

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
February 26, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

OPENING:

Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmember Williams)

CLOSED SESSION

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m.
to discuss the following closed session item:

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 434-470 North Lake Avenue
Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez
Negotiating Party: County of Los Angeles
Under negotiation: Price and terms**

**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 Police Lieutenants
Association**

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 6:29 p.m.
The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Rivas.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Steve Madison (arrived at 4:49 p.m.)
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember Justin Jones (arrived at 4:53 p.m.)
Councilmember Jason Lyon
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jessica Rivas
Councilmember Felicia Williams (absent)

Staff:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Gordo introduced and presented a proclamation to Charlotte Lacey, Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, proclaiming March 2024 as “Women’s History Month” in Pasadena, who accepted the recognition on behalf of the Commission, and together with Leticia Lopez, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Superintendent, invited the public to the Herstory 2024 networking event and panel discussion on March 7, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dr. Lynette Nahigian, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding her experience with Pasadena Unified School District staff.

The following individuals expressed support for a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and/or provided comments on the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East:

Hannah Koester, Pasadena resident

Bert Newton, Pasadena resident

Salma George Zahr, Pasadena resident

Estee Chandler, Jewish Voice for Peace Action, Greater Los Angeles

Reverend Mark Chase, All Saints Church Pasadena

Anthony Manousos, Making Housing and Community Happen

Rahma, Pasadena resident

Carla St. Romain, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the 2024 City Council meeting schedule, noting that due to cancellations, the weekly meeting schedule is not being adhered to by the Council.

Jimmy Taggart, residence not stated, expressed concerns regarding recent restaurant closures in the City.

Heavenly Hughes, My Tribe Rise, voiced support for a ceasefire in Gaza, thanked City staff for producing Black History Month events, and spoke on the need for corrective action to unify the City.

Councilmember Lyon suggested staff submit the matter for a ceasefire resolution to the Legislative Policy Committee, which was agreed to by Councilmember Madison, Chair of the Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager/ Executive Director

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND PASADENA POLICE SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION FOR THE TERM OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2028 (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) Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Pasadena (City) and the Pasadena Police Supervisors

Association (PPSA), for the term of February 26, 2024, through June 30, 2028; and

(3) Adopt a Resolution authorizing tax deferral of member paid contributions to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) for Pasadena Police Supervisors Association (PPSA) employees with membership in CalPERS. (Resolution No. 10033)

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRE-TAX TREATMENT OF COST-SHARING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PAID BY MEMBERS OF THE PASADENA POLICE SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION, UNDER SECTION 414(H)2 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (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; and

(2) Adopt a Resolution to authorize the pre-tax treatment of cost-sharing contributions paid by members of the Pasadena Police Supervisors Association to the California Public Employees' Retirement System. (Resolution No. 10034)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GALLUP INC., FOR EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SERVICES AND SURVEY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$256,250 (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; and

(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 Gallup Inc., for Employee Engagement services and survey for a total amount not-to-exceed \$167,750 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 \$44,250. (Contract No. 32868)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LINKEDIN CORPORATION FOR AN ONLINE EMPLOYEE TRAINING PLATFORM/LEARNING LIBRARY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$141,615 (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; and

(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 LinkedIn Corporation (LinkedIn) for an online employee training platform/learning library for a total amount not-to-exceed \$141,615 over a three-year term. (Contract No. 32867)

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FEHR AND PEERS FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO DEVELOP SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$249,810 (Transportation Dept.)

CONTRACT AWARD TO WILLIAMS PIPELINE CONTRACTORS INC., FOR INSTALLATION OF ZINC COATED DUCTILE IRON WATER MAINS IN BELLEFONTAINE STREET AND GLENARM STREET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,734,435 FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT (Water & Power Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the project described in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Section 21080.21 and State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction);

(2) Accept the bid dated December 21, 2023, submitted by Williams Pipeline Contractors Inc., in response to Specifications WD-23-05 for installation of zinc coated ductile iron water mains in Bellefontaine Street and Glenarm Street; reject all other bids received; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Williams Pipeline Contractors Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,734,435, which includes the base contract amount of \$2,485,850 and a contingency of \$248,585 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32859)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MORGAN STANLEY INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT ADVISORS LLC DBA HYAS GROUP FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE CITY'S DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$185,000 (Finance Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is covered by the "Common Sense" exemption set forth in the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified in Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Morgan Stanley Institutional Investment Advisors LLC DBA Hyas Group (Hyas Group) for financial advisor services related to the City's Deferred Compensation Program in an amount not-to-exceed \$185,000 for five years. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 32869)

AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR FAMILY HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE GRANT ROUND 2 AND HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION ROUND 5 FUNDS; APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 32487 WITH DOOR OF HOPE SUBJECT TO AWARD OF STATE FUNDS (Housing Dept.)

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 submittal of an application to the State of California for Family Homelessness Challenge Grant Round 2 ("FHC-2") funding in conjunction with Door of Hope in the amount of \$787,500 to serve families with minor children who are at imminent risk of homelessness;
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to certify or execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the application and all other documents, agreements and amendments related to the application and any subsequent Family Homelessness Challenge Grant Round 2 award;
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32487 with Door of Hope to administer the proposed project, should it be selected for FHC-2 funding, with a term of up to three years and in an amount no greater than what is awarded by the State. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. To the extent that this grant funding is subject to City procurement requirements, 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 (Contract No. 32483-1);
- (5) Authorize the submittal of an application, as part of the Los Angeles County regional application, to the State of California for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 5 ("HHAP-5") funding in the amount of \$799,522.60 for eligible programs and activities that serve people experiencing homelessness; and
- (6) Authorize the City Manager to certify or execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the application and all other documents, agreements and amendments related to the application and subsequent HHAP-5 award.

Item discussed separately

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN AMENDED FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT FUNDS (Housing Dept.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,903,121; APPROVAL OF KEY BUSINESS TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOAN AGREEMENT WITH DOOR OF HOPE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT AT 724 NORTH MARENGO AVENUE TO SERVE UNHOUSED PERSONS AND FAMILIES (Housing Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed housing financing and development activities, as described in the agenda report, do not have a significant effect on the environment and have been determined to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15301(e)(2) (Class 1, Existing Facilities), and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;
- (2) Approve a budget amendment appropriating a total of \$1,903,121 consisting of: a) \$1,200,000 from the Inclusionary Housing Trust Fund unappropriated fund balance, b) \$500,000 from the HOME Fund unappropriated fund balance, and c) \$203,121 from the Housing Successor Fund unappropriated fund balance to the Housing Department's FY 2024 Operating Budget to fund the proposed City loan for the Door of Hope Transitional Housing Project (Budget Amendment No. 2024-37);
- (3) Approve certain key business terms, as described in the agenda report, of the proposed Affordable Housing Loan Agreement with Door of Hope (Contract No. 32870); and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the staff recommendation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2024 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET (Finance Dept.)

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; and
- (2) Approve amending the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) Adopted Operating Budget as detailed in the agenda report by a net amount of \$952,652 and increasing the Citywide total Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) by 7.0 permanent FTEs. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-38)

Item discussed separately

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE CONTRACT NO. 31537 WITH AMERICAN RECLAMATION INC., BY \$1,673,568 AND ADD TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO PROVIDE MATERIAL RECOVERY PROCESSING (Public Works Dept.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,142 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES' FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET (Library 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) Recognize and appropriate \$29,142 from the California State Library to the Department of Libraries and Information Services' Fiscal year 2024 Operating Budget to support the Lunch at the Library Grant project. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-39)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,434 FROM THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO (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 that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements required to receive LCTOP grant funds in the amount of \$4,434 from the City of Montebello; and
- (3) Amend the Department of Transportation's FY 2024 Operating Budget to receive and appropriate \$4,434 as detailed in the fiscal impact section of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-40)

Item discussed separately

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DRAFT PASADENA PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN (Transportation Dept.)

City Council

RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF KIM SANTELL TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (District 4 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF ERIC HOGENSEN TO THE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION (District 7 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF EILEEN WILLIAMSON TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (District 7 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF MARLON GONZALEZ TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (Hotel Nomination)

City Attorney

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2.365 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, INTERPRETING THE CITY COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES PROCESS (City Attorney's Office)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3); and
- (2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare and return within 60 days with an ordinance amending Chapter 2.365.080 of the Pasadena Municipal Code to interpret the City Council's role in the claim for damages process.

City Clerk/ Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED

November 20, 2023	City Council
November 20, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
November 27, 2023	City Council
November 27, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
December 4, 2023	City Council – Special Meeting
December 4, 2023	City Council
December 4, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2024-0172	Elisa G. Serreno Flores	\$ 25,000.00
2024-0173	Helen Burnette Carter	10,000.00+
2024-0174	Accelura Corp	25,000.00+
2024-0175	Anthony Comacho	25,000.00+
2024-0176	Karla J Puga	25,000.00+
2024-0177	Alitzel Holguin	25,000.00+
2024-0178	Ahtziri Holguin	25,000.00+
2024-0179	Duplicate claim to 2024-0178	
2024-0180	Luz M. Pelayo	25,000.00+
2024-0181	Shoughik Bajada	25,000.00+
2024-0182	Ashleigh Robinson	25,000.00+
2024-0183	Mercury	Not stated
2024-0184	Robert Behr	5,000.00
2024-0185	Barbra Avouac	25,000.00+
2024-0186	Aya Goldman	700.00
2024-0187	Andrew Myler	825.00
2024-0188	Valerie D'Alessio	25,000.00+
2024-0189	Heshmat Pain Management Clinic	2,005.20
2024-0190	Joelle Khawli	25,000.00+
2024-0191	Kevin Smith Smith	100.00
2024-0192	Troy Briggs	853.25
2024-0193	Rush Truck Center	3,677.13

2024-0194	Phyllis' Second Wind Corp	25,000.00+
2024-0195	Jade Barrera	7,000.00
2024-0196	Ilario Idoni	110.00
2024-0197	Kenneth Egan	1,930.94
2024-0198	Moushegh Tashjian	1,000.00
2024-0199	Karen L. Gonzalez	1,295.00

City Clerk Jomsky reported 27 letters in support of the City approving the agreement with Door of Hope for the development of a transitional housing project (Consent Calendar Item 10) were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Items 5, 9, 12, and 15. (Motion unanimously approved.) (Absent: Councilmember Williams)

**CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY**

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FEHR AND PEERS FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO DEVELOP SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$249,810 (Transportation Dept.)

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) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (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 Fehr & Peers for consultant services to develop Safe Streets for All Action Plan by conducting an outreach campaign and updating the existing Local Roadway Safety Plan for a total not-to-exceed \$249,810. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 32873)

The following individuals expressed support for staff recommendations and provided comments on street safety and quick build designs:

Colin Bogart, Active Transportation Director at Day One
Thomas Priestley, Pasadena resident

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

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF AN AMENDED FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION GRANT 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" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Adopt a Resolution authorizing an application and an amended five (5) year plan for the expenditure of the City's grant award of Permanent Local Housing Allocation ("PLHA") funding, as set forth in this report and its attachments, to provide and preserve affordable housing to Very Low, Low, Moderate, and Workforce Income households in Pasadena. (Resolution No. 10035)

The following individuals expressed support and/or provided comments on the Safe Parking Program at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Bert Newton, Pasadena resident
Rosemary Angelique, Pasadena resident
Ramzi Ennabi, Pasadena resident
Reverend Sharon Richter, Trinity Lutheran Church
Tom Petersmeir, Pasadena resident
Catherine Cheung, Foothill Unity Center

Vice Mayor Madison expressed concerns regarding safety impacts to unhoused individuals residing in cars and asked for additional information on the City's adopted Safe Parking initiative.

Bill Huang, Director of Housing, reported that there is an on-going Safe Parking program at Trinity Lutheran Church that is not funded by the City; clarified that the proposed housing plan requires City Council approval in order to allocate State funding in various categories within the plan, but noted that the funds are not tied to specific programs or projects, and can be reallocated in the event the safe parking project is not approved. He stated that the nature of safe parking is primarily operational since it utilizes parking lots and does not require construction or significant capital investments.

City Manager Marquez stated that the Council had previously approved limited zoning changes to allow this as a pilot program for safe parking.

Housing Director Huang confirmed that staff would provide a full report and proposal for Council's consideration before any future safe parking project can be implemented.

Discussion ensued regarding the usage of faith-based locations for safe parking program sites, the allocated budget for the program, and security for the sites.

Housing Director Huang clarified that the faith-based organization would be the property provider and the operator would be a non-profit organization.

Vice Mayor Madison requested that the financial arrangements between the City, the site operator, and the faith-based locations, as well as the stated policy concerns (security and impacts to neighbors) be discussed by the Economic Development and Technology Committee.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: ADOPTION OF THE FINAL DRAFT PASADENA PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from review pursuant to 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; and
- (2) Adopt the Final Draft Pasadena Pedestrian Transportation Action Plan as a final document that provides an implementation plan for corridor-long safety improvements citywide. This will allow the City to advance concept plans and pursue the necessary grant funding to build elements in the Plan.

Recommendation of the Transportation Advisory Commission: On September 22, 2022, the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) recommended that the City Council approve the Final Draft Pasadena Pedestrian Transportation Action Plan (PTAP). The TAC also provided input focused on the PTAP becoming an Action Plan that would concentrate on specific corridors. Subsequently, this item was recommended for approval by the City Council through Municipal Services Committee (MSC).

Recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee: Department of Transportation (DOT) staff presented the PTAP to MSC as an informational only item on October 25, 2022. Committee members expressed concerns on the prioritization of the ten corridors, including, comments and questions on streets omitted from the prioritization list such as Orange Grove Boulevard, East Washington Boulevard, Allen Avenue, and California Boulevard. The Committee also requested staff to consider integrating the City's Pedestrian Plan with the Bicycle Transportation Action Plan. Responses regarding the prioritization process and considerations for one integrated plan are included in this report. The Final Draft PTAP was unanimously recommended for approval by MSC to the City Council on February 13, 2024. As part of the recommendation, committee members added one corridor to the high priority corridor list and expanded the limits of two

corridors on the high priority corridor list, to address concerns on corridors that experience a high number of pedestrian collisions. The action included the addition of California Boulevard from Fair Oaks Avenue to Lake Avenue, and the extension of Lake Avenue to Arden Road and the extension of Washington Boulevard to Sierra Bonita Avenue on the high priority corridor list.

The following individuals expressed concerns with the staff recommendation and/or provided comments on the implementation of the proposed Pasadena Pedestrian Transportation Active Plan (PTAP):

Colin Bogart, Active Transportation Director at Day One
Marsha Rood, Pasadena resident
Thomas Priestley, Pasadena resident
Chris Fedukowski, Pasadena resident
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident

In response to concerns raised during public comment, Joaquin Siques, Acting Director of Transportation, clarified that the quick-build component in the Pedestrian Transportation Action Plan is identified in the staff recommendation. In response to Councilmember Lyon's inquiry, Acting Transportation Director Siques reported that the proposed PTAP builds upon on the previously adopted 2006 Pedestrian Plan and mobility elements, and provides a list of priority corridors for the City to pursue funding.

Acting Transportation Director Siques stated that staff will amend the plan to emphasize the City's focus on pedestrian safety issues, quick build options, and how the proposed plan builds on the previously adopted pedestrian plan, with mobility elements intact, noting that the information will be added to the introduction, as well as the implementation sections of the proposed PTAP to provide clarity for the reader and address the public's concerns.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 66 letters advocating for the City Council not to approve the proposed Pasadena Pedestrian Transportation Active Plan without changes to the plan, 3 letters complimenting the Transportation Department on the quality of the plan, and 1 letter expressing concerns with dedicated bike lanes, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve staff recommendations on Consent Calendar Item 5; Item 9, with direction to staff to provide a report on the safe parking program to EdTech, as detailed above; and Item 15, acknowledging the changes staff will make to the proposed PTAP, as detailed above. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Williams)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE CONTRACT NO. 31537 WITH AMERICAN RECLAMATION INC., BY \$1,673,568 AND ADD TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR OPTIONS TO PROVIDE MATERIAL RECOVERY PROCESSING (Public Works Dept.)

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 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 increase contract amount with American Reclamation Inc., by \$141,024 for the second one-year option from March 4, 2024 to March 4, 2025 (Contract No. 31573-2);
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to add two additional one-year options from March 4, 2025 to March 4, 2027 in an amount by \$766,272 for each of the one-year options; and
- (4) To the extent this transaction could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, grant the proposed contract increase with American Reclamation Inc., 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 for which the City's best interests are served.

In response to Councilmember Lyon inquiry about the contract rate increase, Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, presented a summary of the proposed changes of the contract with American Reclamation Inc. that was approved in January 2023. Thanos Gauthier, RRR Administrator, reported on the changes to the contract since 2019; and noted the increases in costs and labor are reflected in the increased contract amount.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve Staff Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 for Consent Calendar Item 12. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Williams)

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve Staff Recommendations No. 3 and No. 4 for Consent Calendar Item 12. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Williams)

**ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING**

ADOPTION OF "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING AND ADDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) LAND USES" (Ordinance No. 7418)

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

ADOPTION OF “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE CITY OF PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE CENTRAL DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE INCLUDING CHANGES PERTAINING TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LAND USES, MODIFYING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP ESTABLISHED BY THE ZONING CODE (CHAPTER 17.20, SECTION 17.20.020) TO UPDATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN, AND MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE LINCOLN AVENUE, EAST COLORADO, AND SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLANS FOR INTERNAL CONSISTENCY” (Ordinance No. 7419)

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

STREET NAME CHANGE – DAYTON STREET TO TROOP WAY, BETWEEN FAIR OAKS AVENUE AND RAYMOND AVENUE (Public Works Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council cancel the public hearing, with staff to reschedule and notice the public hearing for a future date and time.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 2 letters in opposition of the proposed street renaming were received by the City Clerk’s Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to cancel the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Williams)

APPEAL OF THE DESIGN COMMISSION’S APPROVAL OF A CONCEPT DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AT 141 SOUTH LAKE AVENUE (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council cancel the public hearing with the agreement of the appellant.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 1 letter in opposition to the proposed project on 141 S Lake Ave was received by the City Clerk’s Office,

distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to cancel the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Williams)

**REPORTS AND
COMMENTS FROM
COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Economic Development
and Technology
Committee**

Councilmember Jones reported a potential conflict of interest due to the location of his residence, recused himself, and left the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL EARMARK INITIATIVE FUNDING FOR DINE OUT PASADENA PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5M; AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PASADENA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR DINE OUT PASADENA PROGRAM CO-ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1.325M; AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAYHOUSE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION FOR DINING PAVILION REMOVAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$150,000 (City Manager)

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);
- (2) Amend the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget by recognizing and appropriating \$1.5M in Congressional earmark initiative funding to administer the Dine Out Pasadena program (Budget Amendment No. 2024-41);
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Pasadena Community Foundation ("PCF") to co-administer the Dine Out Pasadena program not-to-exceed \$1,325,000 (Contract No. 32905); and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Playhouse Village Association ("PVA") for outdoor dining pavilion scope of work not-to-exceed \$150,000. (Contract No. 32906)

David Klug, Director of Economic Development, provided introductory remarks on the "al fresco" Dine Out Pasadena program, and introduced Theresa Garcia, Senior Project Manager, who reviewed the agenda report as part of a PowerPoint presentation; and responded to questions.

Brian Wallace, Playhouse Village Association, expressed support for the Dine Out Pasadena Program.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 2 letters in support of the staff recommendation were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

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

**Municipal Services
Committee**

Councilmember Jones
returned to the meeting at
8:25 p.m.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A POWER SALES CONTRACT
WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY FOR
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY AND BATTERY ENERGY
STORAGE FROM BONANZA SOLAR, LLC FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-
TO-EXCEED \$512,228,000 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 exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15277 (Projects Located Outside California); and

(2) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into a contract with Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA") for the purchase of renewable energy and capacity from Bonanza Solar, LLC ("Bonanza Solar") that includes daily delivery from a solar and storage facility ("Bonanza Project") of a maximum of 105 megawatts ("MW") of solar photovoltaic energy and up to four hours of dispatchable battery energy storage not-to-exceed 55 MW during a 20-year contract term beginning December 31, 2027, for an amount not-to-exceed \$512,228,000; 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. (Contract No. 32,977)

Recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee: On February 13, 2024, the Municipal Services Committee ("MSC") unanimously approved the Staff recommendation to the City Council. The MSC requested that the not-to-exceed contract value amount stated on the Agenda Report be amended to align with the associated presentation.

David Reyes, Acting General Manager of Water & Power, provided introductory remarks, and introduced Kelly Nguyen, Assistant General Manager, who reviewed the proposed action as part of a PowerPoint presentation; and responded to questions.

In response to Vice Mayor Madison's inquiry about the fixed pricing of the contract, Acting General Manager Reyes reported that the proposed contract is in high demand and the pricing is below the national market level, noting that the proposed contract aligns with Council's recent policy actions to achieve carbon-free energy by 2030.

In response to Vice Mayor Madison's inquiry about pricing analysis, Assistant General Manager Nguyen stated that staff began working on this initiative one year ago to assess the needs/price points, but noted that due to renewable energy market fluctuation, the study is considered to be outdated; and that staff utilized the national market rate average for comparative purposes, and that currently, California's market rate is higher than the national average.

Acting General Manager Reyes confirmed that staff utilized Alliance for Cooperative Energy Services Power Marketing, LLC ("ACES") to conduct a third-party analysis of the Bonanza Project proposal to ensure it would be a best-fit, least-cost offer.

In response to Vice Mayor Madison's inquiry regarding the impact on rate payers, Assistant General Manager Nguyen stated that current estimates project a 2.2¢ increase per kWh; and clarified that other rate components, such as expiring resources or contracts terminating, can potentially decrease rate estimates. Acting General Manager Reyes stated that a full cost of service study is currently being conducted and will be presented at a future meeting to the Municipal Services Committee and the full City Council.

Manuel Najera, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the potential for power outages, green energy technology, and the impacts of battery lifespans.

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

Mayor Gordo announced the State of the City event is scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024, at the California Institute of Technology, and invited the community and City Council to attend.

Mayor Gordo also announced that the City Council had approved the 742 Marengo Project to address homelessness, which was made possible with the help of Reverend Andy Bales. He thanked Reverend Bales for his years of service to the community, his work with Union Station, and congratulated him on his retirement.

City Clerk Jomsky provided information on the upcoming Pasadena Primary Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024; and encouraged the public to vote.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk