

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

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

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Williams.

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
Chief Assistant City Attorney Javan Rad
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS Councilmember Masuda and Mayor Gordo spoke on the passing of Berton Tibbet, a long-time Pasadena resident, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Councilmember Madison and Mayor Gordo spoke on the passing of Honorable Judge Enrique Romero, long-time Pasadena resident, and also requested that the meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Councilmember Kennedy joined the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Cynthia Kurtz, the City's representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board, introduced Adel Hagekhalil, as the new General Manager and CEO for MWD, who provided a summary of his professional career and thanked the City Council for their collaborative work with MWD. Vice Mayor Wilson and Councilmember Madison spoke on the dilemma of climate change and the need for additional water conservation measures. The City Council congratulated Mr. Hagekhalil on his new appointment.

Steve Mermell, City Manager, introduced Mr. Tony Almos, the City's new Director of Public Works and provided biographical information on his career. Mr. Almos thanked the City Manager and expressed his eagerness to begin his new position, and working with the City Council, City staff, and community members.

Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation declaring October 2021 as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in Pasadena. Ali Everett, Accessibility Coordinator, spoke on this campaign, which is recognized nationally. James Farr, Chair of the Accessibility and Disability Commission, spoke on the challenges

that individuals with special needs experience finding employment. Chris Otero, President of Civitan Club; Ability First Resource Developer (Civitan), thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation and recognition, and provided information on their annual Hire Up Pasadena Civitan Employer Recognition event, which will honor Pasadena employers Smart and Final, Michael's and Home Depot, to be held on October 14, 2021. Civitan will also present the Servant's Heart Award to Pasadena's former Mayor Bill Bogaard for his support of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation declaring October 2021 as "Bullying Prevention Awareness Month" in Pasadena to Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Information Services, and Jane Gov, Librarian, along with members of the Pasadena Youth Network. Noah Haile, representing Pasadena Youth Network, spoke on behalf of the Pasadena Library Teen Advisory Board regarding negative experiences and harmful effects for youths that encounter bullying. On behalf of the City Council and community, the Mayor thanked the students that participated in this important effort, noting the role that the entire community plays in preventing bullying.

Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation declaring October 2021 as "LGBTQ+History Month" in Pasadena to Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Lola Osborne, Deputy Director, and Tim McDonald, Deputy Director of the Pasadena Public Library. City staff thanked the Mayor and the City Council for their support in recognizing the City's LGBTQ+ community. Mr. McDonald invited the City Council, City staff and public to join in the City's 6th annual National Coming Out Day Celebration to be held on Monday, October 11, 2021 at Memorial Park. Michael Albrecht, Vice Chair of HSC, expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation, and spoke on the importance of recognizing LGBTQ+ rights and thanked everyone for recognizing LGBTQ+ history in Pasadena.

Councilmember Hampton acknowledged and expressed appreciation to the work of the Pasadena Police Officers that successfully stopped an attempted suicide today from the Colorado Street Bridge.

Councilmember Williams reported on the League of California Cities conference she attended along with Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, summarizing the three resolutions that were voted on at the conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ciran Hadjian, Pasadena resident, announced that she has filed a candidate intention statement for election to City Council representing City Council District 7, and provided information on her career.

Vice Mayor Wilson stated that he has announced publicly that he does not intend to run for re-election in the next election.

Sam Bills, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City Council to move forward with the rezoning of land owned by churches that would allow "by-right" development as a way to increase affordable housing in the City.

The following individuals advocated for the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez, Officers Dumaguindin, Serrano, Mulrooney, and/or City Manager Steve Mermell, spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena Police Officers, expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department, and the Department's policing policies, and/or advocated for the City to drop criminal charges against several individuals:

Erin Semin-Walsh, representing Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), Altadena
Jane Ward, representing SURJ, Altadena
Jasmine Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter Pasadena
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident
Michael Williams, Pasadena resident
Yoelle Carter Martinez, SURJ, Altadena

Mayor Gordo invited the public speakers to attend the Special Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021, and participate in the scheduled discussion on police officer-involved shooting investigation processes and related policies.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item discussed separately

Item discussed separately

PURCHASE ORDER TO MERIDIAN RAPID DEFENSE GROUP, LLC FOR ANTI-TERRORISM VEHICLE BARRIERS NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$82,952

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR ROSE PARADE AND ROSE BOWL GAME ACTIVITIES

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH DENIKA KING AND GINA ACUNA FOR FILM MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule);
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for Film Monitoring Services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 for an

amount not-to-exceed \$120,000 or a two-year period, whichever occurs first, with Denika King; and (Contract No. 32161)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for Film Monitoring Services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, for an amount not-to-exceed \$120,000 or a two-year period, whichever occurs first, with Gina Acuna. (Contract No.32162)

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, ADVOCATING FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TRI-CITY COMMUNITIES OF PASADENA, BURBANK AND GLENDALE WITHIN COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 DURING THE 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS

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) the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
(2) Authorize the Mayor to sign letters to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission advocating for the preservation of the tri-city communities of Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale within their County Supervisorial District 5 during the 2021 redistricting process.

Recommendation of the Legislative Policy Committee: On September 28, 2021, the Legislative Policy Committee unanimously recommended to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission, advocating for the preservation of the tri-city communities of Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale within County Supervisorial District 5 during the 2021 redistricting process.

Vice Mayor Wilson advocated for the community and the Councilmembers to support the Mayor's letter to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission advocating that the tri-city communities of interest represented by Pasadena, Glendale, and Burbank be kept together in the same County Supervisor district.

Mayor Gordo summarized the staff recommendation and responded to questions.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA WATER AND WASTEWATER ARREARAGE PAYMENT PROGRAM

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) (Common Sense Exemption);
- (2) Adopt a resolution approving participation in the California Arrearage Payment Program; and (Resolution No. 9866)
- (3) Adopt a resolution approving participation in the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program. (Resolution No. 9867)

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL, ALL OF ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES, AND ALL OF ITS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION BOARDS AND THEIR SUBORDINATES BODIES, TO MEET REMOTELY PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT AS AMENDED BY ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 361

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that this action is exempt from review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;
- (2) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the City Council, all City subordinate bodies, and all City non-profit corporation Boards and their subordinate bodies, for the period October 4 – November 3, 2021. (Resolution No. 9868)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 20, 2021

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,766	Michael Higgins	\$ 25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,767	Clerkin, Sinclair & Mahfouz, LLP, representing United Services Automobile Association (A Reciprocal Inter-Insurance Exchange) as subrogee for Todmund Cole	3,773.43
Claim No. 13,768	Dan Streeter, Jr., Esq, representing Adam Vena	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,769	Kemper Services Group as subrogee for Silvia Carolina Posada Vargas	6,809.63
Claim No. 13,770	Shahan Der Ohannesian / Lee's Hoaie House	2,200.00
Claim No. 13,771	Steven Brahy	175.00
Claim No. 13,772	Dr. Rehana Hethumuni	3,500.00

MOTION:

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Purchase Order to Meridian Rapid Defense

Group, LLC), and Item 2 (Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department), which were discussed separately:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment on Consent Calendar

Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with awarding a contract to Meridian Rapid Defense Group, LLC, without a competitive bid process; and expressed concerns with the amount of the contract to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for New Year's Day events.

In response to public comment, City Manager Mermell provided information on Meridian's trademark equipment and staff's analysis as to why a Request For Proposal process was not required.

**CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

PURCHASE ORDER TO MERIDIAN RAPID DEFENSE GROUP, LLC FOR ANTI-TERRORISM VEHICLE BARRIERS NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$82,952

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the project proposed in the agenda report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;

(2) Authorize a purchase order with Meridian Rapid Defense Group, LLC (DBA Meridian Rental Group) for 8 Anti-Terrorism Vehicle Barriers, trailer, and a hauler for an amount not-to-exceed \$82,952. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(C) contracts for labor, material, supplies, or services available from only one vendor; and

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

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that one letter in opposition to the staff recommendation was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR ROSE PARADE AND ROSE BOWL GAME ACTIVITIES

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, not-to-exceed \$1,900,000 per year, with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for supplemental law enforcement services for the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game, for a period of five years not-to-exceed \$9,500,000; and (Contract No. 32159)
- (3) The proposed contract is exempt from competitive bidding and competitive selection pursuant to City Charter, Section 1002(H), and Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 4.08.049(A)(3), contracts with other government entities.

The above two Consent Calendar items were discussed concurrently.

The following individuals expressed concerns with the staff recommendation and provided comments/suggestions:

Carolynn Ghiloni, Sierra Madre resident
Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter in opposition to the staff recommendation was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Councilmember Rivas disclosed that she is employed with the County of Los Angeles but does not have a personal interest in this matter, nor does she have a role in the contracting process.

Mayor Gordo and City Manager Mermell provided information on the City's budget, including the New Year's Day fund and expenses, and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Vice Mayor Wilson, to approve the staff recommendations for Item 1 (Purchase Order to Meridian Rapid Defense Group, LLC), and Item 2 (Authorization to Enter into a Contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department):

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS
FROM COUNCIL
COMMITTEES**

**APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2020 WATER SYSTEM AND
RESOURCES PLAN**

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 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies; and
- (2) Approve and adopt the 2020 Water System and Resources Plan.

Recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee: On September 28, 2021, the Municipal Services Committee ("MSC") unanimously recommended the 2020 Water System and Resources Plan be adopted by the City Council. The MSC also recommended that Pasadena Water and Power Department ("PWP") work closely with the Raymond Basin Management Board ("RBMB") in developing policies, programs, and projects that address the safe-yield (amount of water that can be withdrawn from the basin without producing an adverse effect) and measures that would help the basin levels stabilize and recover. PWP should provide updates to MSC every six months on progress achieved with Raymond Basin activities.

Vice Mayor Wilson, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee (MSC), summarized the Committee's discussion, unanimous approval to adopt the 2020 Water System and Resource Plan (WSRP), and the direction given to staff on the matter.

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Gurcharan Bawa, General Manager of Water and Power, Roumiana Voutchkova, Water and Power Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that eight letters expressing concerns regarding the WSRP as proposed, providing comments and suggestions were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

The following individuals provided comments on the matter:

Ken Kules, Pasadena resident
Daniel Rossman, Pasadena resident
Jim Green, Pasadena resident
Wes Reutimann, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Madison advocated for the staff to adopt a water-based pricing rate structure for water usage in the City, and asked that staff return to the City Council by December 2022 with a recommendation.

Councilmember Kennedy voiced support for Councilmember Madison's request for a Budget Based Pricing structure for the City, which he believes is a fair way to calculate water usage rates. Councilmember Kennedy stated that he submitted correspondence on the matter titled, "Comments Prepared by Councilmember John J. Kennedy, experts in the field and concerned residents of Pasadena" to accompany the 2021 Water System Resource Plan. He advocated to not approve the WSRP, requested that staff provide information on the City's supply and demand policy to the City Council, and for staff to return to the City Council with information on how they will meet such policies within 90 days. In addition, he advocated for the City Council to support the City's plan to replace or repair the City's aging delivery infrastructure; the City Council to not support projects that may cause further decline of the Raymond Basin, requested full transparency regarding the City's quality of water supply; and for the City to be responsive to the residents' environmental equity and justice concerns.

Javan Rad, Chief Assistant City Attorney, provided information on the Raymond Basin Management Board's (RBMB) water management responsibilities; and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo voiced support for Councilmember Kennedy's request for the City to invest in long-term conservation and infrastructure, but noted his support for the staff recommendation.

In response to Mayor Gordo's questions on the benefits of approving the WSRP, City Manager Mermell responded that due to water issues such as water availability, the WSRP will be reviewed frequently to address water levels and the City working with the RBMB. He stated that approving the WSRP would allow for significant reinvestment in the City's water infrastructure, result in water conservation measures, and provide fiscal information for such conservation measures; and responded to questions.

Brad Boman, Water and Power Engineering Manager, confirmed that staff edited the Managing Water Demand data in the PowerPoint presentation that was presented to MSC, explaining the data was updated to reflect current year 2021 information, as well as forecasting into 2045; and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the staff recommendation, noting that the action includes increased scrutiny of the preservation of the water supply at the Raymond Basin, with staff to report back at the end of calendar year 2022 on rate strategies that promote water conservation and equity, including a water-based budget rate structure:

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

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH SHOTSPOTTER TO PURCHASE A SHOTSPOTTER SUBSCRIPTION IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$640,000 OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed contract is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378; as the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment;
- (2) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Operating Budget by appropriating \$220,000 from unappropriated fund balance in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund 201; (Budget Amendment No. 2022-11)
- (3) Authorize a purchase order with ShotSpotter for the purchase of a subscription to the ShotSpotter system which includes the necessary equipment, service initiation, onboarding and annual subscription fees in an amount not-to-exceed \$640,000 over a period of three years. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(f), for contracts for professional and unique services; and
- (4) It is further recommended that 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 with the City's best interests are served.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that ten letters (including one letter on behalf of nine local organizations) in opposition to the staff recommendation, two letters in support of the staff recommendation, one letter providing recommendations, and a news article were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Mayor Gordo, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, summarized the discussion on the matter, noting that the Committee requested additional information to be presented to the City Council.

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Police Lieutenant Bill Grisafe presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions. Police Chief John Perez, provided information on Pasadena Police Department's (PPD) prevention actions in reducing violence in the City, and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation and provided comments:

Kat Ross, representing Showing Up For Racial Justice
Yadi, Pasadena resident
Marla Tauscher, Pasadena resident
Thomas Connor, Pasadena resident
Vincent De Stefano, representing Pasadena Privacy for All
Heavenly Hughes, representing My Tribe Rise
Carolynn Ghiloni, Sierra Madre resident
Mohammad Tajsar, representing ACLU of Southern California
Mike Katz-Lacabe, representing Center for Human Rights and Privacy
Adriana Bautista, representing Black Lives Matter Pasadena
Kris Ockershauser, representing CICOPP, ACLU Pasadena
Florence Annang, representing Pasadena Organizing Progress
Annmarie Nee, Altadena resident
Hiram Cormier, Jr., Los Angeles resident
Michelle White, Pasadena resident
Larry D'Addario, representing Pasadena Privacy for All

Councilmember Kennedy expressed concerns with the staff recommendation, stating he is not convinced that the use of ShotsSpotter system is the right technology for the City; the potential for such technology to unfairly label communities in the City; and data provided by staff inadequately supports the recommendation, as he believes it to be anecdotal. He also spoke on examples of other cities that have used the ShotSpotter system and have not shown improved statistics in terms of solving or preventing crimes. Therefore, he is unable to support the staff recommendation until adequate empirical data is provided. He advocated to use the ShotsSpotter system funds for community incentive-based programs as a way to help PPD bring criminals to justice. Councilmember Kennedy advocated for the Community Police Oversight Commission, the Independent Police Auditor, and the PPD to thoroughly analyze the proposed ShotsSpotter system technology.

Mayor Gordo spoke on the ShotsSpotter system, expressing his support for the technology, believing that it will be an effective tool used to help identify and bring to justice individuals who fire guns illegally in the City.

Councilmember Madison spoke on the City Council and staff's obligation to address the many shootings that continue to occur in the community. He advocated for staff to analyze the effectiveness of the ShotSpotter system and return with a report back to the City Council in a year to determine the systems efficacy.

Javan Rad, Chief Assistant City Attorney, provided information on the ShotsSpotter data used for criminal prosecutions; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, stating the he believes that the ShotsSpotter system is a potential lifesaving technology; and recommended that the Pasadena Fire Department have access to the system. He asked staff to provide an update on the ShotsSpotter system in 12 months to the Public Safety Committee.

Kimberly Siemen, Management Analyst, provided information on PPD's Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund, the City's ability and limitations to use such funding, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson expressed disappointment on the delay in the starting of the City's Community Police Oversight Commission (CPOC) meetings.

Mayor Gordo spoke in favor of the staff recommendation and the direction to staff to return within 12 months to the Public Safety Committee with an update on the ShotsSpotter system. He stated that any CPOC review of the ShotsSpotter system would require the recusal of CPOC members that have spoken on the matter to avoid a conflict of interest.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Mayor Gordo, to approve the staff recommendation with direction to staff to provide an update report on the ShotsSpotter system to the Public Safety Committee within 12 months:

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST
READING**

**CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTION RELATED TO GAS-
POWERED LEAF BLOWING MACHINES**

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING SECTION 2.05.230 (NO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMIT) TO TITLE 2 (ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE I (CITY COUNCIL AND ITS ADJUNCT RESPONSIBILITIES), CHAPTER 2.05 (CITY COUNCIL) TO THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE”

INFORMATION ITEM

PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW OF A NEW 112-UNIT SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT 280 RAMONA ST / 279 EAST HOLLY STREET

It was announced by the Mayor that due to time constraints, the above three items (Leaf Blowers, Campaign Contributions, and PPR) will not be considered, and by consensus of the City Council the three items were not discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Bert Newton, representing Making Housing and Community Happen, advocated for the City Council to move forward with the rezoning of land owned by churches to allow for "by-right" development as a way to increase affordable housing in the City.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department; and advocated for alternative and programmatic preventive measures through education and economic opportunities designed to help community members avoid needing to engage in criminal activities.

The following individuals advocated for the City Council to terminate and/or prosecute Officers Mulrooney, Dumaguindin, and Serrano, Pasadena Police Chief Perez, and/or City Manager Steve Mermell, and spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena police officers, and expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department, and the Department's policing policies; and with the delayed reporting on the investigation into the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain:

Hiram Cormier Jr, Los Angeles resident
Carolynn Ghiloni, Sierra Madre resident
Heavenly Hughes, representing My TRIBE Rise
Victor Hodgson, representing My TRIBE Rise
Sara, Pasadena resident
Evie, Pasadena resident
Julie Diaz Martinez, Pasadena resident
Kaveh, Pasadena resident

Cheryl Auger, Pasadena resident, and Chris Peck, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to address climate change, plastic waste, and water shortages, suggested the replacement of helicopters with drones, purchasing City electrical vehicles, and hiring City leadership that prioritizes environmental issues in City policies to help counteract the climate crisis affecting the nation.

Kimberly Bautista, Pasadena resident, advocated for the Azteca Dance Group to be allowed to continue practicing at Washington Park, which is being disrupted by the Pasadena Police Department.

At the request of Councilmember Hampton and Mayor Gordo, staff was asked to contact Ms. Bautista to address her concerns.

CLOSED SESSION

On order of the Vice Mayor, the meeting recessed at 10:39 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: Pasadena Tournament of Roses v. City of Pasadena

US Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit, Case No. 21-55856

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

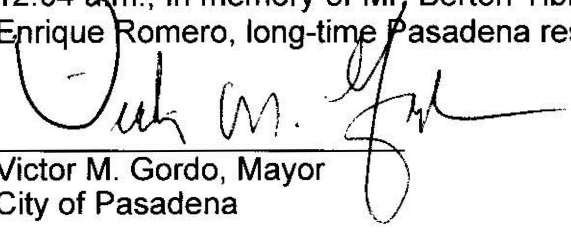
City Representative: Victor Gordo

Position: City Manager

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

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the meeting of the City Council adjourned at 12:04 a.m., in memory of Mr. Berton Tibbet, and Honorable Judge Enrique Romero, long-time Pasadena residents.



Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk