

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
September 15, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

OPENING:

Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmembers Lyon and Madison)

CLOSED SESSION

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:01 p.m.
to discuss the following closed session items:

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 360 N. Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena
Under negotiation: Terms of Lease
Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez
Negotiating parties: Melanie Sauer – Rose Bowl Aquatics
Center**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 1855 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena, CA
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez
Negotiating parties: Jeffrey Cain – AltaMed Health Services
Corporation**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez
Negotiating parties: Jennifer Mertz – CalTech-Jet Propulsion
Laboratory**

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY
NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 245 Ramona Street and 207 N Garfield Avenue
Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez
Negotiating Party: State of California and County of Los
Angeles
Under negotiation: Price and terms**

**CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF LITIGATION pursuant to
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (One potential case)**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
regarding significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant
to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): One (1) case**

The above three closed session items not discussed.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:07 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Cole.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

City Manager Miguel Márquez
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
Senior Assistant City Clerk Sandra Robles

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Alex Hernandez, Assistant to the City Manager, announced that the City's Early Childhood Development and Early Learning Task Force received a \$1.3 million grant from the Pasadena Community Foundation to assist those impacted by the Eaton Fire at local daycare centers. He also introduced Eva Rivera, the newly hired Program Coordinator III – Office of the Young Child.

Ms. Rivera expressed her excitement for this opportunity to serve the youth of Pasadena, and to lend her support and expertise to this essential community. She also thanked members of the Early Learning Task Force, the Kidspace Children's Museum partnership, the Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board, PUSD Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Blanco, Collaborate Pasadena, and Pasadena Child Health Foundation, for working collaboratively to support the youth in the community. She also announced details for the upcoming celebration for the Office of the Young Child to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at Brookside Park.

Mayor Gordo issued a proclamation declaring the month of October 2025 as First Tee – Greater Pasadena Month, and expressed his gratitude to First Tee – Greater Pasadena for enhancing the lives of the youth through golf, promoting character development and core values. Matt Kohorst, 2nd Vice Chair of First Tee – Greater Pasadena, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the organization and thanked the City Council, the Rose Bowl Operating Company, and City staff, for their ongoing partnership and support.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON
MATTERS NOT ON THE
AGENDA

Prior to public comment, Mayor Gordo reported that the issue regarding ethical investments has been referred to the Fire and Police Retirement System Board due to the subject matter being under their jurisdiction. Councilmember Cole added that the FPRS Board will consider a request to potentially hold a special meeting to address the matter.

The following individuals spoke on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and/or advocated for the City to divest from specific companies.

Mouna Stewart, Pasadena resident
Brooklyn Kleckly, Pasadena resident
Randall Heyn-Lamb, Pasadena resident
Hedab Tarifi, Pasadena resident
Anaar Siletz, Pasadena resident
Karin Fujii, Pasadena resident
Edmond Mandin, Pasadena resident
Michael Bannoura, Pasadena resident
Brian Biery, Pasadena resident

Yadi, Pasadena resident, requested that the City support Senate Bill 274 regarding license plate reader regulations and advocated for the City to strengthen the Pasadena Police Department's license plate reader policy.

Olden Denham, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City Council to agendize AB392 for continued discussion.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, provided comments on the police officer involved shooting of Anthony McClain.

Rene Gonzalez, Pasadena resident, provided comments recognizing Mexican Independence Day.

Brian Weltman, Pasadena resident, requested assistance with sizing and modernizing residential solar.

Jessica Kashiwabara, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding federal immigration enforcement in local communities.

Reverend Phillis Griffin, Pasadena Sister Cities, advocated for the City to establish a sister city relationship with the City of Guanajuato, Mexico.

Councilmember Cole spoke on the war in Gaza and advocated for the City to support efforts to put an end to the war, regardless of the amount of power or influence the City may have in that regard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**City Manager/ Executive
Director**

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 24,131 WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ADD \$469,063.06 OF COUNTY MEASURE H FUNDS FOR HOMELESS 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 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 execute an amendment to Contract No. 24,131 with the County of Los Angeles ("County") to add \$469,063.06 of County Measure H funds for a new not-to-exceed total of \$1,793,503.06 for the continued provision of homeless services. (Contract No. 24,131-1)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT #19,178-4 FOR PREMISES AT 1855 NORTH FAIR OAKS AVENUE WITH ALTAMED HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION TO INCLUDE A ONE (1) FIVE-YEAR OPTION TO RENEW THROUGH JUNE 2035 (Office of the City Manager)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that amending the lease to include one (1) five-year option to renew is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (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) Authorize the City Manager to execute a Lease Amendment with ALTAMED Health Services Corporation to include an additional five-year renewal option, in the sole discretion of the City Manager, with estimated rental income of \$3,394,116, for medical and office space located at 1855 North Fair Oaks Avenue. The amendment shall incorporate the general terms and conditions described in the agenda report, and the City Manager is further authorized to execute any related agreements necessary to complete the transaction, including non-substantial revisions. (Contract No. 19,178-5)

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT #24053 WITH CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (JET PROPULSION LABORATORY) FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 4800 OAK GROVE DRIVE (Office of the City Manager)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH TRUE NORTH COMPLIANCE SERVICES, INC., JASON ADDISON SMITH CONSULTING, INC., AND J LEE ENGINEERING, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$500,000 EACH FOR EATON FIRE PLAN REVIEW, PERMITTING, INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the actions proposed in the agenda report are 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 for Eaton Fire plan review, permitting, inspection and administrative services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 with True North Compliance Services, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 for a three-year term. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (Contracts for professional or unique services) (Contract No. 33390);
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for Eaton Fire plan review, permitting, inspection and administrative services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 with Jason Addison Smith Consulting Services, Inc. (DBA JAS Pacific), in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 for a three-year term. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (Contracts for professional or unique services) (Contract No. 33391); and
- (4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for Eaton Fire plan review, permitting, inspection and administrative services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 with J Lee Engineering, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 for a three-year term. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (Contracts for professional or unique services). (Contract No. 33392)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO UTILIZE AN ALTERNATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD FOR THE PRIMARY POWER DISPATCH CENTER UPGRADE PROJECT (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; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to utilize the alternative project delivery method, Progressive Design-Build, for the Primary Power Dispatch Center Upgrade Project in accordance with Pasadena Municipal Code ("PMC") Section 4.08.136 (Alternative project delivery).

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CITY CONTRACT NO. 31790 WITH VOX NETWORK SOLUTIONS INC., TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM TO JUNE 30, 2026 FOR TELECOM SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE COVERAGE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITHOUT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT ON THE CONTRACT (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" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31790 with Vox Network Solutions, Inc., to extend the contract term by nine months from September 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services (Contract No. 31790-2); and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost amendments to the subject contract including durational extensions.

City Council

RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF KAYLYN CANLIONE TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 7 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF LAUREN MARTINEZ TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (At Large Nomination/District 2)

APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA RICHARDS TO THE URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (City Nomination)

City Clerk/ Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED

August 25, 2025	City Council
August 25, 2025	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
September 1, 2025	City Council
September 1, 2025	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2026-0057	A. Jaime	\$ Not stated
2026-0058	Tara Vartanian	Not stated
2026-0059	Jason D. MacLeod	10,000.00+
2026-0060	Brandon Nava	1,500.00
2026-0061	Chun Ming Wong	10,000.00+
2026-0062	Mercury Insurance a/s/o Dan Li	8,505.27
2026-0063	State Farm a/s/o Christina Huffmon-Moore	9,958.63
2026-0064	State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co a/s/o Armand Avazian	13,336.48

2026-0065	Dominik Jon Severo	1,022.59
2026-0066	Aura Jimenez	2,892.65

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmembers Lyon and Madison)

**CONSENT ITEM
DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY**

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT #24053 WITH CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (JET PROPULSION LABORATORY) FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 4800 OAK GROVE DRIVE (Office of the City Manager)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the leasing of 4800 Oak Grove Drive is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 21080.35.1 for the installation of solar parking canopies on existing parking lots; there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing lease agreement #24053 with California Institute of Technology ("JPL") in the rental amount of \$1,312,020 for the 10-year lease term and market rent for the 10-year option term of approximately \$1,405,085 for the lease of real property located at 4800 Oak Grove Drive, including the installation of solar parking canopies, and to execute any other related agreements necessary to effectuate the transaction, including non-substantial revisions. (Contract No. 24,053-1)

The following individuals expressed support for the proposed project and thanked the City for including solar energy initiatives in the project:

Lorraine Montgomery, Pasadena 100
Cynthia Cannady, Pasadena 100, distributed material
Colin Bogart, Pasadena 100

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry, David Reyes, General Manager of Water and Power, confirmed that the proposed project would directly benefit the JPL campus, and indirectly benefit the City and its stated green energy and environmental goals.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Vice Mayor Rivas, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmembers Lyon and Madison)

**ORDINANCE – FIRST
READING**

Conduct first reading of “AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA EXEMPTING QUALIFYING EATON FIRE REBUILDS FROM CONSTRUCTION TAX”

The ordinance above was introduced by Councilmember Hampton:

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

**ORDINANCE – SECOND
READING**

Adopt “AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA PROHIBITING URBAN LOT SPLITS AND CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE DWELLINGS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 9 IN VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE EATON FIRE” (Ordinance No. 7455)

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

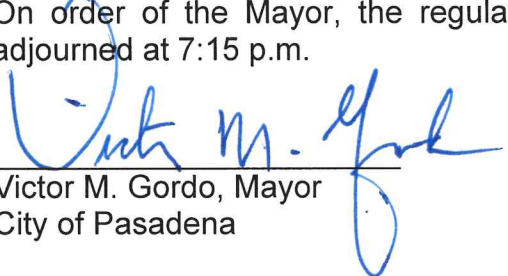
AYES: Councilmembers Cole, Hampton, Jones, Masuda, Mayor Gordo
NOES: Vice Mayor Rivas
ABSENT: Councilmembers Lyon and Madison
ABSTAIN: None

**BRIEF REPORTS FROM
REPRESENTATIVES/
REQUESTS FOR FUTURE
AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Jones wished everyone a Happy Hispanic Heritage Month. He also thanked the Pasadena community for voting to bring back the Levitt Pavilion Concert Series to Memorial Park. Brenda Harvey-Williams, Assistant City Manager, announced that the City of Pasadena is named as a finalist for the concert series.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk