

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
August 21, 2023 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Teleconference Location:
Barstow City Hall
220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A
Barstow, CA 92311

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 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following closed session: (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Madison)

Vice Mayor Williams participated remotely

Councilmember Madison arrived at 4:44 p.m.

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

Name of Case: Crown City Billiards & Lounge, LLC v. City of Pasadena, et al.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCP02142

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (one potential case)

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Location: 2211 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91107

Agency Negotiator: Márquez, Miguel

Negotiating Party: Brett Klaeser

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of Payment

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE with Labor

Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Employee Title and Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

City Representative: Victor M. Gordo

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 6:02 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Jones.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Felicia Williams
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (Absent)

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

Advisory Bodies

Vice Mayor Williams
joined the meeting
remotely at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmember Madison
returned to the meeting at
6:12 p.m.

**RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION
TO NAME POOL AT ROBINSON PARK “DR. EDNA L. GRIFFIN
POOL” AND NAME THE YOUTH COMMUNITY ROOM AT
ROBINSON PARK ON BEHALF OF “HONORABLE JOHN J.
KENNEDY” (Parks Recreation & Community Services Dept.)**

Recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Commission: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action of naming a City facility not a "project" 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, is not subject to environmental review; and
- (2) Name the pool at Robinson Park “Dr. Edna L. Griffin Pool” and name the youth community room at Robinson Park Recreation Center on behalf of “Honorable John J. Kennedy”.

Lola Osborne, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, provided introductory comments, and Enrique Arroyo, Management Analyst V, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, with both responding to questions.

Councilmember Jones stated his intention to support the naming of the pool at Robinson Park Recreation Center in honor of John J. Kennedy; and asked the City Manager to reach out to the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center (RBAC) staff to begin discussions on possibly honoring Dr. Edna L. Griffin at the RBAC location.

The City Council spoke on the significant efforts of former Councilmember Kennedy to secure funding for a pool at Robinson Park that will serve minority youth in Pasadena, and support access to water safety and swimming, with various members speaking in support of naming the pool in his honor, and working with RBAC staff in honoring Dr. Edna L. Griffin.

The following individuals advocated for the City Council to name the pool at Robinson Park Recreation Center after former Councilmember John J. Kennedy:

Jon Fuhrman, Pasadena resident
Taleen Hindoyan, representing Pasadena Sister Cities

Boualem Bouseloub, representing Dakar Plateau Sister Cities
Allen Edson, Pasadena resident
Brandon Lamar, Pasadena resident
Treasure Sheppard, Pasadena resident
Danny Parker, Pasadena resident
Eleanor Lee, Pasadena resident
Pastor Kerwin Manning
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident
Lena Kennedy, Pasadena resident

The following individuals spoke in support of the Recreation and Parks Commission's recommendation:

Gina Dance, Pasadena resident
Liberty McCoy, Pasadena resident

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the City Clerk's Office received three letters of correspondence advocating for the City Council to name the pool at Robinson Park Recreation Center after former Councilmember John J. Kennedy; and one letter advocating for the Villa Parke pool to be named after Dr. Edna J. Griffin, with all correspondence distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

Motion:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams, to approve the naming of the pool at Robinson Park Recreation Center the "John J. Kennedy Pool," and refer the matter of honoring Dr. Edna L. Griffin to the City Manager and RBAC staff:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Hampton

ABSTAIN: None

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Maureen McConnel, representing Pasadena Sister Cities Committee introduced Katarina Lauth and Isabell Schmidt, exchange students visiting from Germany. Ms. Lauth and Ms. Schmidt, expressed appreciation to the City Council and community for the opportunity to participate in the exchange student program, and spoke on their time in Pasadena.

Councilmember Jones requested that the City Council adjourn the meeting in memory of Terri Ann Allen, former commissioner on the Human Relations and Accessibility & Disability commissions; and Mark Goff, long-time Pasadena resident.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, advocated for amending the City Charter to allow for bodycam footage and other video sources as part

of the investigative process for critical incidents involving the Pasadena Police Department.

The following individuals expressed concerns with the City's Power Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which they believe does not mandate one hundred percent 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:

Audrey Ma, representing Pasadena 100
Dale Zapata, Pasadena resident
Pippa Richter, representing Pasadena 100
Ioana Craiciu, representing Pasadena 100
Skylar Gering, representing Pasadena 100
Topher Mathers, Pasadena resident
Colin Bogart, Pasadena resident

Christal Hardman, representing Republic Services, introduced herself and company in the field of organic recycling matters, and spoke on SB1383 California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Law enforcement.

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding the allegations and complaints made against several members of the Pasadena Police Department (PPD) staff and leadership in a recent employment lawsuit:

Don Rodell, Pasadena resident
Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident

Simon Gibbons, residence not stated, expressed concerns with the BHYV consultant contract (serving the Pasadena Rental Housing Board), which he believes allows the consultant to bill against the contract regardless of the completion of their scope of work.

Kristine Kumuryan, representing Delta Plan Systems, provided information on her organization and the opportunity available to install grass and trees, and reduce irritation by 50% with the use of their systems.

CONSENT CALENDAR

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF LIQUID PROPANE GAS FUELED FORKLIFT TO SPECIFY AN ELECTRIC FORKLIFT IN A FUTURE BID FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT (Water & Power 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") in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and

(2) Reject the bid received in response to project identification number 2022-IFB-MS-152 for a 10,000 lbs. capacity forklift.

ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32390 WITH RICKY PICKENS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$30,000 FROM \$228,000 TO \$258,000 FOR GANG VIOLENCE OUTREACH AND INTERRUPTION SERVICES IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 (Health Dept.)

ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SOUTH COAST FIRE EQUIPMENT INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE FIREMATIC DODGE CREW CAB TYPE 6 PATROL UNIT FOR A TOTAL OF \$482,684 (Fire Dept.)

This item was pulled from the agenda and not considered

~~**WATER AND POWER OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT LOCATED AT 150 SOUTH LOS ROBLES AVENUE**~~ (City Manager's Office)

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR SEISMIC RETROFIT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AT CITY YARDS 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 sole bid received on May 18, 2023, in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for the Seismic Retrofit of Public Works Building at City Yards project.

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31617 WITH PSOMAS FOR ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

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") in accordance with Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines 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) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31617 with Psomas for On-Call Environmental Services to increase the contract amount by \$125,000, increasing the total not-to-exceed amount of the two extension periods from \$300,000 to \$425,000. (Contract No. 31617-2)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OCEAN BLUE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC., TO PROVIDE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the authorization to enter into a contract with Ocean Blue Environmental Services Inc., is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301, Class 1, (b) Existing Facilities; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, based on a competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 with Ocean Blue Environmental Services Inc., for hazardous waste management and emergency response services for the Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) Department for an amount not-to-exceed \$375,000 over a period of three years with two optional one-year extensions not-to-exceed \$125,000 each, subject to the approval of the City Manager for a total value of \$625,000. (Contract No. 32722)

RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & REAPPOINTMENTS

DESIGNATION OF VICE MAYOR WILLIAMS AS VOTING DELEGATE AND COUNCILMEMBER LYON AS THE ALTERNATE FOR THE LEAGUE OF CA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO, SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2023

APPOINTMENT OF MARIA GUADALUPE CASTELLON TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (Mayor Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER THIBAUT TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (At Large Nomination/District 7)

MINUTES APPROVED

July 31, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
July 31, 2023	City Council
August 7, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
August 7, 2023	City Council
August 14, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
August 14, 2023	City Council

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk, reported that the July 31, 2023, minutes, page 14, 4th paragraph (motion) should read as follows: ...seconded by ~~Vice Mayor Williams~~ Councilmember Hampton...

CLAIMS RECEIVED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2024-0024	Julie Romero	\$ 252.02
2024-0025	Mercury Insurance Company as subrogee of Celina Maravilla	5,981.26
2024-0026	Duplicate to Claim No. 2023-0200	

2024-0027	Andrew Jaesung Bae	25,000.00+
2024-0028	State Farm Mutual Ins. Co. a/s/o Christopher Sanchez	25,000.00+
2024-0029	Norma Beverly Hughes	25,000.00+
2024-0030	Avi Bilu	3,000.00
2024-0031	Tina Marie Avellano	1,307.38
2024-0032	Liwei Zhang	3,384.32
2024-0033	Adnan Chowdhury	4,589.69
2024-0034	Michelle Cronkhite	25,000.00+
2024-0035	Russell Whitcroft	688.19
2024-0036	Michelle Kristofferson	25,000.00+
2024-0037	Anita Holloway Hammond	25,000.00+
2024-0038	Eric John Friedrichsen	763.54
2024-0039	Connie Hong	99.00

PUBLIC HEARING SET

September 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (2022 program year) for Projects Funded from Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Home Investment Partnership Act

Motion:

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item No. 4, (Water and Power Office Lease Agreement...), which was pulled from the agenda and not considered; Item No. 2 (Authorization to Amend Contract No. 32390 With Ricky Pickens...) and Item No. 3 (Authorization to Enter into a Contract with South Coast Fire Equipment Inc...), which were discussed separately; and incorporating the correction to the July 31, 2023 minutes, as detailed above:

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

**CONSENT
ITEM DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY**

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32390 WITH RICKY PICKENS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$30,000 FROM \$228,000 TO \$258,000 FOR GANG VIOLENCE OUTREACH AND INTERRUPTION SERVICES IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 (Health Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32390 with Ricky Pickens to increase the contract amount by \$30,000, thereby

Vice Mayor Williams disconnected from the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

increasing the total not-to-exceed amount from \$228,000 to \$258,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024; and

(3) To the extent the amendment to Contract No. 32390 could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, grant the contracts an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. This transaction is exempt from competitive bidding per PMC Section 4.08.030 and City Charter Section 1002(F) based on contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 32390-2)

The following individuals spoke in favor the staff recommendation:

Valerie Strong, Fontana resident
Jason Bobo, Pasadena resident
Johnny McCrary, residence not stated
Jon Jones, Pasadena resident

Mayor Gordo spoke on the need for additional efforts for violence intervention programs (i.e., job training, mental health services) in the community, and asked staff to schedule a discussion on the matter at a future meeting with the staff from the Police and Health Departments for further discussion and consideration.

Motion:

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Rivas, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton, Vice Mayor Williams)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SOUTH COAST FIRE EQUIPMENT INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE FIREMATIC DODGE CREW CAB TYPE 6 PATROL UNIT FOR A TOTAL OF \$482,684 (Fire Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with South Coast Fire Equipment Inc., for the purchase of one Firematic Dodge Crew Cab Type 6 Patrol in an amount not-to-exceed \$482,684. Neither Competitive Bidding nor Competitive Selection are required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(h) and Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(A)(3), contracts with other governmental entities.

Councilmember Lyon requested that in the future, staff provide information on the availability of electrical vehicles when recommending approval of purchasing fossil fuel vehicles.

In response to Councilmember Lyon's inquiry related the availability of electric fire engine truck, Fire Chief Chad Augustin responded that due to the gross vehicle weight of a fire engine truck there are no electrical fire trucks available.

The City Council, and City Manager, thanked Chief Augustin, Pasadena Fire Department, Villa Parke and Public Work's staff for their work and efforts at the City's Emergency Operation Center and operation of the emergency shelter as proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of the community due to Tropical Storm Hilary.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

City Manager

SELECTION OF STRUCTURAL RETROFIT APPROACH FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT AND BUILDING REPAIRS PROJECT (Public Works Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find the proposed action in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, 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) Direct staff to proceed with the Concrete Shear Wall structural retrofit approach for the Central Library Earthquake Retrofit and Repair project.

City Manger Márquez provided introductory comments, and Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, and Debra Gerod, Principal with Gruen Associates (City consultant), presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, and responded to questions.

The Mayor thanked the members of the Technical Oversight Committee for their work in advising the design team.

Tim McDonald, Director of Library and Information Services, provided information on the number of Full Time Employees (FTE's) employed at the Central Library, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Jones recommended staff conduct an analysis on the City's fire stations that require renovations as a possible approach to funding the repairs to the Central Library and fire stations concurrently.

Councilmember Lyon asked staff to provide a copy of the report provided by the Community Programming Committee to the City Council. He expressed concerns with supporting an engineering proposal without a design proposal.

John LoCascio, Principal Architect with Historic Resources Group (City consultant), provided information on the standards for reconstruction related to the Central Library, and responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the staff recommendation and/or provided comments on the matter:

Janice Segall, representing Friends of the Pasadena Public Library
Robert Frampton, Pasadena resident
Andy Wilson, Pasadena resident

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the City Clerk's Office received one letter of correspondence in support of the staff recommendation, which was distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

Councilmember Jones spoke in support of the staff recommendation; and asked staff to conduct an analysis of a proposed bond measure to include on the November 2024 ballot that will fund the library retrofit, as well as possibly addressing needed upgrades to the City's fire stations.

Following City Council discussion, Mr. Olmos responded that staff would return at a future City Council meeting with a recommendation on the Central Library's funding strategy.

Mayor Gordo asked staff to include in the funding strategy information on a measure that will include an amount that the residents of the City will support.

Motion:

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

Mayor Gordo spoke on the recent passing of Angelica Ramirez, Housing Specialist, who worked for the City over the past 34 years in the Housing Department, and the important services she provided to Pasadena residents.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:16 p.m., in memory of Terrie Ann Allen and Mark Goff.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk