

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
November 1, 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 4:36 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Rivas.

**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** Steve Mermell, City Manager, introduced Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works; Mr. Olmos thanked the City Council and City Manager, and stated that he is looking forward to working with the community, City staff, and City Council.

Councilmember Masuda and Mayor Gordo spoke on the passing of former La Salle President Dr. Richard Gray, who served in his capacity for over 20 years, and Eugene “Gene” Ray Ramaker, former City employee in the Public Works Department. On behalf of the City Council, they expressed condolences to their family and friends, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in their memories.

Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Gordo spoke on the passing of Olin Barrett, Pasadena resident and Boardmember of the Pasadena Conservatory of Music, and also requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Councilmember Hampton spoke on the holiday, Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos), a day to remember loved ones that have died.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** The following individuals advocated for the City Council to address homelessness by providing affordable housing in the City; and spoke in support of the rezoning of land owned by churches that would allow “by-right” development as a way to increase affordable housing in the City:

Rev. Sharon Richter, representing Trinity Lutheran Church  
Pasadena

Margaret Lee, representing Making Housing and Community Happen (MHCH)  
Bert Newton, representing MHCH  
Kathleen Ludwick, Agoura resident  
Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident

In response to Councilmember Kennedy's inquiry related to church properties for affordable housing, Steve Mermell, City Manager, responded that the matter will move forward to the Planning Commission in January 2022. As it relates to church housing he corrected the record, stating churches may currently apply for a Conditional Use Permit for housing projects, but would need to meet current zoning requirements; and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena Police Officers, expressed concerns with the Pasadena Police Department, and the Department's policing policies; advocated for the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez, Officers Dumaguindin, Serrano, Mulrooney, City Manager Steve Mermell, and/or City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris; and/or expressed concerns with the City using the ShotsSpotter system:

Jane Ward, representing Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)  
Allen Shay, Pasadena resident  
Michael Williams, Pasadena resident  
Kat Ross, representing SURJ  
Sarah Briuer Bolan, Hollywood resident  
Carolynn Ghiloni, Sierra Madre resident  
Hiram Cormier, Jr, Los Angeles resident

Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the Emergency Community Meeting, held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 to discuss the recent violence in the surrounding area of Robinson Park.

Councilmember Hampton spoke on the need for accountability of the Pasadena Police Department when controversial incidents occur involving Pasadena Police Officers, noting that only then can the City begin to rebuild trust in the community.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE 2021 CONTINUUM OF CARE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR HOMELESS SERVICES FUNDING; AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 31864 FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

**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;

(2) Authorize the filing of the 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Consolidated Application with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a funding request in the amount of \$4,627,414 for fifteen projects;

(3) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the 2021 CoC Consolidated Application and all other related HUD documents, grant agreements and amendments;

(4) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31864 with Step Up on Second Street, Inc., to add an additional year of CoC funding for a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$190,085; (Contract No. 31864-1)

(5) Authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with the administering agencies of projects selected for funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 CoC Program Competition as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report with one-year grant terms beginning in the 2022 calendar year in amounts equal to what is awarded by HUD; and

(6) Authorize the City Manager to execute amendments to the contracts specified under Recommendation No. 5 for five consecutive years as set forth in the agenda report.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the lack of information on the number of permanent housing units the additional HUD funding will provide; and advocated for more transparency on housing issues in the City.

#### **SALVAGE A JOHN DEERE 444K WHEEL LOADER USING A PUBLIC AUCTION DISPOSITION METHOD**

**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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines and, as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for this action; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to salvage a John Deere 444k Wheel Loader using the public auction disposition method.

Item discussed separately

#### **MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH DNV ENERGY SERVICES USA INC., IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$7,500,000 FOR THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL ENERGY AND WATER DIRECT INSTALLATION PROGRAM SERVICES**

RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS, &  
REAPPOINTMENTS

#### **APPOINTMENT OF QUARTNEY CERVANTES TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION (Agency Nomination)**

City Attorney

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL, ALL OF ITS SUBORDINATE BODIES, AND ALL OF ITS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION BOARDS AND THEIR SUBORDINATE BODIES, TO MEET REMOTELY PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT**

**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; and
- (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 November 1 - November 30, 2021. (Resolution No. 9871)

**CLAIMS RECEIVED**

Claim No. 13,776	Steven Ford	Not stated
Claim No. 13,777	Kimberly Moore	Not stated
Claim No. 13,778	Romarus Newsom	Not stated
Claim No. 13,779	Nicole Mardiros	\$ 692.79
Claim No. 13,780	Leslie Malloy	Not stated
Claim No. 13,781	Keith Whitmore	540.00

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SET**

**November 15, 2021, 5:00 p.m.** – Recommended City Council Redistricting Plan and Final Report from Redistricting Task Force

**November 15, 2021, 5:00 p.m.** – Consideration of the Recommended Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan Update

**November 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m.** – Appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals' Decision on Conditional Use Permit No. 6816 Regarding the Property Located at 1827 East Villa Street

**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 4 (Authorize a Contract with DNV Energy Services USA, Inc.), which was discussed separately:

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE A  
CONTRACT WITH DNV ENERGY SERVICES USA INC., IN AN  
AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$7,500,000 FOR THE PROVISION  
OF RESIDENTIAL ENERGY AND WATER DIRECT  
INSTALLATION PROGRAM SERVICES**

**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 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities) and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class and, therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, based on a competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with DNV Energy Services USA Inc. ("DNV") to provide beneficial electrification and energy/water-conservation services and installation of equipment in residential homes for the Water and Power Department's ("PWP") Home Improvement Program ("HIP") in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,500,000 over a three-year term; with two optional one-year extensions by change order up to \$1,500,000 each, subject to the approval of the City Manager, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$7,500,000 or five years. (Contract No. 31237)

Gurcharan Bawa, General Manager of Water and Power, Roumiana Voutchkova, Water and Power Engineer, provided an oral summary of the staff report, and Jonathan Sun, Customer Program Manager, provided information on Staples Energy local, office, and responded to questions. Steve Mermell, City Manager, provided information on staff's ability to construct a Request For Proposal (RFP) in any manner that they believe is best to pursue the goals of a particular contract, and responded to questions.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE SALE AND TRANSFER  
OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY AT 130 W. HOWARD  
STREET AND 1556 NAVARRO AVENUE TO SAN GABRIEL  
VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ("SGV HABITAT"); ENTRY  
BY CITY AND SGV HABITAT INTO A PROPOSED  
DISPOSITION, DEVELOPMENT AND LOAN AGREEMENT FOR  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TWO-UNIT AFFORDABLE  
HOMEOWNERSHIP PROJECT**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that upon close of the public hearing the City Council adopt a Resolution entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena (1) Making Findings and Taking Action Pursuant to the Provisions of California Government Code Section 52201; (2) Approving: (A) The Sale and Transfer of Certain Real Property from the City of Pasadena to San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc.; (B) Entry by the City of Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, Inc., into a Proposed Disposition, Development and Loan Agreement to Implement an Affordable Housing Project; and (C) A Deed to Effectuate Said Disposition of Property and Said Project; and (3) Approving Related Actions". (Resolution No. 9872; Contract No. 23,583)

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Press and the Pasadena Journal on October 14, 2021, and October 21, 2021; and that eight letters in support of the staff report, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Bill Huang, Director of Housing, provided introductory comments on the item, and responded to questions.

Jill Shook, representing Making Housing and Community Happen, spoke in support of the staff recommendation.

Mayor Gordo thanked the representatives from San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity (SGVH) for their efforts to bring additional affordable housing to Pasadena.

Councilmember Hampton provided historical information on the property, thanked City staff for their work on the matter, and spoke in favor of the staff recommendation.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

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



NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**REPORTS AND COMMENTS  
FROM COUNCIL  
COMMITTEES**

**Municipal Services  
Committee**

**UPDATE ON ASSESSMENT OF CITY OWNED PARKING  
STRUCTURES AND RECOMMENDED OFF-STREET PARKING  
RATE RESTRUCTURE**

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

- (1) Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the elimination of the 90 minute free parking period in all applicable City owned parking structures, and modification of the hourly rate structure to charge \$1 for the first two hours, \$2 for each subsequent hour with a daily maximum parking rate of \$12 at said structures starting July 1, 2022; and
- (3) Authorize the implementation of a validation system where local businesses can purchase parking validations for use in the City garages at rates set forth in the City's General Fee Schedule.

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

Steve Mermell, City Manager, provided information on the financial challenges and backlog of the deferred maintenance related to Agenda Item Nos. 9 (Update on Assessment of City Owned Parking Structures...) and 10 (Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Parking Concepts, Inc.); and Jon Hamblen, Parking Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, with both responding to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, summarized the Committee's discussion and support for the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Kennedy asked staff to provide information if another movie cinema will replace ArcLight Cinemas that has now permanently closed at the Paseo Colorado.

Mayor Gordo stated that he is not supportive of selling any of the City's assets in order to provide funding for the needed repairs to City-owned parking structures. He spoke in favor of the public art program and asked staff to incorporate art programs that are located in the City and local artists.

Laura Cornejo, Director of Transportation, provided information on the parking structures current usage and anticipation of parking users paying less under the proposed new rate structure; and responded to questions.

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

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARKING CONCEPTS INC., FOR THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PASEO SUBTERRANEAN, MARENGO, LOS ROBLES, HOLLY STREET, DEL MAR STATION, SCHOOLHOUSE, DELACEY, MARRIOTT AND PLAZA LAS FUENTES PARKING GARAGES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$9,028,819 FOR THREE-YEAR TERM**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
(1) Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and  
(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, based on a competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with Parking Concepts Inc., for the management, operation, and maintenance of the Paseo Subterranean, Marengo, Los Robles, Holly Street, Del Mar Station, Schoolhouse, DeLacey, Marriott and Plaza Las Fuentes parking garages for an amount not-to-exceed \$9,028,819 for three-years, with the option for two additional one-year terms at the discretion of the City Manager. (Contract No. 32174)

City Manager Mermell provided introductory comments, and Jon Hamblen, Parking Manager, and Will MacDonald, Management Analyst IV, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, with all responding to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson, Chair of the Municipal Services Committee, summarized the Committee's discussion and support for the staff recommendation; and responded to questions.



City Clerk Jomsky reported that four letters in support of the staff recommendation, and one letter expressing concerns with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

R. Scott Jenkins, representing Parking Concepts, Inc., spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, advocated for the City not to split the contract, and spoke in favor of the City's RFP process.

Gary Pitts, representing Modern Parking, expressed concerns with Parking Concepts, Inc.'s service performance, the City's RFP process, and the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Williams spoke in strong support of consolidating the management, operating and maintaining the City's parking garages under a single contract with a garage operator, which she believes is timely and efficient.

Laura Cornejo, Director of Transportation, provided information on the City's customer service survey where staff extracted responses within the last year related to customer service; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns with sole source contracts, advocating for staff to provide opportunities to smaller and/or local companies, and noted that the RFP process is a subjective decision-making model.

Mayor Gordo advocated to approve the contract for the initial three years and then repeat the RFP process for the management, operation, and maintenance of the City's garages.

City Manager Mermell recommended leaving the optional extensions in the contract, but require staff to provide a performance report to the City Council prior to the termination of the first three-year term, thus allowing the City Council to determine whether to commence a new RFP process or continue with the chosen vendor on the management, operation and maintenance of the City's garages to avoid a gap in services.

Councilmember Hampton recommended that staff return in 30 months with a performance update to the City Council.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Rivas, to approve the staff recommendation, amended with direction to staff to provide an update on the performance of Parking Concepts, Inc. prior to taking any action to extend the contract:

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM OFFICERS AND  
DEPARTMENTS**

**CONSIDERATION OF A CALL FOR REVIEW OF THE HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION COMMISSION DECISION TO DENY AN  
APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE  
PROPERTY AT 801 S. SAN RAFAEL AVENUE (CASE NO.  
DHP2021-00106) (Councilmember Madison)**

Councilmember Madison provided information on the property location, which is the former home of John Van de Kamp, a monumental figure in California and Pasadena; and expressed concerns as to why the Landmark Designation was rejected by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Gordo advocated for staff to look at the issue of "First Impression" as the property owner does not support the Landmark Designation.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that six letters expressing concerns and requesting that the City Council deny the Call For Review (CFR), and uphold the Historic Preservation determination, 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 spoke in opposition of a CFR and the Landmark Designation:

Deborah Rachlin Ross, property owner  
Richard A. McDonald, Representing property owners  
Michael Rachlin, property owner  
Rian Barrett, representing Pasadena-Foothills Realtors  
Ann-Marie Villicana, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Hampton stated that he is unable to support the CFR as the property owners are not in support of the landmark designation.

Councilmember Rivas expressed concerns with the Landmark Designation process for this property, and therefore, noted she was disinclined to vote for a CFR.

Councilmember Kennedy spoke in support of Councilmember Madison's comments and the work of Pasadena Heritage, however, spoke on the need to be fair to the property owners who are not supportive of a Landmark Designation. He stated the following for

the record, "I have no pecuniary interest of any kind, in the process as we are discussing it. I do not believe that I have received any campaign contributions...of any kind from the owners of the property. If I have, I'd like the owners to disclose that because I am not aware." He advocated for the City Council to not support the CFR.

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiry related to the CFR and gift of public funds, Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, responded that if the CFR was approved by the City Council, such an action would not be considered a gift of public funds.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to Call For Review Case No. DHP2021-00106 (801 South San Rafael Avenue) to the City Council:

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

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY (RBOC) REQUESTS REGARDING DISPLACEMENT EVENTS**

The Mayor reported that the RBOC request regarding displacement events is being held, and will not be considered at this time.

#### **ORDINANCES – ADOPTED**

**Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE TOBACCO RETAILER LICENSE ORDINANCE, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5.74 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE; AND THE TOBACCO USE PREVENTION ORDINANCE, TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.78 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE" (Introduced by Councilmember Hampton) (Ordinance No. 7381)**

City Clerk Jomsky reported that four letters in support and ten letters in opposition to amending the City's Tobacco Retailer License Ordinance, 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 spoke in opposition to amending the City's Tobacco Retailer License Ordinance:

Shibli Haddad, Pasadena resident  
Jaime Rojas, representing National Association of Tobacco  
Outlets

Hrant Vartzbedian, representing National Hookah Committee Association

The following individuals spoke in support of amending the City's Tobacco Retailer License Ordinance:

Ana-Alicia Care, representing American Heart Association  
Tomas Torices, representing American Academy of Pediatrics California Chapter 2  
Annie Tegan, representing Tobacco-Free Kids  
Carol McGruder, representing African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council  
Lori Bremmer, representing Parents Against Vaping E-Cigarettes  
Steven Gallegos, representing Public Health Policy Advocate, LLC  
Christy Zamani, representing Day One  
Deirdra Duncan, Pasadena resident

Mayor Gordo asked staff to reach out to public speaker, Shibli Haddad, to assist him with transitioning his business and provide some City assistance in the business license process.

Manuel Carmona, Deputy Director of Public Health, stated that the Health Department staff will work with all City retailers to provide education on the new requirements related to the amended tobacco ordinance.

Following discussion, the above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

**Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 17.50 OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE POTENTIAL CANNABIS RETAIL SITES, AND TO CORRECT DISTANCE SEPARATION BETWEEN CANNABIS LABS AND OTHER CANNABIS USES, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 5.78 OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS) TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT TO OBTAIN A CANNABIS PERMIT"**  
(Introduced by Councilmember Hampton) (Ordinance No. 7382)

City Clerk Jomsky reported that six letters in opposition to the proposed Zoning Code amendments, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Cristal Oliveros, representing Rethinking Alcohol and other Drugs Coalition (RAD), spoke in opposition to the proposed Zoning Code amendments.

Councilmember Kennedy stated the following for the record, "I just would like to say, my objection is very narrowly focused. One, it is because I think it violates the wishes of the voters. Two, there is no social equity piece that would represent brown people and black people who were disproportionally and negatively impacted when there was a "war on drugs." And then finally, I would say just for the record, the most famous American in elected office ultimately was in fact Barack Obama who lived in the City of Pasadena. Thank you."

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry related to when the matter of the social equity component on cannabis retail will be agendized for City Council consideration, City Manager Mermell responded that the item will return to the City Council in calendar year 2022, following the completion of the current round of permitting.

Following discussion, the above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** Continued

Ellen Finkelpearl, Pasadena resident, encouraged the City Council to listen to testimony of Jonathan Mehta Stein, Director of Common Cause, related to campaign contributions.

The following individuals spoke on violence in the community, expressed concerns with Mayor Gordo's comments related to community voices, spoke on controversial incidents involving Pasadena Police Officers, advocated for the termination of Pasadena Police Chief Perez, Officers Dumaguindin, Serrano, Mulrooney, Rosa, Duncan, and/or City Manager Steve Mermell, and/or requested all video footage from the officers involved in the shooting of Anthony McClain:

Jasmine Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter Pasadena  
Adriana Bautista, representing Black Lives Matter Pasadena

Heavenly Hughes, representing my TRIBE Rise  
Victor Hodgson, representing my TRIBE Rise

Frank Scoffield, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City Council to address homelessness by providing affordable housing in the City; and spoke in support of the rezoning of land owned by churches that would allow "by-right" development as a way to increase affordable housing in the City.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Councilmember Kennedy requested that the Mayor and City staff agendize the process for recruiting and selecting a permanent City Manager at a future City Council meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The following individuals provided comments on the closed session items:

Kareena Kirlaw, Pasadena resident  
Hiram Cormier, Jr., Los Angeles resident  
Heavenly Hughes, representing My TRIBE Rise  
Victor Hodgson, My TRIBE Rise  
Michael Williams, Pasadena resident

On order of the Vice Mayor, the meeting recessed at 9:10 p.m. to discuss the following closed session (Absent: None):

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

**Agency Designated Representatives: Jennifer Curtis and Steve Mermell**

**Employee Organizations: Pasadena Firefighters Association (PFFA)**

**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, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit, Case No. 21-55856**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Properties: 302 North Garfield Ave.**

**Agency negotiator: Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating parties: Vivienne Kwong, 299 N. Euclid LLC**

**Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

**pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Properties: 41 S. De Lacey Ave.**



**Agency negotiator: Steve Mermell**

**Negotiating parties: Rick Ma, Linked Progress Inc. (dba White Horse Lounge)**

**Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Properties: 4700 Lower Oak Grove Drive**

**Agency negotiator: Steve Mermell**

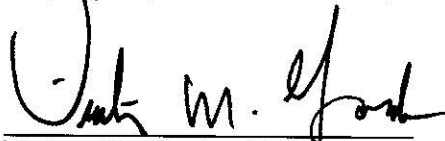
**Negotiating parties: Nancy Norris, Rose Bowl Riders Inc. & Guy Fish, Tom Sawyer Camps Inc.**

**Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

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 10:17 p.m., in memory of Dr. Richard Gray, former La Salle President, Eugene "Gene" Ray Ramaker, past Public Works City employee, and Olin Barrett, Pasadena resident.

  
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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk