

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

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

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the special meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Councilmembers: Vice Mayor Andy Wilson
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember John J. Kennedy
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda (Absent)
Councilmember Jessica Rivas
Councilmember Felicia Williams

Staff: Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

**CEREMONIAL
MATTERS**

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH**

Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation recognizing March 2022 as "Women's History Month," in the City of Pasadena. Beverly Morgan-Sandoz, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, and Ali Everett, Accessibility Coordinator, accepted the proclamation, provided information on Women's History Month honoring prominent woman of the past and present, and expressed appreciation to the Mayor, City Council and the community for the recognition.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: EAST COLORADO SPECIFIC PLAN

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Adopt the Addendum to the 2015 Pasadena General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) along with the EIR, and find that the Addendum properly discloses only minor technical changes or additions to the EIR, and none of the conditions triggering a subsequent or supplemental EIR are present, as set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164;
- (2) Make the Findings for Approval for the General Plan Map Amendment, Specific Plan Amendment, and Zoning Code Map and Text Amendments;
- (3) Adopt a resolution approving the General Plan Map Amendment; (Resolution No. 9895)
- (4) Adopt a resolution approving the recommended East Colorado Specific Plan; and (Resolution No. 9896)

(5) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for the Zoning Code and Text Amendments within 90 days consistent with the provisions set forth in the agenda report.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On September 22, 2021, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the proposed East Colorado Specific Plan (ECSP), with the following recommended changes:

- Reduce minimum parking requirements in the College District and Gateway Subareas to 2 spaces per 1,000 square feet for certain uses, consistent with the updated Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan parking requirements;
- Revise street frontage land use requirements to allow residential uses along Green Street to maintain uniformity along the corridor;
- Revise the land use table to allow drive-through uses in the Eastern Corridor Subarea with a conditional use permit and other limitations on the number and location of such uses;
- Revise the street setback requirement on Colorado Boulevard between Parkwood and Grand Oaks to 0-3' for 75% of the frontage; and
- Revise terminology in Policy 13.b. from "public open space" to "publicly accessible open space."

Staff refined the proposed ECSP that was presented to the Planning Commission to reflect feedback received. Refer to Attachment A in the agenda report for the recommended ECSP. The 2003 ECSP is also included as Attachment B of the agenda.

Councilmember Hampton connected and joined the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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 February 10, 2022, February 17, 2022, and February 24, 2022. He also reported that four letters in opposition to the staff recommendation, nine letters in support of the staff recommendation, and eleven letters providing comments on the matter were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public hearing record.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided introductory comments, and Anita Cerna, Principal Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson spoke on density issues and impacts occurring in the City due to increased development and housing units, and noted the need for additional park and recreation space for growing residential neighborhoods and population, and recommended that staff identify possible parklands/park space in the East Colorado Specific Plan (ECSP).

Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz, provided information on an upcoming inventory report of city-owned land scheduled for presentation in March of 2022 to the Economic Development & Technology Committee that will focus on affordable housing, economic development, and open-space sites; and responded to questions.

Councilmember Williams made the following recommendations and comments:

- She recommended that staff conduct a “park needs assessment” for the ECSP, and determine how to fulfill those needs during specific plan buildout meetings;
- She asked staff to determine if the Mid-City Innovation District is able to increase the wet laboratory space to above forty-nine percent;
- She advocated for a citywide historic resource survey and to include survey inventory results as part of each specific plan, as well as incorporate Pasadena Heritage’s suggestions to add historic resources to the ECSP;
- She proposed reducing the building heights in the Mid-City Innovation District, and reducing the maximum density for that area from 87 to 64 dwelling units per acre;
- She expressed concerns in relying on what she believes is an outdated General Plan as the basis for updating the City’s specific plans, and suggested that staff update the General Plan in terms of density, how people move around the City, office space, and recognizing mixed-use zoning designations; and
- She expressed strong concerns with housing developments along the freeway, citing air quality issues.

Mayor Gordo recommended that staff consider increasing the delay period for demolition of properties located within a historic landmark districts to provide additional time and allow for the completion of the citywide historic resource survey.

The following individuals spoke in general support of the staff recommendation and provided comments on the matter:

Scott Jenkins, representing In N Out Burger
Sue Mossman, representing Pasadena Heritage
Jim Lockington, representing In N Out Burger

The following individuals expressed concerns with the staff recommendation and/or provided comments on the matter:

Daniel Wiseman, Los Angeles resident
Beverly Wiseman, Van Nuys resident
Erika Foy, Pasadena resident
Craig Morris, Aliso Viejo resident

Sean Mann, representing Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters (SRCC)
Jason Green, representing SRCC
Megan Foker, representing Livable Pasadena
Ann Huntsman, Pasadena resident
Michael Snow, Pasadena resident
Loren Naiman, representing Naiman Pasadena Partnership
Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident
Jill Shook, representing Making Housing and Community Happen

In response to Vice Mayor Wilson's recommendation that staff include tree replacement and canopy replacement requirements during development for in-ground trees, Planning Director Reyes stated that staff will provide that information, along with the Tree Protection Ordinance analysis, to the Municipal Service Committee for consideration and review.

Jennifer Paige, Deputy Director of Planning, provided information on the City's vehicle charging station definition, and responded to questions.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Masuda

ABSTAIN: None

Following discussion, Councilmember Williams spoke in support of the staff recommendation with the following amendments:

- Change allowed uses to include those for which landmarked historic buildings as shown on page 17 of the Specific Plan were originally designed, utilizing a Conditional Use Permit process;
- Reduce the proposed Mid-City Innovation District maximum residential density from 87 to 64; and
- Verify and include Pasadena Heritage's suggestions regarding the historic resources plan and add the historic resources list to the Specific Plan.

Mayor Gordo spoke in favor of the staff recommendation including the amendments recommended by Councilmember Williams, as he believes developers will benefit from the state density bonuses.

Councilmember Rivas stated that she does not support the reduction of the Mid-City Innovation District maximum residential density from 84 to 64, due to the need in housing in the City.

Motion:

Following further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded Vice Mayor Wilson, to approve the staff recommendation, including the amendments to the East Colorado Specific Plan, as detailed above:

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

NOES: Councilmember Rivas

ABSENT: Councilmember Masuda

ABSTAIN: None

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

FORMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S TASK FORCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING

Recommendation of Mayor: It is recommended the City Council approve the formation of a Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Early Learning, as detailed in the agenda report.

Mayor Gordo summarized the agenda report as part of his oral presentation on the item, and responded to questions. Mayor Gordo stated the following for the record, "These are not individuals that I went out and solicited. These are not my nominees. These are people who were identified by the working group that included Dr. Vignes, who are professionals."

Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz provided information on the demographics of the recommended appointees to the Task Force, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Kennedy requested the staff provide information on the demographics of children ages 0-5 years in Pasadena. He advocated for Pasadena's constituents to be well represented in the education bodies in the City.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve the Mayor's recommendation, including the appointees as detailed in Attachment A of the Mayor's report:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Masuda

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

(Continued)

Mayor Gordo was excused and left the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308, Class 8, of the CEQA guidelines pertaining to actions by regulatory agencies for the protection of the environment. The proposed amendments modify existing regulations that apply to the protection of historical resources;
- (2) Find that the proposed Zoning Code Text Amendments are in conformance with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan;
- (3) Find that the proposed Zoning Code Text Amendments would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City;
- (4) Approve the proposed Zoning Code Text Amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance as specified in the agenda report; and
- (5) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance within 60 days amending Title 17 of the Pasadena Municipal Code (Zoning Code), Chapter 17.62 (Historic Preservation) and Section 17.22.050.C (Restoration of a porte cochere).

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) conducted a public hearing on December 7, 2021 regarding these amendments and adopted the staff recommendation with the exception of two recommendations related to modifying the review of window replacements, along with the additional recommendation that historic resources surveys be expedited as soon as possible to identify eligible historic resources and districts.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

On January 12, 2022, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the proposed amendments and adopted CEQA and Zoning Code Text Amendment findings with the following recommendations (with staff's responses):

1. The City should notify property owners within landmark districts identified in future surveys that their properties are in potential landmark districts.
As future surveys are conducted, staff will notify property owners that their properties are in potential landmark districts and will provide information on the effects of landmark district designation.
2. The City should pursue a city wide survey starting calendar year 2022.
Staff is currently exploring the scope and cost of a citywide survey and will be including a request for funding to begin the work in the FY2022 budget cycle if the work is directed by the City Council. Staff is also exploring additional funding opportunities such as CLG grants.

3. To explore the possibility of extending the proposed 180-day delay period for proposed demolitions in eligible landmark districts by an additional 180 days if the neighborhood is actively pursuing landmark district designation and petition signatures.
Staff is in agreement with this recommendation and will propose a methodology for achieving this in the proposed ordinance.
4. Remove the proposed amendments regarding windows.
The proposed amendments were to classify changes to two or more of an original window's design features, other than opening size, to a major project, which would trigger a Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) for undesignated properties and HPC review for designated properties. Window changes affecting less than two of an original window's design features would not trigger a HRE for undesignated properties and would require staff review for designated properties.
Staff is not in agreement with this recommendation for the following reasons:
 - *The additional processing time associated with HREs and HPC reviews and the use of staff resources to process the applications;*
 - *The HPC retains authority to call staff decisions for review should they have concern with a staff level decision*

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Press on February 14, 2022, February 17, 2022, and February 21, 2022; and, that four letters in support of the staff recommendation, and two letters expressing concerns related to preservation of historic resources, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public hearing record.

David Reyes, Director of Planning and Community Development, provided introductory comments, and Kevin Johnson, Principal Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and responded to questions.

The following individuals provided comments on the matter:

Andrew Salimian, representing Pasadena Heritage
Nina Chomsky, Pasadena resident
Daniel Wiseman, Los Angeles resident
Loren Naiman, representing Naiman Pasadena Partnership

Motion:

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

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

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

RENEWAL OF THE SOUTH LAKE AVENUE PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SLA PBID)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that adopting a resolution renewing the South Lake Avenue Property and Business Improvement District (SLA PBID) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption); and
- (2) Adopt a Resolution of Intention to renew the South Lake Avenue Property and Business Improvement District (Attachment 1 of the Agenda Report), and setting a Public Hearing for April 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. (Resolution No. 9893)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PASSPORT LABS, INC., TO PROVIDE MOBILE PARKING PAYMENT SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,227,600 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) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;
- (2) i) 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 Passport Labs, Inc., for mobile parking payment services in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,227,600 for three years, which includes the base contract amount of \$372,000 and a contingency of \$32,700 to provide for any necessary change orders; and ii) 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
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to extend the term of the contract for two additional one-year terms as detailed in the agenda report at the discretion of the City Manager. (Contract No. 32233)

CONTRACT AWARD TO GONZALEZ GOODALE ARCHITECTS DBA GGA; ONYX ARCHITECTS, INC.; DAHLIN GROUP, INC.; HH FREMER ARCHITECTS, INC.; AND GRUEN ASSOCIATES FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,000,000 FOR EACH CONSULTANT

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 5, 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 the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Gonzalez Goodale Architects dba GGA for On-Call Architectural Engineering Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 over a four-year term. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services); (Contract No. 32234)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with ONYX Architects, Inc., for On-Call Architectural Engineering Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 over a four-year term. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services); (Contract No. 32232)
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Dahlin Group, Inc., for On-Call Architectural Engineering Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 over a four-year term. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services); (Contract No. 32235)
- (5) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with HH Fremer Architects for On-Call Architectural Engineering Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 over a four-year term. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services); and (Contract No. 32236)
- (6) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Gruen Associates for On-Call Architectural Engineering Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000 over a four-year term. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services). (Contract No. 32237)

City Council

DESIGNATION OF COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA WILLIAMS TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S VOTING DELEGATE AT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2022

**RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS**

APPOINTMENT OF JORDAN VANNINI TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (Washington Square Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL ROSSMAN TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (City 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 February 28, 2022 to March 30, 2022 (Resolution No. 9894)

The following individuals advocated for in-person City Council meetings:

Hiram Cormier, Jr., Los Angeles resident

Michael Williams, Pasadena resident

Kareena K., Pasadena resident representing Black Lives Matter, Los Angeles

Interim City Manager Kurtz summarized the recommendation, stated that the matter will return at the March 21, 2022 City Council meeting for consideration and discussion; and responded to questions.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

January 31, 2022
February 7, 2022

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No. 13,824	Paul Khoury	\$	559.09
Claim No. 13,825	State Farm Mutual		930.19
	Automobile Ins. Co a/s/o		
	Steven Ford		
Claim No. 13,826	21 st Century Insurance		10,429.79
	a/s/o Tom Takenouchi		

Claim No. 13,827	John Benane	25,000.00+
Claim No. 13,828	Alejandro Galindo	500.00

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

March 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – Appeal of Planning Commission Decision Regarding Conditional Use Permit: Cannabis Retail No. 6921 for the Property Located at 827 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, CA to Allow a 1,414 Square Foot Retail Cannabis Dispensary Use Within an Existing 3,200 Square Foot Building

March 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – Appeal of Board of Zoning Appeals Decision Regarding Hillside Development Permit No. 6838 for the Property Located at 1820 Linda Vista Avenue

March 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – General Plan Land Use Diagram Amendment for Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan

MOTION

It was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Masuda, Mayor Gordo

ABSTAIN: None

**REPORTS AND
COMMENTS FROM
COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Municipal Services
Committee**

CONSIDERATION OF PROHIBITING GAS-POWERED LEAF-BLOWING MACHINES

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the actions proposed in the agenda report are 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) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare), Chapter 9.37 (Leaf-Blowing Machines) of the Pasadena Municipal Code to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf-blowing machines within Pasadena and related amendments.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that twenty-five letters (with one letter representing twelve community organizations) in support, and one in opposition to the staff recommendation, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for the item.

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

Councilmember Madison spoke in support of the staff recommendation, however, suggested that the matter be considered by the Environmental Advisory Commission.

Councilmember Hampton expressed concerns with Pasadena homeowners being held responsible for the leaf-blower violations and opposed having the City citing residents. He requested that the staff recommendation be amended so that citations and fines be directed to the landscape business owners who violate the City's leaf-blower restrictions.

Councilmember Rivas stated her preference that the City cite or fine property owners instead of landscape business owners.

Councilmember Kennedy recommended that in addition to citing/fining landscape business owners, staff should send a warning letter to the property owners who have retained landscape businesses that violate the City's leaf-blower ordinance.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked staff to track the number of complaints received on Sundays and holidays related to the use of leaf-blowers.

Councilmember Williams asked staff to report back to the City Council in 12 months providing information on complaints received related to leaf-blowers, including data on leaf-blowers used on holidays, and any documented issues related to the use of leaf-blowers on hardscape.

The following individuals spoke in support of the staff recommendation and provided comments on the matter:

David Naylor, Pasadena resident

Jill Shook, Pasadena resident

Wes Reutimann, representing Pasadena Environmental Advocates (PEASs)

Cynthia Cannady, representing League of Women Voters Pasadena Area

Daniel Rossman, representing Pasadena Environmental Advisory Commission

It was moved by Councilmember Kennedy, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation, amended so penalties resulting from violations, in the form of citations and fines, be directed to the landscape business owners:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Masuda, Mayor Gordo

ABSTAIN: None

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8.66 TO TITLE 8 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “ORGANICS RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL GENERATORS, HAULERS, TREATMENT FACILITIES, EDIBLE FOOD GENERATORS AND RECOVERY ORGANIZATIONS”

Councilmember Madison asked staff to refer the matter to the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) for additional review and consideration.

Councilmember Hampton reiterated his concerns regarding lining compost bins with plastic bags, which he finds to be counterproductive to recycling; and asked staff to look at the City of Santa Monica’s organic recycling program.

Interim City Manager Kurtz provided information on the status of the City of Santa Monica’s organic recycling program, but noted that staff will review the work done in Santa Monica; and responded to questions.

Thanos Gauthier, Public Works Superintendent, summarized the EAC’s discussion on organic recycling, and Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, provided information on the proposed ordinance, with both responding to questions.

Christine Lenches-Hinkel, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to amend its ordinance to allow Pasadena residents to self-haul/divert their food waste to community or neighborhood composting centers or self-compost.

Following discussion, the above ordinance was offered for first reading by Councilmember Madison, with direction to staff to forward the details of the proposed policy that will be used to implement the City’s organic recycling program to the Environmental Advisory Commission and Municipal Services Committee to look at best practices:

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

Councilmember Kennedy spoke on the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and asked the community to pray for Ukraine and other nations experiencing conflict and that are fighting for their democracies.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, reported that closed session items A and B will not be considered.

CLOSED SESSION

On order of the Vice Mayor, the special meeting recessed at 8:14 p.m. to discuss the following closed session. (Absent: Councilmembers Madison, Masuda and Mayor Gordo)

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

Properties: 700 Seco Street, Pasadena, CA

Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Agency negotiator: Cynthia Kurtz

Negotiating parties: Proposer David Eads for Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, a California nonprofit corporation

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

Agency Designated Representatives: Cynthia Kurtz and Alex Souto

Employee Organization: Non-Represented Executive, Non-Represented Management, and Non-Represented Non-Management

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

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

Name of Case: Ramirez v. Scott, American Golf Corp., and City of Pasadena

LASC Case No.: 19STCV27378

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

Name of Case: Marcussen v. American Golf Corp., City of Pasadena and Rose Bowl Operating Co.

LASC Case No.: 21STCV24423

The above closed session items were not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk