

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
June 5, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

**OPENING:**

Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 4:31 p.m. to discuss the following closed session:

Councilmember Hampton arrived at 4:36 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding threat to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (potential litigation regarding Brookside Golf Course Improvement Project)**

Mayor Gordo stated a conflict with this item, recused himself, and left the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representatives: Miguel Márquez and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn  
Employee Organization: Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA)**

Mayor Gordo returned at 5:18 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representatives: Miguel Márquez and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn  
Employee Organization: Pasadena Management Association (PMA)**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representatives: Miguel Márquez and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn  
Employee Organization: Non-Rep Non-Management and Non-Rep 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 5:53 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Lyon.

**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  
Assistant City Clerk Sandra Robles

## CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Candice Smith, representing California Parks & Recreation Society Region 4, announced that Playhouse Village Park has been awarded the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) award for Excellence in Design-Park Planning, and presented the award to Lola Osborne, Acting Director of Parks, Rec & Community Services and Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works.

Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Jones presented a certificate to the Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association congratulating them for winning "Neighborhoods USA's "Neighborhood of the Year."

Councilmember Jones congratulate the Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association (GHNA) on being recognized for their Historic Pasadena Bus Tour program, receiving the First Place award in the Social Revitalization/Neighborliness category at the Neighborhoods USA Neighborhood of the Year competition. He expressed thanks to the GHNA, the neighbors, City Manager Márquez, City staff Brenda Harvey Williams, and Jennifer Paige for their work and for this partnership that reflects the values of the City.

Councilmember Madison  
left the meeting at 6:21  
p.m.

Lisa Mann and Danny Parker, representing Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association, provided background information on the Historic Pasadena Bus Tours, and expressed thanks, appreciation and gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the Tours.

Councilmember Hampton congratulated the Garfield Heights Neighborhood Association and stated this is an amazing accomplishment for the City as a whole.

City Manager announced the appointment of Mr. Tim McDonald as the new Director of Library and Information Services, thanked Mr. McDonald for serving as Acting Director since February of last year. Mr. McDonald expressed he is honored and gratitude for the opportunity to continue his work in helping to move the City's libraries forward.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Yadi, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the City's use of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology, which is not compliant with SB 34 and AB 1244, stating the lack of oversight and guardrails over Pasadena's surveillance is reckless and negligent.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, questioned why public comment time was two minutes; 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 commented on the OIR Report reviewing the shooting.

Olden Denham, Pasadena resident, advocated for accountability and transparency within the PPD, suggested that the City Charter be changed to increase police oversight, and commented on addressing issues at the development of Oak Grove Park and the Saint Luke's Hospital vacant building.

Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident, echoed the comments regarding public comment being two minutes; spoke on the OIR Group recommendations outlined in the report reviewing the shooting of Anthony McClain, and commented on assisting families that are victims of violence.

In response to Councilmember Hampton questions, City Attorney Bagneris noted that information on Charter reform will be brought to the City Council in July.

In response to Councilmember Hamptons inquiry regarding an update on ShotSpotter and military equipment, Mayor Gordo stated, as Chair of the Public Safety Committee (PSC), he will work with the City Manager to agendize the items for review by PSC.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUMMARY VACATION OF A PORTION OF AN EXISTING EASEMENT AND A PORTION OF PARKWOOD AVENUE FRONTING PROPERTY AT 1880 EAST WALNUT STREET (Public Works Dept.)**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in accordance with Article 19, Section 15332, Class 32 (In-Fill Development Projects), and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption for the summary vacation with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office;
- (2) Adopt a resolution summarily vacating an 8-foot wide portion of land from an existing easement along the frontage of property located at 1880 East Walnut Street and an irregular portion of land located at the southeast corner of Walnut Street and Parkwood Avenue, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 8330 et seq., to become effective upon recordation, which resolution shall be recorded with the County Recorder only when and if the curb ramp reconstruction detailed in the Agenda Report is completed; and (Resolution No. 9995)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any necessary documentation as may be required to accomplish said summary vacation.

### **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH SHERMAN + REILLY INC., FOR A TRAILER MOUNTED**

**UNDERGROUND CABLE PULLER FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$282,901 (Water & Power 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; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated April 14, 2023, submitted by Sherman + Reilly Inc., in response to Specifications for Trailer Mounted Underground Cable Puller; and authorize the City Manager or designee, to enter into a Purchase Order ("PO") Contract with Sherman + Reilly Inc., not-to-exceed \$282,901, which includes the base contract amount of \$257,182 and a contingency of \$25,719 to provide for any necessary change orders.

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32459 WITH PUBLIC RISK INNOVATION SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT (PRISM) FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS SERVICES TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$142,700**

(Human Resources 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 CEQA guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption);
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32459 with Public Risk Innovation Solutions Management (PRISM), a California Joint Powers Authority, sub-contracting with Concern, to increase the contract amount by \$142,700, thereby increasing the total not-to-exceed amount from \$179,280 to \$264,900, which includes an increase the value of each optional one-year extension from \$59,760 to \$88,300; and (Contract No. 32459-1)
- (3) To the extent the amendment to Contract No. 32459 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. These transactions are exempt from competitive bidding per PMC Section 4.08.030 and City Charter Section 1002(F) based on contracts for professional or unique services.

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31758 WITH GLEN JOHN APRAMIAN MD INC., FOR VARIOUS MEDICAL SERVICES TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$500,000 AND TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM (Human Resources 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 CEQA guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31758 with Glen John Apramian MD Inc., DBA St. George's Medical Clinic by \$500,000, thereby increasing the total not-to-exceed amount from \$600,000 to \$1,100,000 and to extend the contract term for two years to continue to provide medical services; and (Contract No. 31758-1)

(3) To the extent the amendment to Contract No. 31758 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. These transactions are exempt from competitive bidding per PMC Section 4.08.030 and City Charter Section 1002(F) based on contracts for professional or unique services.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GALLS, LLC TO PROVIDE FIRE PERSONNEL UNIFORMS AS REQUIRED FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$625,000 (Fire Dept.)**

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

(1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); and

(2) Accept the bid dated April 13, 2023 submitted by Galls, LLC in response to a Bid Invitation to provide fire personnel uniforms, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$625,000. (Contract No. 32642)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CALOX INC., FOR OXYGEN FILLING AND HYDROSTATIC TESTING SERVICES AS REQUIRED FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$85,000 (Fire Dept.)**

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

(1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); and

(2) Accept the bid dated April 24, 2023 submitted by Calox Inc., in response to a Bid Invitation to provide oxygen filling and hydrostatic testing services, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$85,000. (Contract No. 32643)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ARAMSCO INC., DBA EMPIRE CLEANING SUPPLY TO FURNISH AND DELIVER JANITORIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AS REQUIRED FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$175,000 (Fire Dept.)**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); and
- (2) Accept the bid dated March 14, 2023 submitted by Aramsco Inc., dba Empire Cleaning Supply in response to a bid invitation to provide janitorial supplies and equipment, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$175,000. (Contract No. 32644)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE ORDER WITH ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC., FOR A 41' DIGGER DERRICK FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$295,380 (Water & Power 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;
- (2) Authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order ("PO") to Altec Industries Inc. ("Altec"), for the purchase of a 41' Digger Derrick for an amount not-to-exceed \$295,380 (includes 10% of \$26,841 contingency); Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors; and
- (3) Grant the proposed PO 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.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BERRY, DUNN, MCNEIL & PARKER, LLC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO CONDUCT A DEPARTMENT-WIDE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$175,000**

(Public Health Dept.)

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

- (1) Find that the recommended 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 a result of a competitive selection process, as defined by Section 4.08.047

of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC ("BerryDunn") for consulting services to conduct a department-wide electronic health record system needs assessment in an amount not-to-exceed \$175,000 for a one-year term, with the option to extend the term for one additional year at no additional cost. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 32658)

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPROPRIATING \$6 MILLION TO THE ANNUAL CITYWIDE STREET RESURFACING AND ADA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
(Public Works Dept.)

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

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not "projects" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, are not subject to environmental review; and
- (2) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget appropriating \$5.4 million in General Funds and \$600,000 in Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Funds to the Annual Citywide Street Resurfacing and ADA Improvement Program, FY 2023/2024. (BA 2024-02)

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A U.S. POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BAYARD RUSTIN** (Councilmember Lyon) (Resolution No. 9996)

RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS, &  
REAPPOINTMENTS

**APPOINTMENT OF MARGARET McAUSTIN TO THE ROSE BOWL AQUATICS CENTER BOARD** (City Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF BLAIR S. HANSEN TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (At Large Nomination/District 1)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF ELLIE PODWAY TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (At Large Nomination/District 4)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP J. ARGENTO TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (Mayor Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF RAPHY TIMOUR TO THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023** (City Council Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT CARPENTER TO THE DESIGN COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (At Large Nomination/District 1)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF LILA GUIRGUIS TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (Mayor Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF ELEANOR LEE TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (At Large Nomination/District 1)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JEFF MICHAEL TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (At Large Nomination/District 6)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF TYRON HAMPTON TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (City Council Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROL HUNT HERNANDEZ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (At Large Nomination/District 5)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF MIC HANSEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (Mayor Nomination)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF MABELL GARCIA PAINE TO THE SOUTH LAKE PARKING PLACE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (At Large Nomination/District 7)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF MARTHA CELIS TO THE SENIOR COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023** (Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network Nomination)

#### **Advisory Bodies**

**LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PRIMETIME SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ONE (1) SOCCER MATCH TO BE HELD IN EITHER SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 2023** (Rose Bowl Operating Co.)

**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

(2) Recommend that the City Council make the findings set forth in the agenda report and required by Pasadena Municipal Code Section 3.32.270.A to authorize the Rose Bowl Operating Company



to host displacement event number 25 for 2023. (Contract No. 23,865)

#### MINUTES APPROVED

April 28, 2023	City Council
May 1, 2023	City Council
May 1, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
May 8, 2023	City Council
May 8, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

#### CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2023-0299	Alejandro Martinez	\$ 25,000.00+
2023-0300	Homa Badihian	25,000.00+
2023-0301	Catherine McMahon	25,000.00+
2023-0302	Hugo Isaiah Rodriguez	394.66
2023-0303	Cristina Mardirossian	5,000.00
2023-0304	Ted Zhang	1,000.00
2023-0305	Scott Keller	25,000.00+
2023-0306	Panida Lertkiatmongkol	355.01

#### PUBLIC HEARING SET

**June 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m.** – Consideration of an Uncodified Ordinance of the City of Pasadena Extending Certain Land Use Related Deadlines for Entitlements Granted in Compliance with Title 17 (Zoning Code) and Title 16 (Subdivisions)

Sandra Robles, Assistant City Clerk, reported that one letter in opposition of Item 12 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 Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

##### **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: BLOCK 5 MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT INCREASE** (City Manager Dept.)

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

- (1) Find that increasing the property assessments for the Block 5 Maintenance Assessment District is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption); and
- (2) Adopt a Resolution to increase annual property assessments for Block 5 Maintenance Assessment District to \$64,978.89.

Sandra Robles, Assistant City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was mailed to 13 addresses on February 17, 2023; and that no correspondence was received regarding this item.

Devan Wang, property owner at North Lake Avenue, spoke in opposition to the proposed increase, expressed concerns with the outdated method used for the assessment and advocated for the City to update the method that was adopted in 1992 and to re-evaluate the current information that was collected to ensure fairness. She thanked Dave Klug and David Sinclair for their guidance and assistance in addressing her questions and concerns,

Dave Klug, Economic Development Director, introduced the agenda item, and David Sinclair, Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint summarizing the agenda item; and all responded to questions.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's questions regarding hiring security to address parking lot safety issues, suggesting that staff consider the security company that patrols City Hall and adding Block 5 as part of their scope of work. The Mayor asked the City Manager and staff to report back on the security issues (e.g. calls for service), what is being done to address the issues, and the cost to hire security to patrol the parking lot.

Michelle Bagneris, City Attorney, stated that matter related to hiring a security guard would be a different source of funding from the assessment presented tonight.

Mayor Gordo read the following statement: "Before we close the public hearing, I would like to remind all property owners that assessment ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's Office prior to the close of this portion of the hearing. Please submit any remaining ballots to the City Clerk's Office."

It was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to close the public hearing, order the tabulation of all ballots received, with staff to report on the tabulation results as soon as possible. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

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By order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the public hearing was recessed at 6:43 p.m., until such time as the tabulation of votes is completed.

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM FUNDS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS (Housing Dept.)**

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

(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 Section 15061(b)(3), the

“common sense” provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2022-2023) as described in the agenda report for the reallocation of \$1,997,000 in unspent HOME Partnership Act (HOME) funds and \$100,000 in unspent Community Development Block Grant Cares Act funds (CDBG-CV3) for housing and food pantry programs; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the grant applications, certifications, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to obtain the allocation of the aforementioned federal entitlement funds.

Sandra Robles, Assistant City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Journal on May 4, 2023 and June 1, 2023; and that no correspondence was received regarding this item.

Bill Huang, Director of Housing, introduced the agenda item, and Randy Mabson, Program Coordinator III, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and all responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton requested that staff require/request that the food pantry partners collect data on the percentage of Pasadena clients/residents supported by their service.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

**ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AND RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL TRANSFER FROM THE POWER FUND (Finance 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;

(2) Close the public hearing and adopt by resolution the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget as presented in the City Manager's Recommended Budget on May 8, 2023, or as subsequently amended during the budget hearing process; and (Resolution No. 9997)

(3) Adopt a resolution determining the amount to be transferred from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund for FY 2024 is approximately 6.25 percent of gross revenues from retail sales. (Resolution No. 9998)

Matthew Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the agenda item, and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo stated that one of the issues raised during budget discussion was the park program fees (e.g. swim fees), noting that the City Manager and staff will return in fall with a report on potential opportunities to adjust the fees, including information on which programs are successful and if there is a need to increase capacity and/or provide additional investments to high-demand programs.

City Manager Márquez stated that staff has identified several sources of funding to facilitate whatever Council's policy decisions are around adjusting the park program fees, while noting that the FY 2024 Operating Budget does include three-hundred thousand dollars in revenue from the park program fees.

Councilmember Hampton commented that it is important that policy and staff training is aligned with the understanding that no individual is turned away from participating in a park program on the basis of ability to pay or afford the fee.

Mayor Gordo thanked everyone who worked very hard on the budget and expressed his gratitude to the City Council for their participation in the process.

City Manager Márquez expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Hawkesworth, Tim Park, and all City staff for their work on the complicated task of planning the expenses and revenues for a whole fiscal year in advance, especially for an organization the size of Pasadena, and expressed thanks to the City Council and public for their feedback on the budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

It was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

### **City Manager**

### **ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 RECOMMENDED GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE (Finance 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; and  
(2) It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 General Fee Schedule. (Resolution No. 9999)

Matthew Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, introduced the agenda item and responded to questions.

Manual Carmona, Acting Director of Public Health, responded to questions regarding the Public Health Backflow Prevention Device

Councilmember Hampton opposed the staff's recommendation to increase the Public Health Backflow Prevention Device fee for single-family residences, and requested that the recommendation to increase the fee be held from tonight's approval to allow for further discussion. He expressed concerns with the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Fees, requested that staff further explore opportunities to make it less expensive and easier for individuals to pull permits, as well as placing a cap on the C&D fees, and asked staff to assess how the City compares with other cities as it relates to the cost associated with home improvements and renovations.

Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, responded to questions regarding the C&D fees, and stated that staff intends to bring forward to the Municipal Services Committee (MSC) a proposed change to the C&D ordinance, and other follow up items, and at that time the Committee and staff can have a "deep dive" discussion on the concerns raised by Councilmember Hampton.

Yadi, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with the Police Department's Operating Budget.

Sandra Robles, Assistant City Clerk, reported one letter advocating for the City Council to discuss electric rate increases; and one letter expressing concerns regarding the Police Department's proposed Operating Budget, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

In response to Councilmember Rivas inquiry whether a separate broader discussion about the Police Departments technology is still under consideration (which was previously suggested by the Mayor at the opening of the budget discussion), Mayor Gordo stated that the matter is staff's responsibility to inform the Council and the community about the different types of technology, associated cost, current technology effectiveness (and ineffectiveness), with the information to be reported to the PSC and then maybe the City Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams, to approve the staff recommendation, with the exception of increases to the Backflow Device Inspection Fees, which will remain at \$80 for single-family residents, pending a review and discussion by the MSC, with the item to return back to the City Council if any changes are recommended by MSC. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Continued)**

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: BLOCK 5 MAINTENANCE**  
**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT INCREASE** (City Manager Dept.)

On order of the Mayor, the public hearing reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

David Sinclair, Project Manager, reported the following results:

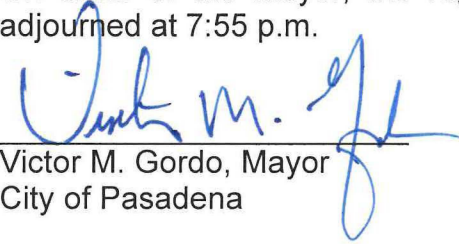
A total of 9 ballots were returned. With ballots weighted according to the proportional financial obligation of each affected property, it has been determined that ballots representing \$20,139.91 in financial obligation were received in support of the proposed assessment; and ballots representing \$23,949.99 in financial obligation were received in opposition to the proposed assessments. The results represent 30.99 percent of the ballots received, as weighted, as cast in support of the proposed assessment, and 35.54 percent of the ballots received, as weighted, as cast in protest. Therefore, a majority protest exists against the proposed increased assessment.

Following brief comments by Mayor Gordo, the City Manager stated that staff will review the agreement internally and will ask the City Attorney's Office to help with the legal assessment.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to reject the staff recommendation, with the appropriate findings, based on information received at this hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk