

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 16, 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 Hampton, Jones, and Madison)

CLOSED SESSION

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.
to discuss the following closed session items:

Councilmember Madison
recused himself from
Closed Session Item E
[City of Pasadena v.
Southern California
Edison] due to a potential
conflict of interest.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code
Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: City of Pasadena v. Southern California Edison,
et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.: 25STCV06276**

Councilmember Madison
joined the meeting at 5:03
p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code
Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: Crutchfield et al v. City of Pasadena
Case No.: 24STCV12359**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code
Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: Gordon v. City of Pasadena
Case No.: 24STCV26720**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation
pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (one
potential case)**

Councilmember Jones
arrived at 5:46 p.m.

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

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Miguel Márquez and
Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn
Employee Organization: Non-Rep Non-Management, Non-Rep
Management, and Executive Management**

The above closed session item was not discussed.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:25 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
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda

Staff:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilmember Madison requested that the City Council meeting be adjourned in memory of Betty Jane “BJ” Kirwan Hanna, community leader and environmental lawyer. He spoke on her accomplishments throughout her legal career, notably overcoming gender barriers in the professional world, and her continued public service advocating for women’s rights.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the Special Item A – Consideration of a Statement on Federal Activity and Community Reassurance in Pasadena, which was posted as an addendum to the regular meeting agenda, has been pulled from agenda due to a posting issue. He stated that the item will be heard at the next City Council meeting on June 23, 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
MATTERS NOT ON THE
AGENDA**

The following individuals spoke on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the ongoing local tensions with federal immigration and customs enforcement officers, and/or advocated for the City to divest in specific companies:

Cloud Morgan Clark, Pasadena resident
Iris Chen, Pasadena resident
Jennifer Geis, West Covina resident
Reverend Darrel Meyers, Pasadena resident
Michael Flynn, Pasadena resident
Bailey Payne, Pasadena resident
Katerina Gea, Pasadena resident

Olden Denham, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns that the agendaized discussion for AB392 at the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting is an informational item only.

Allen Shay, Pasadena resident, provided comments regarding agendaizing items requested by the community for City Council discussion.

The following individuals advocated for the City to amend the Pasadena Municipal Code to differentiate temporary structures from permanent structures, to allow temporary schools, such as the ones relocated due to the Eaton Fire, to exist without having to face the financial burden of installing a permanent fire sprinkler system at temporary locations:

Michael Albrecht, Pasadena resident
Jennifer Foley, Pasadena resident
Bryan Walley, Pasadena resident

In response to public comment, Councilmember Madison requested that the City Attorney's Office look into the matter of building codes for temporary and permanent structures for temporary schools, and provide an update to the City Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**City Manager/ Executive
Director**

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL AMERICAN ASPHALT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY YARD FACILITY – NORTHEAST PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$451,781 (Public Works Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find the contract proposed in the agenda report to be categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, Class 1 – Existing Facilities, and that there are no features that distinguish this project from others in the exempt classes, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances; and
(2) Award contract to lowest and best bid dated May 12, 2025 submitted by All American Asphalt in response to the plans and specifications for the Improvements at City Yard Facility - Northeast Parking Lot Reconstruction project and authorize City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$451,781 which includes the base contract amount of \$376,484 and a contingency of \$75,297 to provide for any necessary change orders. (Contract No. 33275)

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RAY GASKIN SERVICE INC., FOR AUTHORIZED NEW WAY REFUSE PACKER PARTS, SERVICE, AND REPAIR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,080,000 FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS (Public Works Dept.)

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL CNG AND FLEET SERVICE LLC FOR LUBRICATION SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION VEHICLES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$840,000 FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS (Public Works Dept.)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM EQUIPMENT LOAN AND EVALUATION AGREEMENT IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FORD LOANER VEHICLES WITH FORD MOTOR COMPANY (Public Works 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 accept the no cost Long-Term Equipment Loan and Evaluation Agreement for Ford loaner vehicles from Ford Motor Company. (Contract No. 24,258)

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND PURCHASE ORDER NO. 1250379 WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT (EFM) TO INCREASE THE PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT BY \$200,000 THEREBY INCREASING THE GRAND TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,421,495 FOR THE LEASE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) NON-ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES (PPD)

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR A 7-YEAR TERM TO LEASE UP TO 19 UNDERCOVER VEHICLES FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,400,000 (PPD)

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY, FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE NECESSARY FOR CITY OPERATIONS (Office of the City Manager)

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);

(2) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreements, and any other documents necessary, for the procurement of insurance coverage necessary for the City operations (Resolution No. 10135); and

(3) Grant an exemption from the competitive selection process of the Competitive Bidding and Purchasing Ordinance, Pasadena Municipal code Chapter 4.08, pursuant to Section 4.08.049(B) contracts which the City's best interests are served. Insurance renewals are exempt from the competitive bidding process pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services.

REJECT ALL BIDS FOR SPEED TABLE AND TEMPORARY MEDIAN FURNISHMENT AND INSTALLATION ON CONCRETE ROAD SURFACE (Transportation 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) Reject all bids received on April 26, 2024 in response to the Notice Inviting Bids for the Speed Table and Temporary Median Furnishment and Installation on Concrete Road Surface contract.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 21065 and within the meaning of Section 15378(b); and
- (2) Adopt a Resolution (Resolution No. 10136) that:
 - a. Selects the California per capita income and the population increase for the City of Pasadena as the indices to be used in calculating the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026;
 - b. Establishes the appropriations limit for FY 2026 at \$428,695,773; and
 - c. Establishes appropriations subject to the limit for FY 2026 at \$194,962,153

City Council

RESIGNATIONS,
APPOINTMENTS, &
REAPPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF SHERYL SCOTT TO THE NORTHWEST COMMISSION (District 1 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF LORRAINE C. CHAPMAN TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025 (District 3 Nomination)

RESIGNATION OF JAMES COTTER FROM THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (Hotel Nomination)

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2025-0290	Nathaniel Lagemann	\$ 2,500.00
2025-0291	Summer Huang	35,000.00+
2025-0292	Damon Ryan Surfas	35,000.00+
2025-0293	Hugo Acosta	35,000.00+
2025-0294	Duplicate to Claim No. 2025-0279	
2025-0295	Heidi Cervera Rodriguez	2,457.06
2025-0296	Sanjeev Sidhu	10,000.00+

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Items 2, 3, 5, and 6. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEMS
DISCUSSED
SEPARATELY**

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RAY GASKIN SERVICE INC., FOR AUTHORIZED NEW WAY REFUSE PACKER PARTS, SERVICE, AND REPAIR FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,080,000 FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS (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 April 21, 2025, submitted by Ray Gaskin Service Inc., in response to specifications for New Way Refuse Truck OEM Parts and Supplies with On-Site/Off-Site Services and Repairs, authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,080,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$900,000 and a contingency of \$180,000 to provide for any necessary change orders (Contract No. 33271); 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 NATIONAL CNG AND FLEET SERVICE LLC FOR LUBRICATION SERVICES FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION VEHICLES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$840,000 FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS (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 April 28, 2025, submitted by National, LLC in response to project plans and specifications for Lubrication Services for Residential Collection Vehicles, authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$840,000, which includes the base contract amount of \$700,000 and a contingency of \$140,000 to provide for any necessary change orders (Contract No. 33272); and
- (3) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost amendments to the subject contract including durational extensions.

Consent Calendar Items 2 and 3 were discussed concurrently.

Councilmember Cole expressed concerns that only a single bid was received for each of the bid requests, and suggested that a change to the City policy occur to shorten contract term lengths for instances when only one bid is received. Mayor Gordo suggested that the procurement policy related to this request be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

MOTION:

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendations for Consent Calendar Items 2 and 3. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND PURCHASE ORDER NO. 1250379 WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT (EFM) TO INCREASE THE PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT BY \$200,000 THEREBY INCREASING THE GRAND TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,421,495 FOR THE LEASE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) NON-ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES (PPD)

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 amend purchase order No. 1250379 with EFM to increase the Purchase Order value by \$200,000, thereby increasing the grand total to a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,421,495 for the lease of twenty-five (25) non enforcement vehicles.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT, INC., FOR A 7-YEAR TERM TO LEASE UP TO 19 UNDERCOVER VEHICLES FOR A TOTAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,400,000 (PPD)

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) Award contract to lowest and best bid dated May 5, 2025, submitted by Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc., (EFM) in response to the project plans and specifications for the lease of up to 19 undercover vehicles, authorize the City Manager to enter into a seven-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,400,000. (Contract No. 33279)

Consent Calendar Items 5 and 6 were discussed concurrently.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter advocating for the City Council to reject contracts that do not decrease the City's greenhouse gas emissions and providing comments on the matter 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.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's questions, Karen Peterson, Police Civilian Commander, reported that the proposed purchase order increase is to pay for the extended leases and outfitting of the additional vehicles. She also confirmed that the Police Department lost two vehicles in the Eaton Fire. Councilmember Hampton stated that he would not be able to support the items since the vehicles are not electric.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Cole, to approve the staff recommendations for Consent Calendar Items 5 and 6.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Mayor Rivas stated a conflict of interest, recused herself from the item, and left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BUNGALOW HEAVEN LANDMARK DISTRICT CONSERVATION PLAN (LD-1) (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15308, Class 8 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) and that there are no features that distinguish the project from others in the exempt class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;

(2) Find that the proposed amendments to the Bungalow Heaven Landmark District Conservation Plan meet the following criteria for Conservation Plan amendments as specified in Section 17.62.070.H.5 of the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC):

- a. The proposed amendments are consistent with the purposes of PMC Chapter 17.62;
- b. The proposed amendments are in conformance with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan; and
- c. The proposed amendments would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City; and therefore,

(3) Approve the Conservation Plan amendments for the Bungalow Heaven Landmark District, LD-1.

Recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission: At a public hearing on December 17, 2024, the Historic Preservation

Commission (HPC) determined that the proposed Bungalow Heaven Conservation Plan amendments meet the criteria in § 17.62.070.H.5 of the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) and unanimously recommended that the City Council approve the amendments.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that 1,027 postcards were mailed, and 202 copies of the public hearing notice were posted. He also reported that 2 letters in support of the proposed amendments to the Bungalow Heaven Conservation Plan and/or providing comments on the matter, were received by the City Clerk's office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

The following individuals expressed their support for the proposed item:

Justin Glover, Pasadena resident
Erin Glover, Pasadena resident
John Ripley, Pasadena resident
Annette Yasin, Pasadena resident
Liza Billington, Pasadena resident
Mark Clifford, Pasadena resident
Jennifer Fox, Pasadena resident
Denver Miller, Pasadena resident
Mike Sockett, Pasadena resident
Nicolas Giovanazzi, Pasadena resident
Martin Ratlife, Pasadena resident
Carol Polansky, Pasadena resident
Jessica Richards, Pasadena resident
Tina Miller, Pasadena resident

Stephanie Cisneros, Senior Planner, presented a brief PowerPoint presentation, noting key elements of the proposed amendments.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Vice Mayor Rivas)

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

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 7:28 p.m.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL TRANSFER FROM THE POWER FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND AMENDING

THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL TRANSFER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025
(Finance Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Find that the 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 Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b);
- (2) Close the public hearing and adopt by resolution the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget as presented in the City Manager’s Recommended Budget on May 5, 2025, or as subsequently amended during the budget hearing process (Resolution No. 10137); and
- (3) Adopt a resolution determining the amount to be transferred from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund for FY 2026 is 12 percent of gross income from retail sales and amending the annual amount of transfer for FY 2025. (Resolution No. 10138)
(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 12, including for public comment purposes.)

City Clerk Jomsky reported that City Council actions related to the public hearing and budget adoption will be segmented to allow members of the City Council with conflicts of interests to recuse themselves from certain segments of the budget, in accordance with segmentation rules provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). He reported that no new correspondence was received for this item, and that all previous correspondence was distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for this public hearing.

City Manager Márquez provided introductory comments and Matt Hawkesworth, Acting Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to questions.

Councilmember Cole thanked Finance Director Hawkesworth for the information on the various fees and subsidies, and suggested that the City Council defer action on the proposed General Fee Schedule. He advocated for the Finance Committee to review the schedule prior to adoption.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to utilize general funds for shelters for unhoused individuals and expressed concerns regarding transparency with the City’s budget.

Councilmember Jones advocated for the following topics/programs discussed by the various Council Committees be included in the budget memo submitted by City staff: neighborhood traffic investigation (Transportation Department), Pavement Condition Index (Public Works), and extending community facility hours and

parks to better serve residents (Parks, Recreation, and Community Services).

Councilmember Madison advocated for investing in public safety and adding an additional Battalion Chief position as part of the budget adoption, noting that such a position could be funded using reserve funds and/or reducing a number of vacant positions.

Mayor Gordo echoed similar sentiments regarding the need to invest in public safety. He advocated for City staff to create two additional Battalion Chief positions (beyond the one already included in the recommended budget), begin the recruitment process, identify interim or permanent funding for these new positions, and provide an update in 90 days to the Finance Committee on staff's recommended approach to adding these positions.

Councilmembers Cole and Lyon expressed support for increasing fire safety personnel, while also expressing concerns with adding Battalion Chief positions (given significant budget impacts) without first identifying proper funding, noting that "eleventh-hour" changes to the proposed operating budget have not been vetted or discussed by any Council Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the creation of two additional Battalion Chief positions, potential funding options and budget decisions that would be required to fund these additional positions, and perhaps holding off on such an action until next week's City Council meeting to provide staff with an opportunity to address public safety and personnel concerns within the City's Fire Department.

MOTION:

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

Budget segmentation
process for City Council
recusals:

Councilmember Hampton and Mayor Gordo stated their conflicts of interests related to the approval of the Rent Stabilization Department segment of the budget, recused themselves from the item, and left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Councilmember Jones stated a conflict of interest pertaining to the Measure W items, recused himself from the items, and left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the Rent Stabilization Department budget segment of the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton, Jones, and Mayor Gordo)

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the Measure W projects budget segment in the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Jones)

Councilmember Hampton and Mayor Gordo returned to the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the remaining segments of the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, amended to include the items listed in the memo provided by the Finance Department, the additions of neighborhood traffic investigation, Pavement Condition Index, and extending community facility hours and parks, and with direction to City staff to return with information regarding staffing and funding for two additional Battalion Chief positions at a future Council meeting.

Councilmember Jones returned to the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

City Manager

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 RECOMMENDED GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE

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) Adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 General Fee Schedule.

(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 14, including for public comment purposes.)

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Cole, to approve the staff recommendation, with direction for the Finance Committee to review and discuss any additional changes.

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM OFFICERS AND
DEPARTMENTS**

City Council

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMPENSATION, AND CONVENING THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY COUNCIL COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN CITY CHARTER SECTION 405

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) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption, which states that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- (2) Approve the following appointments to the Committee on City Councilmember Compensation in accordance with City Charter Section 405:
 - Rita Moreno – Mayoral Nomination
 - Lena Louise Kennedy – District 1 Nomination
 - Steve Olivas – District 2 Nomination
 - Renee Morgan Hampton – District 3 Nomination
 - Donald Nanney – District 4 Nomination
 - Vanessa Rodriguez – District 5 Nomination
 - Ken Chawkins – District 6 Nomination
 - Elizabeth Wilson – District 7 Nomination
- (3) Review the topics suggested for the Committee's compensation review and provide feedback and direction.

Councilmember Cole advocated for in-depth research and discussion regarding the overall compensation for City Councilmembers to ensure that elected members of the City Council can feasibly maintain family commitments, full-time jobs, and perform elected duties, with the overall goal to widen the pool of residents willing to serve.

Sandy Annala, Pasadena resident, advocated for the reasonable compensation for members of the City Council to be able to balance their elected office duties with other personal and professional commitments.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

**ORDINANCE – SECOND
READING**

Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Hampton stated conflicts of interest, recused themselves from the item, and left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Adopt “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADOPTING THE TENANT PROTECTIONS OF THE ELLIS ACT, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7060 ET SEQ.” (Ordinance No. 7449)

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 9:03 p.m. in memory of of Betty Jane “BJ” Kirwan Hanna.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk