

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
April 16, 2025 – 8:30 A.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called to order the special joint meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger at 8:44 a.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Barger.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:
Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Vice Mayor Jessica Rivas
Councilmember Cole
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (absent)
Councilmember Justin Jones (absent)
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

**STATUS UPDATE REGARDING COORDINATED EFFORTS
WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON EATON FIRE RECOVERY**

City Manager Márquez reported on the Eaton Fire that occurred in January 2025 and the collaborative efforts between the City and Los Angeles County during the fire and to provide relief and assistance to impacted residents as part of a coordinated recovery.

In response to Councilmember Cole's comments regarding the need to collaborate with the County's Public Works department to restore safe water infrastructure, Supervisor Barger reported that the County is working with the State to request federal funding to rebuild the water districts affected by the Eaton Fire.

Yadi, Pasadena resident, advocated for the release of information/local government agency reports on each entities response to the Eaton Fire.

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

STATUS UPDATE ON CITY AND COUNTY COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT OF THE “KAISER” PROPERTY AT 434-470 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, PASADENA, CA

David Klug, Economic Development Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Kaiser Property Project, providing background information on the project, a timeline of events, community outreach efforts, the Surplus Lands Act evaluation, and projected next steps of the project.

Vice Mayor Rivas and Supervisor Barger thanked City staff for organizing the community meetings and noted that such meetings are important to keep the public informed and receive quality feedback.

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

UPDATE ON PLANNING FOR LOS ANGELES 2028 OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS GAMES (LA28)

Alex Souto, Deputy City Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City’s planning process for the upcoming Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games. He presented information on tourism planning, economic development initiatives, public safety components, and sustainable energy planning.

Councilmember Madison expressed excitement for the 2028 Olympic Games to be held throughout Los Angeles. In response to Councilmember Masuda’s inquiry, Vic Knoll, Director of Venue City Relations – LA28, clarified that information on contracts is not made public until venues are finalized and approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

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

INFORMATION ON MEASURE A HOMELESS FUNDING

Jim Wong, Housing Director, provided introductory comments on the item; Marco Santana, Homeless Initiative – LA County, reported on Measure A and the local solutions funds, and the new requirements and oversight of spending Measure A dollars.

Discussion ensued regarding coordination with the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Housing Trust and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments ("SGVCOG") Housing Trust to allocate funding for affordable housing.

In response to Councilmember Lyon's inquiry regarding the recent budget cuts for homelessness funding, Mr. Santana reported that the County's traditional spending on comprehensive homeless services decreased due to disbursement of funds to other categories. He noted that despite the decrease in traditional funding, the Measure A funding and the \$300 million allocated for LACAHS (LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency) allows for an overall increase of funding for homeless services and affordable housing projects. Supervisor Barger also stated the need for auditing of funds and expenditures to ensure appropriate and effective usage of funds.

In response to Councilmember Lyon's inquiry regarding the movements of unhoused individuals throughout the County, Mr. Santana reported that the County has created a manual for jurisdictions to follow and use as a guide in response to the Grants Pass decision, and he noted that the County utilizes the Pathway Home approach to get unhoused individuals off of the streets, place them into interim housing, and provide guidance.

Councilmember Madison expressed his concerns regarding recent incidents at Metro stations, and Mayor Gordo advocated for the City to have a coordinated comprehensive approach with Metro law enforcement and Pasadena Police Department, and requested that LA County consider funding additional H.O.P.E. teams and/or officers to improve public safety at these stations and surrounding areas.

Councilmember Cole advocated for the City to adopt the SGVCOG's good neighbor policy, ensuring that cities take responsibility to help the unhoused individuals in their own jurisdictions.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter was received by the City Clerk's Office advocating for Supervisor Barger and the City Council to work with local nonprofit organizations to fund a motel lease program, create interim housing projects, and/or motel conversion projects, which was distributed to the City Council and Supervisor Barger, posted online, and made part of the public record.

Allison Henry, Pasadena resident, advocated for the City to collaborate with LA County to discuss rental assistance and eviction defense to prevent homelessness.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Gordo thanked Supervisor Barger and her staff for their leadership and efforts to support residents of Pasadena, Altadena, and County of Los Angeles.

Supervisor Barger expressed her deep appreciation to the City Council, City staff, and residents on their partnership and willingness to work with the County for the benefit of all residents in the area.

On order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk