

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
May 15, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

Teleconference Location:
Yucaipa City Hall
34272 Yucaipa Blvd.
Yucaipa, CA 92399

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: Councilmember Hampton)

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

As required by Brown Act provisions, Councilmember Rivas reported for the record that she is participating remotely under the “just cause” provisions of the Brown Act, on the basis of childcare needs, and stated that no one over 18 years of age is in the room with her.

Vice Mayor Williams left the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (one potential case)

Councilmember Hampton arrived at 5:00 p.m.

The above closed session item was discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Hampton.
(Absent: Vice Mayor Williams)

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

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

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CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Gordo requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Robert Joseph Adanto, provided a summary of Mr. Adanto’s personal and professional history, as well as his contributions to the City of Pasadena, and expressed condolences on behalf of the City Council to his children and grandchildren.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following individuals spoke on the Anthony McClain officer involved shooting, the need to utilize bodycam footage and other video sources as part of the investigative process for critical incidents, the OIR Report reviewing the shooting, advocated for accountability and transparency within the PPD, and/or a change to the City Charter to increase police oversight:

- Jasmin Richards Abdullah, representing Black Lives Matter (BLM) – Pasadena
- Allan Shay, Pasadena resident
- Olden Denham, Pasadena resident
- Adriana Bautista, representing BLM – Pasadena
- Michael Williams, representing BLM – Pasadena
- Heavenly Hughes, representing My TRIBE Rise

Raymond Monge, residence not stated, expressed concerns with the City Attorney/City Prosecutor position, which are held by the same person.

CONSENT CALENDAR

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEECASSO LIVE BEE REMOVAL INC., FOR STINGING INSECT AND LIVE BEE REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$365,000 (Public Works Dept.)

CONTRACT AWARD TO ELECNOR BELCO ELECTRIC INC., FOR LAKE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,051,251 (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) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1, and Section 15303, Class 3, and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated March 2, 2023 submitted by Elecnor Belco Electric Inc., in response to the plans and specifications for the Lake Avenue Pedestrian Access Improvements project, reject all other bids received, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$3,051,251, which includes the base contract amount of \$2,773,865 and a contingency of \$277,386 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32619)

ADOPT RESOLUTION ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 (SB1) PROJECT LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
(Public Works Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are 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) Adopt a resolution approving of the Road Repair and Accountability Act project list for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. (Resolution No. 9992)

CONTRACT AWARDS TO GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.; CITY MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC; TERI BLACK & COMPANY, LLC AND WBCP INC., FOR EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,800,000 (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 enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. (Koff & Associates), for Executive Recruitment Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$270,000 over a three-year term with the option to extend the contract by two optional one-year extension periods. The value of each optional one-year extension period is not-to-exceed \$90,000; (Contract No. 32621)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with City Management Advisors, LLC (Peckham & McKenney) for Executive Recruitment Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$270,000 over a three-year term with the option to extend the contract by two optional one-year extension periods. The value of each optional one-year extension period is not-to-exceed \$90,000; (Contract No. 32625)
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Teri Black & Company, LLC for Executive Recruitment Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$270,000 over a three-year term with the option to extend the contract by two optional one-year extension periods. The value of each optional one-year extension period is not-to-exceed \$90,000; and (Contract No. 32622)
- (5) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with WBCP Inc., for Executive

Recruitment Services for a total amount not-to-exceed \$270,000 over a three-year term with the option to extend the contract by two optional one-year extension periods. The value of each optional one-year extension period is not-to-exceed \$90,000. (Contract No. 32623)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HISTORIC RESOURCES GROUP FOR THE CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT AND HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY PROJECT (Planning Dept.)

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 ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption);
- (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 Historic Resources Group for the Citywide Historic Context Statement and Historic Resources Survey Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 for a period of three years. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services); and (Contract No. 32620)
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to extend the three-year contract for up to two additional one-year periods.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE: CONTRACT AWARD TO EMANUELS JONES AND ASSOCIATES FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY SERVICES

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) Approve a five-year contract renewal with Emanuels Jones and Associates for State legislative advocacy services, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 for an annual contract cost of \$69,880 in the first year; \$72,580 in the second year; \$74,680 in the third year, \$75,400 in the fourth year, and \$76,000 in year five. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services; and (Contract No. 18,785-10)
- (3) Exempt the proposed contract from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interest are served.

**RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS**

REAPPOINTMENT OF ANDREA TOTTON TO THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 1 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF ALEX JABLONSKI TO THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 1 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF RENEE MORGAN-HAMPTON TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 3 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF DAVID CUTTER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 3 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL ANTHONY CULLINS TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 3 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF HARVEY CORDNER TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 4 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WARNER TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF RAÚL IBÁÑEZ TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF IESHA SILER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF CINDY CLARK-SCHNUELLE TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF KATIE YOUNG TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF GLORIA MEDEL TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF LORENA YEPEZ HERNANDEZ TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

REAPPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE NAVA-ANGELES TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 (District 5 Nomination)

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2023-0294	Alexander Aung	\$ 184.48
2023-0295	PPF OFF 100 WEST WALNUT STREET LP	10,000.00+
2023-0296	Karim Elkhouri	580.49

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported one letter in support of the staff recommendation for Item 5 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 Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 1 (Authorization to enter into a contract with Beecasso Live Bee Removal Inc...), which was discussed separately.

AYES: Councilmembers Hampton, Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Mayor Gordo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Williams

ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BEECASSO LIVE BEE REMOVAL INC., FOR STINGING INSECT AND LIVE BEE REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$365,000 (Public Works 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) 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 Beecasso Live Bee Removal Inc. (Beecasso), for Stinging Insect Removal for a three-year contract not-to-exceed \$219,000; and authorize the City Manager to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms not-to-exceed an annual amount of \$73,000 per year, subject to the approval of the City Manager, for a maximum total contract amount of \$365,000 over a maximum contract length of five years. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to the City Charter

Section 1002(F) for contracts for professional services. (Contract No. 32626)

In response to Councilmember Hampton concerns regarding the bee population, Tony Olmos, Public Works Director, stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitation included humane live bee removal services. Councilmember Hampton requested a copy of the RFP from staff.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: BLOCK 5 MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT INCREASE

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

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to continue the public hearing to June 5, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.:

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

DESIGNATION OF 420 SOUTH GREENWOOD AVENUE AS A LANDMARK (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the designation of a historic resource 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 Protection of the Environment and there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Find that the single-family residents at 420 South Greenwood Avenue meets Criterion C as a landmark pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 17.62.040.D.2.c because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a Dutch Colonial Revival style single-family residence of the post-World War I era;

(3) Adopt a resolution approving a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 420 South Greenwood Avenue, Pasadena, California; (Resolution No. 9993)

(4) Authorize the Mayor to execute a Declaration of Landmark Designation for 420 South Greenwood Avenue, Pasadena, California; and

(5) Direct the City Clerk to record the declaration with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission: On March 21, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the City Council approve the designation of the single-family residence at 420 South Greenwood Avenue as a Landmark under Criterion C of PMC Section 17.62.040.

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, opened the public hearing; reported that the public hearing notice was posted and mailed on May 1, 2023; and that no correspondence was received regarding this item.

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to close the public hearing:

AYES: Councilmembers Hampton, Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Mayor Gordo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Williams

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation:

AYES: Councilmembers Hampton, Jones, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Rivas, Mayor Gordo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Williams

ABSTAIN: None

City Manager

FISCAL YEAR 2024 RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE OF TAXES, FEES, AND CHARGES (Finance 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 State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges); and

(2) After conducting a public hearing on May 22, 2023, adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges.

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

Jill Shook, Pasadena, representing Making Housing and Community Happen, spoke on Pasadena's Second Unit ADU Program, advocated for reducing the ADU fees (e.g., permit fees) to make it a less expensive process and incentivize more affordable ADU housing.

Councilmember Hampton asked that staff bring forward the ADU fees as part of the ADU discussion at the Economic Development and Technology Committee meeting, including information on the Construction and Demolition (C&D) fees. Finance Director Hawkesworth clarified that the requested information would be provided as part of the General Fee Schedule review, since the current discussion is on the Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the staff recommendation, with the notation that final approval/adoption of the Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges would occur after a public hearing is conducted on this item on May 22, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.:

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

ORDINANCE -SECOND READING

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, CHAPTER 100, SECTION 4.100.020 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT 2020 CHARTER AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO ANNUAL LIGHT AND POWER FUND TRANSFER" (Introduced by Councilmember Hampton) (Ordinance No. 7412)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

INFORMATION ITEM

PREDEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW OF A 95-ROOM RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY AT 825-861 EAST WALNUT STREET (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: The agenda report is intended to provide information to the City Council; no action is required.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Rivas, to receive and file the report:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m., in memory of Robert Joseph Adanto.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk