

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
June 21, 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 4:33 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Hampton.

**ROLL CALL:**  
Councilmembers:  
Mayor Victor M. Gordo  
Vice Mayor Andy Wilson (Absent)  
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.

Councilmember Hampton connected to the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Councilmember Madison spoke on the passing of Jay Belloli, a Pasadena writer, and known director of gallery programs at Pasadena's Armory Center for the Arts; and Sharon Girdner, long-time Pasadena resident and civil rights activist, and requested that the meeting also be adjourned in their memories.

Mayor Gordo also spoke on the passing of Mr. Belloli and Mrs. Girdner, and voiced support for adjourning the meeting in their memory.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**  
The following individuals advocated for the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez, Officers Dumaguindin and Serrano, and City Manager Steve Mermell, and the removal from the City's website of the narrated video of the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain; spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena police officers, and expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department, policing policies, and the Department's budget:

Jason Reedy, Los Angeles resident  
Michael Williams, Pasadena resident  
Hiram Cormier, Jr., Los Angeles resident  
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, spoke on the officer involved shooting and proposed that the City of Pasadena confirm August 15, 2021 as Anthony McClain Day, a public holiday.

Stephanie Miller, Pasadena resident, reiterated her request for the City to amend its regulations related to construction hours to commence at 8:00 a.m. in residential neighborhoods.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **APPROVAL OF COMMITMENT OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY COMMITMENT AND GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

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

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
- (2) Adopt a resolution approving the City of Pasadena General Fund Emergency Contingency commitment of \$40,441,800 and General Fund Operating Reserve commitment of up to \$13,480,600 (with the final amount to be determined upon conclusion of Fiscal Year 2021 financial statement preparation based solely on General Fund sub-fund 101) from fund balance of the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2021. (Resolution No. 9848)

The following individuals provided comment on the matter:

Jasmine Richards Abdullah, Black Lives Matter Pasadena  
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident  
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident  
Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Kennedy stated the following for the record: "How much of the General Fund is spent on our libraries system Mr. City Manager?" He asked staff to determine if there is a need for books, computers, etc. at La Pintoresca Branch Library.

Steve Mermell, City Manager, stated that over 80% of the libraries budget comes from the General Fund, the current year budget is approximately \$15.3 million dollars, and the General Fund contribution is approximately \$12 million dollars; and responded to questions.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk reported, reported that correspondence was received expressing concerns related to the item, which was distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, explained that the staff recommendation is an accounting transaction policy that the City is required to do before the end of the Fiscal Year; and responded to questions.

**ADOPTION OF GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution that:

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) Selects the California per capita income and the population increase for the City of Pasadena as the indices to be used in calculating the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2022;
- (3) Establishes the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2022 at \$344,743,594; and
- (4) Establishes appropriations subject to the limit for Fiscal Year 2022 at \$168,087,057.

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF PURCHASE ORDER NO. 1210373 TO \$115,000 AND PURCHASE ORDER NO. 1210374 TO \$177,112 TO EXTEND THE PROVISION OF MOTEL VOUCHERS TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

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

- (1) Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Authorize the increase to the not-to-exceed amount of Purchase Order Nos. 1210373 (Foothill Unity Center, Inc.) and 1210374 (Housing Works) by \$40,001 and \$31,779 respectively, for new not-to-exceed amounts of \$115,000 and \$177,112 to add Emergency Solutions Grant CARES (ESG-CV) funding.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY (LAHSA) FOR THE RECEIPT OF MEASURE H FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$502,115 FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 23046 TO EXTEND THE TERM AND ADD MEASURE H FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$634,645**

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

- (1) Find that the recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in the amount of \$502,115 for the receipt of Measure H funding for Fiscal Year 2021 to provide homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, coordinated entry, and emergency shelter programs in the City of Pasadena; and (Contract No. 23,522)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 23,046 with LAHSA to extend the term through June 30, 2021 and add Measure H funds in the amount of \$634,645 to bring the new contract total to \$4,200,728. (Contract No. 23,046-2)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF THE KEY BUSINESS TERMS OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOAN AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE HOUSING PARTNERS FOR A LOAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,540,000 TO ACQUIRE AND REHABILITATE A FIVE-UNIT APARTMENT PROPERTY AT 1421 N. FAIR OAKS AVENUE FOR OPERATION AS AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING**

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

(1) Find that the proposed housing financing, acquisition and rehabilitation 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 1 (Existing Facilities) (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301) and Class 26 (Acquisition of Housing) (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15326);

(2) Approve a budget amendment appropriating \$1,540,000 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. 2021-43)

(3) Approve certain key business terms, as described in the agenda report, of the proposed Affordable Housing Loan Agreement with Heritage Housing Partners; and (Contract No. 23,523)

(4) Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the staff recommendation

Item discussed separately

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY AND SPCA TO PROVIDE ANIMAL SERVICES FOR FIVE YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$8,524,938**

RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS, &  
REAPPOINTMENTS

**APPOINTMENT OF GENE MASUDA TO THE FIRE & POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (City Council Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF ALEX JABLONSKI TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 1 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN LIPIRA TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 1 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF SUZANNE YORK TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 2 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN LITWIN TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 2 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF LAMBERT GIESSINGER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 4 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA RAWLINGS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 6 Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH ROTTER TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (Agency Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF JULIETA S. ARAGON TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (District 3 Nomination)**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JUAN DE LA CRUZ TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 (Mayor Nomination)**

**AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL TO RENEW PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**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 15378;

(2) Authorize City staff to place and bind the City's property and casualty insurance coverages outlined in the agenda report effective July 1, 2021, unless otherwise noted, with the total amount not-to-exceed \$5,610,082, for all premiums, surcharges, taxes, and fees; and (Contract No. 31643-1)

(3) Grant an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 4.08, pursuant to Section 4.08.049(B) contracts which the City's best interests are served. The proposed insurance coverages are exempt from the competitive bidding process pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 24, 2021  
May 31, 2021

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that the May 24, 2021 minutes (Page 2, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph) included a scrivener's error, which was corrected.

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,731	KJ Injury & Accident Lawyers, PC, representing Candelaria Ortega Melendes	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,732	Toshiko Hisada	Not stated

It was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 6 (Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Pasadena Humane Society), which was discussed separately; and the May 24, 2021 minutes as corrected and detailed above:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY AND SPCA TO PROVIDE ANIMAL SERVICES FOR FIVE YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$8,524,938**

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

(1) Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3). The Common Sense Exemption states that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a five year contract with the Pasadena Humane Society and SPCA to continue providing animal services, as specified in the agenda report, for a grand total amount not-to-exceed \$8,524,938 over the five year term of the contract, Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services; and (Contract No. 32075)

(3) It is further recommended the City Council 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.

Mayor Gordo, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, summarized the Committee's discussion on the item, including amendments to the contract which includes yearly reporting from Pasadena Humane Society (PHS); and responded to questions.

Councilmember Williams expressed concerns with PHS's performance measures, as she has received multiple complaints from City residents related to customer service. She asked staff to follow up on PHS's breed data base related to dog licensing and performance measures, and report back to the City Council in a year.

Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns with the uncertainty of all the services provided by PHS, and therefore, is unable to support the staff recommendation.

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

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

NOES: Councilmember Hampton

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Wilson

ABSTAIN: None

**ORDINANCE – FIRST  
READING**

**Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING CHAPTER 8.63 TO TITLE 8 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO DISPOSABLE ACCESSORY FOODWARE ITEMS OPT-IN REQUIREMENT FOR RESTAURANTS AND THIRD-PARTY APP-BASED DELIVERY PLATFORMS”**

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter in support of the proposed ordinance and 19 letters/emails expressing concerns regarding the proposed ordinance, urging the City Council to strengthen the ordinance to mirror others across the state, such as the one adopted by the City of Los Angeles, by not permitting single-use accessories, etc., were received, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

The following individuals advocated for the City to strengthen the ordinance to mirror the City of Los Angeles by not permitting single-use accessories:

Craig Cadwallader, representing Surfrider Foundation South Bay Chapter (represents Pasadena members)  
Cheryl Auger, Pasadena resident

Mayor Gordo spoke in favor of the City's single-use accessories ordinance to be aligned with surrounding municipalities including the City of Los Angeles.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney, stated that if the City Council would like to make changes to the ordinance, she recommends that first reading of the ordinance is postponed until after amendments to the ordinance are completed.

Councilmember Williams, member of the Municipal Services Committee, summarized the discussion on the matter at the Committee meeting. She requested that staff provide a side-by-side comparable analysis of the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles single-use accessory foodware items ordinance. The Committee also recommended a three-month educational program/transitional period for restaurants to inform their customers of the change, prior to the City adopting a disposable accessory foodware items ordinance.

Following discussion, on the order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, staff was directed to provide the requested information as detailed above, as well as incorporate a three-month transitional period, and present the matter to the Municipal Services Committee and then to the City Council.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET AND RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL TRANSFER FROM THE POWER FUND; AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW CLASSIFICATION**

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

- (1) Close the public hearing and adopt by resolution the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Operating Budget as presented in the City Manager's Recommended Budget on May 24, 2021, or as subsequently amended during the budget hearing process; (Resolution No. 9849)
- (2) Adopt a resolution determining the amount to be transferred from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund is 10 percent of gross revenues from retail sales for Fiscal Year 2022; and (Resolution No. 9850)
- (3) Adopt a resolution establishing a new classification of Deputy Fire Marshal and corresponding salary control rate. (Resolution No. 9851)

City Clerk Jomsky reported that two letters were received expressing appreciation to the City Council for the additional funding allocated to homeless services; six letters were received in opposition to the Pasadena Police Budget; and one letter in support of the Pasadena Police budget; and provided comments and



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

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and William Huang, Director of Housing, presented PowerPoint presentations on the Housing Department's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy advocated for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) fund to be used to build housing for the City's most vulnerable populations. He recommended building Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) or combination of low-income housing to provide housing for seniors and others. He spoke on the successful program of the City's Maintenance Assistance, Solutions, and Hiring (MASH) program, asked staff to expand the program as much as possible, and requested that the MASH Manager contact him to provide assistance to an elderly neighbor. Councilmember Kennedy praised and thanked Mr. Huang and the Housing Department staff for their hard work in providing individuals who are in the income levels of extremely-low, very-low and low opportunities for housing, however challenged the Housing staff to provide additional housing.

In response to Mayor Gordo's inquiry related to American Rescue Plan funds allocated to the State and Los Angeles County for rental assistance, Mr. Huang responded that he would follow up with the State Assembly Members related to rental assistance funding for Pasadena residents.

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, Director of Public Health and Health Officer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Health Department's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget, and responded to questions.

Councilmembers Madison, Williams, Kennedy, and Mayor Gordo thanked Dr. Goh and the Health Department staff for the amazing job they have done over the last 18 months during the pandemic, including the vaccination distribution.

Councilmember Kennedy requested that Dr. Goh provide an analysis on J&J, Pfizer, and Moderna vaccines to dispel the misinformation that is in the community suggesting that the J&J vaccine alters an individual's genetics.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to provide information on actions related to the pandemic and skilled nursing facilities at a future meeting, and provide a plan to address mental health and trauma informed care for Pasadena residents at a future Public Safety Committee meeting. He also requested a future agenda item to remove the Emergency Powers from the City Manager and

Health Director, as he believes it is no longer needed; and lastly requested a status update on the flavored tobacco ordinance.

Mayor Gordo stated that staff will provide a review of lessons learned, best practices, and response goals related to the COVID-19 pandemic. City Manager Mermell responded that a departmental team that includes staff from Police, Fire, Health, City Prosecutor and Planning Departments are working on a plan to be more robust as it pertains to potential code violations or elder abuse in skilled nursing facilities. In response to Councilmember Hampton's request related to the removal of Emergency Powers, Mayor Gordo stated that he will discuss the matter with staff, and spoke on the need to distinguish between the two emergency orders.

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and City Council Department's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the need for staff to consider a 10% cut (or some other percent) from every City department given the difficult financial standing of the current fiscal year; and asked staff to provide financial analysis for the next five and ten years to be presented at a future Finance Committee meeting.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need for additional discussions on the various department budgets, including a thorough review of programs and investments; and expressed concerns with across the board cuts of departmental budgets.

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Office of the City Manager, Office of the City Clerk, and Office of the City Attorney/City Prosecutor Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budgets, and responded to questions. Michelle Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, provided information on additional prosecution cases that are being considered, developing diversion programs, and risk management recruitment; City Clerk Jomsky, provided information on staff's support to the Redistricting Task Force, community outreach on redistricting; with both responding to questions.

In response to Councilmember Kennedy's inquiry related to campaign contribution limits, City Clerk Jomsky stated that the matter will be agenzized at a future City Council meeting for discussion.

Councilmember Kennedy stated the following for the record, "Just for the record, so that we are providing clear information to our residents. You mentioned \$5,000 or is it \$4,900?" Staff responded that the proposed limitation of single source campaign contribution is believed to be \$4,999 (staff was later corrected that the actual amount limits were set at \$4,900 by state requirements).

Mayor Gordo expressed concerns with the state imposing legislation on Charter Cities related to the City's campaign contribution limits; and asked staff to return to the City Council with a recommendation. He asked each Councilmember to limit the mail program usage and use less costly means to communicate with their constituents.

City Manager Mermell provided information on the Department's Internal Auditors, Public Information Officer, and Economic Development Division; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy stated that he believes the correct amount of the proposed limitation of single source campaign contribution is \$4,900; and asked staff to confirm the amount. In addition, he spoke on the need to agendaize for discussion by a City Council Committee or the City Council, the option of providing some measure of remuneration for members of the City Council; and sufficient child care expenses for members of the City Council or Community Police Oversight Committee (CPOC).

Mayor Gordo responded that he does not support full-time salary for City Councilmembers; and agreed on the need to discuss sufficient reimbursement for child care or other expenses while serving on the City Council.

The following individuals provided various comments related to the matter, including expressing concerns with the Pasadena Police Department's (PPD) budget, advocating for intervention programs such as the Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS) program used in other jurisdictions, and an independent audit of the PPD's budget :

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident  
BREATHE Justice 365  
Bert Newton, Pasadena resident  
Kris Ockershauser, Pasadena resident

Motion: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to close the public hearing:

AYES: Councilmembers Hampton, Kennedy, Madison,  
Masuda, Rivas, Williams, Mayor Gordo  
NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Wilson  
ABSTAIN: None

Councilmember Hampton requested an analytical report on the need for motel vouchers for individuals in need of transitional housing due to homelessness. He spoke on the need for an independent audit of various City Departments, starting with the Pasadena Police Department to be presented at a future Public Safety Committee meeting.

Mayor Gordo responded that department audits are presented to the Finance Committee for review and discussion; and spoke in favor of conducting an analytical review of each City department budget.

Councilmember Williams voiced support for audits and transparency to address some of the public's concerns related to the Pasadena Police Department.

In response to Councilmember Williams questions on what is appropriate City Council discussion in open meetings in terms of personnel and active litigation, City Attorney Bagneris stated that related to personnel matters for employees that are under the authority of the City Manager, such matters cannot be agendized for discussion by the City Council, nor can the City Council direct or engage in their discipline pursuant to the City Charter, Chapters 4 and 6 as the City operates under "City Manager form of Government," and provided information on litigation discussions, which are during "closed session" meetings of the City Council; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison thanked City Manager Mermell and staff for their hard work on the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget.

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

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

### **CLOSED SESSION**

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting recessed at 8:09 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent: Councilmember Rivas, Vice Mayor Wilson):

Councilmember Rivas  
recused herself due to a  
potential conflict and removed  
herself from the meeting at  
8:09 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
Regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code  
Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

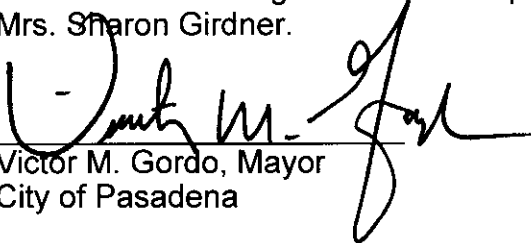
**Name of Case: Benedetti v. City of Pasadena, et al.**

**Case No.: BC 19STCV30532**

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 9:07 p.m., in memory of all those that are ill and have  
lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic; Mr. Jay Belloli, and  
Mrs. Sharon Girdner.

  
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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk