

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
November 13, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Williams. (Absent: Councilmember Rivas)

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers: Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Felicia Williams
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember Justin Jones
Councilmember Jason Lyon
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Jessica Rivas (arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS Tim McDonald, Director of Libraries and Information, spoke on Native American Heritage Month occurring in November, and announced upcoming library programs that will recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Native Americans.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA The following individuals requested the City Council agendize the naming of City street in honor of the musical group Troop:

Keisha Wilkins, Pasadena resident
Olden Denham, Pasadena resident

Matt Harris, residence not stated, thanked the City Council for the bike lanes on Union St. and expressed concerns regarding affordable housing in the City, and the challenges related to costs and inventory.

City Clerk Jomsky announced the opening of the nomination period for the March 2024 election cycle, and invited anyone interested in running for City Council to contact the City Clerk's Office for more information; and also announced dates and times for upcoming informational candidate workshops.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager/ Executive Director

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EIDIM GROUP INC., (dba EIDIM AV TECHNOLOGY) TO UPGRADE AUDIOVISUAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$275,136 (DoIT)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed contract 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; 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 EIDIM Group Inc., to upgrade audiovisual technology in the Council Chamber in an amount not-to-exceed \$275,136, which includes the base contract amount and a fifteen percent contingency. Competitive Bidding is not required pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 32700)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET BY RECOGNIZING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING \$43,334 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (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;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all grant-related documents pertaining to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award in the amount of \$43,334; and

(3) Amend the Police Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$43,334 in the General Fund (101). (Budget Amendment No. 2024-27)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A STANDARD AGREEMENT (96228) WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD (FTB) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FTB'S CITY BUSINESS TAX DATA PROGRAM (Finance 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) Adopt a resolution for the purpose of the City's participation in the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) City Business Tax Data Program (Resolution No. 10022); and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for tax years 2023 through 2025, which includes data sharing through December 2026. The proposed agreement is exempt from competitive

bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002(H), contract with other governmental entities. (Contract No. 23,942)

City Council

APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY MANAGER (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) Approve a first amendment to the employment agreement for City Manager Miguel Márquez to provide an increase to salary and the classification's salary control rate. It is further recommended that the Mayor be authorized to sign the first amendment to the employment agreement to reflect City Council approved changes.

(Contract No. 23,680-1)

City Clerk/ Secretary

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2024-0095	Aaron Martinez	\$ 25,000.00+
2024-0096	William Loren Ebarb	3,099.00
2024-0097	Homa Badihian	25,000.00+
2024-0098	Kathleen Kennedy Rivera	25,000.00+
2024-0099	Melissa Yvette Perez	225.00+
2024-0100	Deliverance Tabernacle Church	25,000.00+

PUBLIC HEARING SET

December 4, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – A Zoning Code Amendment to Modify Regulations Pertaining to Research and Development (R&D) Land Uses

December 4, 2023, 5:30 p.m. – A Zoning Code Amendment to Modify Regulations Pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

As required by the Brown Act, prior to taking action, Mayor Gordo reported information related to Item 4 of the Consent Calendar regarding the compensation increase for the City Manager.

MOTION:

It was moved by Vice Mayor Williams, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Rivas)

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

ADOPTION OF "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.04 REGARDING BUILDING CODE AND RELATED CODES" (Introduced by Councilmember Hampton) (Ordinance No. 7516)

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Rivas
ABSTAIN: None

Councilmember Rivas arrived at the dais at 7:17 pm.

Councilmember Rivas requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Federico "Fred" Gutierrez, a long-time employee of Roma Market. Mayor Gordo expressed gratitude for Fred's contributions to the City and Roma Market. Councilmember Hampton also shared his fond memories and interactions with Fred at Roma Market.

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

City Clerk

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARTER STUDY TASK FORCE

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) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption, which states that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Approve the following appointments to the Charter Study Task Force:

Lena Louise Kennedy – District 1 Nomination

Margaret McAustin – District 2 Nomination

Marcus D. Hatcher – District 3 Nomination

Paul A. Novak – District 4 Nomination

Liberty McCoy – District 5 Nomination

Ken Chawkins – District 6 Nomination

Andrew (Andy) Wilson – District 7 Nomination

Vince Farhat – Mayor Nomination

Raul Francisco Salinas – At Large Nomination

(3) Consider additional at-large nominations from the following pool of applicants, as well as any late arriving applications received prior to appointments being made:

Charlotte Bland

Gina Dance

Christopher Guerrero

James Oliver Maddox

Diana Carbajal Mejia

Denise Robb, Ph.D.

Jacque Robinson-Baisley

Yadi Younse

City Clerk Jomsky introduced the item, and presented information on the additional applications received from those interested in serving on the Charter Study Task Force, and responded to questions.

The City Council expressed appreciation to all of the new applicants that submitted applications to serve on the Task Force, with individual members of the Council expressing support for Gina Dance, Christopher Guerrero, James Oliver Maddox, Diana Carbajal Mejia, and/or Jacque Robinson-Baisley, as well as discussed the merits of increasing the size of the Task Force to 11 or 13 members.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve staff recommendations Nos. 1 and 2, and to add additional appointments of Jacque Robinson-Baisley and Diana Carbajal Mejia to serve as At-Large members on the Charter Study Task Force (increasing the size the Task Force to 11 members). (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

Discussion ensued regarding challenges related to increasing the size of the Task Force beyond the 11 members currently appointed, issues related to an even numbered Task Force, the size and composition of the Task Force, as well as the possibility of utilizing alternate members (including their roles and responsibilities) on the Task Force.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to expand the Charter Study Task Force to 13 full members, and to appoint Gina Dance to serve as a member on the Task Force.

Following discussion, Councilmember Lyon withdrew his second from the motion. MOTION FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND

It was moved by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to appoint Gina Dance to the Charter Study Task Force.

Following discussion, Councilmember Rivas withdrew her motion to appoint Gina Dance to the Task Force. MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to appoint Gina Dance and Christopher Guerrero to the Charter Study Task Force.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Vice Mayor Williams, to make a substitute motion to maintain the membership for the Charter Study Task Force to the 11 members approved by the City Council above.

AYES: Councilmembers Hampton, Madison, Masuda, Vice Mayor Williams, Mayor Gordo

NOES: Councilmembers Jones, Lyon, Rivas

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilmember Madison reported out that he recused himself from Closed Session Item 3 due to a conflict.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m. in memory of Federico "Fred" Gutierrez.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk