CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
October 20, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

Teleconference Location:
JW Marriott Dongdaemun Square Seoul
279, Cheonggyecheon-ro, Jongno-gu
Seoul, South Korea, 03198
Business Center

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. (Absent: None)

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: 299 N. Euclid Ave., Pasadena, CA
199 S. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
Agency negotiator: Miguel Márquez
Negotiating parties: Euclid Holdings I and Euclid Holdings II, 199 Los Robles, LLC, Sand 199 S. Los Robles, LLC and Robles SM, LLC

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

The above closed session items were not discussed.

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

The above closed session item was discussed, with no reportable action at this time.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:41 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Rivas.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

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

Staff: City Manager Miguel Márquez
Chief Assistant City Attorney Arnold Lee
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Madison requested for the meeting to be adjourned in memory of Dr. Dianne Philibosian, longtime Pasadena resident and civic leader. The City Council expressed gratitude for her lifelong dedication to public service, higher education, and breaking gender barriers.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Avram Gold, Pasadena resident, thanked City staff and the City Council for working to protect immigrants in the community.

Ted Smith, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to partake in LA Found, a Los Angeles County program that helps locate cognitively impaired individuals who wander and become lost.

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

Lisa Muthiah, Pasadena resident
Lucinda Wills, Pasadena resident
Jennifer Vaughan, Pasadena resident
Michael Flynn, Pasadena resident
Zayna Altoubal, Pasadena resident
Vincent De Stefano, Pasadena resident
Patricia, residence not stated
Chalsea Landeros-Guillen, Pasadena resident
Anaar Siletz, Pasadena resident
Millie R, Pasadena resident

Michael Warner, Pasadena resident, provided comments on how international friendship city relationships are established.

Ronald Matthews, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to contract with local contractors under the Pasadena Contracting Ordinance and requested an update on the progress of the Pasadena Central Library Retrofit Project.

In response to public comment, Councilmember Cole provided an update from the Fire & Police Retirement System Board regarding the matter of ethical investments. He reported that the item was tabled to the next meeting to allow all members of the FPRS Board to vote on whether or not to agendize the matter for discussion.

<u>**CONSENT CALENDAR**</u>

City Manager/ Executive Director

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ARIZONA MACHINERY LLC DBA STOTZ EQUIPMENT FOR JOHN DEERE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED PARTS, SERVICE AND REPAIR FOR LAWN

Item discussed separately

CARE EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $365,261 (Public Works Dept.)

REJECTION OF BIDS FOR INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS AND TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE SR-710 AFFECTED CORRIDORS (Public Works Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find the proposed action in the agenda report to be statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18, Section 15270, Projects Which are Disapproved, and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5), projects that a public agency rejects or disapproves; and

(2) Reject all bids received on September 25, 2025 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for ITS Projects and Traffic Flow Improvements Within the SR-710 Affected Corridors.

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31881 WITH INTER-CON SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC., TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR ONE-YEAR AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY $696,000 THEREBY INCREASING THE GRAND TOTAL TO $7,295,218, FOR CITYWIDE PARKING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (Transportation Dept.)

PUBLIC MEETING: RECOMMENDED TRAFFIC REDUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FEE (Transportation Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the actions proposed in the agenda report are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges); and

(2) Subsequent to this Public Meeting and after conducting a public hearing on October 27, 2025, conduct first reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 4.19, Sections 4.19.020, 4.19.040, 4.19.050, and 4.19.060, to Update the Traffic Reduction and Transportation Improvement Fee for Existing Land Use Categories and to add New Land Use Categories to the Fee Structure; and adopt the Recommended Traffic Reduction and Transportation Improvement Fee Update in the Schedule of Taxes, Fees, and Charges.

City Council Decision and Need for Public Hearing: Department of Transportation (DOT) staff presented the methodology and findings of the nexus study, as well as staff recommendations to the Municipal Services Committee (MSC) on July 8, 2025. The Committee approved the staff recommendation with an amendment that either no fees be assessed for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) (because the fees imposed would be de minimis) or that staff provide an alternative recommendation to City Council for ADU fees. Staff revised the recommendations accordingly, to exempt ADUs to 900 square feet or less, and to waive the Traffic Reduction and Transportation Improvement Fee (TR/TIF) for ADUs governed by a Housing Agreement. Staff presented the revised recommendations at the City Council meeting on July 14, 2025, and the Council approved the recommendations. California Government Code Section 54954.6 states that before adopting any new or increased general tax assessment, the City Council must conduct at least one public meeting before the public hearing. While the TR/TIF rates are decreasing for most land uses, the TR/TIF rate for one land use (medical office) is increasing compared to the current fee. As such, staff is presenting the TR/TIF update before the City Council on October 20, 2025. Staff will then plan to open and close the public hearing on October 27, 2025, and formally adopt the TR/TIF update through an ordinance. The notice of public meeting for this item was published in the Pasadena Press on September 15, September 22, and September 29 of 2025.

Recommendation of the Transportation Advisory: DOT staff presented the methodology and findings of the nexus study, as well as staff recommendations, to the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) on March 27, 2025 and at a special meeting on April 14, 2025. The TAC discussed the addition of the new proposed land use categories and whether this may encourage or discourage the development of certain types of land uses in the City. The TAC approved the following motion: Support the fees as recommended, and urge council to consider if the reallocation of the fee categories may provide better outcomes on future development.

City Council

RESIGNATIONS, APPOINTMENTS, & REAPPOINTMENTS

RESIGNATION OF VANESSA F. RODRIGUEZ FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (District 5 Nomination)

City Clerk/ Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED

September 15, 2025	City Council
September 15, 2025	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
September 22, 2025	City Council
September 22, 2025	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2026-0082	Vicki Sierra	$ 9,275.00
2026-0083	Linet Davidian	1,068.12
2026-0084	Cincinnati Insurance	10,000.00+
2026-0085	Ditchey Geiger LLC	10,232.98
2026-0086	Theodore-Princeton Roni Takano	9,489.07
2026-0087	Green Street Café	5,000.00

2026-0088	Bristol West Insurance	<10,000.00
2026-0089	Andrew John Diaz Serrano	35,000.00+
2026-0090	Salpy Tashjian	889.10
2026-0091	Rennie King	35,000.00+
2026-0092	Bryan William Adams	35,000.00+
2026-0093	Park Cordova Homeowners Assoc.	285.00
2026-0094	Steven Detrick	183.16
2026-0095	Alan Sagherian	10,000.00+
2026-0096	Robert Angel	2,000.00

PUBLIC HEARING SET

November 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Approve the North Lake Specific Plan

Item discussed separately

November 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Approve the Designation of the Hernly Residence at 1475 Scenic Drive as a Landmark

November 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Approve the Designation of the Retaining Wall at 333, 353, and 375 Anita Drive as a Landmark

November 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Approve the Designation of the Welsh House at 1220 Wynn Road as a Landmark

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Vice Chair Rivas, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 1, 3, and 6c.

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

CONSENT ITEMS DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH ARIZONA MACHINERY LLC DBA STOTZ EQUIPMENT FOR JOHN DEERE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED PARTS, SERVICE AND REPAIR FOR LAWN CARE EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $365,261 (Public Works 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) Award contract to lowest and best bid dated August 12, 2025, submitted by Arizona Machinery LLC dba Stotz Equipment, in response to specifications for John Deere Original Equipment Manufactured Parts, Service and Repair, authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed of

$365,261, which includes the base contract amount of $317,618 and a contingency of $47,643 to provide for any necessary change orders; and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost amendments to the subject contract including necessary change orders.

Councilmembers Hampton and Cole expressed concerns regarding the John Deere original manufactured parts requirement included in the bidding process. Councilmember Hampton stated that allowing aftermarket equipment might have allowed for increased local participation in the bidding process.

Following discussion, Councilmember Cole moved, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to reject all bids, and direct staff to restart the procurement process, allowing for both original and after-market parts in bidding responses for lawn care equipment.

Councilmember Madison made a substitute motion to table the matter. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Councilmember Hampton advocated to reject all bids and open the project up to aftermarket equipment manufacturers as a way to include local businesses in the bidding process.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a broader discussion on the City's contracting and public bidding procedures.

In response to Councilmember Jones' inquiry regarding the length of delay that would occur to restart the procurement process, Greg de Vinck, Public Works Director, reported that starting the process over and allowing non-exclusive John Deere dealerships and supplies to participate should not result in a significant delay. He added that the current contract does have sufficient capacity to repair parts for current equipment during the interim period.

In response to Councilmember Lyon's inquiry related to the impact of using after-market parts, including impacts on warranties, for repairs to the City's John Deere equipment, Public Works Director de Vinck reported that City staff can return with additional information regarding impacts on warranties, as well as provide City staff responses on preferences related to authorized distributors or after-market parts and distributors. Councilmember Lyon advocated for City staff to return within 30 days with information on the implications of not using original brand equipment and manufactured parts.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to table the item and City staff to return in 30 days with information on implications of not purchasing original brand equipment and manufactured parts.

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

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Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that this action proposed 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);
(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31881 with Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., for citywide parking enforcement services, increasing the contract amount of $6,599,218 by $696,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of $7,295,218, and extend the contract term for one year (Contract No. 31881-3); and
(3) Grant the proposed contract amendment with Inter-Con Security Systems, Inc., 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.

Councilmember Hampton reported that he had received comments from residents expressing concerns that parking enforcement is not adequately enforced on their streets. Joaquin Siques, Transportation Director, reported that the Transportation Department has increased the number of City staff working on parking enforcement as part of the last operating budget amendment.

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

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

Vice Mayor Rivas stated a conflict of interest, recused herself from participating on Item 6c due to a potential conflict related to the North Lake Specific Plan, and left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Cole, to set the public hearings as listed above.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Mayor Rivas returned to the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7455 PROHIBITING SENATE BILL 9 APPLICATIONS WITHIN A VERY HIGH FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE IN THE BOUNDARY OF THE EATON FIRE (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Executive Order N-32-25; and

(2) Conduct first reading of an interim urgency ordinance extending Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 7455 for an additional 22 months and 15 days and find that there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare from the Eaton Fire, which resulted in the destruction of structures and that SB 9 requirements on the rebuild would exacerbate the existing threat to public health, safety, or welfare by increasing the density of homes.

(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 9, including for public comment purposes.)

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the public hearing notice was published on October 9, 13, and 16, 2025 in the Pasadena Press and that no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's office for this item.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to close the public hearing.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

Conduct first reading of "AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA EXTENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7455 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"
(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 7, including for public comment purposes.)

The ordinance above was introduced by Councilmember Masuda:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

City Manager

THIRD ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE RELINQUISHED 710 STUB PROPERTY – SEPTEMBER 2024 TO AUGUST 2025
Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation for this item. The City Council may, however, take action relating to this item as it deems appropriate following consideration and discussion of the matter.

City Manager Márquez provided introductory comments on the item. Brenda Harvey-Williams, Assistant City Manager, provided background information, and introduced key City staff and consultants presenting a PowerPoint on the planning process for the item. David Reyes, General Manager of Water & Power, briefly presented information on the creation of the City's Vision Plan that will eventually become an actual planning document. Jennifer Paige, Director Planning and Development, briefly presented an outline of how the Department will utilize the Vision Plan to guide the project.

Mayor Gordo requested additional information regarding the implications of Senate Bill 79 as it pertains to the project, which mandates cities to allow denser housing near high-frequency public transit stops, given the proximity of the 710 Stub project to adjacent Metro rail stations and bus rapid transit hubs.

Vaughan Davies, consultant from Perkins Eastman, Transportation Director Siques, and Planning Director Paige presented information on the project plans:

- Reviewed neighborhood, residential, and employment goals;
- Provided proposed transportation elements of the project plan, including development of local on/off ramps, a connected and safe multi-modal human-scaled set of access and mobility improvements, partnership opportunities to create a mobility hub, and connecting to the existing Pasadena transit network;
- Introduced sustainability elements such as rooftop solar, urban forestry, and adherence to the carbon reduction goals of the City; and
- Suggested working with Kosmont Companies to develop financing opportunities for the City.

Danny Parker, Chair of the 710 Advisory Group, spoke on the work of the Group, which emphasized the importance of community engagement and involving stakeholders such as residents, local businesses, government, and non-profit organizations, and advocated for the project to resolve key issues such as restorative justice, traffic, affordable housing, and the need for open space. He also noted that the Advisory Group strongly suggested the City consider the need for flexibility in terms of ebbing economic and market conditions over time as the project develops.

The following individuals advocated for including space for science driven research and innovation in the planned use of the 710 corridors and/or provided comments related to the employment, economic, and housing development opportunities:

Dan Gober, Biocom California
Deborah Ferrington, Doheny Eye Institute
Michael Giardello, Scaled Science Partners Cinder Biological, Inc.
Lee Gordon, Pasadena Angels
Matt Horton, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

Jose Luis Correa, 710 Advisory Group Member, spoke on the countless hours of meetings and work that the Advisory Group has put in, and advocated for restorative justice for those displaced by the 710 Freeway project.

Blair Miller, 710 Advisory Group Member, spoke on measures of success for the proposed project.

Councilmember Madison advocated for the City to make progress on this project and move forward in a meaningful way, and asked staff to provide the parameters and framework for the City Council to make decisions and provide direction in terms of the seven workstreams identified in 2022.

Following discussion, the City Council provided their input and direction to City staff relating to the following questions:

Question 1: Are there other potential land uses to incorporate in ongoing testing?

Vice Mayor Rivas expressed support for development that supports "deep" tech (research and development fields related to artificial intelligence, biotechnology, etc.) and affordable and increased housing opportunities. Councilmember Jones also expressed support for deep tech and housing, as well as increased emphasis on sustainability as it pertains to land use, in alignment with the City's goals to be carbon free by 2030. Councilmember Cole advocated to have flexibility in the plan to allow for a variety of successful uses, and to not set predetermine outcomes that may not be relevant when the project is completed. Councilmember Lyon advocated for the plan to include revenue generating opportunities for artificial intelligence (AI). Councilmember Madison advocated for the City Council to set deadlines to act on the seven established work streams. He also advocated for City staff to work directly with developers, instead of working through consultants. Mayor Gordo expressed support for focusing on innovation and technology opportunities, setting a flexible infrastructure that can adapt and align with future changes. He suggested protecting elements of the historic district, transportation, and public safety corridors, and blending the project in a way that provides for appropriate land uses that protect the fabric of Old Pasadena.

Question 2: What other social or physical access and connectivity approaches should the City consider?

Vice Mayor Rivas noted her concerns regarding transportation and traffic impacts on members of the public who may commute westbound on the I-210 through the project area. Councilmembers Jones and Hampton also echoed concerns relating to transportation, commuting, and mobility, especially as the area undergoes construction. Councilmember Masuda expressed support for incorporating community supported mobility such as pedestrian and bicycle friendly lanes. Councilmember Cole expressed support to maintain the natural terrain given the environmental and financial costs of filling the existing ditch, and advocated for reconnecting east and west neighborhoods that existed prior to the Caltrans disruption. Councilmember Lyon advocated for City staff to consider how the project area relates to the Rose Bowl stadium and the Arroyo Seco, for pedestrians and traffic, and how to reconnect the north and south ends of Pasadena in that vicinity as well. Mayor Gordo emphasized the importance of addressing the transportation aspect of the project and noted that the City does have a mandated responsibility to develop a transportation plan that aligns with the purpose of the corridor in terms of accommodating the flow of traffic, which will then be submitted to the California Transportation Commission and the Federal Highway Administration for approval. Councilmember Madison advocated for traffic calming measures and additional support from Caltrans if the on and off ramps are to be closed during construction. He also emphasized planning for future transportation elements related to the Metro light rail connectivity. Councilmember Madison and Mayor Gordo strongly advocated for City staff to analyze the application of Senate Bill 79 as it pertains to areas surrounding the 710 Stub, include their analysis as the City prepares to implement transportation improvements and enhance connectivity.

Question 3: What are your thoughts on the balance of public space to development area?

Vice Mayor Rivas advocated for more green space or a dedicated park. Councilmember Jones also expressed his support for more green space. Councilmember Hampton suggested setting aside 20% of the stub as dedicated green space, and to incorporate access and connection to Brookside Park and the Lower Arroyo Park recreation areas. Councilmember Masuda expressed support for open spaces and green spaces. Councilmember Cole suggested that staff consider adding a natural water feature in the project area for residents to enjoy. Councilmember Lyon expressed his support for green spaces and some sort of water element. Councilmember Madison advocated for the City to incorporate a requirement as part of the development process that on-site green space be provided for the public rather than allowing for the collection of residential impact fees, noting the need for recreation in that area. He also expressed concerns regarding the idea of a water feature, which might create a barrier in the middle of the project that is counter to efforts to reconnect the communities. Mayor Gordo expressed support for open spaces and suggested connecting them to the broader open space in the Arroyo and the Rose Bowl without triggering SB79.

Question 4: In addition to the sustainability and resilience concepts presented, are there additional items Council would like considered?

Vice Mayor Rivas expressed concerns regarding the suggestions of implementing large data centers in the area that may be energy intensive. Councilmember Jones suggested adding water capturing elements and having a municipal data center sustained by clean energy. Councilmember Hampton expressed support for water capturing elements and suggested incorporating underground battery storage, as well as solar energy production features. Councilmember Masuda expressed support for solar energy and also advocated for increased wi-fi for residents. Councilmember Lyon also expressed support for solar energy and requested that City staff consider creating an oversight framework for the project, such as creating a corporation (similar to the Rose Bowl Operating Company) or having one or multiple development agreements, etc. Councilmember Cole also advocated for the City to identify an oversight delivery mechanism for the project, including funding aspects and the role of consultants.

In response to the City Council's comments regarding delivery mechanisms for the project, Brenda Harvey-Williams, Assistant City Manager, reported that the City has hired a financial consultant to analyze financing options and that the City's Economic Development team in tandem with Kosmont Companies, is strategizing various ways to execute the project over time.

Discussion briefly ensued regarding the need for sufficient infrastructure, plan development, project delivery, and project management that will occur over the course of the project.

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiries regarding the final report to be received by the City Council in March 2026, Assistant City Manager Harvey Williams reported that the final report will be a compiled report synthesizing recommendations made by City staff and consultants, as well as information from community meetings, advisory groups, City Commissions, and the City Council. She noted that the City Council would then make decisions on how to proceed with the project after receiving the final report. Councilmember Madison emphasized strongly that the City Council should commit to act on City staff's recommendations by the fourth anniversary of fee title ownership of the property.

Councilmember Hampton requested information on the number of community meetings held, the locations of the meetings, and the turnout rate. He also advocated for the project to incorporate youth engagement given that the project will be long term in nature, and for the benefit of the younger community as it ages.

The City Council and City Manager Márquez thanked key City staff, consultants, and community advocates for their collaboration and efforts on the project thus far.

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

BRIEF REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES/ REQUESTS FOR

Councilmember Hampton made a motion to agendize the matter of ethical investment policy for City Council discussion within 30 days. Councilmember Madison suggested that the Legislative Policy

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee review the matter of an ethical investment policy, consider best practices, and bring a policy forward a recommendation to the City Council by the end of the year. Councilmember Hampton expressed support for the alternative suggestion, and withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Lyon reported out that he attended the League of California Cities conference in Long Beach, California and briefly shared points of discussion regarding artificial intelligence in local government.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:43 p.m. in memory of Dianne Philibosian.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk