CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 8, 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 Madison)

CLOSED SESSION 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 LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: Keith Anderson v. City of Pasadena, et al.
USDC Case No.: 2:21-cv-04290-JAK-GJS
Ninth Circuit Case No.: No. 25-7076

Councilmember Madison arrived at 5:21 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives: Matthew E. Hawkesworth and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn
Employee Organization: Pasadena Police Officers Association

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

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 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

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 6:27 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Hampton.

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Gordo introduced Jacob Stevens, President of the State of California New Motor Vehicle Board, who presented the Zero Emission Vehicle Readiness Award to Pasadena Water & Power ("PWP") Department for demonstrating exceptional progress towards ZEV Readiness. David Reyes, General Manager of PWP, thanked Mr. Stevens and accepted the award on behalf of the City.

Mayor Gordo requested for the meeting to be adjourned in memory of Tony Santilena, longtime Pasadena resident and former Human Services Commissioner. He spoke on Mr. Santilena's dedication to mentoring and improving the lives of youth in Pasadena.

Councilmember Jones also requested for the meeting to be adjourned in memory of Ruthie Hopkins, longtime co-owner and publisher of The Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Journal. He spoke on Ms. Hopkins legacy as a devoted journalist and community advocate who sought to uplift the Black community through her reporting and civic engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kevin Norton, IBEW Local 18, advocated for the City's utility workers and for the City to conduct fair negotiations that would support and promote City employee retention amongst the IBEW members.

Paul Mari, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding loud cars speeding at night along Colorado Blvd.

Margaret Lee, Elizabeth House, introduced herself as the new Executive Director at Elizabeth House, invited the City Council to an open house event on June 26, 2026, and spoke on the services provided by the organization.

Les Hammer, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding Armenia becoming a part of the European Union.

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding the recent federal military training operations at St. Luke's hospital:

Virginia Paca, Pasadena resident
Yadi, Pasadena resident
Cheryl Auger, Pasadena resident
Shaina Villalobos, Pasadena resident

In response to public comment, Councilmember Cole reported that the City Council also did not receive an advanced notice regarding the federal military training that took place in Pasadena. Vice Mayor Rivas also spoke on the City's lack of notice and reported that the Public Safety Committee (PSC) will be discussing this issue as an agendized item at the next PSC meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager/ Executive Director

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., FOR CROSSING GUARD SERVICES AT SELECT PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SITES FOR FIVE YEARS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $2,138,187 (PRCS Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the proposed contract in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15016(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 enter into a contract, based on a competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.047, with All City Management Services, Inc., for crossing guard services in an amount not-to-exceed $2,138,187 for five (5) years. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33693)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR MAJOR EVENTS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS (2026-2031) IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $5,000,000 AND NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS (2026-2031) IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $10,500,000 (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;
(2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into contracts with the County of Los Angeles for supplemental law enforcement services through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for Major

Events for a period of five years (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2031) in an amount not-to-exceed $5,000,000 (Contract No. 33702); and New Year's activities for a period of five years (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031) in an amount not-to-exceed $10,500,000 (Contract No.33691); and

(3) Grant the proposed contract an exemption from competitive bidding and competitive selection pursuant to City Charter, Section 1002(H), and Pasadena Municipal Code, Section 4.08.049(A)(3), contracts with other government entities.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding Consent Item 2 (Contracts with the County of Los Angeles for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services) and Consent Item 3 (Contract with Versaterm Public Safety US Inc) as no-bid contracts for Police Department technologies and questioned their appropriateness. She advocated for more services for unhoused individuals using federal grants referenced in Item 13 (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2025 Continuum of Care Grants for Homeless Services), and Item 12 (Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget), including a year-round shelter.

Humaira Afzal, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding Consent Item 2 (Contracts with the County of Los Angeles for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services) and Consent Item 3 (Contract with Versaterm Public Safety US Inc), advocated for the City to require LA County Sheriff's Department personnel to follow the same rules as the City's Police Department relating to interactions with federal immigration enforcement officers.

Councilmember Hampton requested that the proposed contract include verbiage requiring the LA County Sheriff's Department to abide by the City's policies relating to federal immigration enforcement when providing supplemental law enforcement services for the City.

Mayor Gordo made a distinction that the City is contracting with the LA County Sheriff's Department for the purposes of safety and security during large events, not for immigration enforcement services.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's concerns, Pasadena Police Chief Harris reported that all peace officers in the state of California are already bound by state laws that precludes them from participating in immigration enforcement.

Mayor Gordo expressed support for including verbiage in the contract clarifying that the City of Pasadena will serve as the lead agency whenever outside law enforcement agencies operate within the City's jurisdiction. He further stated that such agencies should conduct all of their activities under the direction of the Pasadena Police Chief or designated command staff, and in a manner consistent with the City's values and policies, not limited to federal immigration enforcement.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns that including such language may cross-deputize LA County Sheriff Officers. He noted that the proposed contract is for a specific purpose, one that the City has entered for decades without issue. He suggested giving direction to the City Manager and the Police Chief to ensure that any outside agency contracted for supplemental law enforcement comply with the City's policies.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH VERSATERM PUBLIC SAFETY US INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $3,120,158 TO RENEW SERVICES FOR A POLICE COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT (RMS) SYSTEM (PPD)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the proposed contract is 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 enter into a contract, without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services, with Versaterm Public Safety US Inc., for a police computer aided dispatch and records management system for five years in an amount not-to-exceed $3,120,158 which includes the base contract amount of $2,836,507 and a contingency of $283,651 (Contract No.33690); 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 INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL AND WOODARD AND CURRAN TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $3,500,000 (Water & Power Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the proposed contract authorization is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") 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) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract as the result of the competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Michael Baker International to provide on-call environmental services for five years and in an amount not-to-exceed $1,750,000. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) Contract for professional or unique services (Contract No. 33571); and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, as the result of the competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Woodard & Curran to provide on-call environmental services for five years and in an amount not-to-exceed $1,750,000. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002 (F) Contract for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33603)

Councilmember Cole urged the City to contract with more local firms. Interim City Manager Hawkesworth noted that the proposed contract satisfies the federal procurement guidelines which prohibited the City from giving benefit to local firms in this procurement.

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ACCLAMATION INSURANCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES (AIMS) FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $5,507,491 (Office of the City Manager)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), 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 enter into a contract, as the result of the competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Acclamation Insurance Management Services (AIMS) for Workers' Compensation Third-Party Claims Administration services in an amount not-to-exceed $5,507,491 for a period of five years. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33688)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LIEN ON ME FOR BILL REVIEW ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $1,031,265 (Office of the City Manager)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), 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 enter into a contract, as the result of the competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Lien on Me to process Workers' Compensation bill reviews for the City's entire Workers' Compensation claims division in an amount not-to-exceed $1,031,265 for a period of five years. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33698)

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CANON USA, INC., FOR THE LEASE AND MAINTENANCE OF THREE DIGITAL PRINTING SYSTEMS PLUS ONE SCORER/CUTTER, INCLUDING SUPPORTING SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $425,000 OVER A 60-MONTH PERIOD (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 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 with Canon USA, Inc., for the lease, hardware/software, and maintenance support of three digital printing systems plus one scorer/cutter in an amount not-to-exceed $425,000, for 60-months. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H) contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies, or services (Contract No. 33727); and

(3) It is further recommended that the City Council grant the proposed 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 PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP INC., FOR THE NORTH LAKE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN AND SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT, AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 6 PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $716,249 (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) 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 Parsons Transportation Group Inc. for professional engineering and design services for the North Lake Avenue Pedestrian and Safety Enhancement (ATP Cycle 6) project in an amount not-to-exceed $716,249, which includes the base contract amount of $651,135 and a contingency of $65,114. Competitive price bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F) (Contracts for professional or unique services) (Contract No. 33686); and
(3) Authorize the City Manager to extend the term of the contract as necessary without increasing the not-to-exceed amount.

ITEM NO. 9 PULLED FROM THE AGENDA

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ELECNOR BELCO ELECTRIC, INC., FOR WALNUT STREET CORRIDOR SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $2,965,894 (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, Class 1, §15301, Existing Facilities and Class 2, §15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, 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 April 16, 2026 submitted by Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc., in response to the bid specifications for the Walnut Street Corridor Signal Improvement Project, authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for a total not-to-exceed amount of $2,965,894, which includes the base contract amount of $2,696,267 and a contingency of $269,627 to provide for unforeseen change orders (Contract No. 33687); and
(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve within contract authority, amendments to the subject contract including durational extensions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 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 2026 CIP Budget as detailed in Attachment A of the agenda report. (Budget Amendment No. 2026-39)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: JOINT ACTION ANNUAL READOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 INVESTMENT POLICY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY (Finance Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council and the Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission:
(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
(2) Adopt the City Treasurer's recommended Investment Policy and Investment Strategy for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 2026-2027).

HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO FIFTEEN AGREEMENTS WITH A COMBINED NOT-TO-EXCEED VALUE OF $6,639,358 WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2025 CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTS FOR HOMELESS SERVICES (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) as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines,
and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and
(2) Adopt the City Treasurer's recommended Investment Policy and Investment Strategy for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (FY 2026-2027).

HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND CONTRACT NO. 24,130 WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO INCREASE THE FUNDING BY $900,000 FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED TOTAL OF $1,597,660 FOR THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY27 AND FY28 (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 per 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. 24,130 with the City of Los Angeles to increase the contract by $400,000, thereby increasing the contract total to a not-to-exceed amount of $1,097,660, and to extend the term through June 30, 2027, to support the continued provision of Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)-funded rental assistance (Contract No. 24,130); and

(3) Authorize the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the subject contract with a not-to-exceed amount of $500,000 and a term extension through June 30, 2028, subject to the availability of Fiscal Year 2028 HOPWA funds for the continued provision of rental assistance. This would bring the contract to a total not-to-exceed amount of $1,597,660.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR FIVE YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $10,473,183 (Public Health 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 of CEQA and within the meaning of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b);
(2) It is recommended the City Council grant the proposed contract an exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code 4.08.049(B) contracts for which the City's best interests are served; and
(3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Pasadena Humane Society to continue providing animal care and control services, as specified in the agenda report, for a grand total amount not-to-exceed $10,473,183 for five years, competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services. (Contract No. 33697)

City Council

APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, & RESIGNATIONS

APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN JOHNSON TO THE GAMBLE HOUSE ADVISORY BOARD (City Nomination)

APPOINTMENT OF MARIE-CLAUDE FARES TO THE URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Design Commission Nomination)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE VACANCY OF THE ALTERNATE TENANT MEMBER SEAT ON THE PASADENA RENTAL HOUSING BOARD

City Clerk/ Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED

May 4, 2026 City Council
May 4, 2026 Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

Claim No.	Claimant	Claim Amount
2026-0274	Silvia Gil	$ 3,000.00
2026-0275	Lizette Valencia	631.62
2026-0276	Alena Hacopian	35,000.00+
2026-0277	Akeem Ross	35,000.00+
2026-0278	Bryan Stephens	35,000.00+

2026-0279	Jorge Valenzuela	1,691.63
2026-0280	Meike Lulu Kopp	1,370.81
2026-0281	Juanpablo Barajas	35,000.00+
2026-0282	Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club a/s/o Jesus Hernandez	1,956.47
2026-0283	Sherri Savage	1,250.00
2026-0284	Darien Donner	Not stated

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter expressing concerns regarding the staff recommendations for Consent Item 2, one letter advocating for the City Council to take appropriate action to ensure all other local agency officers abide by the City's policies related to federal immigration enforcement, and one letter expressing concerns with the City awarding contracts without a competitive bidding process regarding Consent Item 3, were all 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 Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Cole, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar (with the exception of Item 9 which was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting), with an amendment to Item 2 (Contracts with the County of Los Angeles for Supplemental Law Enforcement Services) to include contract language that requires outside law enforcement agencies providing supplemental law enforcement services abide by the City's policies, acknowledges the City as the lead agency, and that the outside law enforcement will adhere to the direction of the Pasadena Police Chief and follow state law. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

OLD BUSINESS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RE-ADOPT WITHOUT CHANGES A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES FOR OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AS MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES

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) as defined in Section 21065 of CEQA and Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and as such, no environmental document pursuant to CEQA is required for the project; and

(2) Adopt a Resolution Approving an updated Policy for Reimbursement for Travel and Expenses for Elected Officials and re-adopt without changes a Policy for Reimbursement for Travel and Expenses for Officials Appointed by the City Council of the City of Pasadena as Members of Commissions or Committees. (Resolution No. 10191)

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

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

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO-WAY RADIO EQUIPMENT, PARTS, AND ACCESSORIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $3,530,000 (DoIT)

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 enter into a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors, with Motorola Solutions Inc., for the purchase of radio equipment, parts, and accessories, in an amount not-to-exceed $3,530,000 through July 24, 2029 (Contract No. 33704);

(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; and

(4) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost amendments to the subject contract including durational extensions and necessary change orders

Humaira Afzal, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding long term vendor dependency with Motorola and the lack of competitive bidding opportunities.

Councilmember Hampton and Mayor Gordo advocated for the City's Police Department to have discussions with regional partners regarding ways to expand the market for communication systems.

MOTION: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Madison, to approve the staff recommendation, with the caveat that the Pasadena Police Chief work with other law enforcement agencies to have discussions regarding how to broaden the number of vendors that provide communication systems to public safety personnel.

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

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARAHSOFT TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ONGOING OPERATION OF MANAGED ENDPOINT CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION AND MONITORING SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $968,124 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS (DoIT)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the proposed contract is 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 enter into a contract, as a result of a competitive selection process, as specified by Section 4.08.047 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, with Carahsoft Technology Corporation for professional services to deliver Managed Detection and Response Services for five years in an amount not-to-exceed $968,124, which includes the base contract amount plus a twelve percent (12%) contingency to provide for any necessary change orders. Competitive bidding is not required pursuant to City Charter Section 1002(F), contracts for professional or unique services (Contract No. 33692); and
(3) Authorize the City Manager to approve no-cost amendments to the subject contract including durational extensions.

Humaira Afzal, Pasadena resident, expressed concerns regarding the nature of the technology that the proposed vendor sells to the Department of Homeland Security.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 continue the public hearing to June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to continue the public hearing to June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 3 (CIVIC EVENTS AND FACILITIES) AND TITLE 17 (ZONING CODE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE (PMC) AND THE SOUTH FAIR OAKS SPECIFIC PLAN (SFOSP) (Planning Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council continue the public hearing to June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to continue the public hearing to June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

HOLD TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (TEFRA) HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (CMFA) FOR THE BENEFIT OF COLORADO GRAND OAKS LP, APARTMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 2155-2193 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD (Finance Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Hold a TEFRA hearing; and
(2) Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pasadena approving the issuance of the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) Exempt Facility Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not-to-exceed $50,000,000 for the purpose of financing or refinancing the acquisition, construction, improvement, and equipping of the Colorado Grand Oaks, LP and certain other matters relating thereto specified in the agenda report. (Resolution No. 10192)

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the public hearing notice was published on May 28, 2026 in the Pasadena Weekly and that no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office for this item.

P.A. Brown, Pasadena resident, expressed support for the item and emphasized the need for affordable housing.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to close the public hearing. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

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

Councilmember Madison left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Councilmember Jones stated a potential conflict of interest, recused himself from the item out

HOLD TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (TEFRA) HEARING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OBLIGATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CGF PROPERTIES LLC (FULLER SEMINARY DORMITORIES) (Finance Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Hold a TEFRA hearing; and

of an abundance of caution, and left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

(2) Adopt a Resolution approving the financing to be undertaken by the California Enterprise Development Authority (CEDA) for the benefit of CGF Properties LLC in a maximum aggregate principal amount not-to exceed $22,000,000 for the purpose of financing, refinancing, and/or reimbursing the cost of acquisition, construction, improvement, furnishing, and equipping of student dormitory facilities located at 261, 271, 281 and 291 North Madison Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101 for the benefit of CGF Properties LLC and other matters relating thereto specified in the agenda report. (Resolution No. 10193)

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the public hearing notice was published on June 1, 2026 in the Pasadena Weekly and that no correspondence was received by the City Clerk's Office for this item.

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

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

INFORMATION ITEM

Councilmember Jones returned to the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Councilmember Madison returned to the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

UPDATE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (Fire Dept.)
Recommendation: This report is for information only. The City Council may, however, take action relating to this matter as it deems appropriate following consideration and discussion of the item.

Chad Augustin, Fire Chief, provided introductory remarks and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item.

In response to Councilmember Cole's inquiry regarding citywide efforts and mechanisms for implementing the mitigation plan, Nallely Procopio, Emergency Manager, reported that the Fire Department will be conducting an operational area-wide training in July for non-emergency personnel. Fire Chief Augustin added that Emergency Manager Procopio is working on a CERT program for teens in addition to the adult CERT program, focusing on community preparedness for large-scale disasters. Tim Sell, Deputy Fire Chief, reported on the expansion of disaster preparation training for schools, youth programs, neighborhood meetings/town halls, etc.

In response to Councilmember Cole's inquiry regarding the renovations to two seismically vulnerable fire stations, Fire Chief Augustin reported that the Fire Department's 10-year plan includes rebuilding the two fire stations, and adding an additional fire station to expand apparatus and service capacity. Interim City Manager

Hawkesworth reported that the City is exploring ways to generate revenue through the Fire Department using full cost recovery of fire inspection fees, and possibly through ballot measures in the future.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry regarding virtual trainings, Emergency Manager Procopio reported that the City releases short "public service announcement" videos for residents and that more formal training can be found through FEMA or the state.

Mayor Gordo proposed exploring innovative redevelopment models for future fire station projects, such as incorporating housing above rebuilt fire stations to offset construction costs.

> Yadi, Pasadena resident, thanked the City Council for having a broader discussion on hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter advocating for the local hazard mitigation plan to include a review process and broader community engagement 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.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS CONT'D.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2027 CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET (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); and
(2) Receive public comment and continue this public hearing to each subsequent regular meeting of the City Council at 6:00 p.m. until June 15, 2026, or such other date as the City Council may determine, at which time the City Council will be asked to close the public hearing and adopt the FY 2027 Recommended Operating Budget.

Interim City Manager Hawkesworth provided introductory comments and presented a PowerPoint presentation on full cost recovery, local funding options, funding of the general fund, approaches to reductions, and funding approaches for the City Council's top five priorities, which includes a year-round shelter for unhoused individuals.

Councilmember Cole expressed his appreciation to City staff and Interim City Manager Hawkesworth for bringing forward a creative budget discussion, with built-in opportunities for meaningful City Council input. He emphasized the need for the City to be more cost conscious and consider less expensive alternatives when making purchases/procurements.

Councilmembers Hampton and Jones expressed the support for the proposed budget, notably the year-round homeless shelter, and expressed opposition regarding any consideration given to not funding the Turkey Tussle and AmericaFest.

Vice Mayor Rivas thanked City staff for the presentation, noted the qualitative difference in the proposed budget and the underlying process, and also expressed support for a year-round shelter.

Councilmember Lyon expressed support for the proposed budget, encouraged cost recovery where appropriate, and advocated for City staff to make budget decisions based on cost-benefit analyses.

Councilmember Madison proposed that City staff examine economic development opportunities through City-owned assets, such as the 710-stub property, the YWCA property, the Kaiser property, etc. He advocated for growing revenue through economic development rather than relying primarily on funding cuts.

In response to Councilmember Masuda's inquires regarding plans for revenue, priorities, and housing, Interim City Manager Hawkesworth reported that focusing on cost recovery and cost of service studies can help generate and maximize current City revenue streams, having a focused set of priorities intended to guide decision-making over a multi-year period, adjusting priorities based on changing circumstances, incorporating a more strategic long-term approach to governance, and that key strategies to improve housing opportunities include increasing the housing supply and focusing on affordability initiatives within the City.

Mayor Gordo advocated for the City to act on "low-hanging fruit" such as collecting credit card convenience fees, updating business license fees, reviewing the fire assessment district to absorb some costs of service, and departmental cost savings.

Councilmember Cole requested that the asset forfeiture fund be presented to the City Council as an information item in the near future.

Discussion continued regarding cost recovery efforts, continuous funding for events and services with immeasurable community benefit, and periodic check-ins and ongoing conversations regarding priorities throughout the year.

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena resident, urged the City to utilize general fund reserves to accelerate funding for a year-round homeless shelter, noting that the City has previously used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the Rose Bowl and should show the same commitment to addressing homelessness.

Councilmember Hampton left the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Bert Newton, Pasadena resident, urged the City to explore a transfer tax and residential/commercial vacancy tax to fund affordable housing.

Carl Selkin, Pasadena resident, emphasized the need to prioritize funding for a year-round homeless shelter and other housing initiatives, and expressed support for SB79.

Councilmember Cole suggested that City staff research the various approaches to a transfer tax.

MOTION: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Lyon, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to continue the public hearing to June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS

City Manager

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 RECOMMENDED GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE (Finance Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges); and
(2) Adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 General Fee Schedule. (Resolution No. 10194)

Vice Mayor Rivas expressed support for the item.

Councilmember Cole expressed opposition to the convenience fees to recover merchant fees on all credit card transactions except for high-dollar rate payers for utilities.

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiry regarding an ACH-e-check alternative to avoid convenience fees, Karin Schnaider, Finance Director, reported that ACH options exist in some systems and that City staff is exploring options for broader implementation. Interim City Manager Hawkesworth reported that most, but not all of the payment terminals allow for no-cost ACH/e-check alternatives. Councilmember Madison expressed support for the City recouping credit card transaction fees, and asked that City staff work to ensure residents are provided with a no-cost ACH/e-check alternative to avoid convenience fees.

Councilmember Hampton returned to the meeting at 10: 06 p.m.

Councilmember Cole proposed an amendment to the motion to delay implementation of new convenience fees until an ACH/e-check alternative is available in all payment terminals. Finance Director Schnaider reported that this may limit cost recovery of merchant fees as some payment platforms may still pass processing costs to the City even when customers use ACH options.

Mayor Gordo expressed support for the original motion and suggested that City staff report back to the Finance Committee on ACH availability and potential future adjustments.

MOTION:

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommendation.

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

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 RECOMMENDED GENERAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Fire Dept.)
Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges); and
(2) Adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 General Fee Schedule for the Fire Department. (Resolution No. 10195)

Fire Chief Augustin provided introductory comments on the item and noted that the Fire Department is requesting to add an additional fire inspector position to conduct inspections and recover costs. Interim City Manager Hawkesworth reported that an additional fire inspector was analyzed as part of the fee study and City staff can return to the City Council once findings become available.

MOTION:

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Rivas, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion approved unanimously) (Absent: None)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Conduct first reading of "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" *(See related item 18)*

The ordinance above was offered by Councilmember Hampton:

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

Item held; to be heard at a future meeting

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"

Mayor Gordo announced that City staff in the Mayor's Office prepared and submitted a memo expressing the Mayor's concerns with the implications of the proposed ordinance, suggesting alternatives for the City Council's consideration. Councilmember Lyon expressed concerns that the memo was not shared publicly.

Following discussion, on the order of the Mayor, by consensus of the City Council, the item was held and will return at a future City Council meeting.

ADOPTION OF AN UNCODIFIED DELAYED EFFECTUATION ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE ABUNDANT AND AFFORDABLE HOMES NEAR TRANSIT ACT (SENATE BILL 79) (Planning 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 Government Code §65912.160(c)(2), which explicitly states that an ordinance adopted to implement the provisions of SB 79 shall not be considered a project under Division 13 (commencing with §21000) of the Public Resources Code;

(2) Adopt an Uncodified Delayed Effectuation Ordinance to delay implementation of SB 79 for the following sites:

- a. Within all six Transit Oriented Development Zones (TOD Zones within ½-mile of Metro A Line stations):
  - i. Sites with historic resources designated as of January 1, 2025, in a local register.
- b. Within the Memorial Park, Del Mar, and Lake TOD zones:
  - i. Sites with historic resources designated as of January 1, 2025 on the state register (this would include sites designated at the national level as they are protected together).
  - ii. Sites zoned Multi-Family Residential (RM-12, -16, -32, and -48) and Single-Family Residential (RS).
  - iii. Sites located within specific plan areas that have a density of 48 du/ac or less; and

(3) Adopt the Findings for the Zoning Code Amendment in Attachment A of the agenda report.

Recommendation of the Housing, Homelessness, and Planning Committee: On May 7, 2026, staff presented background information and options to implement SB 79 to the Housing, Homelessness, and Planning Committee (HHPC). Staff outlined recommendations to implement Option 2 (explained in the agenda report), adopting an Uncodified Delayed Effectuation Ordinance temporarily exempting certain sites, as outlined in Recommendation No. 2 on page 1 of the agenda report, from the provisions of SB 79.

The Committee was supportive of the staff recommendation of Option 2, including excluding RS zones where allowed by the bill. The Committee directed staff to provide the following variations of the option related to the RM zones:

- Not delaying implementation to any RM zones;
- Only delaying to RM-12 and RM-16 zones;
- Delaying to al RM zones

The Committee also directed the City Attorney to see if an Interim Urgency Ordinance can be adopted, which would give the Council additional time (if needed) for review and ensure the Ordinance is effective before SB 79 becomes effective on July 1, 2026. The City Attorney subsequently confirmed that an Uncodified Interim Urgency Ordinance is not needed as the proposed ordinance is not a general penal ordinance and will be in effect prior to the effective date of the bill.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission: On May 13, 2026, the Planning Commission considered the Uncodified Delayed Effectuation Ordinance to implement Option 2 temporarily exempting certain sites and the variations to the option related to the RM zones, as requested by the HHPC. The Planning Commission recommended, by a vote of 5-1 (with two absences and one recusal due to conflict of interest), that the City Council approve the Uncodified Delayed Effectuation Ordinance temporary exempting certain sites, as outlined in Recommendation No. 2 on page 1 of the agenda report, from the provisions of SB 79. The Planning Commission also asked staff to return with future discussions on preparing a TODAP and was generally supportive of a TODAP.

(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 31, including for public comment purposes.)

Vice Mayor Rivas stated a potential conflict of interest due to her having property within 1,000 ft of the project site, recused herself from the item, and left the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

City Attorney Bagneris reported that Mayor Gordo, Vice Mayor Rivas, and Councilmember Jones will be recusing themselves from the item out of an abundance of caution due to potential conflicts of interests. She stated that the City has reached out to the Fair Political Practices Commission for advice regarding these recusals but that a response may take over a month to receive. She also noted that the City needs to act on the item before Senate Bill 79 goes into effect on July 1, 2026.

Mayor Gordo designated Councilmember Hampton to serve as Chair in his absence due to recusal.

Mayor Gordo and Councilmember Jones stated potential conflicts of interests, recused themselves from the item out of an abundance of caution, and left the meeting at 10:24 p.m.

Councilmember Madison expressed concerns with beginning a contentious item that may pose lengthy discussion late in the evening. Discussion ensued regarding the lateness of the hour, the timeline for SB79 to go into effect, the procedures for taking public comment, and maintaining a quorum among the remaining City Councilmembers who may participate on the matter.

Councilmember Madison advocated for the City to discuss and formally adopt a policy on City Council meeting structure and timing. Councilmember Hampton suggested that the Legislative Policy Committee could discuss the topic and bring it back to the full City Council with a recommendation.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that the public hearing notice was published in the Pasadena Press on April 30, May 7, and May 14, 2026, and that 61 letters in support of the staff recommendation, expressing concerns with SB79, and/or advocating for stronger protections to safeguard the City; 7 letters in support of the proposed ordinance; 22 letters advocating for the City Council to allow SB79 to take effect in the City with limited exceptions in order to promote affordable housing; 4 letters in support of the City Council accepting SB79 as written; and 2 letters in opposition to the proposed ordinance; with all correspondence received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for this item.

Catherine Jurca, Pasadena Heritage, urged the City Council to support the proposed ordinance.

David Ly, Rebuild Altadena, urged the City Council to consider a more targeted approach to protect historical resources while still preserving opportunities for transit-oriented housing.

P.A. Brown, Pasadena resident, urged the City Council to narrow the scope of the ordinance so that it does not delay the implementation of SB79 for areas that are already zoned for multifamily housing.

MOTION: Following public comment on the item, Councilmember Madison moved, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to continue the public hearing to June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. due to the lateness of the hour.

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

MOTION FAILED.

Discussion briefly ensued regarding potentially re-noticing the public hearing and the timing of the item to return based on future City Council meeting capacity. It was agreed by consensus of the City Council to proceed with the item tonight as scheduled.

Acting Assistant City Manager Jennifer Paige provided introductory remarks on the item. Natalie Espinosa, Senior Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation on the item, noting background information on Senate Bill 79, discussion points from the Planning Commission and the Homelessness, Housing, and Planning Committee meeting discussions, preparations for a Transit-Oriented Development Alternative Plan (TODAP), and local implementation options.

The following individuals urged the City Council to allow SB79 to take effect in all non-historic sites in Pasadena and/or provided related comments:

Michael Canavan, Pasadena resident
Thomas Tai, Pasadena resident

The following individuals expressed opposition to delaying the effectuation of SB79, emphasizing the need for more affordable housing, and/or provided related comments:

Sam Alcorn, Pasadena resident
Kevin Yen, Pasadena resident
Alina Flores, Pasadena resident
Stephanie Bower, Pasadena resident
Koji Sakano, Pasadena resident
Humaira Afzal, Pasadena resident
Evan Rosenman, Pasadena resident

In response to Councilmember Madison's inquiries, Caroline Monroy, Assistant City Attorney, clarified that the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") is reviewing the City's ordinance to ensure its compliance with state laws and Acting Assistant City Manager Paige and Jason Mikaelian, Acting Planning Director, reported that certain properties are excluded from SB79 provisions, such as locally designated historic resources or rent-controlled properties with two or more units that cannot be demolished under state law. Acting Assistant City Manager Paige also stated that the purpose of the delay is intended to provide time for City staff to develop a Transit Oriented Development Alternative Plan ("TODAP"). City staff reported that the estimated timeline is approximately 6 months for initial analysis and public discussion, and then approximately 9 months to return with a proposed plan.

Councilmember Cole suggested excluding RM32 and RM48 properties from the ordinance, and revising the sunset date of the ordinance to occur in 18 months, examining the effectiveness of a TODAP.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Madison suggested City staff provide check-ins and progress updates once the City receives approval from HCD on the ordinance.

In response to City Attorney Bagneris' request for clarification on the sunset terms requested by the City Council, Councilmember Cole requested that the ordinance, by its terms, sunset 18 months from July 1, 2026, and incorporate a check-in with the City Council at 9 months in April 2027.

MOTION:

MOTION: Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Lyon, to approve the staff recommendation with the following amendments to the ordinance: 1) remove properties zoned RM32 and RM48 from the properties exempted by the ordinance, 2) amend the first sentence in Section 1 of the proposed ordinance to read "The following sites are excluded from Government Code Section 65912.157 until 18 months from July 1, 2026", and 3) amend Section 7 to read "This ordinance shall take effect upon publication and will sunset by its terms 18 months from July 1, 2026", with the motion adding direction to City staff to provide the City Council with an update in 9 months (April 2027).

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

Conduct first reading of "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

(Discussed and considered concurrently with Item No. 26, including for public comment purposes.)

The ordinance above was introduced for first reading by Councilmember Cole as revised above:

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

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Councilmember Hampton, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 11:35 p.m. in memory of Ruthie Hopkins and Tony Santilena.

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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk