

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
September 11, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 4:35 p.m. to discuss the following closed session: (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

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

**Name of Case: Glover, T. v. City of Pasadena, et al.
U.S. District Court Case No. 2:22-cv-05752-FMO-MAR**

Councilmember Madison arrived at 5:03 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Locations: 3600 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Agency Negotiators: Miguel Márquez
Negotiating Parties: Dr. Elizabeth J. Blanco
Under Negotiation: Price and terms**

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 5:35 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Madison.

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

Lola Osbourne, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, provided introductory comments, and Pamela Cantero, Recreation Community Services Superintendent, Catherine Hany, Program Coordinator with Library Information Services, and Robert Monzon, Co-Chair of the Pasadena Latino Heritage Committee, distributed a brochure and provided information on the City's planned

activities in recognition of Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month; and responded to questions.

In response to Councilmember's Hampton inquiry regarding the consideration of a Latin sister-city relationship with Pasadena, City Manager Miguel Márquez responded that the Sister Cities Committee is considering several "friendship" cities in Mexico.

SPECIAL ITEM

PRESENTATION BY DAKAR-PLATEAU, SENEGAL SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

Elise Tervalon, Pasadena City College student, provided information on her trip to the Cape Town South Africa 2023, Sister Cities International Africa Summit in February 2023, with Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Sister Cities Committee. Gary L. Moody, Chair of Dakar-Plateau-Senegal Sub-Committee, presented a PowerPoint presentation providing updated information on Pasadena Sister Committees events, including speaker series, student exchange programs, and community meetings.

The City Council thanked Mr. Moody and all members of the Sister Cities Committee for their work.

Councilmember Hampton advocated for additional recognition for Sister Cities at City Hall beyond the current placement of each Countries' flag in the Council Chamber, and suggested the possibility of placing commemorative plaques at City Hall for each Sister City.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Nat Nehdar, representing Pasadena Sister Cities, invited the Mayor to travel to Thailand to celebrate the 400-year Thailand Anniversary, and spoke on the importance of expanding the Pasadena Sister Cities program.

The following individuals expressed concerns with the City's Power Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which they believe will not comply with the City Council's adopted mandate of 100% carbon free energy as a goal; spoke on climate change and the climate crisis, and/or advocated for the City to attain its goal of carbon free energy by 2030:

- Meredith Rose, representing Citizens Climate Lobby
- Shayne Smith, Pasadena resident
- Eryn Walsh, representing Pasadena Citizens Climate Lobby
- Naina Kaimal, Arcadia resident
- Willow Coleman, representing Pasadena 100

Joe Colletti, representing Colorado Boulevard Anniversaries Planning Committee, requested appropriate City representation at the Colorado Boulevard Planning Anniversary Committee meeting to be held on October 2, 2023, at the Blinn House to plan events in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Colorado Boulevard.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry related to staff representation at the Colorado Boulevard Planning Anniversary Committee, City Manager Marquez stated he would have a staff member attend the meeting.

Olden Denham, Pasadena resident, spoke on the officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain, and advocated for Pasadena Police Officers to be held accountable for policy violations.

Adriana Lim, representing Mountain Park Villas Townhouse Association, shared with the City Council the difficulties the association is having in obtaining a master homeowners association insurance policy due to the excessively high insurance rate quotes, and asked the City Council to consider a policy that mandates insurance companies that do business in California reasonably insure all Homeowner Associations and older apartments.

Deirdra Duncan, Pasadena resident, asked the City Council for assistance with her vehicle being towed within the City by the Pasadena Police Department.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to agendaize at a future Legislative Policy Committee an update on insurance companies leaving California; and asked staff to follow up with Ms. Duncan regarding her towed vehicle.

Mayor Gordo asked staff to check with the City's state lobbyists to determine what ability or role the City may play in assisting or advocating for insurance reform.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF COMMITMENT OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY COMMITMENT AND GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 (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) as defined in 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) Adopt a resolution approving the City of Pasadena General Fund Emergency Contingency commitment of \$43,952,969 and General Fund Operating Reserve commitment of up to \$14,650,989 (with the final amount to be determined upon conclusion of Fiscal Year 2023 financial statement preparation based solely on General Fund sub-fund 101) from fund balance of the General Fund for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. (Resolution No. 10009)

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CITY CONTRACT NO. 31790 WITH VOX NETWORK SOLUTIONS INC., TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$125,734 AND TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM BY TWO YEARS FOR TELECOM SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE COVERAGE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (DoIT)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the recommended actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common-Sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31790 with Vox Network Solutions Inc., to increase the contract amount by \$125,734 thereby increasing the total not-to-exceed amount from \$238,388 to \$364,122 and to extend the contract term for two years, to September 30, 2025. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services; and (Contract No. 31790-1)
- (3) To the extent this could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, it is recommended that the City Council 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.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER AN ENTERPRISE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MODULE AS PART OF THE ENERGOV LAND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DoIT)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the 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" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(C), contracts for labor, material, supplies, or services available from only one vendor, with Tyler Technologies Inc., to provide software licenses, and implementation and support services for an enterprise Environmental Health module as part of the existing EnerGov Land Management System (LMS) in an amount not-to-exceed \$290,649, which includes a ten percent contingency on the base implementation cost only; and (Contract No. inserted at a later date)
- (3) Grant the proposed contract an 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.

ITEM DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY

**REJECTION OF BIDS FOR THE VINA VIEJA PICKLEBALL
COURTS – PHASE 1 PROJECT (Public Works Dept.)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32595 WITH
NASAB, MAXIM D, DBA APEXX ARCHITECTURE BY \$63,200 FOR
A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$138,100 FOR
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF COLORADO STREET BRIDGE –
BARRIER ENHANCEMENTS (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) in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15061, Class 3 the “Common-Sense” exemption that CEQA only applies to project which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32595 with Nasab, Maxim D, dba Apexx Architecture by \$63,200, which includes supplemental services of \$43,200 and a contingency of \$20,000 to provide for any necessary change orders, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$138,100 for conceptual design services of Colorado Street Bridge – Barrier Enhancements project; and
- (3) To the extent this transaction could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, grant the proposed contract amendment with Apexx Architecture an exemption from the Competitive Selection Process set forth in the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance pursuant to the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts where the best interests of the city are served. (Contract No. 32595-1)

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF
APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS TO CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
FOR GRANT FUNDING (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) Adopt a resolution approving the submittal of all applications and agreements to California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for all CalRecycle eligible grant and payment programs through September 11, 2028. (Resolution No. 10010)

**CONTRACT AWARD TO POINTC, LLC FOR STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED
TO THE 710 RELINQUISHMENT AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$540,000 OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD (City Manager)**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance

- with Section 15061(b)(3), "Common-Sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services with pointC, LLC for strategic planning and project management services related to the 710 relinquishment area; (Contract No. 32739)
 - (3) Amend the Office of the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget by appropriating \$90,000 in the General Fund Projects Fund (105) to support planning services related to the State Route 710 stub; and (Budget Amendment No. 2024-12)
 - (4) 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.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SHERMAN OAKS CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, LP AND PASADENA HOLDINGS, LLC, COLLECTIVELY DOING BUSINESS AS PASADENA TRI CITY VENTURES, FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 150 SOUTH LOS ROBLES AVENUE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$5,485,446 FOR PASADENA WATER AND POWER OFFICES (City Manager's Office)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the leasing of 150 South Los Robles Avenue is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Sherman Oaks Capital Associates, LP, and Pasadena Holdings, LLC, collectively doing business as Pasadena Tri City Ventures in the amount not-to-exceed \$5,485,446 for the office space located at 150 South Los Robles Avenue incorporating the terms and conditions generally described in the agenda report, and to execute any other related agreements necessary to effectuate the transaction, including non-substantial revisions. (Contract No. 23,907)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARVEEN KAUR, MD, TO SERVE AS BACK-UP HEALTH OFFICER AND TUBERCULOSIS PHYSICIAN FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$555,740 FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, WITH TWO OPTIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS (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 with Parveen Kaur, MD, for service as Back-Up Health Officer and Tuberculosis Physician for five years with \$93,980 anticipated in Fiscal Year 2024 and \$76,960 in each of the remaining for years for a grand total amount not-to-exceed \$401,820. Two optional one-year extensions at \$76,960 per year are requested, to be exercised at the sole discretion of the City Manager. The maximum contract term is seven years with a grand total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$555,740. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services), and the selection is the result of a competitive selection process required by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code. (Contract No. 32734)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FUNDS INCLUDING LCTOP FUNDS FROM THE STATE AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND AMEND THE CITY'S BUDGET TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS (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;

(2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all agreements including the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms required to submit a Low Carbon Transit Operations Program grant application to the California Department of Transportation; and (Resolution No. 10011)

(3) Amend the City's budget to receive and appropriate \$236,755 as detailed in the fiscal impacts section of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-13)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE ENERGIIZE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PROJECT GRANT FOR A HYDROGEN FUELING STATION AND AMEND THE CITY'S BUDGET TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND THE GRANT FUNDS (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;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all agreements with CALSTART associated with the receipt of \$3,335,860 in Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnergiIZE) grant funding for the construction of a hydrogen fueling station for the City's transit fleet; and

(3) Amend the City's budget to receive and appropriate funds for the EnergIIZE Grant:

- i. Increase revenue by \$3,335,860 in Fund 209 to receive the EnergIIZE grant funds from CALSTART; and
- ii. Appropriate \$3,335,860 to Capital Improvement Project 75133 for expenses related to construction of a hydrogen fueling station for the City's transit fleet. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-14)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM GRANT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR RECEIPT OF \$14,424,000 FOR THE PASADENA TRANSIT SYSTEM LEGACY PROJECT (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find the action in the agenda report to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), "Common-Sense" exemption;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into all agreements with California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to receive \$14,424,000 of Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant funds (TIRCP) for the Pasadena Transit System Legacy Project; (Contract No. 23,905)
- (3) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Agreement and Program Supplements for State-Funded Transit Projects; and (Resolution No. 10012)
- (4) Amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Program Budget by appropriating funding to five transit projects as detailed in the fiscal impact section of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-15)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS WITH METRO AND "NATURE FOR ALL" ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECEIPT OF \$747,245 GRANT FUNDING FOR THE MT. WILSON EXPRESS PILOT PROJECT (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 per Section 15061(b)(3) "Common-Sense" exemption;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the receipt of \$747,245 in grant funding for the Mt. Wilson Express Pilot Route; (Contract No. 23,906)
- (3) Amend the City's budget to recognize and appropriate the grant funds as detailed in the Fiscal Impact section of the agenda report; (Budget Amendment No. 2024-16)
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F),

contracts for professional or unique services, with Nature for All for planning, community and stakeholder engagement, in a total amount not-to-exceed \$299,730; and (Contract No. 32732)

(5) Grant the proposed contract(s) with Nature for All an exemption from the Competitive Selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interest are served.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE TRANSIT SERVICE OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE NEXTGEN SERVICE AND AMEND FY 2024-2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TO RECEIVE UP TO \$30,476,143 IN FUNDING FOR PASADENA TRANSIT VEHICLES (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

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

(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and time extensions with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) associated with the receipt of up to \$30,476,143, which includes \$4,546,716 in capital funds and \$25,929,427 in operating funds over a seven-year operating period for the Metro NextGen Service and execute any subsequent agreements related to this service; and

(3) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 – 2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget to recognize \$4,546,716 in funding and appropriate \$4,546,716 to the Purchase of Replacement Transit Vehicles and Expansion Fixed Route Transit Vehicles Program (75085) in FY 2024. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-17)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER INC., FOR FAIR HOUSING SERVICES NOT-TO-EXCEED \$125,000 (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 Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common-Sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Amend the Housing Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget by re-appropriating \$75,000 which was previously approved by City Council in FY 2023 in the Other Housing Fund (238); and (Budget Amendment No. 2024-18)

(3) Authorize the City Manager to execute a new contract with Southern California Housing Rights Center Inc., for fair housing services in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000 for a one-year term, competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 32719)

RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATION OF JONATHAN LEVY FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (District 7 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF BEVERLY SIMS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (District 1 Nomination)

MINUTES APPROVED

August 21, 2023 City Council
August 21, 2023 Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED

ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET

October 2, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – Substantial Amendment to the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for Home Investment Partnership Act Program Funds

October 2, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – Central District Specific Plan Update

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 4 (Rejection of Bids for the Vina Vieja Pickleball Courts...), and Item 17b (Receive and File Claims Against the City of Pasadena), which were discussed separately. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEM
DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY**

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR THE VINA VIEJA PICKLEBALL COURTS – PHASE 1 PROJECT (Public Works Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find the action proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15061(b)(3), the “Common-Sense” exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and

(2) Reject all bids received on July 20, 2023, in response to Notice of Inviting Bids for the Vina Vieja Pickleball Courts – Phase 1 project.

In response to City Council questions, Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, provided information on staff’s plans to provide pickleball courts for community use, and responded to questions.

MOTION:

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Continued

Vice Mayor Williams recused herself at 6:39 p.m., due to a potential conflict with Item 17b, and left the meeting.

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2024-0042	Mercury Insurance as Subrogee of Alana Parrish	\$ 10,000.00+
2024-0043	Allstate Insurance Company ASO Jesus Nuno Velazquez	2,322.91
2024-0044	Dorothy Chang	549.97
2024-0045	Allstate Insurance Company ASO Riley Gosnell	10,000.00+
2024-0046	Amechi Spencer Idu	Not Stated
2024-0047	Christina Bramon	25,000.00+
2024-0048	Interinsurance Exchange of Automobile Club ASO Julie Huntley	4,521.34
2024-0049	Horace B. Williams	25,000.00+
2024-0050	United Financial Casualty Company A/S/O Marco A Garcia	2,939.16
2024-0051	Julie C. Huntley	1,402.79
2024-0052	Helen Marie Wanganga	10,000.00+
2024-0053	Interinsurance Exchange of the Auto Club ASO David Rodriguez	1,283.27
2024-0054	The Hartford Ins ASO Abstract Media Inc.	10,000.00+
2024-0055	Martin A O'Toole	4,500.00
2024-0056	23-5421528 United Financial Casualty Company/Karla Puga	25,000.00+
2024-0057	Anthony Payne	25,000.00+
2024-0058	Andreas Abajian	250.00
2024-0059	State Farm A/S/O Hyunbae Cho	5,466.05
2024-0060	Lita Roullier	25,000.00+
2024-0061	Luke Cruz	364.69

Motion:

Following Vice Mayor William's recusal, it was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to receive and file claims against the City. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Vice Mayor Williams)

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

Vice Mayor Williams returned to the dais and meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Adoption of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING AND ADDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE HOUSING ELEMENT PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS, LOW BARRIER NAVIGATION CENTERS, SAFE PARKING, DESIGN REVIEW THRESHOLDS, AND MODIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES" (Councilmember Hampton) (Ordinance No. 7414)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

City Manager

ONE YEAR UPDATE ON THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE RELINQUISHED 710 PROPERTY

Recommendation: The agenda report is for information only. No action is requested at this time.

City Manger Márquez provided introductory comments, and David Reyes, Assistant City Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, including historical information related to the land that was relinquished by the California Transportation Commission in June of 2022, milestones and next steps. He introduced Wendy Macias, Senior Project Manager, with the City Manager's Office, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Madison stated his preference that the City Council provide additional direction to the Reconnecting Communities 710 Advisory Group (Advisory Group) related to the timetable to move this matter forward, and asked the Mayor to agendize a discussion on this issue at a future City Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Williams spoke in favor of providing structure to the Advisory Group as she is not clear with the roles of the Advisory Group and the City's consultants.

Danny Parker, Chair of the Reconnection Communities Advisory Group, provided information on the Advisory Group's vision, which includes an end-product that might result in a Master Plan or Specific Plan for the area, with the details to be worked on in conjunction with the City's consultants, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton stated that he is not supportive of providing direction to the Advisory Group related to the land that was relinquished by the California Transportation Commission in June of 2022.

Mayor Gordo spoke in favor of the City Council communicating with the Advisory Group, and suggested the Advisory Group provide a status and structure report so that the City Council may be better informed of the Advisory Group's role and responsibilities.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, spoke in favor of the City trying to restore the lost history of “Pasadenans” that lived in the affected area; and advocated for the City Council to seek input from members of the community who understand and lived the history of this issue.

Vice Mayor Williams suggested that the Advisory Group create subcommittees to assist with the many tasks the Advisory Group must accomplish.

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

PROVIDE DIRECTION ON (1) PROPOSED TOPICS FOR POSSIBLE CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE STUDIED; (2) CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS; AND/OR (3) SCOPE AND CHARGE FOR A CHARTER STUDY TASK FORCE, IF DESIRED

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” exemption);
- (2) Provide direction to staff on general topics that should be studied and potentially submitted to voters as changes to the City Charter;
- (3) Provide direction to staff on how best to proceed with Charter Study, including, but not limited to, the following options:
 - a. Discuss Charter amendment matters at the City Council level, as part of a series of City Council workshop/study session discussions;
 - b. Refer specific matters to the Legislative Policy Committee (or other City Council committee) for study and recommendation to the City Council; and/or
 - c. Refer specific matters to a separate, appointed Charter Study Task Force with a specified scope and charge established by the City Council for study and recommendation to the City Council

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, including topics for Charter Study on City Governance Issues and Technical “clean-up” items that need updating, as well as alternatives for the City Council, Council Committee, and/or Charter Study Task Force to review the various topics, and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Williams voiced support for charter topics to be studied by the City Council in lieu of a Charter Study Task Force regarding the suggested city governance topics. She advocated for staff to solicit input from the Pasadena Rental Housing Board and the community at large on suggested amendments related to Article XVIII (The Pasadena Fair and Equitable Housing Charter Amendment).

Councilmember Rivas spoke in support of staff's suggestion of handling this item in two steps, with the matter to be agendaized for final approval at the September 18, 2023 City Council meeting, allowing the City Council and community to consider the suggested topics and to potentially add additional topics as part of the scope. She also spoke in support of a Charter Study Task Force to study and focus on City Council governance topics as identified in the staff report, and asked the staff to include the issues of campaign contributions and Councilmember compensation/childcare/eldercare stipends as part of the list for City Council to consider.

Councilmember Madison spoke in support of Councilmember Rivas' suggestions to add campaign finance reform and City Council compensation as part of the topics to be studied by a Charter Study Task Force.

Mayor Gordo spoke in favor of a Charter Study Task Force to study governance issues, and also supported the approach that the technical issues be presented by City staff to one or more of the Council Standing Committees for review. He expressed concerns with campaign contribution limits, highlighting some of the drawbacks that occur when limits are imposed, including the lack of transparency associated with independent expenditures. Mayor Gordo also spoke in support of reviewing City Council compensation.

Councilmember Lyon spoke in support of exploring City Council compensation that might increase opportunities for other community members to seek these elected offices; and in strong support of a creating of Charter Study Task Force to study to City governance topics. He expressed his concerns with the topic "Timing of Mayoral Election in Relation to Council District Elections", noting his opposition to making changes to the City Charter just to accommodate a few members of the City Council that wish to seek the office.

Vice Mayor Williams advocated for a Charter Study Task Force to study and review term limits in conjunction with campaign finance limits; and suggested the need to review the number of councilmembers required for a City the size of Pasadena. She also asked for additional information regarding the discussion and considerations given to the citywide elected Mayor, with staff to provide that as part of the information when the item returns on September 18, 2023.

Councilmember Hampton spoke on the need for the City Council to wield additional authority; and stated he will not support campaign contribution or term limits. He voiced support for a Charter Study Task Force made up of community members.

Councilmember Masuda stated his concerns with the currently language in the City Charter that states the Vice Mayor will automatically become the Mayor if a vacancy occurs in the Office of the Mayor. He asked that this be included in the vacancy, appointment, and special election discussion, suggesting that the City Council have the authority to appoint a replacement.

Councilmember Jones echoed comments in support of a Charter Study Task Force to study governance topics and delegate the technical topics suggested by City staff to be vetted by one or more of the City Council committees.

Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor, responded to questions related to charter reform.

City Clerk Jomsky, reported that one letter advocating for campaign finance reform was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted on-line, and made part of the public record.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to use a Charter Study Task Force in alignment with the community to determine the topics to study, and spoke on the need for term limits.

Following discussion, the City Clerk summarized the City Council's discussion regarding the governance topics to be reviewed by a Charter Study Task Force, as well as the technical topics suggested by City Staff to be considered by one or more of the Council Standing Committees. He stated that this item will return to the City Council on September 18, 2023 for final action, which will include the requested information regarding considerations given to the citywide elected Mayor. At that time the City Council will be asked to adopt a formal scope and charge for the Charter Study Task Force that will guide their work.

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

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk