

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
March 11, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

**OPENING:** Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. (Absent: None)

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

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

**Name of Case:** Mehrabian, V. v. City of Pasadena, et al.  
**Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV47074**

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

**Name of Case:** Vangelisti, P. v. City of Pasadena, et al.  
**Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23AHCV01885**

**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

The above closed session items were discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

**Agency Designated Representatives:** Matthew Hawkesworth and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn  
**Employee Organization:** Non-Represented Management

The above closed session item was discussed, after the open session business was concluded, with no reportable action at this time.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 5:59 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Hampton.

**ROLL CALL:**  
Councilmembers: Mayor Victor M. Gordo  
Vice Mayor Steve Madison  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton  
Councilmember Justin Jones  
Councilmember Jason Lyon

Councilmember Gene Masuda  
Councilmember Jessica Rivas  
Councilmember Felicia Williams

Staff:

Acting Assistant City Manager Matthew Hawkesworth  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

**SPECIAL ITEM**

**PRESENTATION BY ADEL HAGEKHALIL, GENERAL MANAGER AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Cynthia Kurtz, City's representative on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, introduced Adel Hagekhalil, General Manager/COO of Metropolitan Water District (MET) of Southern California, who gave an update on the infrastructure of the water district, stormwater and groundwater basins, usage of federal funding, the development of an efficient business model for the organization, and answered questions.

In response to Mayor Gordo's inquiry about future plans for purple pipe systems for larger cities like Pasadena, General Manager Hagekhalil reported that MET is looking for additional opportunities to develop recycled water projects, including with LA County Sanitation District, and identifying funding opportunities since these systems can be costly. He also spoke on the need to develop new ways of utilizing existing water systems and implementing supplemental water management systems for the future due to limited funding opportunities.

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

Acting Assistant City Manager Hawkesworth announced the appointment of Joaquin Siques as the new Director of Transportation.

Prior to the public comment on matters not on the agenda, Vice Mayor Madison announced that the topic of the Middle East conflict will be brought to the Legislative Policy Committee in early April.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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:

Teri Stein, residence not stated  
Rosa Candida Ramirez, residence not stated  
Reverend Katerina Gea, Pasadena resident  
Hedab Tarifi, Arcadia resident  
Joe Roos, Altadena resident  
Abdullah Farooq, Pasadena resident

Salma George Zahr, Pasadena resident  
Randall Heyn-Lamb, Pasadena resident  
Lucinda Wills, Pasadena resident  
Dr. Lena AlSarraf, Pasadena resident  
Shahram Shirmohammadi, Pasadena resident  
Estee Chandler, residence not stated  
Kaveh Naeeni, Pasadena resident  
Adriana Bautista, Pomona resident  
Natalie Eunson, Pasadena resident  
Mark Chase, All Saints Church Pasadena

It was moved by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to add the topic of a ceasefire resolution regarding the conflict in Gaza to the upcoming March 18, 2024 City Council meeting agenda.

Vice Mayor Madison noted that the Legislative Policy Committee staff is working diligently to research comparable resolutions that other cities have considered, but the work is not yet complete.

Councilmember Hampton suggested that the proposed topic be first discussed at the Legislative Policy Committee this week, and if the Committee is unable to call a special meeting in that timeframe, then the topic should proceed directly to the City Council on March 18, 2024.

Councilmember Williams suggested that the item be placed on the agenda for next week's joint meeting with Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

Councilmember Rivas and Councilmember Lyon accepted Councilmember Hampton's suggestion as a friendly amendment to the original motion.

Councilmember Madison spoke in opposition to this matter going to the Legislative Policy Committee, since an issue of this magnitude should only be discussed once and by the full City Council, and for that reason, was not supportive of the proposed motion.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to refer the topic of a ceasefire resolution to the Legislative Policy Committee in the coming week, if possible, and if the Committee is unable to coordinate such a meeting, then the topic be heard by the City Council at the next scheduled meeting on March 18, 2024.

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

**NOES:** Vice Mayor Madison

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

On order of the Mayor, the City Council recessed at 7:18 p.m. for a brief break.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

**SPECIAL ITEM**

**UPDATE FROM KEN CHAWKINS, CHAIR OF THE CHARTER STUDY TASK FORCE, ON PROGRESS OF THE CHARTER STUDY EFFORT**

Ken Chawkins, Charter Study Task Force Chair, gave an update on the progress and the topics of the Task Force's discussions; he provided an overview of the discussions that have taken place pertaining to vacancy appointment processes, City Council term limits, and the timing of the Mayor's election in relation to other elections for members of the City Council. He also noted that the Task Force will be conducting two of its upcoming meetings at locations around the City in attempt to increase public engagement.

In response to Councilmember Lyon's inquiry about the issue with the timing of the Mayor's election, Chair Chawkins stated that it could be potentially beneficial for individuals with Council experience to run for Mayor, versus those without, but have strong support from constituents.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of having residency requirements for City Council appointments to fill vacancies, term limits, and off-cycle elections.

Councilmember Rivas suggested that the Task Force look to other cities with term limits and identify how their residents voted.

Vice Mayor Madison suggested that the Task Force consider the issues that are brought up and identify if it would be best executed by the City Charter or through an ordinance. He also noted that the current form of the City's Fair Campaign Practices Agreement may not be best suited for the current election system.

In response to Councilmember Williams' inquiry regarding limitations on self-funding of campaigns, City Attorney Bagneris stated that self-contributions cannot be limited because it is a free speech right.

Mayor Gordo noted that implementing campaign contribution limits may create an uneven playing field for those who can self-fund their campaigns, and also spoke on the fact that independent expenditures are similarly protected under political speech and free speech rights, and that campaign contribution limits increases advantages for those that can self-fund, and reduces transparency in terms of campaigns supported by independent expenditures.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter, requesting the Charter Study Task Force's charge be amended to include adding to the Charter a policy statement on the mission and goals of Pasadena's Water & Power Department, was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

Tim Brick, Pasadena resident, requested the City Council authorize the Charter Study Task Force to address governance of the Pasadena Water & Power Department and to have discussions to establish a stated Department mission and environmental goals in the City Charter.

Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident, urged the Charter Study Task Force to address police reform and spoke on the issue of Council compensation.

Allison Henry, Pasadena resident, expressed support for term limits and ranked choice voting.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Manager/ Executive Director

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SHADE STRUCTURES INC., (DBA USA SHADE & FABRIC STRUCTURES) FOR WASHINGTON PARK PLAYGROUND SHADE STRUCTURE PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$282,523 (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) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, 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) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Shade Structure Inc., (DBA USA Shade & Fabric Structure) for the Washington Park Playground Shade Structure project for an amount not-to-exceed \$282,523 which includes the base contract amount of \$245,673 and a contingency of \$36,850 to provide for any necessary change orders. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other government agencies or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services (Contract No. 32880); and
- (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.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ACCESS CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE SELF-EVALUATION AND ADA TRANSITION PLAN PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$145,000 (Public Works 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; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Disability Access Consultants, LLC for Professional Consultant Services for the Self-Evaluation and ADA Transition Plan Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$145,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$135,000 and a contingency of \$10,000 to provide for any necessary change orders. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (contracts for professional or unique services). (Contract No. 32885)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32324 WITH WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSOCIATES INC., BY \$150,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$650,000 FOR ON-CALL STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (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 projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32324 with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc., by \$150,000, which includes supplemental services of \$100,000 and a contingency of \$50,000 to provide for any necessary change orders, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$650,000 for on-call structural engineering services; 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 Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates 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 where the best interests of the city are served. (Contract No. 32324-1)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32748 WITH ABM INDUSTRIES TO INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$116,778 FOR FIELD LIGHTING ELECTRICAL WORK AT BROOKSIDE PARK FIELDS 2 & 3 FOR A REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$413,058 AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 TO PROJECT NO. 77363 (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 projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32748 with ABM Industries dba ABM Electrical & Lighting Solutions Inc., to increase contract amount by \$116,778, which includes supplemental services of \$106,778 and a contingency of \$10,000 to provide for any necessary change orders, increasing the total contract not-to-exceed amount to \$413,058 for electrical infrastructure upgrades for field lighting at Brookside Park Fields 2 and 3 (Contract No. 32748-1);

(3) To the extent this transaction could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Bidding Process, grant the proposed contract amendment with ABM Industries dba ABM Electrical & Lighting Solutions Inc., an exemption from the Competitive Bidding 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; and

(4) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Capital Improvement Program Budget by appropriating \$60,000 in Residential Impact Fee to the Brookside Park – Upgrade of Athletic Field Lighting and Backstop Replacement (77363) project. (Budget Amendment No. 2024-42)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR \$319,910 WITH CROWN PROMOTIONS GROUP FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL SERVICES RELATED TO STAGING SPECIAL EVENTS (PRCS Dept.)**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the action in the agenda report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of a competitive bidding, as specified by Section 4.08.045 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Crown Promotions Group, for the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department in an amount not-to-exceed \$319,910 for a period of three years with two one-year options, which includes the base contract amount of \$278,183 with a contingency of \$41,727 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32887)

ITEM PULLED – TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR \$145,000 WITH COLLEGIATE PROMOTIONS INC., FOR STAFF AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING UNIFORMS FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (PRCS Dept.)**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERRY C. THOMAS CONSTRUCTION INC., FOR THE WILSON AND OAK KNOLL SUBSTATION OIL CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$505,254 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 categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")

pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1: 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) Accept the bid dated November 22, 2023, submitted by Perry C. Thomas Construction Inc. ("Perry Thomas"), in response to the specifications for the Wilson and Oak Knoll Substation Oil Containment for the Water and Power Department ("PWP"); and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Perry Thomas for an amount not-to-exceed \$505,254 or for a period of two years, whichever occurs first. The total cost includes a base contract amount of \$439,351 and a 15% contingency of \$65,903 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32803)

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO SEPARATE CONTRACTS WITH PERRY C. THOMAS CONSTRUCTION INC., AND VICON ENTERPRISE INC., FOR SEISMIC ANCHORAGE OF EQUIPMENT AT BROOKSIDE AND OAK KNOLL SUBSTATIONS FOR A COMBINED AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$232,910 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 categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1: Existing Facilities); there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Accept the bid dated December 6, 2023, submitted by Perry C. Thomas Construction Inc. ("Perry Thomas"), in response to the specifications for the Seismic Anchorage of Equipment at Brookside and Oak Knoll Substations for the Water and Power Department ("PWP"); and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Perry Thomas for seismic anchorage of Brookside Substation for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,085 or a period of two years, whichever occurs first. The total cost includes a base contract amount of \$87,030 and a 15% contingency of \$13,055 to provide for any necessary change orders (Contract No. 32835); and

(3) Accept the bid dated December 5, 2023, submitted by Vicon Enterprise Inc. ("Vicon"), in response to the specifications for the Seismic Anchorage of Equipment at Brookside and Oak Knoll Substations for PWP; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vicon for seismic anchorage of Oak Knoll Substation for an amount not-to-exceed \$132,825 or a period of two years, whichever occurs first. The total cost includes a base contract amount of \$115,500 and a 15% contingency of \$17,325 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 32837)



**REPORT ON EMERGENCY REPAIR TO GAS TURBINE 5 (Water & Power Dept.)**

**Recommendation:** The agenda report is for information only as required by Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.150 for any emergency purchase where the expenditure exceeds \$75,000.

**AMEND CONTRACT WITH WATERSMART AND INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$225,000 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,366,504 TO CONTINUE OFFERING BEHAVIORAL WATER-EFFICIENCY AND CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS 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 15061(b)(3) "Common Sense" exemption; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to extend Contract No. 30133 with WaterSmart Software, LLC ("WaterSmart") by up to 36 months; and to increase the maximum contract amount of \$1,141,504 by \$225,000 for a new grand total of \$1,366,504, which includes annual service fees totaling \$205,000 and a contingency fee of \$20,000 in order to continue offering the WaterSmart home water reports and customer engagement programs. (Contract No. 30133-4)

**CONTRACT AWARD TO EFR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC., TO FURNISH LABOR, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE RENTAL OF TEMPORARY WATER STORAGE TANKS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$270,510 FOR THE MONK HILL TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE WATER AND POWER DEPARTMENT (Water & Power Dept.)**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the project in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (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; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated December 06, 2023, submitted by EFR Environmental Services Inc. ("EFR"), in response to Specifications 2023-IFB-LM-900 to furnish labor, materials, and equipment for the rental of temporary water storage tanks for the Monk Hill Treatment Plant; reject all other bids received; and, authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with EFR for \$135,255, or three years, whichever comes first, with an option for three additional one-year terms at \$45,085 per year, at the discretion of the City Manager for a maximum total contract amount not-to-exceed \$270,510. (Contract No. 32884)

**AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH ROTORCRAFT SUPPORT INC., FOR PURCHASE OF AND INSTALLATION OF ONE WESCAM MX-10 EO/IR CAMERA SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL OF \$563,357 (Police Dept.)**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the project proposed in the agenda report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Accept the bid dated March 4, 2024, submitted by Rotorcraft Support Inc., in response to specifications for one Wescam MX-10 camera purchase and helicopter installation; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$563,357. (Contract No. 32878)

**City Council**

RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS, &  
REAPPOINTMENTS

**RESIGNATION OF GENE MASUDA FROM THE FIRE & POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD (City Council Nomination)**

**City Attorney**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PROSECUTOR BY KARPEL (PBK) FOR A CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NOT-TO-EXCEED \$185,735 (City Attorney's Office)**

**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) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Prosecutor by Karpel (PBK) for a case management system in an amount not-to-exceed \$185,735 for a period of three years and three one-year extensions including 10% contingency (Contract No. 32895); and
- (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.

**City Clerk/ Secretary**

MINUTES APPROVED

December 11, 2023	City Council
December 11, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
December 18, 2023	City Council
December 18, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
December 25, 2023	City Council
December 25, 2023	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
January 1, 2024	City Council
January 1, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
January 8, 2024	City Council

January 8, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
January 15, 2024	City Council
January 15, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
January 22, 2024	City Council
January 22, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
January 29, 2024	City Council
January 29, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
February 5, 2024	City Council Special Emergency Meeting
February 5, 2024	City Council
February 5, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
February 12, 2024	City Council
February 12, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
February 19, 2024	City Council
February 19, 2024	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

<b>Claim No.</b>	<b>Claimant</b>	<b>Claim Amount</b>
2024-0200	Liana Pogosyan	\$ 4,829.40
2024-0201	Marti Mackey	25,000.00+
2024-0202	Yasaman Ostovar	600.78
2024-0203	Erich Wilhelm Zander	303.52
2024-0204	James Loftus	25,000.00+
2024-0205	Angelina Seiger	25,000.00+
2024-0206	Derek Collins	Not stated
2024-0207	Alex Beltran	525.00
2024-0208	Jousha Cummings	150.00
2024-0209	Milton White	25,000.00+

Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident, provided comments on Consent Calendar Items 4, 6, 12, 13, and 15a; she urged the City Council to divest from purchasing military equipment and reallocate the funds to support increased youth programming; and she also commented on the cancellation of City Council meetings.

Cynthia Cannady, Pasadena resident, provided comments on Consent Calendar Item 9, expressing concerns that the staff report failed to mention Resolution No. 9977, the warranty of the gas turbine that needs repairs, and the metallic fragments from the combustible fuel.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry about the status of having shade structures at all City parks, Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, stated that the Public Works Department is collaborating with the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department to

incorporate a CIP update and potential funding opportunities for the shade structures at the next Finance Committee meeting. Hayden Melbourne, Principal Engineer, added that staff continuously analyzes park utilization and the amount of existing shade at City parks to determine which parks should receive top priority.

Councilmember Hampton inquired if the contract with Disability Access Consultants, LLC for the Self-Evaluation and ADA Transition Plan Project was reviewed by the Accessibility and Disability Commission. Director Olmos stated that the proposed plan was an update to already approved Transition Plan Project, which did go to the Accessibility and Disability Commission, but not in this instance. Councilmember Hampton advocated for staff to utilize commission expertise as part of procurement processes as a way to fully vet staff's recommended action.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry regarding additional funding for marketing to promote the WaterSmart water-efficiency program, David Reyes, Acting General Manager of Water & Power, stated that City staff can look at additional funding during the budget process. Councilmember Hampton advocated for City staff to explore options to add more tanks for water storage.

In response to public comment, Acting General Manager Reyes provided a brief overview of the gas turbine repair agenda item, and stated that in the future, the Department will provide increased transparency with large emergency expenditures. He noted that despite the urgency of the situation, the Department is committed to achieving carbon free energy goals by 2030, and shared that staff is preparing a revised scope of work with E3 consultants, which will analyze decommissioning or converting Glenarm to clean fuel.

In response to Councilmember Rivas' request for clarification on the procurement of the cameras for the helicopters, Commander William Grisafe stated that the City has 5 helicopters and 1 Wescam MX-10 camera, noting that the proposed contract is to purchase a second Wescam MX-10 camera. He also explained that the City Council previously approved the purchase of the second camera in 2023, however, due to procurement issues, staff had to reject all received bids and conduct a second procurement, which is the current item.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 6. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 5-YEAR (2020-2024) CONSOLIDATED PLAN, 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (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;
- (2) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment to the 5-Year (2020-2024) Consolidated Plan as described in the agenda report for revision of accomplishment goals;
- (3) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment for the 2019 Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$160,386 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) funding;
- (4) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment for the 2023 Annual Action Plan to reallocate \$31,729 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding; and
- (5) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the grant applications, certifications, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD regarding the aforementioned federal entitlement funds.

City Clerk Jomsky opened the public hearing and reported that the public hearing notice was published on February 8 and February 29, 2024, in the Pasadena Press; and no correspondence was received.

Bill Huang, Director of Housing, introduced the item, shared that revisions to the Consolidated Plan include amending the 5-year Department goals impacted by the pandemic, shifting about \$160,000 to fund food pantries, and shifting about \$32,000 to the homeless management information system.

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved.) (Absent: None)

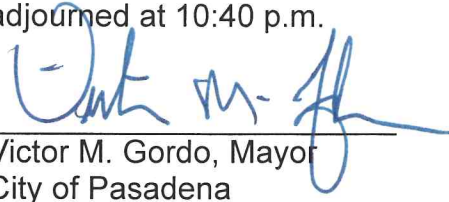
MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Lyon to approve the staff recommendations. (Motion unanimously approved.) (Absent: None)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed into closed session at 9:20 p.m., as noted above.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk