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CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
October 27, 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 Jones)

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**
**Employee Title and Unrepresented Employee: Interim City Manager**
**City Representative: Victor M. Gordo**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE with Labor Negotiator pursuant to 54957.6**
**Position: City Manager**
**Agency Designated Representative: Victor M. Gordo**

Councilmember Jones arrived at 5:29 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: Pasadena Fire Fighters Association**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**
**Agency Designated Representatives: Matthew Hawkesworth and Tiffany Jacobs-Quinn**
**Employee Organization: Non-Rep Management and Executive Management**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)**
**Property Address: 1030 Pasadena Avenue, Pasadena, CA**
**Agency negotiator: Matthew E. Hawkesworth**
**Negotiating parties: Dan Murdoch, Deputy District Director of Right of Way, State of California, Department of Transportation**
**Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

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

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**
**Name of Case: California Institute of Technology v. City of Pasadena, et al.**
**USDC Case No.: 2:23-cv-07681-AB-AJR**

**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 three 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 Jones.

**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 and Councilmember Masuda presented a certificate of commendation to the American Legion Post 280 for their 100th Anniversary, acknowledging the century of advocating for veterans and their families and supporting community programs. Robert Monzon, Commander and former City employee, expressed his appreciation to the City Council for the recognition, accepted the certificate on behalf of the East Pasadena Post of the American Legion No. 280, and announced upcoming events the organization will be hosting to celebrate their milestone anniversary.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Les Hammer, Pasadena resident, expressed opposition to Measure PFD and provided comments on the time allotted for public comment on matters not on the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**City Manager/ Executive Director**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE COMMUNITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $959,752 FOR THE SUNSET COMPLEX GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT** (Water & Power Dept.)

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

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

(2) Adopt a resolution authorizing the City to receive grant funds (Resolution No. 10219); and

(3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the Community Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") in an amount of $959,752 for the construction of the Sunset Complex Groundwater Treatment Plant, execute agreements with USEPA to receive the grant funding, and administer grant agreements, amendments, and associated contract documents for this grant award and attest to the federal requirements. (Contract No. 24,557)

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TWO NEW CLASSIFICATIONS AND UPDATING THE SALARY OF ONE EXISTING CLASSIFICATION REPRESENTED BY PMA AND NON-REPRESENTED MANAGEMENT** (Human Resources Dept.)

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

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15378(b); and

(2) Adopt a Resolution establishing two new classifications and updating the salary of one existing classification represented by PMA and Non-Represented Management. (Resolution No. 10220)

Item discussed separately

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE SALARY OF TWO EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS REPRESENTED BY LIUNA** (Human Resources Dept.)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT AN L.A. CARE HEALTH PLAN GRANT OF $265,000 AND AMEND THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM** (Office of the Young Child)

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

(1) Find that the action proposed in the agenda report is not a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 21065 and within the meaning of Section 15378(b);
(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents with L.A. Care Health Plan to accept and administer grant funds to implement an Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program; and
(3) Amend the City Manager's Office FY2027 Operating Budget by recognizing and appropriating $265,000 in grant funds from L.A. Care Health Plan in the General Fund (Fund 101) and increase the City Manager's Office personnel allocation by 1.0 full-time equivalent ("FTE") limited-term position. (Budget Amendment No. 2027- 16)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAM EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET BY RECOGNIZING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING $39,196 IN GRANT FUNDS** (PPD)
**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:
(1) Find that the project proposed in the agenda report is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
(2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all grant-related documents pertaining to Office of Justice Program Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and
(3) Amend the Police Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating $39,196 in the General Fund (101). (Budget Amendment No. 2027- 17)

In response to Vice Mayor Rivas' inquiry, Lieutenant Anthony Russo reported that program funds will be utilized to provide training to additional officers that can supplement the tactical response teams and other SWAT related functions. He also clarified that the funds are specified for training operators for UAS or drone operations.

**City Council**

APPOINTMENTS, REAPPOINTMENTS, & RESIGNATIONS

**APPOINTMENT OF LENA KWONG TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION** (District 3 Nomination)

**City Clerk/ Secretary**

MINUTES APPROVED

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| September 29, 2026 | City Council |
| September 29, 2026 | Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission |
| October 6, 2026 | City Council |
| October 6, 2026 | Successor Agency to the Pasadena Community Development Commission |
| October 13, 2026 | City Council Special Meeting |
| October 13, 2026 | City Council |

CLAIMS RECEIVED AND FILED

| Claim No. | Claimant | Claim Amount |
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| 2027-0089 | Fleetcrew | $ 7,353.30 |
| 2027-0090 | Wise Designs & Construction | 718.00 |
| 2027-0091 | Duplicate to Claim No. 2027-0090 | N/A |
| 2027-0092 | KR Industries II LLC | 6,623.39 |
| 2027-0093 | Araksi Khachadurian | 35,000.00+ |
| 2027-0094 | Alphonso Browne | 10,000.00 |

PUBLIC HEARING SET

**November 10, 2026, 6:00 p.m.** – Appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals' Quasi-Judicial Decision to Approve Single-Family Compatibility Permit No. 7337 to Allow a New 4,955 Square-Foot, Two-Story Single-Family Residence at 3140 E. California Blvd.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter for Item 1 advocating for staff to provide an update on the proposed project's total cost, capacity trade-off, status of the EIR & CUP, and the expected ratepayer impact, and two letters for Item 5 advocating for staff to clarify the purpose and use of the grant funds to be accepted, were received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record.

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 3. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: None)

**CONSENT ITEM DISCUSSED SEPARATELY**

Mayor Gordo stated a conflict of interest, recused himself from the item, and left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE SALARY OF TWO EXISTING CLASSIFICATIONS REPRESENTED BY LIUNA** (Human Resources Dept.)

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

(1) Find that the proposed action in the agenda report is exempt from the California Public Resources Code Section 21065 and within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15378(b); and

(2) Adopt a Resolution updating the salary of two existing classifications represented by LIUNA. (Resolution No. 10221)

MOTION:

It was moved by Councilmember Madison, seconded by Councilmember Hampton, to approve the staff recommendation. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Mayor Gordo)

**ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

Mayor Gordo returned to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**Adopt "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS AND WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE PLANS, TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.10 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE"** (Ordinance No. 7482)

City Clerk Jomsky reported that one letter advocating for a "landscape exemption district" similar to a historic landmark district to preserve the existing landscaping located at the primary entrance of the City on Orange Grove Blvd and providing comments on the matter, 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.

The ordinance above was adopted by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On order of the Mayor, the regular meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

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City Clerk