side yard); and for construction of more than 1,200 square feet - two covered parking spaces would continue to be required, which he believes adequately addresses the concerns of smaller single family residential dwellings not being able to reasonably build additions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, 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 Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve the staff recommendation amended (as detailed above) to require a parking adequacy finding for additions to single-family dwelling projects of 500 square feet or more, and 2 covered parking spaces for projects of 1,200 square feet or more:

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

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: CITY MANAGER’S  
RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET**

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

- (1) Open the public hearing for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Recommended Operating Budget; and
- (2) Continue the public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 4:30 p.m. until June 21, 2021, or such other date as the City Council may determine, at which time the City Council will be asked to close the public hearing and adopt the FY 2022 Recommended Operating Budget.



City Clerk Jomsky reported that correspondence was received in support of the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC); and expressing concerns with the Pasadena Police Department's budget, and Public Works Department's progress on the Zero Waste Plan, 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:

Jasmine Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter  
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident  
Dan Sharp, Pasadena resident  
Pastor Kerwin Manning, Pasadena resident  
Jill Shook, representing Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH)

In response to public comment, Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, provided information on the public speakers' ability to comment on the City Manager's Recommended Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget, noting that testimony was allowed regardless of what City departments are presenting their budget at today's meeting.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Gurcharan Bawa, General Manager of Water and Power, presented PowerPoint presentations on each Department's recommended budget, with both responding to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson suggested that staff actively work with the City's Public Information Officer to over communicate the Planning Department's return to normal activities (open to the public). He spoke on the importance of creating Landmark Districts to protect the neighborhoods of the City; and thanked Mr. Reyes, and staff for all their hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to questions, City Manager Mermell provided information on legislation related to exemptions for utilities on paying prevailing wages for contracts for work (i.e. tree trimming, cable splicing) that are performed with revenues that are generated by utilities; and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo asked staff to consider creating a City employee tree trimming crew given the higher and increasing costs/bids (almost three times as much as prior years) associated with tree trimming for the City's Power Department.

Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilmember Williams spoke on the importance of informing the public of the large amount of capital investment that is being spent to support the City's power grid.



Councilmember Kennedy recommended that the Municipal Services Committee agendaize a discussion on what actions may be taken to capture the significant water runoff occurring through/over the Devils Gate Reservoir, Raymond Basin, or other locations in the City's water supply where excess water is not being captured.

Mayor Gordo stated that capturing water is a joint effort by other jurisdictions, which requires a broad discussion regionally; and he is currently in contact with Cynthia Kurtz, the City's representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, who will report to the City Council at a future meeting on the matter.

Councilmember Madison temporary disconnected from the meeting.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to continue to the Public Hearing to June 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT continued

Jill Shook, representing Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH), advocated for affordable housing in the City; and for the City Council to move forward with the rezoning of land owned by churches and other religious organizations to allow for building.

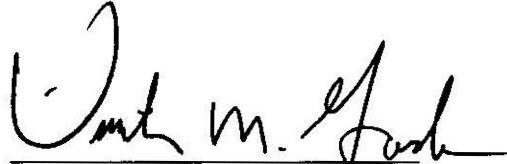
In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry related to the removal of the narrated video of the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain from the City's website; and the legality of agendaizing that matter and the termination of the officer involved in the shooting of Anthony McClain, as a personnel matter, City Attorney Bagneris responded that pursuant to the City Charter, directing the discipline of an employee who is under the purview of the City Manager is not permissible. She also responded that in terms of the narrated video of the officer involved shooting, the City Council can review the policy of what is posted on the City's website, and that it would take five votes of the City Council to direct the City Manager to change the policy. She also noted that such an issue can be addressed during the City Manager's evaluation.

Mayor Gordo expressed concerns with the narrated video, which the public may consider persuasive related to the judicial process; and asked the City Attorney to consider the City Council's options related to the removal of the narrated video from the City's website, and an informational presentation on the City's Charter and state law as to the City Council's authority to agendaize for discussion and consideration issues related to personnel matters.

Councilmember Rivas asked staff to provide information on the City Attorney Department's staff role in the posting of the narrated video of the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:55 p.m., in memory of all those that are ill and have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

  
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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk