

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
September 8, 2026 – 4:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Gordo called the special meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
(Absent: Councilmember Jones)

ROLL CALL: Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Councilmembers: Vice Mayor Jessica Rivas
Councilmember Rick Cole
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember Justin Jones (arrived at 5:18 p.m.)
Councilmember Jason Lyon
Councilmember Steve Madison (via teleconference at 4:37 p.m.)
Councilmember Gene Masuda

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT The following individuals provided public comment on Closed Session Item 3, expressing support for Rose Bowl Riders, advocated for the City to renew the lease with Rose Bowl Riders, and/or provided other related comments.

Antonia Szabari, Rose Bowl Riders
Katie Murphy, Rose Bowl Riders
Gal Kessler Rohs, Rose Bowl Riders
Charles Calix, Rose Bowl Riders
Amy Molina, Rose Bowl Riders
Reese Molina, Rose Bowl Riders
Mia Timblin, Rose Bowl Riders
Kristina Timblin, Rose Bowl Riders
Evi, Rose Bowl Riders
Libby, Rose Bowl Riders
Davis Calvert, Rose Bowl Riders
Felix Szabari, Rose Bowl Riders
Katherine Ginzton, Rose Bowl Riders
Jessie Gray, Rose Bowl Riders
Abigail Johnson, Rose Bowl Riders
Angela Lowell, Rose Bowl Riders
Bonnie Hedrick, Rose Bowl Riders

Chloe Calix, Rose Bowl Riders
Eleanor Wells, Rose Bowl Riders
Tilda Landerer, Rose Bowl Riders
Nora Alleman, Rose Bowl Riders
Heather Kodama, Rose Bowl Riders
Claire Florentin, Rose Bowl Riders
Lauren Oakes, Rose Bowl Riders

Florence Kerns-Wilson, Altadena resident, provided comments on the new management restructuring at Rose Bowl Riders and urged the City to evaluate the lease with Rose Bowl Riders before renewing.

Barbara Miller, Pasadena resident, urged the City Council to protect the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center as a community facility, specifically warm-water therapy programs, post LA2028 Olympic operations.

City Clerk Jomsky reported that seven letters expressing concerns related to the governance and operations of the organization currently operating the Rose Bowl Riders, one letter advocating for the City to intervene to deny the transfer of lease to the new entity or deny the Rose Bowl Riders Board of Directors to work with all its members to solve safety and quality issues, and five letters advocating for the City Council to preserve the Rose Bowl Riders and/or Myrtle Hill Farm at the Pasadena Equestrian Center, were all received by the City Clerk's Office, distributed to the City Council, posted online, and made part of the public record for this item.

On the order of the Mayor, the special meeting recessed to closed session at 5:06 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Jones arrived at 5:18 p.m.

Councilmember Lyon stated a conflict of interest with Closed Session Item 9, recused himself from the item, and left the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Councilmember Lyon returned to the closed session meeting at 5:54 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE regarding public employee employment pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Position: City Manager**

Agency Designated Representative: Victor M. Gordo

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Location: 360 North Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91103

Agency Negotiator: Matthew Hawkesworth, Interim City Manager, or Designee

**Negotiating Party: Melanie Sauer of Rose Bowl Aquatics Center
Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment**

**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
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

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 Firefighters Management Association

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Employee Organization: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

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Employee Organization: Non-Rep Management

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

Councilmember Lyon stated a conflict of interest with Closed Session Item 3, recused himself from the item, and left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 4750 Oak Grove Drive
Agency Negotiator: Matthew Hawkesworth, Interim City Manager, or Designee
Negotiating Party: Angela Lowell, President
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: City of Pasadena v. The Regents of the University of California
LASC Case No. 25STCV31621 and Court of Appeals Court No. B353449

The above closed session item was not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Victor M. Gordo, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

City Clerk