

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
July 10, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

OPENING:

Mayor Gordo called to order the special joint meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at 4:12 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Felicia Williams
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (Arrived at 4:30 p.m.)
Councilmember Justin Jones (Absent)
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

UPDATE ON CITY OF PASADENA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY COLLABORATION ON ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN PASADENA FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

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

Mayor Gordo thanked Supervisor Barger, County staff, Assistant City Manager Reyes, and Director of Housing Bill Huang for their work on this collaborative effort. The Mayor spoke in support of this project and the benefits it will provide to both agencies and residents.

Supervisor Barger thanked Director of Housing Bill Huang, City staff, County staff, and Mayor Gordo for this incredible opportunity, and also emphasized that Kaiser Permanente is excited about this opportunity and the positive feedback they have received in terms of their community service efforts.

In response to Councilmember Madison's comments regarding the County's \$6 million commitment, Assistant City Manager Reyes stated that the funds provided by the County for the acquisition are through a Section 108 loan guarantee, he emphasized that the due diligence process is still ongoing, and stated that more information and details regarding the specific deal points will be available in the next update.

Councilmember Madison requested a comprehensive ("top to bottom") economic analysis to understand the commitments being asked of the City and their purpose; with the analysis to include information on the reimbursement sources for healthcare services to be provided.

Following discussion, on the order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the information was received and filed.

UPDATE ON THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR RESTORATION PROJECT, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT PLAN – PRESENTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Angela George-Moody, Chief Deputy Director for Los Angeles County Public Works, provided introductory comments, and Keith Hala, Stormwater Engineer for Los Angeles County Public Works, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and all responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton arrived at 4:30 p.m.

Councilmember Hampton expressed his gratitude to Mr. Hala and Supervisor Barger for their joint outreach efforts with the neighboring community. He requested that the annual maintenance outreach effort incorporate details on the timeline for sediment hauling (e.g., September to October), as well as a noticing to the neighborhood regarding added scope (e.g., extended timeline, more trucks hauling) due to higher rainfall.

The following individuals provided comments on the item:

Flavio Andrade, Pasadena resident
Darren Dowell, Pasadena resident
Kathryn Harris, Pasadena resident

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that one letter advocating for mitigation of ongoing maintenance, was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council and Supervisor Barger, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Supervisor Barger stated that the County would reach out to Ms. Harris to provide a response to her comments regarding dust mitigation. In response to Councilmember Hamptons request for an overview of the local impact on Pasadena's economy resulting from this project, Supervisor Barger stated she would try to quantify such efforts (local hire, purchase of local goods, etc.) and provide the City Council with an update.

On the order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the information was received and filed.

PASADENA AND SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COLD WEATHER RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (Housing Dept.)

Recommendation: The agenda report is for information only; no City Council action is required.

Bill Huang, Director of Housing, provided introductory comments and Jennifer O'Reilly Jones, Program Coordinator III, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item; and all responded to questions.

Supervisor Barger shared that other cities have expressed their frustration with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and not taking the time to understand the needs of individual cities throughout the County, especially those areas located in the San Gabriel Valley. She emphasized the need for sufficient cold weather resources and a plan to prevent homelessness (highlighting the City of Monrovia's homeless prevention program). Additionally, she stated that a reevaluation of how Measure H funding is being utilized and distributed is necessary and made it clear that it is her intention to ensure that Dr. Kellum, Chief Executive Officer of LAHSA, is actively part in these discussions.

Flavio Andrade, Pasadena resident, spoke on the need to provide further assistance to homeless persons and shared his personal experience as a homeless individual seeking housing through numerous local housing agencies/partners.

City Manager Márquez shared his experience with Santa Clara County's effort to address homelessness and emphasized the effectiveness of establishing strong partnerships with other cities. He recognized the commendable partnership between Pasadena and the County, and emphasized Pasadena's commitment to continue this collaborative effort.

Mayor Gordo expressed gratitude to the County of Los Angeles for their partnership, and acknowledged the Supervisor and her team, along with City staff for the work being done to address the complex issues surrounding homelessness.

Supervisor Barger recognized Sussy Nemer, Field Deputy for the San Gabriel Valley, and acknowledged the City of Pasadena's commitment to addressing the housing shortage through their affordable housing and interim housing programs.

On the order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the information was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk