

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
March 24, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

**OPENING:**

Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
(Absent: Councilmember Hampton and Vice Mayor Rivas)

**CLOSED SESSION**

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:08 p.m.  
to discuss the following closed session items:

Councilmember Lyon  
stated a conflict of  
interest, recused himself  
from Closed Session Item  
A, and left closed session  
at 5:15 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY  
NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
**Property Location: 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, CA**  
**Agency Negotiator: Miguel Márquez**  
**Negotiating Party: Kenneth McCormick, The Pasadena  
Playhouse State Theater of California, Inc.**  
**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

Councilmember Lyon  
returned to closed session  
at 5:28 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY  
NEGOTIATORS** pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
**Property Location: 55-85 South Grand Avenue, Pasadena, CA**  
**Agency Negotiator: Miguel Márquez**  
**Negotiating Party: Elissa Barrett, Western Justice Center**  
**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**  
Regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code  
Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
**Name of Case: Pallete v. City of Pasadena, et al.**  
**Case No.: 25NNCV01391**

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 6:48  
p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Lyon.  
(Absent: Councilmember Hampton and Vice Mayor Rivas)

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmembers:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo  
Vice Mayor Jessica Rivas (absent)  
Councilmember Rick Cole  
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (absent)  
Councilmember Justin Jones  
Councilmember Jason Lyon  
Councilmember Steve Madison  
Councilmember Gene Masuda

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

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS** City Manager Márquez announced his selection of Jim Wong as the new Housing Department Director. Jim Wong thanked City Manager Márquez for his confidence in him and expressed his gratitude for this leadership opportunity with the Housing Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA** Matt Evans, representative from LA Metro, announced details for the upcoming LA Metro community meeting and invited the public to attend this information session on the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

Yadi, Pasadena resident, requested the City Council agendaize discussion of the City’s response to the Eaton Fire and asked for information regarding who oversees disaster management for the City.

The following individuals provided comments on divestment and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza:

HK Koester, Pasadena resident  
Randall Heyn-Lamb, Pasadena resident

Bill Mangum, Pasadena resident, expressed his strong concerns regarding the City’s Fire Department and their inability to save homes from the Eaton Fire in the Upper Hastings Ranch area.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, inquired about the status of the City’s underground utility project, oversight of the City’s Police Department, sale of the 710 FWY stub properties, and post-fire toxicity of water in residential swimming pools.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**City Manager/ Executive Director**

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE VEHICLE DONATION OF A 2025 HYUNDAI SANTA FE XRT FROM US AUTO TRUST (Fire Dept.)**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A 2020 CHEVROLET TAHOE FULLY OUTFITTED WITH EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT CANINE UNIT DONATED BY JOE PEREZ, OWNER OF CALIFORNIA METRO PATROL (Police 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), 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 accept the donation of a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe fully outfitted with emergency equipment for the Pasadena Police Department Canine Unit donated by Joe Perez, owner of California Metro Patrol.

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THREE NEW CLASSIFICATIONS AND UPDATING THE SALARY OF ONE EXISTING CLASSIFICATION REPRESENTED BY PMA AND NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT (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 Establishing Three New Classifications and Updating the Salary of One Existing Classification Represented by PMA and Non-Represented Management. (Resolution No. 10119)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ON-CALL CONTRACT WITH RON'S MAINTENANCE INC., FOR CATCH BASIN CLEANING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,100,000 OVER A FOUR-YEAR TERM (Public Works Dept.)**

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

(1) Find that 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 1530, 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, as the result of the competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Ron's Maintenance Inc., for annual catch basin cleaning and inspection of all City-owned storm drain catch basins, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,100,000 over a four-year term, which includes a base contract amount of \$1,000,000 and a contingency of \$100,000 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. 33203); and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost amendments to the subject contract including durational extensions.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PATAGONIA HEALTH INC., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER AN ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,542,907 FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS (Health 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 and within the meaning of Section 15378(b); and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as defined by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Patagonia Health Inc. (“Patagonia”) to furnish and deliver a department-wide electronic health record system in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,542,907 for a ten-year term. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33205)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NOS. 32091 AND 31393 WITH FRIENDS IN DEED TO EXTEND THE TERMS AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNTS BY \$107,910 AND \$70,148 RESPECTIVELY, THEREBY INCREASING THE GRAND TOTALS TO NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNTS OF \$475,753 AND \$859,525 RESPECTIVELY, FOR STREET OUTREACH AND MOTEL-BASED SHELTER SERVICES (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 City Manager to amend Contract No. 32091 with The FID Group dba Friends In Deed to increase the contract value by \$107,910.20, thereby increasing the grand total to a not-to-exceed amount of \$475,753.20, for provision of street outreach services (Contract No. 32091-2);

(3) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31393 with The FID Group dba Friends In Deed to increase the contract value by \$70,148.26, thereby increasing the grand total to a not-to-exceed amount of \$859,525.75, and extending the term through June 30, 2026 for provision of homelessness prevention services (Contract No. 31393-10);

(4) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost amendments to Contract Nos. 32091 and 31393 which extend the term beyond June 30, 2026; and

(5) To the extent the amendments to Contract Nos. 32091 and 31393 could be considered separate procurements subject to the Competitive Selection process, grant exemptions 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.

Item discussed separately

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** (Public Works Dept.)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32268 WITH HAMEL CONTRACTING INC., TO INCREASE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$172,354 FOR CHANGE ORDER WORK AT THE HON. JOHN J. KENNEDY POOL FOR A REVISED TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$4,862,592 AND AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR PROJECT CLOSE OUT** (Public Works Dept.)

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

- (1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is Find that the recommended action in the agenda report be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities, and Section 15302, Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction, 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 amend Contract No. 32268 with Hamel Contracting Inc., to increase contract amount by \$172,354, increasing the not-to-exceed amount to \$4,862,592 for change orders necessary to complete construction of the new pool and renovations to the existing pool building (Contract No. 32268-1);
- (3) To the extent this transaction could be considered a separate procurement subject to the Competitive Bidding Process, grant the proposed contract amendment with Hamel Contracting 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) 2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget by appropriating \$147,224 in Residential Impact Fee to the Robinson Park – Pool and Pool Building Renovations (78085) project. (Budget Amendment No. 2025-25);

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMEND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRYKER SALES LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF 24 UNITS OF MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR DEVICES AND PREVENTATIVE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE FOR 26 DEVICES FOR FIVE YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,007,678** (Fire Dept.)

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

- (1) Find the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to 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) Amend the Fire Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Operating Budget by recognizing revenues and appropriating \$1,007,678 for the purchase and maintenance of monitors/defibrillators (Budget Amendment No. 2025-26);

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Stryker Sales LLC for the purchase of 24 units of monitors/defibrillators devices and the associated preventative service and maintenance for 26 devices for five years in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,007,678 (P.O. per staff); and

(4) 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.

**City Council**

RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS, &  
REAPPOINTMENTS

**ACKNOWLEDGE THE APPOINTMENT OF HARRY CRUSBERG TO THE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT BOARD (Fire Department Representative)**

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2025-0209	Bart Lee Kessel	\$ 2,749.31
2025-0210	Cristina Gonzalez	35,000.00+
2025-0211	Jose Chavez	35,000.00+
2025-0212	Duplicate to Claim No. 2025-0209	
2025-0213	United Financial Casualty Company a/s/o/ Mihaela Varga	35,000.00+
2025-0214	Jane K. Mulholland Dillingham	60.19
2025-0215	Jacob Gonzalez	35,000.00+
2025-0216	Hendika Erwin Firmansyah	917.87
2025-0217	Joshua Gonzalez	35,000.00+
2025-0218	Milagros Gonzalez	35,000.00+
2025-0219	Francisco Javier Gonzalez Garcia	35,000.00+
2025-0220	Andrew Herrera	35,000.00+
2025-0221	Salvador Gonzalez	35,000.00+
2025-0222	Garbis Sahatjian	1,500.00
2025-0223	Zakhar Voiko	1,740.00
2025-0224	Thuytien Nguyen	4,500.00
2025-0225	AAA	2,433.15

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Cole, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Items 1 and 7. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton and Vice Mayor Rivas)

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED  
SEPARATELY**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** (Public Works Dept.)

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

- (1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are not “projects” as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, are not subject to environmental review;
- (2) Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report (Budget Amendment No. 2025-24);
- (3) Approve an advance to the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) \$1,047,460 from the General Fund for half of the total cost of the Brookside Golf Course Cantilever Fence project as detailed in the body of the agenda report (Budget Amendment No. 2025-24a); and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate the terms of repayment of the advance with RBOC and to execute any documents necessary to effectuate such advance or repayment.

Bob Huddy, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the proposed capital improvement project for wastewater disposal in Washington Park.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, expressed opposition to the capital improvement project for cantilever netting installation at Brookside Golf Course, and advocated for further discussions on financing and alternative options.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendation for Consent Calendar Item 7, with the exception of Project 14 (Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project (76921)) and Project 15 (Brookside Golf Course Installation of Cantilever Netting). (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton and Vice Mayor Rivas)

Councilmember Jones stated a conflict of interest with subpart 14, recused himself from the item, and left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Councilmember Cole requested that action be deferred on Project 14 contained in CIP Consent Item 7 – Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project (76921), to a future City Council meeting to allow Vice Mayor Rivas to participate in the item due to the proposed project being located in her district.

In response to questions, City Manager Márquez stated that deferring action as suggested will not delay the project timeline.

By order of the Mayor and consensus of the City Council, action on Project 14 - Washington Park Stormwater Capture Project (76921) was deferred to the next City Council meeting.

**MOTION:**  
Councilmember Jones returned to the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Following brief comments, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve the staff recommendation for Consent Calendar Item 7 – Project 15 (Brookside Golf Course Installation of Cantilevered Netting).

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

Councilmember Madison stated a potential conflict of interest, recused himself from the item, and left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE VEHICLE DONATION OF A 2025 HYUNDAI SANTA FE XRT FROM US AUTO TRUST (Fire 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) Authorize the City Manager to accept the donation of a brand new 2025 Hyundai Santa Fe XRT from US Auto Trust, parent company of Hyund Glendale LLC, with an estimated value of \$42,945.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendation for Consent Calendar Item 1. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Madison, and Vice Mayor Rivas)

**ORDINANCES –  
SECOND READING**

Councilmember Madison returned to the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**Adopt “AN INTERIM UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE CITY OF PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO SUSPEND AND MODIFY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES, AND TO EXTEND CERTAIN LAND USE RELATED DEADLINES FOR ENTITLEMENTS AND PERMITS UNDER TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE), TITLE 16 (SUBDIVISIONS) AND TITLE 14 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO SIMPLIFY THE REBUILD PROCESS AFTER THE EATON FIRE” (Ordinance No. 7444)**



The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mayor Gordo stated a conflict of interest, recused himself from the item, and left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**Adopt “AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA PROTECTING QUALIFYING INCOME ELIGIBLE TENANTS DIRECTLY FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY THE EATON FIRE” (Ordinance No. 7445)**

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 1 letter opposing the proposed ordinance and expressing concerns regarding the lack of financial support or compensation to offset increased costs and zero revenue for housing providers, was received by the City Clerk’s Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for this item.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and/or provided other related comments:

Sean Wakasa, Altadena resident  
Porfivia Guerrero, Pasadena resident

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**City Manager**

Mayor Gordo returned to the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**INITIAL PRESENTATION ON CITY BUDGET PROCESS, OVERVIEW OF CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS, AND DISCUSSION ON CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PRIORITIES**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:  
(1) Consider updates from City staff and provide direction if desired by the City Council; and  
(2) Find that, if direction is given to staff, it would not be a “project” subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b).

Matt Hawkesworth, Acting Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item. He provided an

overview of the budget outlook for Fiscal Year 2025-26, detailed expenditure and revenue forecasts, and responded to questions. Councilmember Cole thanked City staff for the comprehensive presentation. He suggested eliminating dated or ineffective programs, reevaluating cost effectiveness for premium services provided by the City and possibly reprioritize those funds to programs that benefit a wider and/or more disadvantaged population of the community, and implementing regular evaluation of all programs, either through internal audit or City Council Committee discussions.

Councilmember Lyon expressed support for right-sizing City programs, and identifying which City programs/services can be adequately addressed by the nonprofit sector or the private sector to allow funds to be redirected to other City projects with higher priority.

Mayor Gordo suggested that City staff identify a process to distinguish important programs offered by the City that may be duplicative of programs offered by nonprofit organizations in the community.

In response to Councilmember Jones' inquiry regarding data security and technological priorities, Finance Director Hawkesworth reported that staff will return with an updated presentation also highlighting internal priorities.


Cynthia Cannady, Pasadena resident, advocated for City staff to conduct a review of potential departmental issues related to climate change and the costs to respond to the matter.

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


## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Cole reported that he recently attended the CivicWell Policymakers Conference in Yosemite, and shared discussion points regarding fire safety and impacts on fire refugees, businesses, housing market, and local businesses.

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

  
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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk