

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 27, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

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

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
(Absent: None)

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.
to discuss the following closed session:

CLOSED SESSION

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

**Name of Case: City of Pasadena v. Urban Commons, LLC
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20GDCV00393**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 1207 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91106**

Agency Negotiator: Miguel Márquez

**Negotiating Party: Clyde Stormont – CA State Dept. of General
Services**

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of Payment

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 30 S. Fair Oaks Ave.**

Agency Negotiator: Miguel Márquez

Negotiating Party: Grace Sun Mi Park & Jeong Su Bok

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of Payment

Mayor Gordo recused
himself at 4:54 p.m., due
to a potential conflict and
left the meeting.

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

**Agency Designated Representatives: Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn and
Miguel Márquez**

**Employee Organizations: American Federation of State, County
and Municipal Employees, Local 858 (AFSCME); International
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18 (IBEW);
International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501 (IUOE);
Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 777
(LIUNA); Pasadena Fire Fighters Association, Local 809 (PFFA);
Pasadena Firefighters Management Association (PFMA);
Pasadena Management Association (PMA); Pasadena Police
Officers Association (PPOA); Service Employees International
Union, Local 721 (SEIU); Executive Management; Non-
Represented Management; and Non-Represented Non-
Management**

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

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 5:33 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Masuda. (Absent: None)

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Felicia Williams
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember Justin Jones
Councilmember Jason Lyon
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jessica Rivas

Staff:

City Manager Miguel Márquez
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Gordo presented a proclamation declaring March 2023 as “Women’s History Month,” in the City of Pasadena. Kari Bell, Recreation & Community Services Superintendent, and Charlotte Lacey, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, accepted the proclamation.

Councilmember Jones spoke on the passing of Charles “Chuck” Pulliam, long-time Pasadena resident, mentor, and active community member, and requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in his memory. Councilmember Hampton expressed his support for adjourning in memory of Mr. Pulliam, and expressed condolences to his family and friends.

Councilmember Madison spoke on the passing of Anthony Shaw, MD, Pasadena resident and leading clinical diagnostician of child abuse, provided a summary of Mr. Shaw’s personal and professional history, and requested that the City Council meeting also be adjourned in his memory.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, reiterated his request that the City Council review and discuss how the City is utilizing bodycam and other video sources as part of the investigative process for critical incidences, such as in the Anthony McClain case, and advocated for transparency and accountability within the Pasadena Police Department.

Sam Berndt, representing the Pasadena IRP STAG group, expressed concerns and disappointment with the Pasadena Water and Power Department, stating that a survey was circulated by PWP that appears to be attempting to manufacture public consent to not

achieve the goals adopted by the City Council to achieve carbon neutrality as opposed to carbon free energy; advocated for transparency and accountability in the IRP process, and an honest attempt by the PWP to achieve the City's policy goal.

Skylar Gering, representing Pasadena 100, thanked the City Council for supporting the carbon free resolution, spoke in strong opposition to the PWP survey, and expressed hope that PWP can work in good faith moving forward.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with the survey that went out and stated that he spoke with the City Manager regarding this matter, and requested a full report on how and why the survey was sent out on behalf of the City to constituents, expressing that he has never seen in his time on the Council a similar effort by City staff to essentially to disagree with the policy direction of the City Council.

Mayor Gordo stated that he has also spoken to the City Manager and has been reassured that any future communications going forward will be carefully reviewed and approved at the City Executive level.

Following brief discussion on the matter, the City Manager reviewed the incident surrounding the survey, that it was taken down at his request; stated that he had a productive discussion with staff, and reinforced the Council's policy goal of 100% carbon free by 2030, and assured the City Council and public that staff will be working towards that goal, and that it will be brought forward as part of the IRP process.

In response to Councilmember Madison's concerns, the City Manager stated that he will ask the City's Internal Auditor to review the facts behind the survey, including how it came about, and stated he will provide a report on the findings to the City Council.

Councilmember Hampton requested that staff share with Council any tracked information, such as how many people completed the survey or viewed the survey, stating that if it was only a few individuals, that it shows the City was able to correct the matter by removing the survey.

Vice Mayor Williams stated as soon as she was made aware of the survey, she notified Mr. Sydney Jackson, General Manager of Water and Power, noting that Mr. Jackson is working with the City Manager on the matter.

Carl Selkin, member of the Pasadena IRP STAG, thanked the City Manager for his comments, and stated his frustration with PWP for not embracing the goal of carbon free electricity by 2030.

Olden Denham, Pasadena resident spoke on the need for accountability and transparency within the Pasadena Police Department (PPD); spoke on the bodycam footage and advocated for holding accountable the Officers involved in the shooting of Anthony McClain.

Emanuel N., Pasadena resident, requested that City staff review the Black History Parade route that directs traffic through El Sereno Avenue, and suggested an alternate route using Navarro Avenue between Washington Boulevard and Howard Street, which is wider and typically has less cars parked compared to El Sereno Avenue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CONTRACT AWARD TO COURVAL SCHEDULING INC., DBA CSCHED TO PROVIDE TRANSIT SCHEDULING SOFTWARE (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Courval Scheduling Inc., to provide transit scheduling software services in an amount not-to-exceed \$86,179 for a period of three years, which includes the base contract amount of \$78,345 and a contingency of \$7,834 to provide for any necessary change orders. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to extend the term of the contract for two additional one-year terms for a total additional amount not-to-exceed \$53,313. (Contract No. 32547)

CONTRACT AWARD TO TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT & DESIGN INC., TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO UPDATE THE PASADENA TRANSIT SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Transportation Management & Design Inc. (TMD), to provide consulting services in an amount

not-to-exceed \$348,056, which includes the base contract amount of \$316,414 and a contingency of \$31,642 (10%) to provide for any necessary change orders. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 32548)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES (MES) INC., TO PROVIDE STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTING TURNOUT GEAR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,000,000 (Fire Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Accept the bid dated December 16, 2022, submitted by Municipal Emergency Services Inc., in response to specifications for structural firefighting turnout gear and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract not-to-exceed \$1,000,000. (Contract No. 32546)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PASADENA SENIOR CENTER TO PROVIDE PARKING FOR ITS PATRONS AND EMPLOYEES AT THE MARRIOTT GARAGE (Transportation Dept.)

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 City Manager to enter into a contract with the Pasadena Senior Center to allow patrons and employees to park in the Marriott Garage until February 29, 2024; and (Contract No. 23,829)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to execute an extension of the contract term for an additional one-year as detailed in the agenda report.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA VOLKSWAGEN ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST FUND (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption); and

(2) Adopt a Resolution and Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all agreements with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District associated with the receipt of California Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund grant funding for zero-emission buses. (Resolution No. 9982)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31830 WITH THE FID GROUP DBA FRIENDS IN DEED WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF MOTEL VOUCHERS
(Housing Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

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

(2) Amend the Housing Department's Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget by transferring \$100,000 from the unappropriated fund balance in the General Fund (101) to the Housing Department's Other Housing Fund (238) for expenses associated with the provision of weather-activated motel vouchers to people experiencing homelessness as detailed in the background section of the agenda report; (Budget Amendment No. 2023-19)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31830 with The FID Group, dba Friends In Deed, to increase the total contract value by up to \$100,000 for emergency shelter services as detailed in the body of the agenda report. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services); and (Contract No. 31830-6)

(4) To the extent the amendment could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, grant the contract an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATION OF JORDAN HUTKIN FROM THE LIBRARY COMMISSION (District 3 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF TAKAKO SUZUKI TO THE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION (District 6 Nomination)

MINUTES APPROVED

January 23, 2023 City Council
January 23, 2023 Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2023-0197	Thalia Denise Castillo	\$ 1,000.00
2023-0198	Isaac Garcia	8,000.00

2023-0199	Federal Insurance Co./Gail Merchant	6,356.39
2023-0200	Vicki Allen	25,000.00+
2023-0201	Teresa Molas Aringo- Peregrina	25,000.00+
2023-0202	Janet L. Willis	300.00
2023-0203	Glen Constantino	2,200.00
2023-0204	Samantha Chang	25,000.00+
2023-0205	Angel M. Rooker	289.00
2023-0206	Otilia Landeros	25,000.00+
2023-0207	Michael Rosengarten	10,000.00+
2023-0208	Timothy Mathern	3,000.00
2023-0209	Gerardo Martinez, Jr.	25,000.00+
2023-0210	Leila Martinez	25,000.00+
2023-0211	Jerry Hsu	524.12
2023-0212	ABC Solar Incorporated	1,000.00
2023-0213	Gregril LLC	625.56
2023-0214	Nathaniel Brice	2,883.21
2023-0215	Rosa Orozco	25,000.00+
2023-0216	Mariana De la Torre	500.00
2023-0217	199 Manager, LLC	10,000.00+
2023-0218	Tanairi Jessica Alvear	25,000.00+
2023-0219	Brian Gilman	500.00
2023-0220	Vijay Rathi	217.24
2023-0221	Columba Rivera Ledezma	25,000.00+

PUBLIC HEARING SET

April 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – Submittal of Public Housing Annual Plan (2023) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported Item 6 received two letters in support of 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

It was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING CODE AMENDMENT: PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
 (1) Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3), the “common sense rule” that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and that where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA;

(2) Make the findings to approve the Zoning Code Amendment to eliminate the ability for future Planned Development (PD) applications to be submitted; and

(3) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for the Zoning Code Amendment within 60 days consistent with the provisions set forth in the agenda report.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission: On September 28, 2022, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended approval of the Environmental Determination, adoption of the required findings and approval of a Zoning Code Amendment to eliminate the ability for future Planned Development (PD) applications to be submitted to the City.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal and the Pasadena Press on February 9, 2023, February 16, 2023 and February 23, 2023; reported that three letters advocating for the City Council to abolish Planned Developments (PD) entirely, confirming the unanimous vote of the Planning Commission; and one letter expressing concerns with the staff recommendation and recommending that staff increase the size requirement for Planned Developments, was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Jennifer Paige, Interim Director of Planning, introduced the agenda item, and David Sanchez, Principal Planner, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and all responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Williams expressed her support for the Planning Commission's recommendation; asked staff to agendize a report on a citywide community benefits agreement, including local hire, PLA, etc., and noted that Los Angeles County will bring forward a Community Workforce Agreement to the Board of Supervisors in March and would like staff and the City Council to review the agreement; expressing she would like to have more projects in the City that benefit the residents of Pasadena.

In response to Councilmember Rivas, Jennifer Page, Interim Director of Planning, commented that some of the underlying concerns expressed were that projects were writing their own rules and not conforming with the rules that are currently in place, and stated that as part of a separate discussion, staff initiated the Planning Commission to actively work on developing objective design standards and noted that a workshop will be held at the end of the month.

Mayor Gordo touched upon the PD as a legislative act vs. the other zoning and land use tools outlined in the agenda report that are a quasi-judicial acts, expressing some concern that this may have an

impact of tying the hands of this City Council and future City Councils, in terms of flexibility from development standards.

Councilmember Lyon shared information from when he was on the Planning Commission, that the matter was reviewed by the Commission 3 times to determine if Planned Development standards was a tool worth saving, with the Commission determining that there is plenty of flexibility in the City's Zoning Code as written. He stated that the Planning Commission was encountering proposals that sought to set a new base zoning, including maximizing everything available and taking advantage of state density bonus and various other provisions in the City's Code in order to up-zone, which was causing the City to go outside the larger envelope of the City's zoning. He stated given the "individual fixes" presented by staff to the Planning Commission, the Commission ultimately felt Planned Development was not a tool that the City needed additional flexibility, as there were enough solutions on the City Council's side to keep making choices, which lead to the Commission's unanimous approval on this matter.

Mayor Gordo stated that there is a need for a thoughtful approach and commented that the State has opened the door for overreach on the part of developers, and the PD process was being used as a vehicle to continue that overreach; stated that he understands the rationale for the Planning Commission's recommendation; spoke on the General Plan amendment process, and stated that the City has to be careful about spot zoning, and expressed concerns that molding the General Plan in real time may cause the General Plan to change significantly and no longer serve as intended.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's questions, Jennifer Paige, Interim Director of Planning, stated that a Zoning Code Text Amendment would need to be initiated by the City Council in order to bring back Planned Developments.

The following individuals provided comments and expressed support for the staff recommendation:

Pete Ewing, representing WRPA confirm staff recommendation
Mic Hansen, Pasadena resident
Nina Chomsky, representing Linda Vista-Annandale Association

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that three letters in support of 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.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

Vice Mayor Williams expressed her thanks and appreciation to City staff and the Planning Commission for their work in providing a recommendation that is viable; and reiterated her request to direct staff to bring back the issue of community benefit agreements, including what it would look like, and what other cities have done in terms of community benefit agreements, stating that such an agreement would make her more comfortable that the City Council is replacing PD's with something that will benefit the City.

Mayor Gordo stated that Vice Mayor's request for a community benefit agreement structure will be brought forward through EdTech; expressed concerns with Sacramento's use of Planned Developments against communities, and stated that the City's representatives in Sacramento should hear from residents on local planning issues.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

City Manager

710 COMMUNITY ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Section 21065 and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and (c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
- (2) Recognize the Mayoral and Council Appointments to the Reconnecting Communities Working Group and provide further direction to staff regarding the appointment of the four at-large members.

David Reyes, Acting Assistant City Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo suggested extending the application process to March 9, 2023.

Emanuel N., Pasadena resident, advocated for the remaining working group members to be individuals that use public transportation, such as the bus and/or light rail; commented on the need for improving public transportation, public parks, or a new reservoir, and not just consider housing and business needs, noting it is very rare to have open space and asked that the City Council consider someone who has the life experience of traveling in Pasadena.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that one letter nominating Jasmin Shupper to the 710 Stub Working Group was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Mayor Gordo clarified that the Mayoral and Councilmember appointments listed on the agenda report are only "nominees" and that they have not been officially appointed, stating that the word "appointed" was used interchangeable with the word "nominee" in error.

David Reyes, Acting Assistant City Manager, reported that the City applied for and received a reconnecting community grant in the amount of \$2,000,000, and expressed thanks and appreciation to Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Director of Transportation, and Jennifer Paige, Interim Director of Planning, and City staff for their hard work on the grant application.

Councilmember Jones suggested expanding the community advisory working group to 15 or 17 members.

In response to Councilmember Jones' request to consider increasing the number of members, the Mayor suggested that the Council complete the first round of nominations, and cautioned increasing the size of the working group to avoid it becoming unmanageable. Mayor Gordo also asked staff to provide their feedback on the attributes and experience of potential appointments for the at-large positions, in terms of the overall make-up of the working group, which should take into account the composition of City Council's appointments made at this meeting.

Councilmember Madison commented that the City should start to move expeditiously with this process, noting that in June it will be one year since the relinquishment of the 710 stub to Pasadena. He spoke on the planning process and stated that for him the important steps include community participation and outreach, strong staff ownership, including making this project the primary job function of a senior member of City staff, along with strong consultancy.

The City Manager highlighted his planning efforts, which includes contracting with Point C to provide consulting services, creating a new Senior Project Manager position to oversee the day-to-day management of the project, as well as an Assistant City Manager position providing executive level oversight. He noted that at the beginning of March, he will make the appointments of the new Assistant City Managers, with the recruitment of the Senior Project Manager already underway.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's questions regarding the timeline for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the historian consultant, Assistant City Manager Reyes stated that Michelle Garrett, Special Assistant to the City Manager, is actively working with an intern to gather the information needed for the RFP process.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's request for the working group meetings to be held virtually, the City Attorney spoke on the Brown Act requirements and stated that as a body appointed by the City Council, the Working Group will be subject to the Brown Act.

In response to discussion and concerns surrounding the distribution of the applications and posting online prior to Monday's meeting, the City Clerk reported that all applications received from the City Manager's Office were posted online and distributed to the City Council on Thursday, prior to Monday's meeting, with the exception of three applications (Douglas Joyce, Scott Ward and Cynthia Kurtz), which were circulated to the City Council and posted online by the City Clerk's Office as supplemental material for today's meeting.

Vice Mayor Williams expressed concerns with reopening the application period till March 9, 2023, given that staff has already received a large number of applications; following discussion stated her support for the staff recommendation to extend the application deadline to Wednesday, March 1, 2023 and return to the City Council for consideration on Monday, March 6, 2023. She asked staff to recirculate the applications to City Council, with the exception of the 9 applicants (Mayoral and Councilmember nominees) outlined in the agenda report

Councilmember Lyon asked staff to include, as part of the agenda report, language that would allow for further consideration by the City Council to discuss whether they would like to increase the number of at-large positions/members, as suggested by Councilmember Jones.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to appoint the 9 applicants listed below, and extend the application deadline to March 1, 2023, for the at-large positions, with the matter to be agendized at the March 6, 2023 City Council meeting for the appointments of the at-large members. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

MAYOR GORDO:

1. Cynthia Kurtz.
2. Wayne Brandt.

D1, COUNCILMEMBER HAMPTON:

Tina Williams.

D2, VICE-MAYOR WILLIAMS:

Nevil Green.

D3, COUNCILMEMBER JONES:

Danny Parker.

D4, COUNCILMEMBER MASUDA:

Bryan Takeda.

D5, COUNCILMEMBER RIVAS:

Blair Miller.

D6, COUNCILMEMBER MADISON:

Ali Barar.

D7, COUNCILMEMBER LYON:

Randy Shulman.

City Clerk

REQUEST FOR DIRECTION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A CHARTER STUDY TASK FORCE

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), ("Common Sense Rule");
- (2) Provide direction to staff on whether to initiate a Charter Study review process, utilizing a Charter Study Task Force to study potential amendments to the City Charter; and
- (3) If so directed, authorize staff to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposals seeking consultant services to lead the Charter Study Task Force process.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to questions.

In response to Councilmember Madison's comments regarding a Council retreat and Charter topics, the City Clerk stated that he would contact the City Council regarding preferred dates for the retreat, and stated that the topics of Charter study would be determined at a later date (including issues such as the Council appointment process to fill a vacancy vs. a special election)

The following individuals expressed their support for City Council to initiate a Charter Study review process:

Emanuel N., Pasadena resident

Yadi, Pasadena resident

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that one letter in support of the City forming a Charter Study Task Force was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

BRIEF REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

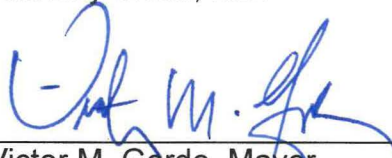
Councilmember Hampton asked for the timeline of when the Office of Independent Review (OIR) report, concerning the officer involved shooting incident of Anthony McClain, will be available for review by the Public Safety Committee.

City Attorney Bagneris stated that City staff is expecting a draft report to be available in May or June, or perhaps earlier at the end of April, but the exact timing is still unclear.

Councilmember Hampton congratulated Polytechnical High School Girls Varsity Water Polo Team and Blair High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team on their recent CIF Championship wins.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:48 p.m., in memory of Charles "Chuck" Pulliam and Anthony Shaw, MD.



Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk