

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2011 7:45 P.M.  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ten convened the open session of the regular meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) at 7:45 p.m. City Clerk Kilby called the roll. City Councilmembers/CRA Members present: Putnam, Schneider, and Sifuentes; Mayor Pro Tem/CRA Vice Chair Cacciotti; and Mayor/CRA Chair Ten. Members absent: None. Other officials present: City Manager/CRA Executive Director Davidson; City Attorney/CRA Counsel Adams; Assistant City Manager Gonzalez; Police Chief Payne; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Sweeney; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Transportation Manager Woods; DMR Team Water Project Manager Wolitarsky; DMR Team Fair Oaks Project Manager Talebian; Public Works Project Manager Nevarez; Assistant Finance Director Batt; and City Clerk/CRA Secretary Kilby.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Sifuentes offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Sifuentes said that he and other councilmembers are wearing blue T-shirts to raise awareness of Autism Awareness Month. He spoke about the issue and an upcoming event; he announced that materials are available in the back of the Chambers.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams reported that Mayor Ten convened the regular meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency at approximately 6:30 p.m. He said there was no one from the public wishing to comment on the Closed Session agenda. Mayor Ten then recessed the Council into Closed Session, he said, and ultimately all members of the Council were present. The first item was conference with legal counsel to discuss pending litigation, Majid

Naroozi v. City of South Pasadena et al., pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a). The City Council was briefed by the City Attorney with regard to a settlement that had been negotiated by the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority on behalf of the City, he said. He said the City Council approved by a unanimous vote to enter into that \$30,000 settlement agreement, with only \$5,000 coming from the City. He said there was a provision with regard to there not being any waivers concerning the ownership of Chelton Way. There is nothing further to report, he said.

The City Council met on labor negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, he said, conference with labor negotiators regarding labor negotiations with all of the bargaining units of the City: Firefighters' Association (FFA); Battalion Chiefs' Association (BC); Police Officers' Association (POA); Public Service Employees' Association (PSEA); PSEA-Part Time Unit; and Management Employees. City negotiators were Richard Kreisler, City Manager John Davidson, and Assistant City Manager Sergio Gonzalez. The negotiators gave an update regarding negotiations, he said, and the City Council gave direction. However, he said, they took no final action, and there is nothing further to report.

#### **ADDING AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**

City Attorney Adams said that the staff requests that an item be added to tonight's agenda. As of yesterday, he said, several days after the posting of the agenda, the City received notice that grant funds are available for purchasing self-contained breathing apparatuses for the Fire Department. However, in order to apply for those grant funds, he said, a decision has to be made at this meeting. An item can be added to the agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2). The only finding that has to be made, he said, is that the matter came up after the posting of the agenda and that it requires immediate action. A 2/3 vote is needed to add the item to the agenda. He recommended taking a vote to add this to the agenda. He said that this will be a time-sensitive item.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council added the item of authorizing the City Manager to award a contract for the purchase of Urban Area Security

Initiative (UASI) Grant Funded Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses to the agenda of the 04/06/11 City Council meeting.

(Cacciotti, Sifuentes)

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved adding this item to the Consent Calendar, Item 17a.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**REVIEW AND RECEIVE  
PUBLIC INPUT ON A SR-  
710 SCOPING COMMENT  
LETTER TO THE  
METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY (METRO)  
AND CALTRANS**

Transportation Manager Woods provided an overview about the SR-710 Scoping Comment Letter being prepared to submit to Metro and Caltrans. He introduced Special Legal Counsel Jan Chatten-Brown, who made a presentation about the draft letter. She responded to questions

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period.

Sam Burgess, 626 Prospect Avenue, #B, suggested a correction on page 7 of the letter, which Special Counsel Chatten-Brown said had already been corrected. He made remarks on a document, "Executive Summary, Public-Private Partnership Program," and displayed the report on the overhead projector.

Harry Knapp, 417 El Centro Street, made remarks about the multi-mode, low-build alternative. He said no one knows what that is. It should be defined, he said, and examples exist. He said a regional approach should be taken.

Bill Sherman, 320 Grand Avenue, said the draft letter was done very well. He commented on scrubbers, stating that they cannot remove the ultrafine particles, which are less than 2.5 microns. He said the northern terminus of the proposed SR-710 tunnel is the Huntington Memorial Hospital, and he questioned whether, if there was a major tunnel disaster, the hospital would be inhabitable. He asked that this be evaluated. He made comments about the I-710 vs. the SR-710. He made additional comments about sections of the Scoping Comment Letter.

Clarice Knapp, 417 El Centro Street, reported on facts

Californians should know about air pollution and health from the Coalition for Clean Air, including pollution from vehicles. She requested a "hot spot analysis" for locations along the corridors, including schools, day care centers, and hospitals, and said they should all be designated "sensitive receptor community sites." Health impact and health risk assessments are also being requested for each of those locations, she said. She said she would provide the document to Special Counsel Chatten-Brown. She said that La Canada-Flintridge and other areas west of the 210 should be included in the study area.

Ernie Arnold, 1230 Oak Hill Avenue, commented that the letter is well written. He questioned whether there can be a project if all the properties cannot be collected via eminent domain. He said the Martinez Bill cannot be challenged until it is invoked, and he said it is being used as justification that the project can be built without the City's approval. He questioned whether this project is eligible for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) when the City objects to the project.

Mayor Ten closed the public comment period.

Special Counsel Jan Chatten-Brown made a presentation. She said points made tonight will be incorporated and a draft returned to the City prior to the deadline. She commented on changes to the letter. She referred to a document included in the Council folders tonight containing additional material to be added consisting of another argument the surface route should be excluded from the EIR. She said the letter lays the foundation for any legal action that might have to be taken in the future. Because of the legal inadequacy of the Notice of Preparation, she said she hoped they would consider designating the multimodal alternative as the preferred alternative. She said a request for health risk assessments should be added. She asked for direction on the final conclusion.

Councilmember Putnam requested adding a section on potential impacts on schools, and Special Counsel Chatten-Brown agreed. It was agreed that the South Pasadena Unified School District would be informed about the request for letters in the event that the

District wants to submit a Scoping Comment Letter.

Councilmember Putnam raised the issue of the requirement for prior state authorization before a public-private partnership can be initiated. Special Counsel Chatten-Brown agreed to add this point.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti raised the issue of the "study area" and asked for the boundaries of the expanded study area. Special Counsel Chatten-Brown said defining the study area more precisely would be extremely useful. Transportation Manager Woods said no project has been formally defined. He said the solution is regional. He made remarks on "induced traffic." Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti asked about particulate matter, requesting that additional gases be included in the air quality section of the letter. Special Counsel Chatten-Brown agreed. He referred to a South Coast Air Quality Management District resource for her to consult. In the section on SB 375, he asked that its precursor, AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act, be included. He referred to additional references on air quality and health.

Councilmember Schneider asked about the lack of specificity in regard to the multi-mode alternative. Special Counsel Chatten-Brown responded that if there is a specific alternative to reduce adverse impacts, the earlier it is brought up the better it is. However, she said after completion of the public comment period, if there is a specific potentially feasible alternative, that is an example of a situation where an EIR should be recirculated. If Metro and Caltrans do not develop a reasonable definition of a multi-mode, she said, the City and perhaps others will develop one that will go into the comments on the draft EIR.

Mayor Ten said it would have been better to have done a major study within this jurisdiction to submit valid multi-mode projects. Special Counsel Chatten-Brown responded that costs were a concern, and Mayor Ten said that a joint funding proposal was denied by Pasadena and La Canada-Flintridge.

Councilmember Putnam said that it's never been

proven that building any project would alleviate traffic in the corridor. Special Counsel Chatten-Brown said that attached to the Scoping Letter is a letter from a then-regional EPA administrator, who suggested that the freeway could make air pollution worse in the region. She said this can be highlighted more.

Mayor Ten asked Special Counsel Chatten-Brown to balance the document; he said she is in charge of making sure that the letter is cohesive and coherent.

Mayor Ten requested that a public records request be submitted to Caltrans to obtain copies of Scoping Comment Letters submitted by other cities.

**PRESENTATION BY DAY  
ONE, A COMMUNITY-  
BASED NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION,  
RECOGNIZING THE CITY  
COUNCIL FOR ITS  
CONTINUED EFFORTS IN  
TOBACCO CONTROL**

Christy Zamani, Executive Director, and Jasmine Sanchez, Assistant Health Policy Liaison, Day One, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to acknowledge the City of South Pasadena for its leadership and action on matters concerning public health and specifically the approval of recent tobacco-control initiatives. She said the City is one of only three cities to receive an "A" in the State from the American Lung Association for its efforts.

**FAIR OAKS AVENUE  
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE  
(PUBLIC COMMENT  
INVITED)**

Public Works Director Sweeney presented a construction update on the Fair Oaks Avenue project, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. Councilmember Sifuentes made remarks about the City's efforts to resolve issues. He asked what changes had occurred in the project between the time that the plan had been approved by the Design Advisory Group and the start of construction. He asked what plans are in place to prevent this situation from occurring again. Public Works Director Sweeney, Police Chief Payne, and City Manager Davidson responded. Councilmember Sifuentes and Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti made additional remarks.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period.

Representatives of businesses and others who expressed displeasure and frustration with what they described as construction-created obstacles preventing access to businesses on Fair Oaks were: Hal Lazner, owner of a business at 1008-1012 Fair Oaks Avenue with his wife Doris; Gretchen Robinette, 921 Indiana

Avenue, who said she was speaking on behalf of Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA); Anna Buraglia, with a business at 818 Fair Oaks Avenue; Howard Finkelstein, with a business at 721 Fair Oaks Avenue; Ellen Daigle, 1525 Oak Meadow Lane, who said she was speaking on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee of Merchants formed to lessen the impacts of construction; Lucia Wiltrout, with a business at 921 Fair Oaks Avenue; Andrey Akopyan, with a business at 718 Fair Oaks Avenue; and Gail Dragna, with a business at 725 Fair Oaks Avenue.

Speakers asked for compensation for losses; for public comment on the item to be extended longer than three minutes; for the Design Advisory Group to be restored; for the City and Police to continue their efforts to resolve issues; for the City/Chamber to develop a plan to attract shoppers back to the businesses; and other measures. A speaker said that police officers have been ticketing drivers unfairly. A speaker suggested that a committee be formed to identify sites where businesses can relocate and to help them in the process. One speaker said the project has brought the downtown to a standstill and pointed out the deficiencies of the construction plan; she requested a meeting with the City Manager to put a better plan into motion. One speaker expressed concern about the health impacts of recent sand-blasting, and she also asked who was responsible for approving commencement of construction on both sides of the street simultaneously.

Mayor Ten closed the public comment period.

Councilmembers responded to issues raised by speakers. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti referred speakers to the South Coast Air Quality Management District for air quality issues created by the contractor. Councilmember Putnam said that the contractor has initiated numerous efforts to mitigate the problems at no additional charge.

Councilmember Schneider requested that an item be added to a future agenda to consider restoring the Design Advisory Group, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti. Councilmember Schneider requested that an

item be added to a future agenda to consider a tax holiday for merchants impacted by the Fair Oaks construction, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti. Councilmember Schneider said that a Fair Oaks business operator provided him with a written proposal for this tonight.

Mayor Ten explained why all councilmembers cannot attend the merchants' meetings at the same time due to Brown Act restrictions. DMR Team Project Manager Sam Talebian responded to a question about bus stops.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS**

City Manager Davidson announced upcoming events: a fundraiser for Japan and the annual Relay For Life.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti announced a leaf blower exchange program April 12, 2011, and displayed a flyer on the overhead projector. City Attorney Adams said that the City's leaf blower ordinance goes into effect May 1, 2011. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti announced a lawn mower exchange program, with a kickoff event April 20, 2011, at Garfield Park.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2011**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council and the City Council seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2011.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$682,166.79, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,226,644.32 AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$857,477.04**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #167166-167242; General City Warrants #167243-167420; and payroll 03-18-11 and 04-01-11, a total of \$2,766,288.15. Seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), they approved the CRA Warrants totaling \$151,537.10, which are included in the above total.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Southern California Edison California Long-Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan.

**CALIFORNIA LONG-TERM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGIC PLAN** (Putnam, Sifuentes)

**REQUEST BY COUNCIL-MEMBER SCHNEIDER TO DESIGNATE \$1,000 OF DISCRETIONARY FUND ALLOCATIONS TOWARD THE NATURE PARK**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved a request by Councilmember Schneider to designate \$1,000 of discretionary fund allocations toward the Nature Park.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**REQUEST BY COUNCIL-MEMBER SCHNEIDER TO DESIGNATE \$1,000 OF DISCRETIONARY FUND ALLOCATIONS TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF AN OAK TREE AND STONEMWORK AT OAKLAWN AVENUE IN THE OAKLAWN HISTORIC DISTRICT**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved a request by Councilmember Schneider to designate \$1,000 of discretionary fund allocations toward the restoration of an oak tree and stonework on Oaklawn Avenue in the Oaklawn Historic District.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**REQUEST BY COUNCIL-MEMBER SCHNEIDER TO DESIGNATE \$2,500 OF DISCRETIONARY FUND ALLOCATIONS TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF TREES SELECTED BY NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved a request by Councilmember Schneider to designate \$2,500 of discretionary fund allocations toward the purchase of trees selected by the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7152 ESTABLISHING A HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7152, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH PASADENA HOUSING AUTHORITY.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7153 INITIATING THE PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERING THE**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Resolution No. 7153, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE 2011-2012 LEVY AND COLLEC-

**PREPARATION OF THE  
ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR  
FY 2011-12 LIGHTING AND  
LANDSCAPING  
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**

TION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN MAINTENANCE IN AN EXISTING DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 15, PART 2, OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**ACCEPTANCE OF PRO-  
JECT COMPLETION AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO FILE  
A NOTICE OF  
COMPLETION FOR THE  
WATER SERVICE/METER  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT,  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
RELEASE RETENTION  
PAYMENT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$4,950 TO  
BSN CONSTRUCTION INC.**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council accepted the improvements for the Water Service/Meter Replacement Project, authorized filing a Notice of Completion for the project, and authorized the release of the retention payment in the amount of \$4,950 to BSN Construction Inc.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**APPROVAL OF AN EM-  
PLOYMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH JOHN DAVIDSON  
FOR THE POSITIONS OF  
CITY MANAGER AND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE SOUTH  
PASADENA COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council and the City Council seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency approved the proposed employment agreement, in substantially the same form, with John Davidson for the positions of City Manager and Executive Director of the South Pasadena Community Redevelopment Agency.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**APPROVAL OF LETTER  
OF INTEREST TO  
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D.  
ANTONOVICH FOR THE  
FORMATION OF A LOS  
ANGELES COUNTY  
ABANDONED VEHICLE  
ABATEMENT SERVICE  
AUTHORITY**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved a letter of interest to Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich for the formation of a Los Angeles County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**APPROVAL TO CANCEL  
THE AUGUST 3, 2011,  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
CITY COUNCIL/CRA**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved cancelling the regularly scheduled August 3, 2011, City Council/CRA meeting to accommodate vacation schedules, as requested by a Councilmember.

**MEETING TO ACCOMMODATE VACATION SCHEDULES**

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,449.35 TO L.N. CURTIS AND SONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF URBAN AREA SECURITY (UASI) GRANT FUNDED SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF GRANT MODIFICATION**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council authorized the City Manager to award a contract in the amount of \$27,449.35 to L.N. Curtis and Sons for the purchase of grant-funded Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA), contingent upon approval of the grant modification.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
Chamber of Commerce**

Scott Feldmann, CEO, Chamber of Commerce, announced an upcoming event at the Farmers' Market.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ADOPTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS TAKEN ON MARCH 16, 2011 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH PASADENA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TRANSFER THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1503 AND 1507 EL CENTRO STREET AND ALL REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

Assistant City Manager Gonzalez presented the staff report on the adoption of a joint resolution to ratify the actions taken on March 16, 2011, by the Board of Directors of the South Pasadena Community Redevelopment Agency to transfer the real property located at 1503 and 1507 El Centro Street and all redevelopment funds to the City of South Pasadena.

Mayor Ten opened the public hearing. He determined that no speaker cards had been submitted, and no one came forward. He closed the public hearing.

**CITY RESOLUTION  
NO. 7154  
CRA RESOLUTION  
NO. 2011-02**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council, and the City Council seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency Board, adopted City Resolution No. 7154, and CRA Resolution No. 2011-02, A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE AGENCY BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE ACTION TAKEN AT THEIR MARCH 16, 2011 MEETING TO TRANSFER TWO PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1503 AND 1507 EL CENTRO STREET FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY; RATIFYING THE ACTIONS THEY TOOK TO TRANSFER ALL REDEVELOPMENT

FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO THE CITY; BOTH TRANSFERS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. 1 AND RATIFYING THE CITY'S FINDING THAT SAID TRANSFERS ARE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

**DISCUSSION AND  
DIRECTION REGARDING  
THE EXTENSION OF THE  
DRIVING RANGE AT THE  
ARROYO SECO GOLF  
COURSE**

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report on the extension of the Driving Range at the Arroyo Seco Golf Course. She introduced several golf experts, who recommended the proposed extension: Tom Gustafson, Southern California Golf Association; Dave Sams, Brookside Golf Course, Rose Bowl, Pasadena; and Dr. Robert Green, turf grass research specialist, University of California-Riverside, and Adjunct Professor, Cal Poly Pomona. Director Pautsch referred to a packet distributed to the Council prior to the meeting, "Arroyo Seco Golf Course Driving Range Information." Dr. Green also distributed a document, "Golf Courses and Water Quality Issues." Mike Donovan, Managing Member, Donovan Bros., Inc., the vendor chosen by the City to lease the facility, provided additional information and responded to questions. Director Pautsch responded to questions. City Attorney Adams provided legal guidance on Closed Session topics. Mike Thurman, Chair, Arroyo Seco Golf Course & Racquet Center Lease Subcommittee, made a presentation. He said one of the primary objectives of the Subcommittee was to "restore the Arroyo Seco Golf Course to first-class condition and continue to enhance and maintain the course at that level." A major priority was to lengthen and upgrade the range, he said. Mayor Ten acknowledged the group's efforts.

Mayor Ten opened the public comment period, limiting public comment to two minutes per speaker.

Speakers opposed to extending the Driving Range were: Mary Urquhart, 1210 Cheltenham Way, who said she was representing Women Involved in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA), asked that this

issue be referred to the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) and the Parks and Recreation Commission, and she recommended that a decision be deferred until review is completed; Barbara Eisenstein, 1852 Monterey Road, who asked if the cost of improvements will result in increased cost for customers; objected to the extensive time allotted for pro-golf proponents, and spoke about the importance of preserving the park area; Ed Simpson, 2038 Milan Avenue, who expressed concerns about resulting cost to customers and removal/damage of trees; Diana Mahmud, no address stated, who requested and was permitted three minutes to speak, and who said that the Council voted previously to delete the expansion of the Driving Range, and who asked for an environmental analysis; Bill Kelly, 1852 Oxley Street, Member, NREC; Sonia Nicholson, 1209 Oak Hill Avenue, who said she wrote the grant proposal to receive funds to extend the Nature Park; Evelyn Zneimer, 1449 Indiana Avenue, Member, Parks and Recreation Commission, who said she was speaking on behalf of the Commission, expressed concern about the mature sycamores and oaks and said she values open space; Beverly Biber, 1250 Oak Hill Avenue, who said open space is required by the General Plan and that a financial analysis is necessary prior to approving the plan; and Linda Squibb, 700 Orange Grove Terrace, Member, Animal Commission, who said the Commission opposes extending the length of the existing Driving Range. Several speakers pointed out that there are several nearby golf courses.

Kim Hughes, 1956 Huntington Drive, Member, NREC, spoke in favor of the increased revenue that could accrue from an upgraded golf course, and she suggested that the restaurant might offer an additional opportunity for revenue. She said preserving open space should be considered very important. Runoff is a concern, she said, and the Driving Range fencing can be made safer.

Ted Shaw, 533 Orange Grove Avenue, who said he is a golfer, supported the extension of the driving range. He provided a history of the area. If the vendor doesn't keep up with the times, he said, he won't have the business, and you won't have a vendor.

Mayor Ten closed the public comment period.

Discussion continued. Councilmember Sifuentes said trees will not be removed. He said this project began in 2006, and issues were discussed in depth by the subcommittee. Councilmember Schneider opposed the extension and supported preservation of open space. He suggested it be referred to NREC. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti said he didn't know why experts in biological diversity and the environment weren't invited to present. Councilmember Putnam made remarks about the value of fun (playing golf). He said this issue does not need referral back to Commissions. He asked if a compromise could be reached, allowing a 15-20 yard "buffer" between the Nature Park and the Driving Range. Councilmember Schneider said referring the issue to the NREC could elicit the environmental side of the argument. Councilmember Sifuentes displayed slides of the unimproved area in question. He said the area needs attention, and when it is cleaned up, it will become more appealing to all parties. A tree plan had been distributed to the Council, Mayor Ten said. Director Pautsch responded to additional questions. Discussion took place about various locations on the property. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti showed the many documents from the last four years of the Subcommittee's work. He displayed a large box of documents that represented work to create the Nature Park, beginning in 1998. Councilmember Sifuentes spoke about upgrading the facility to draw golfers to the facility and to improve the section in question. Increased revenues could be directed to Nature Park maintenance, he said. Councilmember Putnam said that a high wall could detract from the Nature Park experience. Subcommittee Chair Thurman responded to questions about the Subcommittee's awareness of the issue. He said the idea of expanding the Nature Park into this area did not come up. Councilmember Putnam asked about extending the Driving Range to a reasonable distance. Chair Thurman raised concerns about the project in light of opposition and questioned whether the operator would continue to participate. Mayor Ten commented on the Nature Park's deterioration over the years. He said the Golf Course can potentially provide significant revenues to support other activities. He said this vendor is willing to make

significant improvements to the facility and now the City is considering referring it to another committee, which will delay the process. "When are we going to run out of people willing to invest?" he asked. Additional discussion took place. The City Council consulted maps of the site.

By roll call vote (3 noes, Councilmembers Schneider and Putnam and Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti; 2 ayes, Councilmember Sifuentes and Mayor Ten), a motion failed to direct staff to enter into negotiations to extend the Driving Range according to staff recommendations to make the Golf Course more viable, and prior to making a final decision, to direct the Planning Department to engage an initial study in regard to the California Environmental Quality Act Act (CEQA).

(Sifuentes, Ten)

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed staff to negotiate with the potential operator of the Golf Course for a less-than-full extension of the Driving Range, leaving a reasonable space between the Nature Park and the Driving Range, in order to preserve the experience of the Nature Park. They directed that following negotiations, that staff return to the City Council in Closed Session with a proposal.

(Putnam, Sifuentes)

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested that when the issue returns to the City Council, all those who testified tonight, all potentially interested parties, including organizations, and the public, be notified. Assistant City Manager Gonzalez said that commissions can be notified, and notice can be included in E-Neighbors and on other list serves.

**CONSIDERATION TO  
IMPLEMENT A WATER  
BUDGET RATE MODEL  
FOR WATER SERVICES**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed. By voice vote (5 ayes), the City Council voted to add this as the first action item on the next agenda.

(Ten, Putnam)

**CONSIDERATION TO  
RELOCATE THE PUBLIC  
WORKS SERVICE  
FACILITIES TO THE  
GARFIELD RESERVOIR**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
AMEND DESIGN  
SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH URS FOR  
ENGINEERING DESIGN  
SERVICES FOR THE  
WILSON RESERVOIR**

Due to the late hour, this item was postponed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

There were no members of the public wanting to provide public comment.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'  
COMMENTS**

There were no Councilmember comments.

**CITY MANAGER  
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no City Manager communications.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 1:00 a.m., 04/07/11.

  
Sally Kibby  
City Clerk  
CRA Secretary

  
Mike Ten  
Mayor  
Chair, CRA