

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2012 7:14 P.M.  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL, INVOCATION,  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cacciotti convened the open session of the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency) at 7:14 p.m. City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kilby called the roll. City Councilmembers/Agency Members present: Joe, Khubesrian and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chair Putnam; and Mayor/Agency Chair Cacciotti. Absent: None. Other officials present: City Manager/Agency Executive Director Gonzalez; City Attorney/Agency Counsel Adams; Police Chief Payne; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Public Works Director Toor; Community Services Director Pautsch; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Transportation Manager Woods; Assistant Finance Director Batt; and City Clerk Kilby.

Mayor Cacciotti offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams said that at approximately 6:30 p.m., Mayor Cacciotti called the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency to order. All members of the City Council were present, he said, and one member of the public came to speak on the item on the Closed Session agenda. After that, he said Mayor Cacciotti recessed the meeting into Closed Session to discuss one item of labor negotiations, allowed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with labor negotiators, with regard to all bargaining units in the City. He said the City negotiator, City Manager Gonzalez, provided the Council with an update, answered questions, and entered into discussions. The City Council provided some direction but did not on vote any final actions, he said, and thus there was nothing further to report.

**PRESENTATION OF PRO-  
CLAMATION DECLARING**

Mayor Cacciotti presented a proclamation declaring the month of May 2012 as "Older Americans Month" in

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AS "OLDER AMERICANS  
MONTH" IN THE CITY OF  
SOUTH PASADENA AND  
PRESENTATION OF A  
CERTIFICATE OF  
RECOGNITION TO RICHARD  
"CAMPY" CAMPION, OLDER  
AMERICAN OF THE YEAR**

the City of South Pasadena to Senior Citizen Commission Chair Walter Cervantes and Senior Services Supervisor Torres. He presented a Certificate of Recognition to Richard "Campy" Campion, Older American of the Year. Mayor Cacciotti expressed appreciation for his efforts. Mr. Campion made remarks. Supervisor Torres announced an upcoming health fair at the Senior Center.

**MERCHANT MINUTE:  
THANO ADAMSON, MIS-  
SION TILE WEST AND MIS-  
SION WEST TILE & BATH**

Mayor Cacciotti introduced Thano Adamson, Mission Tile West And Mission West Tile & Bath, who made a presentation about his business. He displayed tiles and a fixture from his businesses.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'  
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Schneider requested that the City sponsor a freeway forum for the public to inform new residents and others about the status of the proposed SR-710 freeway extension—possibly in September or early fall to update residents, seconded by Councilmember Joe.

Councilmember Schneider announced an upcoming bike clinic. He introduced City Librarian Fjeldsted, who announced an upcoming author night at the Library, accompanied by a flyer on the overhead projector.

Councilmember Khubesrian reported on the recent "Doggy Day with Cats Too" event, accompanied by overhead slides/photographs.

Councilmember Joe congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Putnam and his wife Lori on the recent marriage of their son Christian.

Councilmember Joe requested that the City Council recognize the South Pasadena High School Girls' Track and Field Team and the Boys' Volleyball Team, both Rio Hondo League Champions, seconded by Councilmember Schneider.

Mayor Pro Tem Putnam expressed appreciation to all those involved in the recent "Doggy Day with Cats Too." He announced upcoming Memorial Day events. He announced the upcoming "Operation Cookie" event sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Mayor Cacciotti reported that he attended the first meeting of the Caltrans/MTA SR-710 Stakeholder Outreach Committee. He reported on the Alternative Car Expo in Long Beach, accompanied by an overhead graphic. He reported on the upcoming 2012 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program, accompanied by an overhead flyer.

Mayor Cacciotti noted that the City is undergoing audiovisual upgrades and that screen disturbances may continue while repairs are being made. He requested patience while improvements are being made.

**CITY MANAGER  
COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gonzalez announced the first of three meetings of the Monterey Road Design Advisory Committee on May 21, 2012, and an SR-710 Open House hosted by Metro/Caltrans on May 23, 2012. He said that the news media incorrectly attributed a recent sewer spill to the City of South Pasadena. This misinformation has been corrected, he said.

**REORDERING OF AND  
ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

Interim City Manager Gonzalez said there were no proposed changes to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE MIN-  
UTES OF THE REGULAR  
MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2012,  
THE SPECIAL JOINT CITY  
COUNCIL/SOUTH PASA-  
DENA UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BOARD OF  
EDUCATION MEETING OF  
APRIL 24, 2012, AND THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
MAY 2, 2012**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2012; of the special joint City Council/South Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education meeting of April 24, 2012; and of the regular meeting of May 2, 2012.

(Putnam, Khubesrian)

**APPROVAL OF PREPAID  
WARRANTS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$606,301.47,  
GENERAL CITY WARRANTS  
IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$792,726.58 AND PAYROLL  
IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$411,340**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #172977-173034 in the amount of \$606,301.47, General City Warrants #173035-173184 in the amount of \$792,726.58, and payroll 05-11-12 in the amount of \$411,340.99 for a total of \$1,810,369.04. The City Council approved Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$7,901.97 (included in above total).

(Putnam, Khubesrian)

**APPROVAL OF A THIRD  
AMENDMENT TO THE SER-  
VICES AGREEMENT WITH  
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALI-  
FORNIA LOS ANGELES  
(UCLA) CENTER FOR PRE-  
HOSPITAL CARE TO PRO-  
VIDE FIREFIGHTER/ PARA-  
MEDIC AND EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL TECHNICIAN  
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the proposed third amendment to the Services Agreement with the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Prehospital Care to provide firefighter/paramedic and emergency medical technician (EMT) continuing education in prehospital care and emergency medicine.

(Putnam, Khubesrian)

**VERDUGO FIRE  
COMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITIES OF  
BURBANK, GLENDALE,  
PASADENA AND SOUTH  
PASADENA**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the renewal of the Verdugo Fire Communications Service Agreement between the cities of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, and South Pasadena, and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.

(Putnam, Khubesrian)

**MONTHLY INVESTMENT  
REPORTS FOR MARCH 2012**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council, and the City Council seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approved to receive and file the monthly investment reports for March 2012.

(Putnam, Khubesrian)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
Metro/Caltrans Open House  
SR-710**

Sam Gennawey, who said he is speaking on behalf of Metro and Caltrans, announced a series of community open houses related to the SR-710 study, which he said is to address traffic congestion and mobility issues throughout the area. He distributed brochures to the City Council.

**Community Garden**

Gretchen Robinette, 921 Indiana Avenue, said the community garden issue is being handled through the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Department. She said it is imperative that gardeners be involved early in the process.

Celeste Ryan, 905 Summit Drive, Board of Directors, South Pasadena Beautiful, said the organization supports the development of a community garden.

**2012 South Pasadena Eclectic Music Festival and Art Walk**

Scott Feldmann, President, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, expressed appreciation to the City for sponsoring the Eclectic Music Festival. He thanked the staff for its efforts. It was an extremely successful event with a capacity crowd and no incidents, he said.

**Pollution caused by equipment and modern living**

Paul Slice, no address stated, said he submitted a letter to the City about lawn mowing equipment. He objected to the air and noise pollution caused by such equipment. He expressed concern about light pollution and large cars.

**South Pasadena Educational Foundation inserts/Parti Gras**

Lawrence Sin, 511 Martos Drive, President, South Pasadena Educational Foundation (SPEF), expressed thanks to the City for including a SPEF insert in the utility bills. He asked that if the City changes vendors for billing, that SPEF be included in the new system. He announced an upcoming fundraising event, Parti Gras, June 2, 2012, to be held at the Arroyo Seco Golf Course.

Councilmember Joe requested that the issue raised by Gretchen Robinette of receiving input early from gardeners on the development of a community garden be referred to staff. Mayor Cacciotti said without opposition, the City Council referred this matter to staff.

Councilmember Khubesrian, in regard to comments made about noise and air pollution caused by leaf blowers, requested that an update on the topic be added to a future agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Putnam.

**PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE SOUTH PASADENA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SR-710 STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Transportation Manager Woods presented the staff report on the South Pasadena representative to the SR-710 Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee, which he said will meet quarterly. He responded to questions. Mayor Cacciotti, who had attended the first meeting along with City representative Steve Friedman, provided a report. He displayed the PowerPoint presentation from the meeting.

Joanne Nuckols, 1531 Ramona Avenue, who said she has attended most of the recent meetings, said that the information being presented is confusing for most people. She recommended that at least two people be

appointed to the Stakeholder Committee.

Discussion continued. Mayor Cacciotti confirmed the importance of being represented on this committee.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council appointed Mayor Cacciotti to serve as the primary South Pasadena representative to the SR-710 Stakeholder Outreach Advisory Committee, with Councilmember Khubesrian and resident Steve Friedman to serve as alternates. They requested that Alternate Friedman attempt to attend every meeting.

(Putnam, Joe)

**PROVIDE COMMENTS TO  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
AUDITOR ON THE  
MANAGEMENT OF THE  
CALTRANS PROPERTIES  
WITHIN THE 710 FREEWAY  
EXTENSION**

Transportation Manager Woods presented the staff report related to providing comments to the California State Auditor on the management of the Caltrans properties within the proposed 710 Freeway extension route. He responded to questions.

Councilmember Schneider said that since South Pasadena is one of the most impacted cities in the SR-710 freeway corridor, the City Council should invite the Head Auditor to the City to meet with the City Council. The Auditor should also meet the tenants of the Caltrans properties, he said, to hear about how poorly tenants and neighborhoods have been treated over the years. This should take place immediately, he said, since the report will be issued in July 2012.

Discussion continued, with Transportation Manager Woods responding to questions.

Don Justin Jones, 1636 Fair Park Avenue, Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, said the audit was approved August 24, 2011, 10 months ago. No input has been provided from the City to date, he said. He circulated a book containing photographs of and information on Caltrans properties in South Pasadena, Pasadena, and El Sereno. He distributed a list of unsold SR-710-related surplus properties. He distributed the former Attorney General's opinion on the properties. He requested that the auditor who has responsibility for the report be invited. A few minutes later, he reported that he met with Los Angeles City Councilmember José Huizar and staff. He said Councilmember Huizar was interested in hosting a tour and could send a letter of invitation to the State Auditor.

Marie Salas, 3138 Sheffield Avenue, Los Angeles, who said she has been a Caltrans tenant for 15 years, said Caltrans tenants sent a letter to the State Auditor inviting her to visit the El Sereno properties and listen to tenants. She read passages from the letter about fraudulent repairs; unauthorized use of vacant lots; and the need to extend the time period for the audit. She provided a copy of the letter.

Joanne Nuckols, 1531 Ramona Avenue, recommended that a special meeting be held to host the State Auditor. Interested parties from South Pasadena, Pasadena, and Los Angeles could attend to provide input, she said.

Sam Burgess, 626 Prospect Avenue, said he concurred with previous speakers.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed staff to develop a letter to the State Auditor containing comments as noted below on the scope of work for 2011-120 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES—CalTrans, Managing State Property—710 Freeway Extension Corridor: The City should comment on the roles, responsibilities, and costs—including legal costs—of the entities involved in the maintenance of the state-owned parcels along the extension project right-of-way (#3). The City should comment on Caltrans' policies and procedures for maintaining the properties along the extension project right-of-way and determine whether they are consistent with applicable laws and regulations as analyzed by Special Counsel Antonio Rossmann (#4). For the most recent three-year period, the City should comment on expenditures related to maintaining the extension project right-of-way, including the expenditures for the repair and maintenance of the state-owned properties (#5). On the item related to determining the amount of property tax revenue that would have been collected, the City should recommend that this be ascertained over the life of Caltrans' ownership of the properties and projected into the future, not over a five-year period (#9). The City should identify any restrictions on the use of the proceeds from the state-owned properties and comment as appropriate (#10). The City Council directed Special Legal Counsel Antonio Rossmann and Jan Chatten-Brown to prepare comments on alternatives to state ownership as a means of preserving the State's access to the right-of-way needed for the extension project (#12) and on any other issues that are significant to the extension project (#13).

The City Council authorized the expenditure of funds to retain Special Legal Counsel Rossmann and Chatten-Brown to review the contents and specifically to comment on alternatives to state ownership as a means of preserving the State's access to the right-of-way needed for the extension project and on any other issues that are significant to the extension project. The City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the letter. On an amendment proposed by Mayor Cacciotti and agreed to by the maker and seconder of the motion, the City Council approved requesting an extension to the audit period. The City Council directed that in a separate letter, the State Auditor be invited to a joint meeting with the City of Los Angeles, if possible, or otherwise to a meeting in South Pasadena.

(Putnam, Schneider)

Councilmember Joe requested a copy of the book speaker Jones distributed containing photographs of Caltrans homes; Mr. Jones said he would provide copies to the City Council.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
RECONSTITUTING THE  
SOUTHWEST MONTEREY  
HILLS CITIZEN'S  
COMMITTEE**

Planning and Building Director Watkins presented the staff report on consideration of reconstituting the Southwest Monterey Hills Citizen's Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Putnam provided an overview of the issue. If this committee is reconstituted, he said, he is proposing that it have a narrow scope: how to implement what the Council had originally adopted, and if impossible to implement, to determine why. Director Watkins and City Attorney Adams responded to questions. Councilmember Khubesrian suggested that a report be prepared outlining progress to date, obstacles, the need to revisit recommendations, and possibly to consider the need to reverse direction on some recommendations.

Don Yett, 2042 Hanscom Drive, who said he is a citizen, a resident of the impacted area, and a member of the committee, asked why all recommendations were not implemented. He described the experience of dump trucks hauling away half of a hill in front of his home on narrow roads for months. He said that this is a terrible situation and asked who to hold accountable. He said people are discussing tearing up his street, which he said after 50 years had finally been reconstructed.

Kevan Steffey, 2080 Hanscom Drive, distributed a document on the Southwest Hills Committee. He said

the 18 committee recommendations are not in the existing handbook for construction.

Nick Bangar, 1878 Peterson, and owner of 2118 Hanscom Drive, distributed a packet of materials to the City Council. He supported reconstituting the committee.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved reconstituting the Southwest Monterey Hills Citizen's Committee to meet for up to three times and to report back to the City Council on what it would take to implement what was adopted by the City Council (18 recommendations).

(Putnam, Schneider)

The City Council agreed that the City Attorney's office should be involved in the committee.

**DISCUSSION OF  
LIVE/WORK  
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
1010 SYCAMORE PROJECT**

Finance Director Thai presented the staff report on live/work requirements for the 1010 Sycamore project, accompanied by PowerPoint slides and an aerial photograph. He, City Attorney Adams, City Manager Gonzalez, and Planning and Building Director Watkins responded to questions.

Bahar Bakhtar, 1010 Sycamore Avenue, #106, said she was told that the unit was live/work prior to purchasing the condominium; however, she said she wasn't given the definition of live/work. She does not have a business at the address, she said, and this is creating a major problem. She asked the City Council to resolve the issue to permit her to live at the property without operating a business.

Ellie Maghami, 1010 Sycamore Avenue, #217, said she is a physician and also does not work at the address. She said the live/work concept is not being carried out. She responded to questions from the Council, stating that the developer did not disclose the live/work restrictions.

Discussion continued. City Attorney Adams, Planning and Building Director Watkins, and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions. Councilmember Joe asked for the City Manager's recommendation. City Manager Gonzalez said he met with

residents of 1010 Sycamore and various options were discussed. He suggested that he meet with the City Attorney and residents and return with recommendations. One option suggested by City Attorney Adams was an amnesty program. Mayor Pro Tem Putnam said he wanted to institute a requirement that before a live/work unit exchanges hands, the owner of the unit be required to furnish the buyer or tenant with a notice from the City that outlines the requirements of live/work. Councilmember Khubesrian suggested that the minimal requirements be specified. By consensus, the City Council directed the City Manager to proceed as he suggested and to return with recommendations.

**DIRECTION REGARDING  
PROPOSED PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMISSION**

Public Works Director Toor presented the staff report on the proposed Public Works Commission and responded to questions. Transportation Manager Woods responded to questions about the Freeway and Transportation Commission possibly assuming responsibilities for public works issues.

Gretchen Robinette, 921 Indiana Avenue, representing Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA), said the group believed that the proposed Public Works Commission should be a commission on its own and not part of another commission. She said the proposed commission should sunset.

Discussion continued on issues raised by establishing a Public Works Commission: liability, purview, timing for involvement, size of projects to review, elements to review, involvement in specific issues vs. policies, input into concept or design vs. oversight of construction, expertise of commissioners, how projects are selected for review, the commission's role and guidelines, transparency and outreach, and qualifications for serving on such a commission. Councilmember Schneider suggested a trial ordinance be developed for a Public Works Commission. Mayor Cacciotti requested that the City reinstitute preparing a regular project report to provide Councilmembers with the status of major projects; he suggested the commission could conduct an inventory of projects.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed

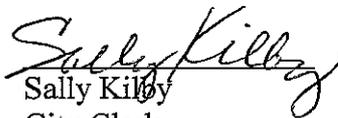
staff to develop a proposal for a Public Works Commission that would contain the proposed roles and responsibilities as well as address issues raised by the City Council in the discussion above and to return to the City Council for further direction.

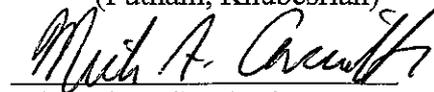
(Putnam, Khubesrian)

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the City Council adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

(Putnam, Khubesrian)

  
Sally Kilby  
City Clerk

  
Michael A. Cacciotti  
Mayor