

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
July 24, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

OPENING:

Mayor Gordo called to order the special joint meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at 3:17 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Barger.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Steve Madison
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (absent)
Councilmember Justin Jones (absent)
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

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR CITY OF PASADENA AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS RELATED TO THE H.O.U.S.E. PROGRAM, SENATE BILL 96 (HISTORIC VENUE RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY ACT), VARIOUS HOUSING PROGRAMS, AND UNITED MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTER SERVICES (UMHP) PROGRAM

Dedan Brozino, Rose Bowl Chief Development Officer, provided an update on Senate Bill 96 relating to the Rose Bowl as a historic venue, and provided an overview of how funds are reinvested into the venue for historic preservation, infrastructure improvements, technological retrofits, etc. He also spoke on legislative efforts at various levels of government to support and invest in historical venue infrastructure.

Mateo Nix, founder of Homelessness Outreach Using Students in Education (H.O.U.S.E.), spoke on the H.O.U.S.E. internship program's curriculum and initiatives. The following students spoke on their experiences, presented outcomes and learnings from the H.O.U.S.E. internship, highlighted obstacles to overcoming homelessness, emphasized the importance of education and advocacy through community leadership, and

discussed affordable housing projects and issues: Mateo Nix, Mia Wertheimer, Mateo Gacina, Norah Kim, Lucas Truong.

Jennifer O'Reilly Jones, Program Coordinator, presented information on various Housing Department collaborative projects with LA County, with the goal to address affordable housing and homelessness issues.

Manuel Carmona, Acting Director of Public Health, spoke on the City's partnership with LA County to implement the United Mental Health Promoter Services Program, and reported on the program's initiatives to expand outreach and support for unhoused individuals.

Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the Rose Bowl and encouraged community support for unhoused individuals.

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

STATUS UPDATE ON CITY AND COUNTY COLLABORATION EFFORTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OF THE "KAISER" PROPERTY AT 434-470 NORTH LAKE AVENUE AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE RAMONA SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT AT 280 RAMONA STREET

David Klug, Economic Development Director, provided an update on the Kaiser property and the disposition Surplus Lands Act process.

Discussion ensued regarding the complexity of addressing homelessness, providing services for mental health and/or substance abuse issues and disorders, the implementation of the Supreme Court's Grants Pass decision, and working collaboratively to connect unhoused individuals, and individuals in need, with the essential services.

Councilmember Rivas expressed enthusiasm for formalizing an agreement with LA County to establish mental health services and affordable housing at the Kaiser property.

In response to Councilmember Williams' inquiry for an update on CARE Court, Lisa Wong, Director of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, briefly explained key initiatives of

CARE Court and discussed program details that CARE teams can use to assist individuals in making progress towards recovery. Director Wong also shared that County is working towards integrating substance use services with mental health to create a seamless system of care for clients.

In response to Vice Mayor Madison's inquiry regarding potential collaboration on the Kaiser property, Joyce Chang, from Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Real Estate Division, stated that LA County staff will work with City staff to identify ways where County services can be integrated on the property.

Jim Wong, Senior Project Manager, provided an update on the Ramona Senior Housing Project, and briefly spoke on financial aspects and the developer's fundraising efforts for the affordable housing project.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 6 letters in support of the Ramona Senior Housing Project and/or advocating for Supervisor Barger to approve funding to complete the project, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for the item.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed Ramona Senior Housing Project and provided various comments pertaining to funding and necessity:

Phil Hawkey, National Core
Bert Newton, Making Housing and Community Happen
Adriana Bautista, Pasadena resident
Michael Canavan, Abundant Housing Pasadena

Mayor Gordo expressed gratitude to Supervisor Barger and LA County staff for supporting and collaborating with the City to address the complex issues surrounding homelessness.

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ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk