

CITY OF PASADENA  
City Council Minutes  
August 18, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.  
City Hall Council Chamber

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL  
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

**OPENING:** Mayor Gordo called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.  
(Absent: Councilmembers Hampton and Jones)

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code  
Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

**Name of Case: 615 S Catalina Ave LLC v. City of Pasadena, et  
al.**

**Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 24STCP02861**

The above closed session item was discussed, with no reportable  
action at this time. The remaining closed session items were paused,  
with discussion to occur after the City Council's open session  
business was completed. See details below.

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

**ROLL CALL:**  
Councilmembers:

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

Staff:  
Acting City Manager Matt Hawkesworth  
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris  
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

**SPECIAL ITEM**

**PRESENTATIONAL UPDATE BY CONGRESSWOMAN LAURA  
FRIEDMAN ON FEDERAL ISSUES, PROJECTS, AND  
PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE CITY OF PASADENA**

U.S. Congresswoman Laura Friedman provided an update on  
federal legislation and spoke on her legislative efforts to restore  
essential healthcare, advocate for fire resiliency, assist Eaton Fire  
victims, and implement identification requirements for federal  
agents.

The City Council thanked Congresswoman Friedman for advocating for Pasadena and other essential federal legislation on various matters.

Yadi, Pasadena resident, thanked Congresswoman Friedman for advocating for privacy policies and ethical technology.

On order of the Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the presentation was received and filed.

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

The following individuals provided comments on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and advocated for the City to divest from specific companies:

Maryam, residence not stated  
Michael Bannoura, Pasadena resident  
Rachel Darling, Pasadena resident  
Teri Stein, Pasadena resident  
Hedab Tarif, Pasadena resident

Olden Denham, Pasadena resident, advocated for continued discussion on AB392 at a future Public Safety Committee meeting.

Rachel Wing, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding recent federal immigration raids and urged the City Council to support State Senate Bill 805 (No Vigilantes Act).

The following individuals advocated for the City Council to accept an invitation for a cultural exchange visit to Guanajuato, Mexico and/or provided comments related to forming a formal sister-city relationship with Guanajuato, Mexico:

Rene Gonzalez, Pasadena resident  
Elvia Aragon, Pasadena resident  
Phillis Griffin, Pasadena resident

In response to public comment, Councilmember Madison requested to agendize a proposal for a Sister City relationship with Guanajuato, Mexico for discussion.

Adam Bray-Ali, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the funding model of the Pasadena Rental Housing Board and the budget of the Rent Stabilization Department.

Yadi, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding safety and security matters related to the Tournament of Roses Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game.



## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**City Manager/ Executive  
Director**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$447,304 WITH MAXIMUM TURBINE SUPPORT, INC., TO FURNISH AND DELIVER SPRINT NOZZLES FOR THE GAS TURBINE AT THE GLENARM POWER PLANT (Water & Power 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 Section 15378(b); and
- (2) Award contract to the lowest and best bid dated July 2, 2025 submitted by Maximum Turbine Support, Inc., in response to the specification to furnish and deliver sprint nozzles for gas turbines, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a one-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$447,304, which includes a base bid of \$406,640 and a contingency of \$40,664 to provide for any necessary change orders. (P.O. per staff)

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GE VERNOVA INC. (DBA GE VERNOVA OPERATIONS LLC) FOR \$2,916,936 FOR A CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR GAS TURBINES 3 AND 4 AT THE GLENARM POWER PLANT (Water & Power 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 Section 15378(b);
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a one year contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with GE Vernova Inc. (dba GE Vernova Operations LLC) for the hardware and software to perform a control system upgrade of the Gas Turbine 3 ("GT-3") and Gas Turbine 4 ("GT-4"), for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,916,936, which includes a base contract amount of \$2,566,060 and a contingency of \$350,876 to provide for any necessary change orders(Contract No. 33351); and
- (3) Grant the recommended contract 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.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AG COAST CORPORATION (DBA CALIFORNIA PANTHER SECURITY) FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$3,099,080 FOR FIVE YEARS INCLUDING TWO OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS (Water & Power 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 Section 15378(b); and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as a result of the competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with AG Coast Corporation dba California Panther Security ("AG Coast") for the Department of Water and Power Security Services for three years with the option for two additional one-year extensions subject to the approval of the City Manager for a grand total amount not-to-exceed \$3,099,080, which includes the base contract amount of \$2,694,850 and a contingency of \$404,230 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.33376)

Item discussed separately

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31978 WITH UTILITY TREE SERVICE, LLC., TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$1,800,000 FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$17,520,000 AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE FOR POWER LINE CLEARANCE (Water & Power Dept.)**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INNOVATIVE INTERFACES INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$598,127 (Library & Information Services 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 enter into a five-year contract with Innovative Interfaces Incorporated, as a result of a competitive selection process in accordance with Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, for integrated library system subscription services in an amount not-to-exceed \$393,150 (including a base contract amount of \$351,027 and a contingency of \$42,123 for any necessary change orders), with the option for three additional one-year terms at an annual amount of \$59,117 for year six, \$60,804 year seven, and \$62,541 year eight; and a contingency of \$7,505 per year for change orders, subject to the City Manager's approval, for a maximum grand total contract amount not-to-exceed \$598,127. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Article X Section 1002(F), Contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33332)



**APPROVAL OF THE 2025 UPDATE TO THE CITY OF PASADENA TRANSIT DIVISION TITLE VI PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 (Transportation Dept.)**

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

- (1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
- (2) Approve the 2025 update to the City of Pasadena Transit Division Title VI Program.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31704 WITH DATA TICKET, INC., TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR TWO YEARS AND INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$1,200,000 THEREBY INCREASING THE GRAND TOTAL TO A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$4,086,665, FOR PARKING CITATION AND PERMIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Transportation 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 Section 15378(b)
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31704 with Data Ticket, Inc., for a parking citation and permit management system, increasing the contract amount of \$2,886,665 by \$1,200,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$4,086,665, and extending the term of the contract for two years (Contract No. 31704-3); and
- (3) Grant the proposed contract amendment with Data Ticket, 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.

**City Council**

RESIGNATIONS,  
APPOINTMENTS, &  
REAPPOINTMENTS

**DESIGNATION OF MAYOR GORDO AS PRIMARY VOTING DELEGATE AND COUNCILMEMBER LYON AS THE ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE LEAGUE OF CA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 8-10, 2025 IN LONG BEACH, CA**

**APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR M. GORDO AS THE CITY OF PASADENA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOOTHILL TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (City Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF RICK COLE AS THE CITY OF PASADENA'S ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FOOTHILL TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS (City Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF RICK COLE AS THE CITY OF PASADENA'S ALTERNATE MEMBER ON THE BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST BOARD, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, CREATED PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL NO. 1177 (City of Pasadena Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF RUTHE HOLDEN TO THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 (City Council Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF MELLY ROSEHAVEN TO THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION (At Large Nomination/District 3)**

**APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN WALLACE TO THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE PARKING METER ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION (At Large Nomination/District 4)**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL RIZZO TO THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE PARKING METER ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION (At Large Nomination/District 7)**

**APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN ALAN BAKER TO THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE PARKING METER ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION (At Large Nomination/District 7)**

**APPOINTMENT OF BOGHOS PATATIAN TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION (At Large Nomination/District 2)**

**APPOINTMENT OF VIBIANA APARICIO-CHAMBERLIN TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF KATIE GREEN TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (Hotel Nomination)**

**APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES A. FUSCO TO THE PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY BOARD (Hotel Nomination)**

**RESIGNATION OF CY WARREN ESTABROOK FROM THE ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY COMMISSION (Mayor Nomination)**

**City Clerk/ Secretary**

**MINUTES APPROVED**

July 14, 2025

July 14, 2025

July 21, 2025

July 21, 2025

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Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

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July 28, 2025	City Council
July 28, 2025	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
August 4, 2025	City Council
August 4, 2025	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission
August 11, 2025	City Council
August 11, 2025	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

**CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED**

<b>Claim No.</b>	<b>Claimant</b>	<b>Claim Amount</b>
2026-0017	Domingo Oregon	\$ 10,000.00+
2026-0018	Maya Gelshtein	Not stated
2026-0019	Raul Cervantes	Not stated
2026-0020	Jennell Wadell Davis	35,000.00+
2026-0021	Duplicate to Claim No. 2026-0020	N/A
2026-0022	Patrick Anson Doheny III	5,000.00
2026-0023	Peng Feng	4,000.00
2026-0024	Angelita M. O'Brien	6,650.00
2026-0025	Suzette Dutch	200.00
2026-0026	Melissa Bone	35,000.00+
2026-0027	Duplicate to Claim No. 2026-0025	N/A
2026-0028	Arroyo Parkway Pasadena, LLC	10,000.00+
2026-0029	Marianne Sawaya	3,037.71
2026-0030	Marlena Schwenck	3,826.53
2026-0031	Armand Avazian	10,000.00+
2026-0032	State Farm Mutual Auto Ins Co a/s/o Dianne Lopez	10,000.00+
2026-0033	Dianne Lopez	35,000.00+
2026-0034	Khatherine Smith	35,000.00+
2026-0035	Duplicate to Claim No. 2025-0302	N/A
2026-0036	Marites Deang	35,000.00+
2026-0037	Mercury Insurance	Not stated
2026-0038	Kevork Manoukian	1,600.00
2026-0039	Carlos Rodolfo Gonzalez	10,000.00+
2026-0040	Kenya Anzures	35,000.00+
2026-0041	Christine Iwamiya	467.94
2026-0042	Jordan Washington	50.00
2026-0043	Osirisius Daniels	10,000.00+

City Clerk Jomsky reported that two letters in opposition to the staff recommendations for Items 1 and 2, and/or expressing concerns with the City investing in the Glen Arm Power Plant, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 4. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton and Jones)

**CONSENT ITEMS  
DISCUSSED  
SEPARATELY**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 31978 WITH UTILITY TREE SERVICE, LLC., TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$1,800,000 FOR A REVISED TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$17,520,000 AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE FOR POWER LINE CLEARANCE** (Water & Power 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 Section 15378(b); and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31978 with Utility Tree Service, LLC ("UTS") to increase the contract amount by \$1,800,000 thereby increasing the total to a not-to-exceed amount of \$17,520,000 and extend the contract expiration date to January 31, 2026. (Contract No. 31978-3)

Mike Polka, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the appropriate timing for trimming trees and prevention of diseases, and advocated for the City to implement a tree trimming schedule and policy.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Vice Mayor Rivas, to approve Consent Calendar Item 4. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton and Jones)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**APPROVE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 AND 2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT FUNDS** (Housing Dept.)

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

- (1) Find that the recommended action in the agenda report is 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 a significant effect on the environment;
- (2) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of a Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan as described in the agenda report for a grant allocation increase of \$4,530 and allocation of \$200,000 in non-committed HOME Partnership Act funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act;



(3) Approve the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Substantial Amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan as described in the agenda report for the reprogramming of \$588,078 in Community Development Block Grant funds; and

(4) Authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate recommendations #2 and #3.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the public hearing notice was published on July 17, 2025 in the Pasadena Press, and that no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's office for this item.

James Wong, Director of Housing, provided a brief overview of the item.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmembers Hampton and Jones)

MOTION:

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

**ORDINANCE – FIRST  
READING**

**Conduct first reading of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 16 (SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE), CHAPTERS 16.08, 16.16, 16.28, AND 16.36, OF THE CITY OF PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION CONTRACT”**

City Attorney Bagneris reported that two minor modifications were made to the proposed ordinance, adding to Section 3, Paragraph D, second sentence, stating “The city manager shall ensure the city council reviews the delegation no less frequently than once every ten years”, and replacing the term “~~board of directors~~” under Section 4 to read “16.28.340 - Presentation to city council”.

The ordinance above was introduced by Councilmember Lyon:

AYES: Councilmembers Cole, Lyon, Madison, Masuda, Vice Mayor Rivas, Mayor Gordo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Hampton and Jones

ABSTAIN: None

**ORDINANCE – SECOND  
READING**

**Adopt “AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AUTHORIZING THE SETTING OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 TAX RATE FOR THE CITY’S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (CENTRAL LIBRARY PROJECT) APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION AND REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO LEVY A TAX ON ALL REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF PASADENA AS A VOTER APPROVED LEVY WITH RESPECT TO SAID BONDS”**  
**(Ordinance No. 7453)**

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mayor Gordo expressed the need to review subject matter jurisdiction of City Council Committees and proposed creating an additional committee to discuss matters related to planning, homelessness, and affordable housing. He announced that an ad hoc committee, consisting of Councilmembers Cole, Hampton, Lyon and himself, has been created to review such matters.

**RECESS TO CLOSED  
SESSION**

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council recessed to closed session to discuss the remaining closed session items at 7:03 p.m., as follows:

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**  
**regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code**  
**Section 54956.9(d)(1)**  
**Name of Case: Pedro Vasquez Perdomo v. Kristi Noem, et al.**  
**U.S. District Court Case No.: 2:25-cv-05605-MEMF-SP**

**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL**  
**PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code**  
**Section 54956.8**  
**Property Location: 434-470 North Lake Avenue**  
**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**  
**Agency Negotiator: Matthew Hawkesworth, Assistant City**  
**Manager**  
**Negotiating Parties: Bridge Housing, City Ventures, Community**  
**Builders Group (CBG), Cypress Equity Investments (CEI),**  
**Fidelis Advisors, Holos Communities & Heritage Housing**  
**Partners, LA Family Housing, Mercy Housing, The Olson**  
**Company, Urban Coalition, USA Properties & Waterford**  
**Company, West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation**



**CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

**Property Location: 434-470 North Lake Avenue**

**Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment**

**Agency Negotiator: Matthew Hawkesworth, Assistant City Manager**

**Negotiating Party: Joyce L. Chang, Real Estate Division, Chief Executive Office, County of Los Angeles**

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

**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 two closed session items were not discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor  
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

