

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2011 6:46 P.M.  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ten convened the special meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), a budget study session, at 6:46 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; City Clerk/CRA Secretary Kilby; Assistant Finance Director Batt; Community Service Supervisors Torres and Braun; Executive Assistant Lee Ko; and Deputy City Clerk Kbjian.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ten led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Ten determined that there was no one present wishing to make public comment on the budget. He obtained agreement from Councilmembers to permit the public to comment during the discussion on specific budget items.

**FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012  
BUDGET STUDY  
SESSION—COUNCIL TO  
REVIEW AND PROVIDE  
DIRECTION**

Finance Director Thai presented the City's financial picture, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. He distributed copies of the slides and referred to materials included in the packet. He responded to questions during the presentation. Assistant City Manager Gonzalez made a presentation about major issues facing the City, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. Public Works Director Sweeney made a presentation on proposed street improvement projects for FY 2011-12, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. All responded to questions. City Manager Davidson added to the discussion.

Discussion took place about prioritization for street repair and total funds that should be invested in the coming year.

By consensus, the City Council approved a total of approximately \$2 million to be appropriated FY 2011-12 for street improvement projects, comprised of \$800,000 from the Utility User Taxes; \$500,000 from the General Fund; \$250,000 from Measure R; and \$500,000 from Gas Tax funds.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the following street improvement projects for FY 2011-12: Hanscom Drive between St. Albans and Illinois estimated at \$350,000; Hermosa Street (Grand Avenue to Hermosa Place) estimated at \$235,000; Marmion Way (Arroyo Verde to west City limit) estimated at \$180,000, with direction (as proposed by Councilmember Sifuentes ) to work with Jose Huizar, Los Angeles City Council, in an effort to complete the Los Angeles section of the street at the same time; Mound Avenue (Hope Street to Mission Street) estimated at \$135,000; Mountain View Avenue (Alta Vista Avenue to cul-de-sac) estimated to cost \$165,000; Pasadena Avenue (Mission Street to Hawthorne Street) estimated at \$380,000; Raymond Alley, which runs from Hope Street to Monterey Road, either in its entirety or in 2-3 segments, with an estimate of approximately \$380,000 if the entirety is done and \$125,000 if a third of the alley is completed; and Via Del Rey from Flores De Oro to Indiana Avenue estimated to be \$355,000. The City Council approved only engineering design for the Monterey Road project (Pasadena Avenue to Fair Oaks Avenue), which is estimated at \$160,000, with street improvements to follow in the next fiscal year. The City Council also determined that the Monterey Road project will include engineering design for Orange Grove Avenue (Monterey Road to cul-de-sac) with no estimate at this time. The total estimate is \$2,085,000 (assuming only a third of Raymond Alley is completed and not its entirety).

(Sifuentes, Putnam)

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested a list of all vehicles slated for purchase in the next fiscal year:

their specifications, make/model. Assistant City Manager Gonzalez said this will be available with the draft budget in May 2011.

Councilmembers made comments about budgetary issues, including cutting costs, leasing the Mission Meridian parking garage, determining the impact of technology on staffing, increasing property transfer tax, and adding water increases/improvements to property taxes so they can be deducted by the homeowner. They confirmed that City Councilmembers receive no health insurance, expense accounts, or credit cards. City Manager Davidson responded to an inquiry about a program to permit residents to pay for curb/gutter/ sidewalk improvements in front of their homes, with property tax benefits. Mayor Ten asked about a street improvement assessment district for the Altos (750 homes). City Manager Davidson said this could be undertaken via an assessment district or a gift catalogue, and that this topic could be brought back as a future agenda item.

#### ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

  
Sally Kibby  
City Clerk  
CRA Secretary

  
Mike Ten  
Mayor  
Chair, CRA