

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
April 3, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

Teleconference Location:  
InterContinental San Francisco  
Business Center  
888 Howard Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**OPENING:** Mayor Gordo called the special meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.  
(Absent: None)

**REMOTE  
PARTICIPATION  
REQUEST**

**APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER RIVAS TO  
PARTICIPATE REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY  
CIRCUMSTANCES**

Mayor Gordo read the following: "Councilmember Rivas makes the request following her physician's orders to remain at home and off of work for a medical condition that prevents her from attending in person, and wanted us also to note that she will be available to participate in [the consideration of] Item B in our closed session agenda."

Following discussion, it was moved by Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the request by Councilmember Rivas to participate remotely in the City Council meeting due to emergency circumstances, and subject to the requirements of Government Code Section 54953. (Motion unanimously approved)  
(Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Madison, Rivas)

**CLOSED SESSION**

On the order of the Mayor, the special meeting recessed at 4:41 p.m. to discuss the following closed session:

Councilmember Rivas arrived at 4:41 p.m.

Councilmember Madison arrived at 5:12 p.m.

Councilmember Rivas left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**  
**Property: 434-470 North Lake Avenue**  
**Under negotiation: Price and terms**  
**Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez**  
**Negotiating Party: Kaiser Permanente**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**  
**Property: 300 E. Colorado Blvd.**  
**Under negotiation: Price and terms**  
**Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez**  
**Negotiating Party: Paseo Pasadena Hotel Investment, LLC**

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 5:44 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Jones. (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Rivas)

**ROLL CALL:**  
Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

City Manager Miguel Márquez  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
Assistant City Clerk Sandra Robles

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
MATTERS NOT ON THE  
AGENDA**

Nelson Mejia-Gonzalez, Van Nuys resident, spoke on the threat of the fentanyl crisis and advocated for Pasadena to develop a partnership similar to the Los Angeles Unified School District with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to make available naloxone (Narcan) at all schools.

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 incidents, such as in the Anthony McClain case, and for the City Council to change the City Charter regarding police matters.

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 the Police Officers involved in the shooting of Anthony McClain accountable, and shared that he attended a Summit at Alkebu-Lan Cultural Center where they heard the youth express their concerns with trusting police officers.

Ryan Bell, Pasadena resident thanked the City of Pasadena, City Attorney Bagneris, and outside counsel for their strong defense on Measure H at the recent court hearing, and thanked the City Clerk for his work on the application process for the Pasadena Rental Housing Board.

Anonymous, residence not stated, spoke on the need for numbering the parking spaces along Colorado Boulevard.

Florence Ziwezun, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the City requiring reservations to visit public parks, and asked for clarification as to why the skating rink at Jackie Robinson Community Center was removed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
Item discussed separately

**CONTRACT AWARD TO AME BUILDERS INC., DBA AME ROOFING FOR ALKEBU-LAN CULTURAL CENTER STORAGE BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$148,312 (Public Works Dept.)**

**REJECTION OF BID FOR SEISMIC RETROFIT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AT CITY YARDS PROJECT (Public Works Dept.)**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) (projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and  
(2) Reject bid received on February 16, 2023, in response to the project plans and specifications for Seismic Retrofit of Public Works Building at City Yard.

**AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 31508 WITH SINTRA GROUP INC., FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$85,500, FROM \$250,000 TO \$335,500 (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) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31508 with Sintra Group Inc., for pre-employment background investigation services which had been awarded pursuant to a competitive selection process, to increase the total not-to-exceed amount by \$85,500, from \$250,000 to \$335,500. (Contract No. 31508-1)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ALLSTAR FIRE EQUIPMENT INC., TO PROVIDE FIRE HOSE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$165,000 (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 March 7, 2023, submitted by Allstar Fire Equipment Inc., in response to specifications for fire hose, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000. (Contract No. 32581)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) FOR RECEIPT OF MEASURE R MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MIP) FUNDING (Transportation Dept.)**

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

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

(2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any and all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the funding of the nine Measure R Mobility Improvement Projects (MIPs) as defined in the body of the agenda report.

Rose Bowl Operating Company

**LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LIVE NATION FOR UP TO TWO (2) CONCERTS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST 2023**

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

(1) Find that the license agreement proposed in the agenda report is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings), there are no features that distinguish this project from others in this exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances present; and (Contract No. 23.835)

(2) Make the findings set forth herein and required by Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 3.32.270.A to authorize the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) to host displacement event numbers 23 and 24 for 2023.

Item discussed separately

**ROSE BOWL OPERATING AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

MINUTES APPROVED

March 6, 2023

City Council

March 6, 2023

Successor Agency to the Pasadena

Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED

**Claim No.**

**Claimant**

**Claim Amount**

2023-0251

Estela Cabrera

Not stated

2023-0252

Paul Vangelisti

\$ 25,000.00+

2023-0253

Malgorzata Vangelisti

25,000.00+

2023-0254

Destiny Dolores Torres-Bolanos

25,000.00+

2023-0255

Aqualina Jaime

24,999.00

2023-0256	Allan Truong Nguyen	1,158.79
2023-0257	Hosea Martin Nelson	4,338.61
2023-0258	Nova Blanco-Rico	25,000.00+
2023-0259	Duplicate claim to 2023-0230	
2023-0260	Olga Gonzalez	6,000.00
2023-0261	Aaron Ryan Christian	584.37
2023-0262	Billy Ray Burton	25,000.00+

It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Contract Award to AME Builders Inc.) and Item 7 (Rose Bowl Operating Agreement Extension), which were discussed separately:

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

**CONSENT ITEMS  
 DISCUSSED  
 SEPARATELY**

**CONTRACT AWARD TO AME BUILDERS INC., DBA AME ROOFING FOR ALKEBU-LAN CULTURAL CENTER STORAGE BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$148,312 (Public Works Dept.)**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
 (1) Find the contract proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, 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) Accept the bid dated March 2, 2023, submitted by AME Builders dba AME Roofing in response to the plans and specifications for the Alkebu-Lan Cultural Center Storage Building Roof Replacement, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$148,312, which includes the base contract amount of \$128,967 and a contingency of \$19,345 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32582)

The following individuals provided comments on the matter:

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident  
 Olden Denham, Pasadena resident

Following public comment, it was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

Rose Bowl Operating Company

**ROSE BOWL OPERATING AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3), the common sense exemption; and  
(2) Extend the Operating Agreement between the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) and City of Pasadena from the current expiration date of July 1, 2023, to and through July 1, 2025, on the same terms and conditions. (Contract No. 15,703-8)

The following individuals provided comments on the matter:

Nina Chomsky, representing Linda Vista-Annandale Association  
Pete Ewing, representing West Pasadena Residents Association

City Manager Márquez presented a PowerPoint presentation providing background information, and responded to questions.

Steve Haderlein, Rose Bowl Operating Company Board President, summarized the RBOC Board's discussion and the unanimous vote to support the extension.

Jens Weiden, Chief Executive Officer of the Rose Bowl, presented a PowerPoint presentation providing information on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Operating Pro-Forma, key factors, and upcoming negotiations, and responded to questions.

Sandra Robles, Assistant City Clerk, reported that one letter advocating for the City Council to hold a broader discussion on the RBOC's Operating Agreement 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 Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

**PUBLIC HEARNG**

**BLOCK 5 MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT INCREASE**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams, to continue the public hearing to May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.:

- AYES: Councilmembers Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Vice Mayor Williams, Mayor Gordo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmembers Hampton, Rivas
- ABSTAIN: None

**SUBMITTAL OF PUBLIC HOUSING ANNUAL PLAN (2023) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City of Pasadena (the "City"), as Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission, after a public hearing:

- (1) Find that the recommended action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per 15061(b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and
- (2) Approve the City's Public Housing Agency Annual Plan (2023) and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents regarding its submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sandra Robles, Assistant City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Star News on March 3, 2023; and reported no correspondence was received.

It was moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams to close the public hearing:

- AYES: Councilmembers Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Vice Mayor Williams, Mayor Gordo
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Councilmembers Hampton, Rivas
- ABSTAIN: None

It was move by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendation:

- AYES: Councilmembers Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Vice Mayor Williams, Mayor Gordo
- NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Hampton, Rivas  
ABSTAIN: None

**Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) TO ELIMINATE NEW PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPLICATIONS”** (Introduced by Councilmember Hampton) (Ordinance No. 7411)

Sandra Robles, Assistant City Clerk, reported that staff submitted a memo in response to correspondence received on March 27, 2023 that expressed concerns with the City Council adopting the proposed ordinance, which was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

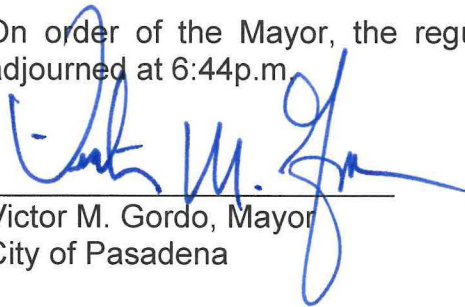
The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mayor Gordo congratulated Councilmember Rivas and her husband on the birth of their son.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:44p.m.

  
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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk