



Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency was called to order by Mayor Mahmud on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:36 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers/Redevelopment Successor Agency Members Joe and Khubesrian; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chair Cacciotti; and Mayor/Agency Chair Mahmud.

Absent: Councilmember/Redevelopment Successor Agency Member Schneider.

City Staff

Present: Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager/Agency Executive Director; Teresa L. Highsmith, City Attorney/Agency Counsel; Evelyn G. Zneimer, City Clerk; Desiree Jimenez, Deputy City Clerk/ Deputy Agency Secretary were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Khubesrian gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Khubesrian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Closed Session Announcements

The Regular Closed Session of the City Council of May 18, 2016, was called to order by Mayor Mahmud at 6:30 p.m., with all Councilmembers present except for Councilmember Schneider who was absent.

The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Regular Meeting Agenda:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators regarding labor negotiations with Unrepresented Management Employees

City Negotiators: City Manager Sergio Gonzalez and City Attorney Teresa L. Highsmith

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4):

Number of Cases: 1

City Attorney Highsmith reported that City Council provided direction to staff regarding the agendaized Closed Session Items, but did not take any reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS

1a. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the 2016 Amgen Tour of California Local Organizing Committee

Mayor Mahmud presented Certificates of Appreciation to the 2016 Amgen Tour of California Local Organizing Committee for its efforts to coordinate a successful start of the Stage 2 of the Amgen Tour of California.

2. Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition for Linda Hess for being named as a 2016 Women of Distinction Award Recipient

Mayor Mahmud presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Linda Hess for being named as a 2016 Women of Distinction Award Recipient.

COMMUNICATIONS

3. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Khubesrian reported on her attendance at a Freeway and Transportation Commission (FTC) Meeting and an Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Meeting; requested that City Council agendaize review of the FTC purview, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti; requested that City Council agendaize consideration of forming a meeting body with the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion and the 5-Cities Alliance with a purview of transportation issues, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti.

Councilmember Joe reported on his attendance at a Senior Scam Stoppers Seminar; requested that City Council agendaize consideration of issuing a letter of support for the federal Water Resources Development Act introduced by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, seconded by Mayor Mahmud.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti reported on his attendance at the 2016 Advanced Clean Transportation “ACT” Expo; encouraged residents to participate in the “626 CicLAvia” event on June 26, 2016.

Mayor Mahmud reported on her attendance at the Southern California of Governments Annual Conference; advised that she met with Joshua Torres, of Southern California Edison, to discuss recent unplanned power outages; advised that there is exploration into a phased implementation of Community Choice Aggregation; expressed appreciation to the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce for their participation with the 2016 Eclectic Music Festival and Art Walk; encouraged residents to participate in the annual Woman’s Club “Operation Cookie” event.

4. City Manager Communications

City Manager Gonzalez announced the launch of a new online public portal to view Statements of Economic Interest; noted that the City of South Pasadena was the lead agency that applied for the 626 Golden Streets grant.

5. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Benzoni, South Pasadena resident, voiced concern regarding the decision of the 1200 Hydrogen Fueling Station Project; asserted that City staff should refrain from making a recommendation when a Zoning Code interpretation is contested by an applicant; requested a modification to the Appeal Form.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7 through 14, with Item Nos. 6, 12, and 13 pulled for separate consideration.

7. Prepaid Warrants, General City Warrants, Redevelopment Successor Agency Check Summary, and Payroll

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 193437 through 193474 in the amount of \$204,149.09; General City Warrants Nos. 193475 through 193630 in the amount of \$1,965,499.61, and Payroll, dated May 6, 2016, in the amount of \$437,896.30. Seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve Payroll, dated May 6, 2016, in the amount of \$5,172.23 (included in the above totals).

8. Monthly Investment Reports for March 2016

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to receive and file the Monthly Investment Reports for March 2016 for the City Council, the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, and the Public Financing Authority.

9. Discretionary Fund Request from Councilmember Joe in the Amount of \$100 for the Purpose of the Community Emergency Response Team Luncheon

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the discretionary fund request by Councilmember Joe, designating \$100, for the purpose of the Community Emergency Response Team luncheon.

10. Discretionary Fund Requests from Councilmember Khubesrian in the Amount of \$2,000 and Councilmember Schneider in the Amount of \$2,000 for the Purpose of the South Pasadena Arts Center Kinetic Sculpture Public Art Project

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the discretionary fund requests by Councilmember Khubesrian, designating \$2,000, and Councilmember Schneider, designating \$2,000, for the purpose of the Kinetic Sculpture Public Art Project being constructed at the South Pasadena Arts Center.

11. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Inflatable Structures and Other Carnival Devices in City Parks

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 2296 entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, adding a new Section 21.25 ("Carnival Devices") to Chapter 21 ("Parks") of the South Pasadena Municipal Code to regulate the use of carnival devices," and waive further reading.

14. Approval of a Letter of Support Regarding the Metro Light Rail Resiliency Project's 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant Application

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to authorize a letter of support regarding the Metro Light Rail Resiliency Project's 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Application.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

6. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 20, 2016 and April 27, 2016

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2016 and April 27, 2016 City Council Meeting.

12. Award a Contract to RouteMatch in the Amount of \$63,228 for the Purchase of a Demand Response Transportation Management System

In response to City Council inquiries, Community Services Director Pautsch summarized the City's current operations of the Dial-A-Ride Program; indicated a six month status report would be brought back at a future City Council Meeting.

Mayor Mahmud requested revisions to the agreement related to the travel reimbursements, notification of termination, and automatic renewal.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with RouteMatch in the amount of \$63,228 for the purchase of a Demand Response Transportation Management System and execute all related documents for the Dial-A-Ride Program, as amended.

13. Award a Contract to SpectraTurf in the Amount of \$69,805.80 to Replace Playground Unitary Rubberized Surfacing at Garfield Park and Orange Grove Park

In response to City Council comment, City Attorney Highsmith agreed that the proposed contract template needed to be updated to the current public works agreement and indicated that the revised contract did not need to return for future City Council approval and that it may be processed administratively.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0 to:

1. Accept a bid dated December 8, 2015, from SpectraTurf for the playground surfacing at Garfield Park and Orange Grove Park.
2. Reject all other bids received.
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with SpectraTurf for a not-to-exceed amount of \$69,805.80.

PUBLIC HEARING**15. First Reading and Introduction of Ordinances to Amend the South Pasadena Municipal Code and Mission Street Specific Plan to Provide Standards and Requirements for Establishing Valet Parking Operations**

Assistant Planner Vizcarra narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Valet Parking Ordinances” and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Mahmud opened and closed the Public Hearing, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

During the course of discussion, the City Council provided input on numerous changes to the proposed ordinance and agreed that the ordinance should be revised and return to the City Council for first reading and introduction.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to continue the Public Hearing to the Regular City Council Meeting of June 15, 2016.

16. Public Hearing for Future Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the South Pasadena Dog Park Project

Public Works Director Toor narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled “South Pasadena Dog Park Mitigated Negative Declaration” and responded to City Council inquiries. Public Works Director Toor requested that the City Council continue the Public Hearing to the City Council Meeting of July 6, 2016, noting that the report will include identification of particular mitigation measures.

Mayor Mahmud opened and closed the Public Hearing, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, CARRIED 4-0, to continue the Public Hearing to the Regular City Council Meeting of July 6, 2016.

ACTION/DISCUSSION**17. Direction Regarding Proposed Budget Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016-17**

City Manager Gonzalez narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget" and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Mahmud opened and closed the Public Comment period, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

Mayor Mahmud voiced concern regarding the drawdown of the undesignated reserve, citing concerns that City Council will have difficulty re-designating funds from a particular designated reserve in the event of an unanticipated emergency.

Councilmember Joe suggested that the City Council should set a minimum undesignated reserve of 27%.

City Council discussion ensued relative to whether to reduce the proposed allocations for the Renewable Energy Sources, Maintenance Yard/Community Center, Tree Replacement/Management, and Caltrans Vacant Lot Purchases designated reserve funds. It was agreed that City Council should defer consideration of reducing the Tree Replacement/Management Reserve until Councilmember Schneider may participate in the deliberations.

Following City Council discussion, City Manager Gonzalez affirmed that City Council desires to not allocate an additional: 1) \$100,000 to the Maintenance Yard/Community Center, 2) \$50,000 for the Caltrans Vacant Lot Purchases; and 3) \$50,000 to the Renewable Energy Sources.

Assistant Finance Director Lieu advised that based on the proposed adjustments, the undesignated reserves will be 26.7% and the designated reserves will be 26.8%.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to affirm not allocating an additional: 1) \$100,000 to the Maintenance Yard/Community Center, 2) \$50,000 for the Caltrans Vacant Lot Purchases; and 3) \$50,000 to the Renewable Energy Sources.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mahmud adjourned the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency meeting at 11:45 p.m.


Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk


Diana Mahmud
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on June 15, 2016.