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CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 15, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

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

Councilmember Lyon reported that he is participating remotely under the Government Code Section 54953.8.3 “just cause” provision on the basis of a contagious illness and stated that no one over the age of 18 is in the room with him.

<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>

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 Location: 275 Arlington Drive (Arlington Gardens)
Agency Negotiator: Matthew Hawkesworth, Interim City Manager
Negotiating Party: Dan Murdoch, Caltrans, State of California
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Councilmember Hampton arrived at 5:22 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Matthew Hawkesworth and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn
Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Matthew Hawkesworth and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn
Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

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

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: <u>City of Pasadena v. The Regents of the University of California</u>
LASC Case No. 25STCV31621

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 potential case

The above closed session items were not discussed.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:11 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Cole.

Councilmember Lyon reported that he is participating remotely under the Government Code Section 54953.8.3 "just cause" provision on the basis of a contagious illness and stated that no one over the age of 18 is in the room with him.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

Acting Assistant City Manager Phillip Leclair
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
Senior Assistant City Clerk Sandra Robles

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Councilmember Madison spoke on the passing of Betsy Nethane, dedicated community volunteer and activist, notable for her efforts in transforming a closed elementary school into Linda Vista Park, and requested that the meeting be adjourned in her memory.

Kenny James, Parks Administrator, and Florence Annang, representing the Pasadena Chapter of the NAACP, announced details for the upcoming Juneteenth celebration and invited the community to celebrate on Saturday June 20, 2026 in front of City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following individuals advocated for the City to continue funding the Turkey Tussle and keep the tradition alive:

Larence Todd, Go Pasadena
Dajuan Brown, Pasadena resident

Armen G., Pasadena resident, spoke on the possible review of a Conditional Use Permit for his restaurant, Pinocchio's Pizza, and noted that his business is complying with multiple conditions.

Jasmine Abdullah, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the City's online complaint process for the Pasadena Police Department.

Yadi, Pasadena resident, requested that the City provide an update on the data center moratorium, agendize discussion on flock cameras at an upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting, and conduct community engagement regarding real-time crime center uses.

The following individuals expressed concerns and opposition to PUSD's intended removal of 193 trees:

Jessica Richards, Pasadena resident
Suzanne York, Pasadena resident
Tim Martinez, Pasadena resident
Paloma Ochoa, Pasadena resident
Kristen Ochoa, Pasadena resident

In response to public comment, Councilmember Hampton advocated for the City to look into halting PUSD's tree removal process until alternatives for soil remediation are evaluated.

In response to public comment, Vice Mayor Rivas reported that the discussion regarding flock cameras will return to the Public Safety Committee in August.

In response to public comment, Councilmember Cole requested City staff to provide the public with clarification regarding the scope and jurisdiction of the City's tree ordinance in relation to the School District.

<u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

City Manager/ Executive Director

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,615,000 FOR THE PASADENA WATER AND POWER AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS (Water & Power Dept.)
<u>Recommendation</u>: 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 an effect on the environment; and,
(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements required to receive and administer the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles ("CHDV") grant funds in the amount of $4,615,000.

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $150,000 WITH UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $828,850 WITH DOOLEY ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FOR TRAINING AND DUTY (PPD)

REJECT ALL BIDS DATED MAY 24, 2026, IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFICATIONS FOR A CARGO VAN WITH UPFITTING (PPD)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 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) Reject all bids dated May 24, 2026, in response to the Invitation for Bids for a Cargo Van with upfitting.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 (Finance Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the proposed action is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b); and
(2) Adopt a Resolution 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) 2027;
  b. Establishes the appropriations limit for FY 2027 at $448,895,310; and
  c. Establishes appropriations subject to the limit for FY 2027 at $175,697,829.

(Resolution No. 10197)

City Council

APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, & RESIGNATIONS

APPOINTMENT OF AVRAM GOLD TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 (At Large/District 6 Nomination)

City Clerk/ Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED

May 11, 2026	City Council
May 11, 2026	Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	**Claimant**	**Claim Amount**
2026-0285	Jean Tomyoy Lee	$ 1,249.58

2026-0286	Geico	10,000.00+
2026-0287	Nora Zerounian	394.83
2026-0288	Mercury Insurance a/s/o Allen Shay	9,423.51
2026-0289	Deon June Scott	200.00+

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 2.

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 ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $150,000 WITH UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $828,850 WITH DOOLEY ENTERPRISES, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FOR TRAINING AND DUTY (PPD)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the project proposed in the agenda report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that may have an effect on the environment;

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(C) Contracts for labor, material, supplies or services available from only one vendor, with Dooley Enterprises Inc., for purchase of ammunition for up to five years in an amount not-to-exceed $828,850 (Contract No. 33703); 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 interest are served.

Senior Assistant City Clerk Robles reported that two letters expressing concerns with the staff recommendation and 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 for the item.

Humaira Afzal, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns that the proposed contract was selected without competitive bidding due to limited procurement channels.

Yadi, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding necessity of the proposed contract.

Councilmember Cole expressed concerns regarding the purchase of equipment from corporate giants and the need to avoid monopolies.

Councilmember Hampton agreed with the need to purchase from local Pasadena businesses whenever possible, but reported that he did not find any local ammunition suppliers approved to meet law enforcement procurement requirements. Police Lieutenant Anthony Russo reported that law enforcement ammunition is purchased through manufacturer-designated distribution centers that offer agency-specific pricing and are contractually assigned to specific geographic regions, limiting the availability of competitive bids from other suppliers.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENTS TO TITLES 3 (CIVIC EVENTS AND FACILITIES) AND 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE AND SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLAN RELATED TO ROSE PARADE GRANDSTANDS, MEDICAL USES, WALLS/FENCES AND MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES (Planning Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the Amendments to the Pasadena Municipal Code (PMC) and South Fair Oaks (SFO) Specific Plan are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA;

(2) Adopt the Findings for Amendments to the PMC and SFO Specific Plan in Attachment A of the agenda report;

(3) Approve the Amendments to the PMC and SFO Specific Plan as outlined in the agenda report and in Attachment B of the agenda report; and

(4) Adopt an Ordinance for the Amendments to the PMC and SFO Specific Plan as outlined above.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission: On February 25, 2026, the Planning Commission voted 8-0 to recommend the City Council approve the proposed Amendments to Title 17 of the PMC and SFO Specific Plan as recommended by staff (the proposed

Amendments to Title 3 of the PMC do not require the review of the Planning Commission).
(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 14, including for public comment purposes.)

Senior Assistant City Clerk Robles reported that the public hearing notice was published on May 20, 21, and 28, 2026, and June 4, 2026 in the Pasadena Press, and that no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

The following individuals expressed support for the item and urged the City Council to adopt the City staff's recommendation:

Mike Brown, Sharp Seating, spoke in support of the item.
Robert Montano, Pasadena resident

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

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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

Conduct first reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 3 (CIVIC EVENTS AND FACILITIES) AND TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE TIME PERIOD TO CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY ROSE PARADE GRANDSTANDS, ALLOW MEDICAL USES THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLAN, UPDATE STANDARDS FOR WALLS AND FENCES, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND TEMPORARY USES, AND REVISE THE DEFINITION FOR DWELLING UNIT"
(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 8, including for public comment purposes.)

The ordinance above was introduced by Councilmember Cole:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS cont.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR CITY COUNCIL ADOPTION OF THE PASADENA 2025 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN (Water & Power Dept.)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan ("UWMP") and Water Shortage Contingency Plan ("WSCP") are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(v), which exempts from CEQA the preparation and adoption of urban water management plans pursuant to the Water Code;

(2) Conduct a public hearing on June 15, 2026, to receive comments on the UWMP and the WSCP; and

(3) Adopt a resolution approving the 2025 UWMP and WSCP immediately following the public hearing and incorporating any changes the Council deems necessary. (Resolution No. 10200)

Senior Assistant City Clerk Robles reported that the public hearing notice was published on May 18 and 25, 2026 in the Pasadena Press, and that no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

Councilmember Madison advocated for the City to include the Metropolitan Water District in such discussions regarding water conservation. Councilmember Jones reported that the City has worked with the Metropolitan Water District and reached out to state representatives regarding programs to replenish the Raymond Basin.

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

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

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

<u>CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING</u>: HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2026) AND RELATED FUNDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT, AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS (Housing Dept.)
<u>Recommendation</u>: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the recommended actions are not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) and (5):
(2) Approve the submittal of a grant application for CDBG Program Year 2026 entitlement funds in the amount of $2,164,886, and the reprogramming of existing unspent CDBG funds in the amount of $912,114 for a total of $3,077,000 to be allocated towards CDBG program activities;
(3) Approve the submittal of a grant application for HOME Program Year 2026 entitlement funds in the amount of $662,156 to be allocated towards HOME program activities;
(4) Approve the submittal of a grant application for ESG Program Year 2026 entitlement funds in the amount of $188,739 and $290,365 in unspent prior year ESG funds, and the reprogramming of existing unspent Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) disaster grant funding in the amount of $470,136 for a total of $949,240 to be allocated towards ESG program activities; and
(5) Authorize the City Manager to execute, and the City Clerk to attest, the Annual Action Plan (2026), the grant applications, administrative amendments (such as time extensions, policy revisions, and budget modification corrections), certifications, and any and all other documents deemed necessary by HUD to obtain the allocation of the aforementioned federal entitlement funds.

Senior Assistant City Clerk Robles reported that the public hearing notice was published on April 20, 2026, in the Pasadena Press, and that no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office regarding this item.

Councilmember Cole expressed his frustrations regarding funds being allocated for sidewalk and infrastructure improvements rather than a year-round shelter.

Mayor Gordo reported that City staff is committed to moving the year-round shelter project forward and has allocated $2 million from other funding sources. He also noted the importance of using the proposed funding to ensure the City's compliance with accessibility under the American Disability Act, and spoke in opposition to withholding funding while City staff develops the project plan for the year-round shelter.

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

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL TRANSFER FROM THE POWER FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL TRANSFER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (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) 2027 Operating Budget as presented in the City Manager's Recommended Budget on May 4, 2026, or as subsequently amended during the budget hearing process (Resolution No. 10198); and

(3) Adopt a resolution determining the amount to be transferred from the Light and Power Fund to the General Fund for FY 2027 is 12 percent of gross income from retail sales and amending the annual amount of transfer for FY 2026. (Resolution No. 10199)

Senior Assistant City Clerk Robles 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).

(Prior to the start of the City Council meeting, a random drawing was conducted, pursuant to segmentation rules provided by the FPPC, to determine the order in which the budget items would be considered. The Rent Stabilization Department budget segment was drawn first for consideration, followed by the Measure W budget segment.)

Acting Assistant City Manager Phillip Leclair provided introductory comments, and Karin Schnaider, Finance Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item and responded to questions.

Councilmember Cole expressed concerns relating to expenses for body worn cameras for parking enforcement officers, increased compensation for employees, and funds for supportive housing.

Councilmember Madison expressed opposition to the approximate $600,000 one-time implementation cost to transition parking enforcement services in-house, noting that City should prioritize funding for additional police officers (focused on traffic enforcement) and firefighter paramedics instead. Councilmember Madison also expressed concerns regarding the diminishing number of Pasadena Police Officers over recent years. He proposed an amendment to the operating budget to add four additional police officer positions for traffic, expanding recruitment efforts and training for firefighter paramedics, and to remove allocated funding for the Sister Cities program until the organization sorts out current legal matters relating to unlawful operation.

In response to Councilmember Jones' inquiries, Jennifer O' Reilly-Jones, Program Coordinator reported that the City's availability of motel vouchers is nearly exhausted, expanding motel voucher assistance would require substantial City resources, and highlighted the need for further investments in permanent housing solutions. She also reported that no additional funding request was planned at this time due to anticipated reductions in federal, state, and county homelessness funding, and the need to reassess available resources before recommending future allocations.

In response to Councilmember Jones' inquiries regarding safety and the body worn cameras for parking enforcement officers, Joaquin Siques, Transportation Director, reported that these officers are occasionally provided police escorts in locations where safety concerns exist, and noted that body-worn cameras, coordination with the Police Department, and de-escalation practices would continue to be part of enforcement operations.

Vice Mayor Rivas expressed support for providing parking enforcement services in-house, citing constituent concerns for increased parking enforcement, improved operational efficiency, and expanded coverage in neighborhoods experiencing parking-related issues. She also expressed support for additional firefighter paramedics, while noting concerns about making significant funding adjustments late in the budget process without proper discussion and staff analysis.

In response to Councilmember Masuda's inquiry regarding future funding for the PORT team and a year-round homeless shelter, Acting Assistant City Manager Leclair reported that both allocations are currently one-time investments, with no dedicated ongoing funding sources identified. He also reaffirmed the City's commitment to pursue grant opportunities and other funding sources, with staff planning to return to the City Council with additional funding recommendations in the future. Councilmember Masuda also expressed support to allocate funds for additional police officers and firefighter paramedics.

Councilmember Lyon spoke in support for bringing parking enforcement services in-house, preserving the proposed $2 million allocation for development of a year-round homeless shelter, expanding investments in clean energy initiatives, and adding one additional firefighter paramedic trainee position. He encouraged City staff to return with additional budget revisions and adjustments during the first quarter of the fiscal year to advanced other priorities established by the City Council.

Mayor Gordo noted the importance of effective parking enforcement, citing limited parking availability in many neighborhoods, public safety concerns caused by excessive on-street parking, and street sweeping and cleanliness challenges when vehicles remain parked. He expressed support for in-house parking enforcement, noting benefits that include being revenue neutral, allowing greater City control over priorities and service delivery, and creation of local employment.

In response to Mayor Gordo's inquiry regarding the additional fire inspector position, Fire Chief Augustin reported that the position is expected to be revenue neutral after the first year. He also clarified that City staff is recommending one additional position instead of two due to operational efficiencies and self attestations for some inspections. Mayor Gordo requested for the Fire Department to evaluate the need for a second fire inspector position and return to the City Council with a potential mid-year budget update.

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiry regarding training for firefighter paramedics, Fire Chief Augustin reported that the cost of sending one firefighter EMT to paramedic school would cost $136,500, which includes the $125,000 for the cost to backfill the position, and $11,500 for cost of tuition. He also reported that the Fire Department currently has 12 vacancies for the firefighter paramedic position but are only budgeted for 3 vacancies due to anticipated budget constraints.

Councilmember Madison reiterated the need to increase firefighter paramedic staffing due to operational needs and expand traffic enforcement staffing rather than prioritizing parking enforcement. Councilmember Madison requested staff review whether reallocating funding from a nurse position to a health officer position could affect future Measure ER funding allocations from the County.

Raffy B., Pasadena Firefighters, urged the City Council to expand paramedic training from four to five firefighters and noted that statewide shortage of firefighter-paramedics.

Bert Newton, Pasadena resident, urged the City to consider adopting a vacancy tax as a revenue source and encouraged the City to formally oppose the Howard Jarvis proposal because of its potential impact on local funding for housing, homeless services, schools, etc.

Sam Berndt, Pasadena resident, expressed support for Pasadena Water and Power funds to be transferred to the City's general fund to support City services, requested an update from Pasadena Water and Power on its plan to finance the 20 megawatts of municipal solar required to achieve the City's 100% carbon-free electricity goal by 2030, and asked about the timing of the overdue quarterly progress report for the Optimized Strategic Plan.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, thanked City staff for identifying $2 million in initial funding for a year-round shelter and opposed proposals to increase police staffing.

Senior Assistant City Clerk Robles reported that 13 letters were received advocating for the City Council to continue support of the Turkey Tussle, as well as one letter advocating for a vacancy tax and for the City to oppose the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association proposition, which were distributed to the City Council, posted online and made part of the public record for this item.

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

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

Mayor Gordo reiterated support for increasing staffing for patrol officers for traffic enforcement, while recognizing current budget constraints. He proposed directing the Police Chief to return with a comprehensive staffing proposal and implementation plan.

Acting Assistant City Manager Leclair reported that the proposed operating budget is a balanced budget and advised that any new expenditures or programs would require corresponding reductions elsewhere in the budget, or identifying new funding sources, and encouraged the City Council to consider long-term fiscal sustainability when discussing additional enhancements.

Councilmember Cole expressed support for discussing future staffing priorities but noted his preference for incorporating discussions into the broader budget review process previously directed by the City Council rather than making such changes during budget adoption.

Budget segmentation process for City Council recusals:

Councilmember Hampton and Mayor Gordo stated their conflicts of interests related to the Rent Stabilization Department segment of the budget, recused themselves from the segment, and left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Cole, to approve the Rent Stabilization Department budget segment of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

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

Councilmember Hampton and Mayor Gordo returned to the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Councilmember Jones stated his conflict of interest related to the Measure W segment of the budget, recused himself from the segment, and left the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the Measure W budget segment of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget.

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

Councilmember Jones returned to the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Councilmember Cole made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the remaining segments of the FY 2027 Operating Budget.

Councilmember Madison requested that the City Council give more firm direction to City staff to increase the staffing in the Police Department and return to the City Council during mid-year with a staffing proposal. Mayor Gordo expressed support for the request, noting the need to assess the City's overall policing needs, including preparations for hosting the LA 2028 Olympics, and advocated for the City staff to identify funding options and necessary budget adjustments.

Councilmember Madison suggested an amendment to the motion to continue contracting out parking enforcement services and utilizing the allocated $600,000 to immediately provide funding for training for two firefighter paramedics and to remove allocated funding for the Sister Cities program until the organization resolves their legal matters. Councilmember Hampton expressed opposition to the proposed amendments.

Councilmember Cole suggested directing the City Manager to return to the City Council in the coming months with discussion and recommendations for additional adjustments to the budget to address the City Council's identified priorities, including adequate public safety staffing.

MOTION:

Following discussion, was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the remaining segments of the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget, with direction to the City Manager to return to the City Council in the coming months with discussion and recommendations for additional adjustments to the budget to address the City Council's identified priorities, including adequate public safety staffing.

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

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTIONS 2.05.210 AND 2.05.220 OF TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.05 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL" (Ordinance No. 7470)

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

City Manager

Mayor Gordo stated a conflict of interest, recused himself from the item, and left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO FORM AN ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT (EIFD); ESTABLISH THE PASADENA EIFD PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY; AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE EIFD PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY (Office of the City Manager)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council

(1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are not a "project" subject to California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b);

(2) Adopt a resolution declaring its intention to establish the Pasadena Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) and establishing the Pasadena EIFD Public Financing Authority (PFA) (Resolution No. 10196); and

(3) Appoint two members of the City Council to the Public Financing Authority Board and appoint one member of the City Council as alternate Board member.

David Klug, Economic Development Director, provided introductory remarks on the item, and Teresa Garcia, Senior Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation, noting the benefits and impacts of an EIFD. Joe Dieguez, Kosmont Companies, reported on the fundamentals of an EIFD, the proposed EIFD boundaries in the City, and the proposed financing district formation schedule.

Councilmember Hampton expressed support for the EIFD as a tool that could move long-standing specific plans from planning phases into implementation, and emphasized the need to bring investments to underserved areas within the City. Councilmember Hampton nominated Councilmember Cole and Councilmember Jones to be appointed to the City's EIFD Public Financing Authority Board, and nominated Vice Mayor Rivas to serve as the Alternate Board Member.

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiry regarding whether funds must be spent within the EIFD boundaries, Mr. Dieguez reported that the funds may be spent outside district boundaries if they provide a tangible benefit to properties within the district.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns that combining the 710 Corridor with other specific plan areas could divert future tax increment funds away from the area most in need, questioned the practical interactions between any future 710 Stub advisory body with the proposed EIFD, and the need for more community outreach prior to approval. Vice Mayor Rivas suggested that the item return to the EdTech Committee for more detailed discussions regarding the geographic boundaries of the EIFD, including potential expansion of expenditures to other specific plan areas and evaluation of including the 710 Corridor.

In response to Councilmember Lyon's inquiry regarding binding commitments as a result of approving the proposed resolution, Mr. Dieguez reported that approval of the proposed resolution only establishes the initial framework for the EIFD and that the boundaries of the EIFD can be modified later.

Senior Assistant City Clerk Robles reported that one letter expressing support for the item and providing other related comments 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.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Councilmember Madison made a substitute motion to approve the staff recommendation excluding the 710 properties from the proposed EIFD boundaries.

Motion failed due to lack of second.

MOTION: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation, appoint Councilmembers Cole and Jones to the City's EIFD Public Financing Authority Board, with Vice Mayor Rivas to serve as the Alternate Board Member, and with direction to City staff to return to the EdTech Committee for a more detailed discussion regarding the geographic boundaries of the EIFD, potential expansion to additional specific plan areas, and evaluating the inclusion of the 710-corridor.

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

<u>ORDINANCE – FIRST READING</u>

Conduct first reading of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, ARTICLES III AND IV TO UPDATE PROVISIONS REGARDING TERM LIMITS AND TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF OPERATING COMPANIES CREATED BY CITY COUNCIL"

City Attorney Bagneris reported that the item above is pulled from the agenda due to a need for additional review of the proposed ordinance.

On the order of the Vice Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the item was held to a future meeting.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

Adopt "AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA TO DELAY EFFECTUATION OF THE ABUNDANT AND AFFORDABLE HOMES NEAR TRANSIT ACT (SENATE BILL 79) FOR ELIGIBLE SITES AND SITES CONTAINING A LOCALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCE" (Introduced by Councilmember Cole)

City Attorney Bagneris reported that the item above is pulled from the agenda due to a lack of quorum for the item since one Councilmember is participating remotely and three Councilmembers, including Mayor Gordo, will have to recuse themselves from the item.

On the order of the Vice Mayor, and consensus of the City Council, the item was held to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Vice Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:11 p.m. in memory of Betsy Nethane.

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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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_City Clerk