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CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 22, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

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

CLOSED SESSION

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting recessed at 5:12 p.m. to discuss the following closed session items:

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: The Maryland Homeowners Association v. City of Pasadena, et al.
LASC Case No. 26STCP00632

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: Truitt v. City of Pasadena, et al.
LASC Case No. 26STCP00634

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 434-470 North Lake Avenue
Agency Negotiator: Matthew E. Hawkesworth, Interim City Manager, or designee
Negotiating Parties: Holos Communities & Heritage Housing Partners
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding significant exposure to potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Two potential cases
**(Only one item discussed with no reportable action taken at this time.)*

Mayor Gordo stated a conflict of interest due to his employment with LIUNA, recused himself from Closed Session Item E, and left the meeting at 6:26 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: Laborers International Union of North America

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

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Locations: 230 Wigmore Drive, 180 W. Glenarm Avenue, 1175 Pasadena Avenue, and 163 State Street
Agency Negotiator: Matthew Hawkesworth, Interim City Manager
Negotiating Party: Bryan Wong, Chief Executive Officer, San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

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

The two closed session items above were not discussed.

On the order of the Mayor, the regular meeting reconvened at 6:39 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Rivas.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

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

Staff:

Interim City Manager Matthew E. Hawkesworth
City Attorney/City Prosecutor Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The following individuals urged the City to remove Caltrans and Veterans Realty Group from the sale process of the Caltrans homes in the 710 Corridor, so that issues related to neglected and unsafe conditions at Caltrans-owned properties can be addressed, and/or provided other related comments:

Kelly Brinkman, Pasadena resident
Lizz Wolf, Pasadena resident
Tanyikka Tinnon, Pasadena resident
Libby Curiel, Pasadena resident
Tim Iverson, Pasadena resident

Darcelle Mason, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns with ongoing nuisance from cars racing and loitering at the Mobil gas station on Colorado Blvd.

In response to public comment, Councilmember Hampton urged the City's Police Department to take actions against street racing and increase police patrol as a safety measure. He also advocated for the City to work with state representatives and/or send a letter to the Governor urging for Pasadena residents to be given an opportunity to purchase the Caltrans properties.

Mayor Gordo also advocated for the City's Police Department to take a zero tolerance policy position on street racing and look into penal code charges for any offenders.

<u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>

City Manager/ Executive Director

Item discussed separately

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRE-DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND NEGOTIATE FINAL DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENTS WITH OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC LAND IN THE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK (PRCS Dept.)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH R C FOSTER CORPORATION TO PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE EXPLORER WELL ABOVE-GRADE IMPROVEMENTS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $4,361,375 (W&P Dept.)
<u>Recommendation</u>: 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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and
(2) Accept the lowest and best bid dated April 30, 2026, submitted by R C Foster Corporation in response to the project plans and specifications for the Explorer Well Above-Grade Improvements, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract not-to-exceed $4,361,375, which includes the base amount of $3,792,500 and a contingency of $568,875 to provide for any necessary change orders. (<u>Contract No. 33650</u>)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SANTA MARGARITA FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR TRUCKS WITH CUSTOM UPFITTING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $784,328 (W&P Dept.)
<u>Recommendation</u>: 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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 of CEQA, and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b); and
(2) Award a contract to the lowest and best bid dated February 27, 2026, submitted by Santa Margarita Ford in response to the specifications for Four Heavy Duty Trucks with Custom Upfitting, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed $784,328, which includes the base contract amount of $713,025 and a contingency amount of $71,303 to provide for any necessary change orders. (<u>P.O. per Staff</u>)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS WITH E2 CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC., AND ACCENTURE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS, LLC TO PROVIDE ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $5,000,000 PER CONTRACT FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS (W&P 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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378;

(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 E2 Consulting Engineers, Inc., for an amount not-to-exceed $5,000,000, or five years, whichever occurs first. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) Contract for professional or unique services (Contract No.33640); and

(3) 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 Accenture LLP DBA Accenture Infrastructure and Capital Projects, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed $5,000,000, or five years, whichever occurs first. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to the City Charter Section 1002(F), Contract for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33641)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAKER ELECTRIC & RENEWABLES LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 25-MEGAWATT, FOUR HOUR UTILITY-SCALE LITHIUM IRON PHOSPHATE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AT THE GLENARM POWER PLANT FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $8,386,560 (W&P 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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378;

(2) Award contract to lowest and best bid dated May 28, 2026, submitted by Baker Electric & Renewables LLC ("Baker Electric") in response to the project plans and specifications to construct a Battery Energy Storage System at the Glenarm Power Plant ("Glenarm BESS"), authorize the City Manager to enter into a two-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed $8,386,560, which includes the base contract amount of $6,988,800 and a contingency of $1,397,760 to provide for any necessary change orders (Contract No. 33696); and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve amendments to the contract including durational extensions.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH H&H AUTO PARTS WHOLESALE FOR THE AS-NEEDED PURCHASE OF VEHICLE OUTFITTING ACCESSORIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $303,402 (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 May 7, 2026, submitted by H&H Auto Parts in response to specifications for As-Needed Purchase of Vehicle Outfitting Accessories and Related Parts, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed of $303,402, which includes the base contract amount of $275,820 and a contingency of $27,582 to provide any necessary change orders (Contract No. 33733); 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 FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PROFESSIONAL POLICE SUPPLY INC., DBA ADAMSON POLICE PRODUCTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE LIGHTING AND WARNING EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $364,067 (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 May 11, 2026, submitted by Professional Police Supply in response to specifications for Emergency Vehicle Lighting and Warning Equipment, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year contract for an amount not-to-exceed of $364,067, which includes the base contract amount of $330,970 and a contingency of $33,097 to provide any necessary change orders (Contract No. 33734); and
(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve amendments within the approved budget to the subject contract including necessary change orders.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SMARTRISE ELEVATOR SERVICE INC., FOR THE PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT ELEVATORS

MODERNIZATION PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $533,192 (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) pursuant to 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 class, and therefore, there are no unusual circumstances;
(2) Award contract to the lowest and best bid dated May 21, 2026 submitted by SmartRise Elevator Service, Inc., in response to the bid specifications for the Police Department Elevators Modernization project, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for a total not-to-exceed amount of $533,192, which includes the base contract amount of $444,292 and a contingency of $88,900 to provide for unforeseen change orders (Contract No. 33754); and
(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve within contract authority, amendments to the subject contract including durational extensions.

REJECT ALL BIDS FOR LA PINTORESCA LIBRARY WINDOWS REPLACEMENT PROJECT (Public Works Dept.)
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 Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(5) (projects which a public agency rejects or disapproves) and Section 15270 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
(2) Reject all bids received by October 23, 2025, in response to the Invitation for Bids for La Pintoresca Library Windows Replacement Project.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 32786 WITH AMERICAN GLOBAL SECURITY, INC., FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES FOR CALTRANS PROPERTIES TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY $120,000 AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM (Housing 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;
(2) Authorize the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32786 with American Global Security to increase the contract value by $120,000, thereby increasing the grand total to a not-to-exceed amount of $577,500, for provision of security services (Contract No. 32786-3); and
(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve a no-cost amendment to Contract No. 32786 to extend the term through December 31, 2026.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH J LEE ENGINEERING, INC., JASON ADDISON SMITH CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., AND TRUE NORTH COMPLIANCE SERVICES, INC., FOR $450,000 EACH FOR BUILDING AND FIRE PLAN REVIEW SERVICES WITH AN OPTIONAL ONE-YEAR EXTENSION AND ADDITIONAL $450,000 EACH FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED TOTAL AMOUNT OF $900,000 FOR EACH FIRM (Planning Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the actions proposed in the agenda report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for building and fire plan review services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 with J Lee Engineering, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed $450,000 for an initial one-year term (Contract No. 33729);
(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for building and fire plan review services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 with Jason Addison Smith Consulting Services, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed $450,000 for an initial one-year term (Contract No. 33728);
(4) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for building and fire plan review services following a competitive selection process, pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047 with True North Compliance Services, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed $450,000 for an initial one-year term (Contract No. 33730); and
(5) Authorize the City Manager to extend each contract for an additional one-year period with an additional not-to-exceed amount of $450,000 each.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE EDUCATION PROGRAMS DBA EXP TO RECEIVE FUNDING OF $300,000 FOR THE EXP SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND AMEND THE CITY MANAGER'S FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS (Office of the City Manager)
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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378;
(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with International Trade Education Programs DBA EXP to receive funding in the amount of $300,000 to implement the EXP Summer

Internship Program and execute any related documents necessary to implement the program (Contract No. 33787); and
(3) Amend the City Manager's FY 2026 Operating Budget by recognizing revenues and appropriating $300,000 to support program implementation, staffing, and participant wages in the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Fund (Fund 681). (Budget Amendment No. 2026-40)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT – QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2026 (Finance Dept.)
Recommendation: This report is for information only. There is no staff recommendation for this item. The City Council may; however, take action relating to this item as it deems appropriate following consideration and discussion of the matter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET (Public Works Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the proposed actions in the agenda report are not "projects" as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21065 and Section 15378(b)(4) and (5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, are not subject to environmental review; and
(2) Amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2027 – 02)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET (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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and
(2) Amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget as detailed in the agenda report by a net amount of $8,056,000. (Budget Amendment No. 2026-41)

City Council

APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, & RESIGNATIONS

APPOINTMENT OF RAPHAEL HENDERSON TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 (District 1 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF EMINA DARAKJY TO THE ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY BOARD EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 (District 1 Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF MERIEL STERN TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 (Garfield Heights Nomination)

RESIGNATION OF SHERI BONNER FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2026 (Agency Nomination)

Item discussed separately

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM VICE MAYOR RIVAS TO CALL FOR REVIEW A HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 7100 AND CERTIFICATE OF EXCEPTION NO. 449, LOCATED AT 1453 AND 1467 NORTH LAKE AVENUE AND 874 LADERA STREET (Vice Mayor Rivas)

City Clerk/ Secretary

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2026-0290	Susan Smith Alsabih	$ 804.62
2026-0291	Arvin Sarkis Vartanian	35,000.00+

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter in opposition to the staff recommendation and advocating for City staff to conduct additional environmental and fiscal analysis and/or providing comments on the item was received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for Consent Calendar Item 5 (Contract with Baker Electric & Renewables LLC).

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Items 1 and 17. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

CONSENT ITEMS DISCUSSED SEPARATELY

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRE-DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND NEGOTIATE FINAL DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AGREEMENTS WITH OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC LAND IN THE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK (PRCS 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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378; and

(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Pre-Development Agreement and negotiate final development and Operating Agreements, with Outward Bound Adventures for the development and operation of public land in the Hahamongna Watershed Park based on a competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33761)

The following individuals expressed their support for the proposed contract, spoke on the importance of reviving a neglected public area to strengthen the community, and/or provided related comments:

Nicole Vasquez, CREEC
Brandon Fuller, CREEC
Brandon Hammerli, CREEC
Ana Soulriver, Pasadena resident
Joe Feinblatt, Pasadena resident
Treasure Sheppard, Pasadena resident

Mayor Gordo, Councilmember Hampton, and Councilmember Cole thanked City staff and all local organizations involved in moving the project forward and noted the importance of community partnership to revitalize the neglected spaces.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM VICE MAYOR RIVAS TO CALL FOR REVIEW A HEARING OFFICER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REGARDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 7100 AND CERTIFICATE OF EXCEPTION NO. 449, LOCATED AT 1453 AND 1467 NORTH LAKE AVENUE AND 874 LADERA STREET (Vice Mayor Rivas)

Vice Mayor Rivas provided a brief background on the item, noting residents' concerns regarding parking and impacts to the surrounding neighborhood, as well as highlighting the incorporated conditions of approval contained in the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the decision referenced above. She requested that the item be held until the next City Council meeting on July 13, 2026, to allow the Planning Department staff to meet and have further discussions with residents and the businessowner regarding the matter prior to the City Council's consideration.

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding intimidation, operations of events without a CUP, safety concerns with the property listed above, and/or provided other related comments:

Rose Malmberg, Pasadena resident
Gricelda, Pasadena resident

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Mayor Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to hold the item and have it return at the City Council on July 13, 2026. (<u>Motion unanimously approved</u>) (Absent: None)

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS</u>

City Manager

CONSIDERATION OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ELEMENTS FOR THE RECONNECTING PASADENA 710 VISION PLAN FOR THE RELINQUISHED 710 STUB PROPERTY

<u>Recommendation</u>: 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 Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is also covered by the "Common Sense" exemption set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) as CEQA only applies to projects that may have a significant effect on the environment;

(2) Receive a presentation from representatives of the Restorative Justice Committee of the Reconnecting Pasadena 710 Advisory Group on the proposed Restorative Justice Elements which include targets for affordable housing, the creation of a community oversight committee, a community benefits planning framework, policies for wealth generation through home and business ownership, business development support, workforce development and other public benefits through Restorative Justice; and

(3) Consider and provide direction to staff on the Restorative Justice Elements and possible next steps.

Jennifer Paige, Acting Assistant City Manager, provided introductory comments on the item. Wendy Macias, Senior Project Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation with an overview on the proposed Restorative Justice Elements and Framework. Tina Williams and Jasmin Shupper, members of the Reconnecting Community 710 Advisory Group, provided information on the Advisory Group's ten restorative justice elements.

The following individuals expressed support for the proposed restorative justice elements, urged the City Council to address historical injustices faced by displaced families, and/or providing other related comments:

Blair Miller, Pasadena resident
Miyoung Yoon Hammer, Center for Restorative Justice
Jose Luis Correa, Pasadena resident
Dr. Lena AlSarraf, Pasadena resident
Marcus Renner, Pasadena resident
Barbara Grant Richardson King, Pasadena resident
Michael Warner, Pasadena resident
David Corrales, Pasadena resident
Dr. Gilbert Walton, Pasadena resident
Donna Sider, Pasadena resident
Jill Shook, Pasadena resident

Anthony Manousos, Pasadena resident
Humaira, Pasadena resident
Lauren Cory, Pasadena resident
Jaime Kim, Pasadena resident
Suzanne Madison, Pasadena resident
Brandon Lamar, Pasadena resident

Councilmember Hampton thanked the community for their collaboration on the project, expressed his support for the ten restorative justice elements, and emphasized the importance of righting historic wrongs.

Councilmember Jones expressed support for the item, and advocated for the quality of the affordable housing units to be on par with the quality of other units regardless of income level.

Councilmember Lyon expressed support for the item, and emphasized the need for the City's restorative justice efforts to extend beyond the 710 project and address Pasadena's broader history of racism. He also suggested bringing in other institutions that contributed to past discriminatory practices to be part of future discussions. He also expressed concerns regarding the creation of a new oversight body given the City's existing commissions (in particular, the Human Relations Commission) that focus on equity and human relations.

Councilmember Cole expressed support for the proposed restorative justice elements, emphasized that future work should focus on implementation rather than concepts, and encouraged integrating the restorative justice recommendations into the City's Environmental Justice Element to avoid duplicative planning efforts.

Vice Mayor Rivas expressed support for the item and thanked the Reconnecting Community 710 Advisory Group for their work and recommendations, holding the City accountable, and highlighting the importance of taking responsibility through action.

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiry regarding if the restorative justice effort would remain focused solely on the 710 Stub project area, or also include communities affected by the 210 freeway, Acting Assistant City Manager Paige reported that the Advisory Group's work mainly focused on the 710 Stub area, but later recommended expanding consideration beyond the geographic boundary. She added that City staff is requesting City Council direction regarding expanding such boundaries. Councilmember Madison expressed concerns that expanding the scope too broadly may dilute the project's focus and complicate implementation, and advocated for City staff to present information on the project boundaries as appropriate.

Mayor Gordo thanked the 710 Stub Advisory Group, City staff, and community members for their work, and highlighted the need for the meaningful restorative justice efforts and tangible outcomes, such as exploring affordable homeownership opportunities for descendants of those who were displaced.

Councilmember Cole suggested adding direction for City staff to coordinate the City's Environmental Justice Element to align with the Advisory Group's ten restorative justice elements outlined in Attachment C of the staff report.

In response to Mayor Gordo's inquiry regarding the next steps, Interim City Manager Hawkesworth reported that establishing the recommended Restorative Justice Oversight Committee would be the first implementation step to help guide long-term work.

Mayor Gordo reported that he recently visited the Presidio in San Francisco, joined by Councilmembers Lyon and Madison, and City staff, to study governance approaches that may be applicable to the 710 Stub project. He requested City staff return with potential governance models for the City Council to evaluate and consider before creating a permanent oversight body.

MOTION: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendation, with direction to staff to align the City's Environmental Justice Element with the Advisory Group's ten restorative justice elements outlined in Attachment C of the staff report.

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

<u>**City Council**</u>

DISCUSSION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM COUNCILMEMBER HAMPTON AND COUNCILMEMBER JONES RELATED TO FORMER PASADENA CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR A.I. STEWART (Councilmembers Hampton and Jones)

Mayor Gordo provided a brief background on this request, as well as information on the City's history of racially restrictive covenants, emphasized that individuals (such as A.I. Stewart whose picture hangs in City Hall) were the architects and implementers of redlining issues, and stated the Council should consider how to acknowledge this history while reflecting Pasadena's current values.

Councilmember Hampton advocated for preserving the City's history and adding notations/footnotes to areas in the City's history that honor and recognize A.I. Stewart, in order to better reflect and understand the harms that he had caused. He also recommended removing Herbert Hahn's name from the Arthur Noble Civic Award plaque–honored history and replacing it with individuals who had positive impacts on the community, and even suggested reviving the issuance of the Arthur Noble Civic Awards.

Councilmember Lyon noted that this issue had been raised by multiple Councilmembers over time and was originally sent to the Human Relations Commission for consideration and recommendation to the City Council (which the Council failed to act on). He requested that the letter from the Human Relations Commission be added to the record, and advocated for also rescinding the Arthur Noble Civic Award from Herbert Hahn. He then suggested that the City might need to review other historical City leaders to determine whether additional discriminatory records exist for a more complete and honest approach to resolving these issues.

Councilmember Jones echoed similar sentiments and expressed support for Councilmembers Hampton's and Lyon's suggestions.

City Clerk Jomsky and Mayor Gordo distributed a set of minutes from 1941, which reflected that A.I. Stewart once served as the Acting City Manager; as well as another record detailing the history of this matter that was submitted as correspondence to the City Council on May 9, 2022, with both supplemental materials to be made part of the public record for this item.

Vice Mayor Rivas expressed support for rescinding Herbert Hahn's award and leaving A.I. Stewart's Mayoral portrait in place to point out that subsequent City Mayors demonstrated the City's historical change, and emphasized the primary objective should be to educate residents on Pasadena's history and evolution.

Councilmember Masuda expressed support for adding a footnote to A.I. Stewart's picture with historical context and emphasized the need for historical context.

Councilmember Cole expressed support for incorporating the Human Relations Commission's recommendation and for awarding the Arthur Noble Civic Award to past individuals who made positive impacts on Pasadena.

Councilmember Madison advocated for the City to take accountability for its past by condemning discriminatory actions rather than erasing history, and added historical context to A.I. Stewart's name and other records that may reference past leaders who took part in such actions, such as Brenner Park.

Mayor Gordo expressed support to keep A.I. Stewart's photo displayed to ensure that history does not repeat itself, and suggested overlaying his photo and Hahn's plaque by recognizing those who actively worked to oppose discrimination instead, such as William and John Carr. He also noted that A.I. Stewart's photo is a caricature drawing rather than a photograph (like the other former Mayors), and requested that City staff investigate the reason for this. Mayor Gordo proposed sending these concepts and City Council recommendations back to the Human Relations Commission for review prior to the City Council taking action on the matter.

Jasmine Sheppard, Pasadena resident, spoke on systemic racism influenced by A.I. Stewart and advocated for economic restitution for those that were impacted by his actions.

Lynne Sullivan, Pasadena resident, suggested creating a museum or center addressing Pasadena's history of discrimination, encouraged recognizing other marginalized communities affected by discrimination, and praised the City Council for their current leadership and work towards a more inclusive community.

Marcus Renner, Pasadena resident, advocated for an educational interpretive center on the City's history portraying the individuals who promoted resilience and resisted injustices.

Brandon Lamar, Pasadena resident, emphasized the importance of educating the public on the City's history of discrimination, noted that actions taken on A.I. Stewart should be a public-facing response, and recognized the current action and leadership of the Hahn and Hahn Law Firm to reconcile and rebuild relationships with community organizations.

Mayor Gordo reflected on the City's responsibility to acknowledge difficult chapters in Pasadena's history. He invited Councilmembers and the public to submit historical issues to the City Clerk for further consideration and review by the City Council, the Human Relations Commission, or other bodies as appropriate.

Councilmember Hampton agreed with comments for educational efforts that extend beyond City Hall. He opposed the suggestion of covering A.I. Stewart's portrait, and instead advocated for reducing the size of the portrait to provide space for adding a historical description of his past misdeeds. Councilmember Hampton and Mayor Gordo expressed support to refer the matter to an ad hoc committee or a commission to develop and refine recommendations before returning to the City Council.

Councilmember Lyon requested City staff to return with additional discussion on Herbert Hahn's Arthur Noble Civic Award, confirm whether any of the 25 directors on the Pasadena Improvement Association had previously been issued the award, and if so, ensure their names would be included as part of the future discussion for this item.

Councilmember Jones expressed support for also reviewing Brenner Park and potentially renaming the park after Edna Griffin and posthumously awarding her with the Arthur Noble Civic Award.

Councilmember Madison suggested consideration of taking down all photos of former Mayors, noting that it largely reflects older white male leadership and may not represent the City's diversity. He also recommended conducting a more comprehensive review of parks, monuments, and commemorative displays throughout the City. He joined in expressing support for renaming Brenner Park in honor of Edna Griffin.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to reduce the size of A.I. Stewart's portrait and add information regarding his history, direct City staff to return with additional discussion on Herbert Hahn's Arthur Noble Civic Award, and confirm whether any of the 25 directors on the Pasadena Improvement Association had previously been issued the award, and if so, ensure their names would be included as part of the future discussion for this item.

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

INFORMATION ITEM

2026 PASADENA POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS (Housing Dept.)

Recommendation: This report is for information only. There is no staff recommendation for this item. The City Council may; however, take action relating to this item as it deems appropriate following consideration and discussion of the matter.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, requested that all supporting data be posted on the City's website in advanced of the next Homeless, Housing, and Planning Committee meeting to allow the public adequate time to review the same data, and expressed concerns regarding the underestimation of the Point-In-Time Count, and advocated for additional funding for housing services.

By order of the Mayor, with consensus of the City Council, the information was received, filed, and referred to the Homeless, Housing, and Planning Committee.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

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"

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry regarding whether the proposed changes would benefit commissions or result in significant turnover, Jana Stewart, Management Analyst, advised that Alternative D would be her recommended solution, noting that maintaining three 3-year terms for commissions would minimize disruption by reducing the number of commissioners required to leave office effective December 31st, and that maintaining three 4-year terms for operating companies would also provide continuity with minimal operational disruption. She also advised that the Code Enforcement Commission should be reviewed separately due to different provisions that allow them different opportunities for continued service. She confirmed that these suggestions are alternative to the current proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Cole stated that purpose of the proposed ordinance is to establish enforceable term limits, encourage turnover, and broaden opportunities for new community members to serve. He expressed support for proposed Alternative A, which is reflected in the proposed ordinance submitted to the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed language for commissioner term limits, the impacts of mandatory turnover and the creation of vacancies, and the ability to find dedicated and qualified community members to fill commission vacancies.

Councilmembers Cole and Lyon expressed concerns with commissioners serving decades past the expiration of their terms. They emphasized the need for greater collaboration between the City Council and commissions, the importance of bringing new perspectives to City issues, and the benefits of commissions providing training for new/future City leaders.

Sandy Annala, Pasadena resident, expressed support for meaningful commissioner term limits, recommended requiring Council authorization for commissioners serving beyond their terms, and suggested periodic evaluation of commissions to ensure necessity.

The ordinance above was introduced by Councilmember Cole:

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

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

Adopt "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" (Ordinance No. 7471)

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Jones, Vice Mayor Rivas, and Mayor Gordo stated potential conflicts of interests, recused themselves from the item, and left the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

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" (Ordinance No. 7472)

P.A. Brown, Pasadena resident, thanked the City for narrowing the scope of the proposed ordinance to retain some multifamily housing opportunities, while expressing opposition to delaying the proposed ordinance, noting the urgent need for housing.

Sam Alcorn, Pasadena resident, requested that the City Attorney verify whether a draft of the proposed ordinance must be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) at least 14 days before adoption for the proposed exclusions to take effect.

The ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

BRIEF REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Gordo returned to the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Mayor Gordo reported out that he visited the Presidio in San Francisco, along with Councilmembers Lyon, Madison, and City staff, to meet with governing executives and learn about the process and governing structure of the Presidio as part of the City's evaluation of governance options for the 710 Stub project.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA CONT'D

Mayor Gordo left the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

P.A. Brown, Pasadena resident, advocated for increased traffic enforcement and the implementation of red-light cameras in the City.

In response to public comment, Councilmember Hampton suggested that the matter of red-light cameras be discussed by the Municipal Services Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Councilmember Masuda, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk