

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
October 28, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

OPENING:

Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. (Absent Councilmember Williams)

CLOSED SESSION

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m. to discuss the following closed session item:

Councilmember Williams arrived at 5:30 p.m.

**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 Attorney/City Prosecutor
City Representative: Victor M. Gordo**

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: 434-470 North Lake Avenue Under negotiation: Price and terms Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez Negotiating Parties: Bridge Housing, Camacho Commercial, Cit Ventures, Community Builders Group (CBG), Cypress Equity Investments (CEI), Fidelis Advisors, Holos Communities & Heritage Housing Partners, LA Family Housing, Mercy Housing, The Olson Company, Urban Coalition, US Properties, West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation

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 6:49 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:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

City Clerk Jomsky administered the Oath of Office to Christian Jones Northwest Commission - District 5, and Melissa Scott, Human Service Commission - District 5.

Mayor Gordo announced details for the Veterans' Day ceremony that will be held on November 11, 2024, in front of City Hall in honor of those that served in the military, and to pay a special tribute to the Second Battalion, 23rd Division Marines, upon their deployment.

SPECIAL ITEM

PRESENTATION BY STATE SENATOR ANTHONY PORTANTINO ON STATE OF THE STATE

Mayor Gordo extended appreciation to State Senator Anthony Portantino for his dedicated service to Pasadena and surrounding communities, as well as his advocacy for educational opportunities, public safety, economic growth, the 710 Freeway relinquishment legislation, and efforts to support the Rose Bowl.

State Senator Portantino provided his legislative update from the State Senate, and spoke on his advocacy to increase resources for dyslexia screenings, support for nonprofit communities and small businesses, implement gun control policies, and efforts to relinquish the 710 freeway stub in Pasadena.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Gordo presented Senator Portantino with a certificate of commendation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Rene Gonzalez, Pasadena resident, spoke on the need for accountability regarding the Pasadena Unified School District's expenditures from recent voter approved funding for the School District.

Olden Denham, Pasadena resident, spoke on the ongoing division in the country and advocated for accountability to ensure progress in the community and the country.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, requested for the City Council to agendaize Senate Bill 7 and the pending sale of relinquished 710 freeway homes for discussion, and provided other various comments.

Marilyn Myers, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the facilities at John Muir High School and Pasadena High School emphasizing that the fields and sports amenities need upgrading.

Walter Butler, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns that sports amenities at Pasadena High School were outdated and unsanitary, and urged the City Council to help facilitate the upgrades.

In response to public comment, Councilmember Hampton reported the sports facilities improvements at John Muir High School and Pasadena High School have been approved and will start in 2025.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager/ Executive Director

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CITY CONTRACT NO. 32191 WITH GOLDEN STAR TECHNOLOGY INC., TO INCREASE THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT BY \$250,000 AND TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM BY ONE YEAR FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VIDEO CONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS (DoIT)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the recommended actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA" pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines per Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32191 with Golden Star Technology Inc., to increase the contract amount by \$250,000 thereby increasing the total not-to-exceed amount from \$361,167 to \$611,167 and to extend the contract term for one year, to December 31, 2025. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services (Contract No. 32191-1); and
- (3) To the extent this could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, it is recommended that the City Council grant the contract an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MINSAIT ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS INC., FOR SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM SUPPORT SERVICES FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$745,000 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 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;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contract for professional or unique services, with Minsait Advanced Control Systems Inc. ("ACS"), for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System ("SCADA") Support Services for the Water and Power Department in an amount not-to-exceed a grand total of \$745,000 for five years, which includes the option for two additional one-year extensions or an amount not-to-exceed \$310,000, whichever occurs

first, at the discretion of the City Manager (Multi-year P.O. Contract and

(3) Grant the recommended 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.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS INC., AND RICHARD C. SLADE & ASSOCIATES LLC TO PROVIDE ON-CALL HYDROGEOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750,000 PER CONTRACT 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 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;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F) "Contract for professional or unique services" with Geosyntec Consultants Inc. ("Geosyntec"), for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,750,000 or five years, whichever comes first, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, to provide on-call hydrogeological services (Contract No. 33068); and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F) "Contract for professional or unique services" with Richard C. Slade & Associates LLC ("RCS") for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,750,000 or five years, whichever comes first, as the result of a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, to provide on-call hydrogeological services. (Contract No. 33069)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32757 WITH G&W ELECTRIC COMPANY TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$4,000,000 FOR MEDIUM VOLTAGE DISTRIBUTION SWITCHES FOR A REVISED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,332,000 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 not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 21065 of CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract 32757 with G&W Electric Company ("G&W") to increase the contract amount by

\$4,000,000, thereby increasing the grand total to a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,332,000. The procurement complied with the Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.045 for Competitive Bidding. (P.O. pe staff)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NC 31789 WITH BLUSKY RESTORATION CONTRACTORS TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$900,000 FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND REMEDIATION FOR A REVISED NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,600,000 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 not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 21065, 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15378, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31789 with BluSky Restoration Contractors, LLC ("BluSky") to increase the contract amount by \$900,000, thereby increasing the grand total to not-to-exceed amount of \$1,600,000, which includes the option for two additional one-year extensions, or an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 whichever occurs first, at the discretion of the City Manager (Contract No. 31789-1); and

(3) To the extent the amendment to Contract No. 31789 could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, grant the contract an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. 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.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE SALARIES OF EIGHTEEN EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS (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 Updating the Salaries of Eighteen Existing Classifications. (Resolution No. 10093)

Item discussed separately

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ONE NEW CLASSIFICATION AND UPDATING THE SALARIES OF SEVEN EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS (Human Resources Dept.)

ADOPT A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PASADENA AND THE PASADENA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION TO ESTABLISH A MOUNTED EQUESTRIAN ENFORCEMENT UNIT (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 Side Letter of Agreement between the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Police Officers Association to Establish a Mounted Enforcement Unit.

REJECT THE SOLE BID FOR 2023 OR NEWER FOUR-DOOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") per CEQA Guidelines Section 15270, Projects Which Are Disapproved and
- (2) Reject the sole bid received on September 12, 2024, in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for 2023 or Newer Four-Door Electric Vehicles for the Department of Transportation, Project ID: 2024-IFB MS-607.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32054 WITH FIRST TRANSIT INC., FOR FIXED ROUTE AND DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSIT SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE OPTIONAL SERVICE LEVEL FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ROUTES and increase THE contract amount BY \$8,812,205 to a NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$75,905,467 (Transportation 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;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32054 with First Transit Inc., for fixed route and Dial-A-Ride transit services to include the Optional Service Level for two additional routes and increase the contract amount by \$8,812,205 through June 30, 2028, to a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,905,467, which includes the base contract amount of \$73,694,628 and a contingency of \$2,210,839 (3% to provide for any necessary change orders (Contract No. 32054-3) and
- (3) To the extent the amendment to Contract No. 32054 could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Selection Process, grant an exemption pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32227 WITH COMMLINE INC., FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE OUTFITTING, INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$483,000 FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$733,000 (Public Works 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 State CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), that CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32227 for emergency vehicle outfitting with Commline Inc., increasing the contract by \$483,000 for a grand total amount not-to-exceed \$733,000 over original five-year term ending March 1, 2027, which is consistent with the bid specifications for the proposed project and subject to the same contract terms and conditions. (Contract No. 32227-1)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT (CONTRACT NO. 24,011) WITH 199 S. LOS ROBLES, LLC, SAND 199 LOS ROBLES, LLC AND ROBLES SM, LLC FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 199 S. LOS ROBLES AVENUE SUITE #550/580, INCREASING THE LEASE AMOUNT BY \$32,015 OVER 36 MONTHS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$528,527 FOR RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION OFFICES (Office of the City Manager)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the leasing of 199 S. Los Robles Avenue is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA" pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) there are no features that distinguish this project from other in the exempt classes, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to lease agreement (Contract No. 24,011) with 199 S. Los Robles, LLC, San 199 Los Robles, LLC, and Robles SM, LLC, increasing the lease amount by \$32,015 over 36 months for a total amount not-to-exceed \$528,527 for the office space located at 199 S. Los Robles Avenue incorporating the terms and conditions generally described in agenda report, and to execute any other related agreements necessary to effectuate the transaction, including non-substantial revisions (Contract No. 24,011-1)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO ACCEPT SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) PLANNING AND DEMONSTRATION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,556,520 (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the actions in the agenda report are exempt from 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 with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration grant in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,556,520 and execute any subsequent agreements regarding the grant award (Contract No. 24,154); and
- (3) Amend the Department of Transportation's FY 2025 operating budget to receive and appropriate \$778,260 as detailed in the fiscal impact section of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2025-14)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HOMEAWAY.COM INC., FOR THE COLLECTION OF TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX AND TOURISM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSESSMENT (Finance Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges); and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with HomeAway.com Inc. (HomeAway), to collect Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) and Tourism Business Improvement District Assessment (TBID) on behalf of Pasadena residents who rent their residences to others using the various HomeAway applications and platforms (Contract No. 24,155)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPROVE THE COMMITMENT OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY COMMITMENT FOR \$48,552,000 AND GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVE FOR \$16,184,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (Finance Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 21065 and within the meaning 15378(b), and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required; and
- (2) Adopt a resolution approving the City of Pasadena General Fund Emergency Contingency commitment of \$48,552,000 and General Fund Operating Reserve commitment of up to \$16,184,000 (with the final amount to be determined upon conclusion of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 financial statement preparation based solely on General Fund sub-fund 101) from fund balance of the General Fund for FY 2024 (Resolution No. 10094)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A POWER SALES AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY FOR RENEWABLE SOLAR ENERGY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$137,197,368 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
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA") for the purchase of renewable energy that includes daily delivery of a maximum of 50 megawatts ("MW") from the Grace Orchard Solar Facility during a 20 year contract term beginning December 1, 2027, for a total amount not to-exceed \$137,197,368. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) (Contracts with other governmental entities), and competitive selection is not required pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(A)(3) contracts with other governmental entities (Contract No. 33098); and
- (3) Authorize Pasadena Water and Power's ("PWP") General Manager to execute documents pertaining to operational and administrative matters directly related to the contract.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.04 TO REMOVE DIRECT ACCESS PROVISIONS AND RELATED TARIFFS, AND AMENDING LONG-TERM CONTRACT PROVISIONS (Water & Power Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption); and
- (2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance and return within 60 days, amending the Pasadena Municipal Code ("PMC") Chapter 13.04, the light and power rate ordinance to:
 - a. Remove Sections 13.04.095 – Direct access service charge, 13.04.096 – Direct access transition charge, 13.04.097 – Direct access service charge; and
 - b. Amend PMC Section 13.04.075 – Long-term contracts, to remove equity adjustments and associated provisions.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.04 TO INCREASE ELECTRIC UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MONTHLY BENEFITS AND RELATED CHANGES (Water & Power Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
 (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges); and
 (2) Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the Light and Power Rate Ordinance, Chapter 13.04, Sections 13.04.041 and 13.04.045 of the Pasadena Municipal Code implementing the changes to the Electric Utility Assistance Program as described in the agenda report. (Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 25, including for public comment purposes.)

City Council

 RESIGNATIONS,
 APPOINTMENTS, &
 REAPPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDER BLISS TO THE PASADENA COMMUNITY ACCESS CORPORATION BOARD

City Clerk/ Secretary
 MINUTES APPROVED

August 28, 2023 Pasadena Public Financing Authority

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND
 FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2025-0075	Progressive	\$ <10,000.00
2025-0076	Dennis Demesa	3,000.00
2025-0077	Jiedong Guan	10,000.00
2025-0078	Marilyn Green	3,100.00
2025-0079	Chandece Irene Hamilton	800.00

City Clerk Jomsky reported that a revision was made to the staff report for Item 12, updating the square footage of the lease which change the not-to-exceed amount by \$15,210 over the three-year term of the lease, making the new not-to-exceed amount \$543,737.00.

As required by the California Brown Act, prior to taking action, Mayor Gordo reported information related to Item 6 of the Consent Calendar regarding the compensation increases for the Deputy City Manager, Deputy Finance Director/Treasurer, Deputy Public Works Director/Engineer, and the Economic Development Director.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 7 and with a revised staff recommendation for Item 12. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent None)

CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ONE NEW CLASSIFICATION AND UPDATING THE SALARIES OF SEVERAL EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS (Human Resources Dept.)

Mayor Gordo stated a conflict of interest, recused from the item, and left the dais at 7:29 p.m.

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 Establishing One New Classification and Updating the Salaries of Six Existing Classifications. (Resolution Number 10095)

It was moved by Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve the staff recommendation 7. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Mayor Gordo)

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Mayor Gordo returned to the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON THE PASADENA WATER AND POWER'S OPTIMIZED STRATEGIC PLAN TO ESTABLISH A ROADMAP TO MEET THE GOALS SET FORTH BY CITY COUNCIL'S ADOPTED RESOLUTION 9977 (Water & Power Dept.)
Recommendation: The agenda report is intended to provide information to the City Council regarding the Optimized Strategic Plan ("OSP"); no action is required.

David Reyes, Acting General Manager of Water & Power, provided introductory remarks on the item; Kelly Nguyen, Assistant General Manager, provided a brief overview of the project; and Nick Schlagg, consultant from E3, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item including the progress made to date to achieve the goals of the City's Optimized Strategic Plan, and responded to questions.

Mayor Gordo expressed concerns regarding the differences between the proprietary/non-proprietary solar panel systems, issues with serviceability for aged systems, and asked how the City might be able to assist residents who are impacted. Consultant Schlagg reported that E3 can look into the matter and report back to the City Council.

Councilmember Hampton suggested Economic Development Department also research the matter of large solar panel companies going out of business, and how it impacts residents and businesses.

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

SPECIAL ITEMS

PRESENTATION BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS HOLDEN OF THE STATE OF THE STATE

State Assemblymember Chris Holden provided a legislative update from the State Assembly, reported on the various initiatives he worked on over the past year, including environmental protection policies; infrastructure improvements, the California Early Earthquake Warning System, funding for speech language pathologist training systems at California State Universities, and funding to support the Rose Bowl infrastructure renovation project.

Following his remarks, Assemblymember Holden presented certificate of recognition to former Pasadena City Managers Don McIntyre, Ph Hawkey, Cynthia Kurtz, and Michael Beck who served during his tenure as Pasadena Councilmember representing District 3, and reflected on his time serving as a former Pasadena City Councilmember.

Mayor Gordo thanked Assemblymember Holden for his leadership and commitment to the City of Pasadena, with his support ensuring a stronger and more vibrant community.

The City Council shared words of commendation and appreciation for Assemblymember Holden, and noting his positive impact on Pasadena as a former City Councilmember and State Assemblymember.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: JOINT ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PASADENA PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY: ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE 2024A REFUNDING BUILD AMERICA BONDS (Finance Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena approving the issuance of Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$130,000,000, including the execution and delivery of a third amendment to amended and restated lease, a fourth amendment to amended and restated sublease, bond purchase agreement, continuing disclosure agreement, preliminary official statement and final official statement in connection therewith, and authorizing the taking of certain actions relating thereto. (Resolution No. 10096)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Pasadena Public Financing Authority:

(1) Adopt a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Public Financing Authority authorizing the issuance of lease revenue refunding bonds in an amount not-to-exceed \$130,000,000 and the execution and delivery of a third amendment to amended and restated lease, a fourth amendment to amended and restated sublease, bond indenture, bond purchase agreement, preliminary official statement and final official statement in connection therewith, and authorizing the taking of certain actions relating thereto. (PPFR-32)

Matt Hawkesworth, Acting Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance provided introductory remarks, and Vic Erganian, Deputy Director of Finance/City Treasurer, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed action, and responded to questions.

Nina Chomsky, Linda Vista-Annandale Association, expressed support for the proposed refunding of the Build America Bonds emphasizing the savings would bring and how it could boost the local economy.

MOTION:

In a joint action of the City Council and the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Public Financing Authority, it was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

City Manager

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GAME AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES (OCOG) (Office of the City Manager)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15272, "Olympic Games," and is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15323, "Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings"
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a Game Agreement with the Los Angeles Organizing Committee for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

City Manager Marquez provided introductory remarks; Vic Nol, Director of Venue City Relations for the LA28 – 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, shared information regarding the Rose Bowl hosting the men's and women's soccer games, which would mark the 3rd time the venue was used by the Games. Deputy City Manager Souto presented a PowerPoint presentation on the built-in infrastructure, economic impact, and uncertainties associated with the upcoming Games, and responded to questions.

In response to Councilmember Jones' inquiry regarding the size and footprint of the games to be held at the Rose Bowl, Deputy City Manager Souto noted that the City will have input on the footprint, but ultimately it will be defined by LA28.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter advocating for the proposed contract to be made public prior to authorizing the City Manager to execute agreement(s) on behalf of the City, advocating for the City Council to create a temporary advisory body to address the various concerns relating to zoning, revenues, etc., and one letter expressing support for the staff recommendation, which were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for this item.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation.

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

City Council

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET, THE GOVERNOR INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AND STABILIZE CALIFORNIA'S RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET, AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO TRANSMIT A LETTER TO APPROPRIATE STATE OFFICIALS REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO STABILIZE THE PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET (Councilmember Hampton) (Resolution No. 10097)

Councilmember Hampton provided introductory remarks on the item.

Councilmember Williams requested for the Insurance Commissioner's Office to provide an update regarding a sustainable insurance plan.

In response to Councilmember Rivas' inquiry regarding the consequences for declaring a "state of emergency" in this context, City Attorney Bagneris reported that there are provisions in the State Insurance Code that may suggest rate adjustments or other regulatory changes are possible. Councilmember Rivas advocated for the Legislative Policy Committee to further review and discuss this item.

Vice Mayor Madison reported that the Legislative Policy Committee had some discussions on the matter at the July meeting, reporting that in cases where the Governor declared a "State of Emergency" around wildfire, some counties joined the Insurance Commissioner to take action and freeze rates or terminate the rights of companies to suspend or cancel coverage for a period of a year or more. He stated that the Insurance Commissioner is currently promulgating regulations under

the sustainable insurance initiative, and spoke in support of the Legislative Policy Committee discussing this item further.

City Attorney Bagneris reported that declaring a state of emergency could potentially remove red tape, adjust regulations, and provide more money into the Fair Insurance Program.

Adriana Lim, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the rising costs of home insurance policies, spoke on specific impacts to her Homeowner Association, and advocated for the City to take action to support residents suffering from rising costs

MOTION: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve the staff recommendation.

Mayor Gordo emphasized the need to take action to help constituent and amplify their concerns, and expressed support for issuing letters to the Governor and the Insurance Commissioner urging for a declaration of a state of emergency regarding the high cost of insurance. He advocated for the Legislative Policy Committee to review the matter to identify possible options to provide relief to residents who are struggling with the high property insurance costs.

Councilmember Lyon expressed concerns regarding the verbiage in the proposed resolution, noting his unanswered questions related to "declaring an emergency" that may come with associated legalities that the City Council may be unaware of, and suggested modifying the verbiage to read: "growing crisis relating to the property insurance market". Vice Mayor Madison echoed Councilmember Lyon's concern and stated that the situation may not meet the strict definition of "state of emergency" under the State's Government Code, and the proposed request may not be well-justified.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Following additional discussion, Councilmember Lyon made substitute motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Madison, to adopt an amended resolution, as follows: 1) change the title of the resolution to state "request the governor to recognize a crisis related to...", 2) strike the second to last "WHEREAS" in the resolution, 3) amend the last paragraph to state "...the City of Pasadena calls on the governor to recognize the growing crisis related to the property insurance market.. and strike the words "declare a state of emergency", with the matter to return to the Legislative Policy Committee for further discussion on any further actions the City can take in this regard.

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

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE LIGHT AND POWER RATE ORDINANCE, TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.04 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE” (Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 18, including for public comment purposes.

The ordinance above was offered by Councilmember Williams.

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

**ORDINANCES –
SECOND READING**

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO 1) ALLOW WALK-UP WINDOWS AT RESTAURANTS BY-RIGHT; 2) CREATE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS FOR THE ON-SITE SALE OF ALCOHOL AT RESTAURANTS; 3) ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR OUTDOOR DINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AT RESTAURANTS; 4) CHANGE TIME LIMITS AND EXTENSIONS; 5) MAKE CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS AND 6) CODIFY ZONING CODE INTERPRETATIONS” (Ordinance No. 7435)

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA DELETING SECTIONS 9.36.130 AND 9.36.140 OF TITLE 9, CHAPTER 9.36 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING NOISE RESTRICTIONS” (Ordinance No. 7436)

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 410.45, SECTION 10.45.220 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE PARKING METER ZONE” (Ordinance No. 7437)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Madison requested that a discussion on the role and functionality of the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee be agendaized for City Council discussion. Councilmember Lyon also requested for the Committee to provide an update on the Hahamongna Watershed Master Plan.

City Clerk Jomsky provided information on the upcoming General Election, including the various ways and locations for voters to cast a ballot in the upcoming November 5, 2024 General Election; and encouraged eligible voters to participate in this important election.

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk

