

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012 7:41 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cacciotti convened the special meeting of the South Pasadena City Council at 7:41 p.m. City Clerk Kilby called the roll. City Councilmembers present: Joe, Khubesrian and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem Putnam; and Mayor Cacciotti. Absent: None. Other Officials present: City Manager Gonzalez; City Attorney's Office representative Attorney Tsai; Fire Chief Wallace; Transportation Manager Woods; and City Clerk Kilby.

Mayor Cacciotti led tpe Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced Ivy Tsai, the attorney representing City Attorney Adams, who was unable to attend. She explained the Brown Act restrictions regarding public comment at special meetings. It was decided that public comment would be taken after the staff presentation.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE
CITY'S POSITION ON
MEASURE J**

Transportation Manager Woods presented the staff report on consideration of the City's position on Measure J, which appears on the November 6, 2012, General Election ballot. He said that legal counsel Doug Carstens submitted additions to the proposed resolution, which he said was included in the agenda packet. He and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions. Mayor Cacciotti said that the City currently receives \$167,000 a year from Measure R funds; if Measure J passes, projects will be accelerated. Transportation Manager Woods said that the City would then receive approximately \$240,000 to \$250,000 per year, which can be used for pothole repair, signal synchronization, local roadway and bridge-safety improvements, bikeway and pedestrian improvements, local transit services, car pool and rideshare programs, and discounted transit fares for residents. Raffi Hamparian, Director, Federal Relations, Los Angeles Metro, and Michael Turner, Director, Government Relations, Los Angeles Metro; made presentations and responded to questions on various issues. Under the "Fasana amendment," if Measure J passes, they explained that funds could be

moved from a highway to a transit project in the same district with no time period restriction with a two-thirds vote of the Metro Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Expressing opposition to Measure J were Dr. Tom Williams, no address stated; Sam Burgess, 626 Prospect Avenue; Carrie Adrian, 602 Garfield Avenue; and Al Benzoni, 1617 Monterey Road.

Joanne Nuckols, 1531 Ramona Avenue, made remarks about funding that is generated by Measures R and J. She made suggestions for changes to the proposed resolution.

Metro representatives Hamparian and Turner and Transportation Manager Woods responded to additional questions. In response to a question posed by Mayor Pro Tem Putnam, Mayor Cacciotti explained why he and Councilmember Schneider are asking the City Council to take a position on Measure J. At a recent meeting of mayors, he said, Los Angeles City Mayor Villaraigosa said he would vote against the SR-710 tunnel alternative if the cities supported Measure J. Councilmember Schneider said Mayor Villaraigosa said he "would never push a 710 or a freeway through South Pasadena" and that he favors public transit. Councilmember Schneider said supporting this is "really in our interest." He continued, "If we can get rid of the tunnel now, with his support, we will have accomplished something good." Mayor Pro Tem Putnam said he will subordinate his personal interest to vote on something that will be best for the City. Discussion continued on whether sufficient support could be garnered to eliminate the tunnel alternative. Councilmember Khubesrian said it is important to accelerate the building of rail and transit, and that Metro is the agency designated to do this. She reported on transit ridership statistics. Metro representative Hamparian responded to a question about future transit projects that will be accelerated with the passage of Measure J.

Discussion took place about the advisability of broadcasting and web streaming special City Council meetings as well as regular City Council meetings. City Manager Gonzalez stated that special meetings

are currently not broadcasted/web streamed due to cost considerations. Councilmember Khubesrian said that it may be worth expending the funds. Mayor Cacciotti said this issue could be discussed during upcoming strategic planning sessions. City Manager Gonzalez said the City Clerk's Office promoted this special City Council meeting via Patch, Facebook, the *Pasadena Star-News* online, through an agenda email list and a 710 email list, and on the City website.

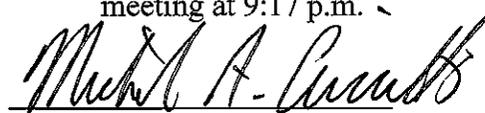
By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7247, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY BALLOT MEASURE J APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, incorporating two WHEREAS passages proposed by legal counsel Doug Carstens. On an amendment proposed by Councilmember Schneider and approved by the maker and seconder of the motion, the City Council directed staff to prepare a letter, to be signed by Mayor Cacciotti, to Michael D. Antonovich, Chair, and Members of the Board of Directors, Metro, similar to that sent by Stephen A. Del Guercio, Mayor, City of La Cañada Flintridge, and included in the agenda packet, indicating that city's support for Measure J and its opposition to the SR-710 tunnel alternative. In the letter and in the fifth WHEREAS of the resolution, the City Council, as proposed by Councilmember Schneider, directed that a phrase be added as follows [addition underlined]: "WHEREAS, the South Pasadena City Council does not support the 710 tunnel extension project (also known as Metro's 'F-7 Alternative') and wants it removed from further consideration; . . ."

(Joe, Putnam)

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m. ~


Sally Kilby
City Clerk


Michael A. Cacciotti
Mayor