

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC
FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013 7:31 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

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

Mayor Schneider convened the open session of the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority) at 7:31 p.m. City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary Kilby called the roll. City Councilmembers/Agency and Authority Members present: Cacciotti, Joe and Putnam; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency/Authority Vice Chair Khubesrian; and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Schneider. Absent: None. Other Officials present: City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Adams; Assistant City Manager Straus; Interim Police Chief Miller; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Transportation Manager Woods; Assistant Finance Director Batt; Executive Assistant to the City Manager Kbjian (Demirjian); and City Clerk Kilby.

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian made remarks about the upcoming commemoration of the Armenian Genocide. She introduced Reverend Anne Tumilty, Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, South Pasadena, who offered the invocation, which focused on the victims of bombings at the recent Boston Marathon. Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams said that shortly after 6:00 p.m., Mayor Schneider called to order the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority of April 17, 2013. He reported that there was no one who wanted to speak on items on the Closed Session agenda. Before the City Council went into Closed Session, he said the Council added an item to the Closed Session agenda. He said adding an item is allowed into Closed Session pursuant to

Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2). With two-thirds vote of the City Council, he said that an item can be added if it came up after the posting of the agenda and if it requires action. The City Council considered one item to add to the agenda, anticipated litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), to initiate litigation, one potential case against Los Angeles County for wrongfully withholding property tax administration fees, an item with regard to the claim that the City has filed against Los Angeles County. The City Council unanimously voted to place the item on the agenda, he said, as #6 on the Closed Session agenda.

City Attorney Adams said the City Council then recessed into Closed Session to discuss items on the Closed Session agenda. All members of the Council ultimately participated in the Closed Session items, he said.

He said the first item was conference with real property negotiators, Item #3, allowed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, concerning property located at 1700 Mission Street, Unit 21, South Pasadena. He said the City negotiators are City Manager Sergio Gonzalez and Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus. He said the negotiating parties are Lilian Myers and Kenneth D. Myers, and under negotiation is price and terms of payment. The City Council was given an update on the pending negotiations, he said, and the City Council gave further direction and authority to the City Manager to continue with the negotiations. No final action was taken, he said.

He said the next item, Item #4, another conference with real property negotiators, was allowed into Closed Session under the same Government Code Section as the previous item. He said it concerned the lease of property located at 650 Stoney Drive, South Pasadena. The City negotiators are City Manager Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus, and Community Services Director Sheila Pautsch. The negotiating party is Time Warner Cable, and under negotiation: terms of payment. The City Council heard the offer that Time Warner Cable has provided to the City, he said, and the City Coun-

cil directed staff to provide additional information at the next City Council meeting. No final action was taken, he said.

He said the last item, Item #5, was conference with labor negotiators regarding negotiations with the Battalion Chiefs' Association, the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association, and the Public Service Employees' Association—Part-Time Unit. He said the City negotiators are City Manager Sergio Gonzalez and Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus, who provided the City Council with an update with regard to pending negotiations. The City Council took no final action, he said.

He said Item #6, which was the added item, was allowed into Closed Section pursuant to the Government Code mentioned previously [54956.9(d)(4)]. He said he provided the City Council with information concerning ongoing negotiations. The City Council provided direction with regard to the item and took no final action.

PRESENTATION OF AN ENERGY-SAVINGS REBATE CHECK BY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENCY UPGRADES TO BOOSTER B PUMP LOCATED AT WILSON RESERVOIR

Ben Wong and Mike Cook, Southern California Edison; and Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor, City of Monrovia, and First Vice President, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership, presented a rebate check in the amount of \$20,573 for energy-efficiency upgrades to the Booster B pump located at Wilson Reservoir. Mayor Lutz described the City's energy-efficiency projects that have resulted in the City's advancement to the Gold Level of energy efficiency. The City of South Pasadena is one of only four San Gabriel Valley cities to have achieved this rating, she said. Councilmember Cacciotti made remarks.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22, 2013, AS EARTH DAY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Mayor Schneider presented a Proclamation declaring April 22, 2013, as Earth Day in the City of South Pasadena to Kim Hughes, Chair, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission. She made remarks.

Councilmember Cacciotti introduced Andrea Travis-Miller, new Executive Director, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), who spoke and introduced SGVCOG staff member Caitlin Sims.

**COUNCILMEMBERS'
COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian reported on the Public Safety Commission, the Ad Hoc Downtown Project Advisory Committee, and the Public Works Commission.

Councilmember Joe requested that an item be added to a future agenda to consider establishing a City Council Ad Hoc Committee on the Mission Meridian Village to work with City staff project team, seconded by Mayor Schneider.

Councilmember Putnam made remarks about Abraham Lincoln and taxes.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the entity that provides security and enforcement at the Gold Line, make a presentation at a future City Council meeting on safety, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian and Councilmember Putnam.

Councilmember Cacciotti noted that while attending the Monterey Park City Council meeting, he witnessed overwhelming support from the audience for completing the SR-710.

Councilmember Cacciotti announced the upcoming South Coast Air Quality Management District electric lawn mower exchange program and demonstrated the use of an electric lawn mower. He requested that Conservation Analyst Figoni distribute flyers on the program widely, and no objections were voiced.

Mayor Schneider noted that the U.S. flag was flying at half-staff pursuant to a proclamation of the President of the United States in honor of the recent tragedy in Boston.

Mayor Schneider announced an upcoming unveiling of a piece of art being installed at the Library.

**CITY MANAGER
COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the mobile food vending issue. He introduced Executive Assistant Kbjian (Demirjian), who displayed the forthcoming City website revision on the overhead monitors.

City Manager Gonzalez expressed appreciation to Finance Director Thai, who is leaving the City to take a position as Finance Director with the City of Stanton. Mayor Schneider presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Finance Director Thai made remarks. Councilmember Joe expressed appreciation to Finance Director Thai for his efforts.

REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian requested that Item #11, setting a public hearing, Rule 20A, be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. Councilmember Cacciotti and a member of the public requested that Item #14, approval of agreements, 2100 Hanscom Drive, be removed for separate consideration.

In regard to Item #15, Councilmember Cacciotti asked City Attorney Adams whether he should recuse himself from this item due to his residence being located in the eastern section of the City, which is the area being targeted for the project. City Attorney Adams said that due to the wide area being impacted, he need not recuse himself from the vote. This is because it affects the general public in the same way that it affects Councilmember Cacciotti, he said.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2013

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 2013.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$199,165.67 GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$537,845.24 AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$464,801.42

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #177679-177730 in the amount of \$199,165.67; General City Warrants #177731-177874 in the amount of \$537,845.24; payroll 04-12-2013 in the amount of \$464,801.42, for a total of \$1,201,812.33. Sitting as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, the City Council approved Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$17,040.67 (included in above total).

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

REQUESTS BY MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN, COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, AND COUNCILMEMBER PUTNAM DESIGNATING DISCRETIONARY FUND ALLOCATIONS TO EVENTS, PROJECTS, AND/OR PURCHASES BENEFITING THE CITY

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved requests by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian, Councilmember Cacciotti, and Councilmember Putnam designating discretionary fund allocations to events, projects, and/or purchases benefiting the City. They were: a request for up to \$300 for the purchase of blue lights in April 2013 for "Autism Awareness Month" (Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian); a request for \$500 for the "Greenest Fastest Mile" race during the 4th of July celebrations, and for up to \$500 for the purchase of blue lights in April 2013 for "Autism Awareness Month" (Councilmember Cacciotti); and a request for \$2,000 for an Eagle Scout project to install emergency information posts in the City (Councilmember Putnam).

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH E.C. CONSTRUCTION, FOR THE GLENDON WAY AND EL CENTRO STREET RAIL CROSSING MODIFICATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,237 FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING WORK REQUIRED TO DEVELOP A CIRCUIT PLAN

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with E.C. Construction in the amount of \$27,237 for additional engineering work required to develop a circuit plan for the Glendon Way and El Centro Street Rail Crossing Modification Project; and authorized a budget transfer of surplus funds from the Raymond Lane Alley Improvement Project Account 101-9000-9381 to the Gold Line Mitigation Fund Account 223-9000-9288 in the amount of \$27,237 to cover the additional costs.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE MISSION STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council rejected all bids received for the Mission Street Sidewalk Replacement Project.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

APPROVE REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE TO PREPARE A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR A CELEBRATION OF HIS PARENTS' 95TH AND 90TH BIRTHDAYS AND FOR THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved a request by Councilmember Joe to prepare a Certificate of Recognition for a celebration of his parents' 95th and 90th birthdays and for their 70th wedding anniversary.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PERFORMANCE PIPELINE TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,245 FOR THE CITYWIDE SEWER VIDEO INSPECTION AND CLEANING PROJECT GROUP 1 AND GROUP 2

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council accepted a bid dated March 19, 2013, from Performance Pipeline Technologies for the Citywide Sewer Video Inspection and Cleaning Project Group 1 and Group 2; rejected all other bids received; and approved a budget transfer in the amount of \$94,245 from the Sewer Fund to a newly created account 310-9000-9379-9379 to fund this project; and authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Performance Pipeline Technologies for a not-to-exceed amount of \$94,245.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7287 INITIATING THE PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7287, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPE 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.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7286 SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RULE 20A UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT IN GARFIELD PARK

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian asked questions about funding for the proposed project to form an underground utility district in Garfield Park from Mission Street to Grevelia Street. City Manager Gonzalez and Public Works Director Toor responded.

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian requested that at the hearing, staff present results of any recent research on safety hazards of underground vs. overhead power lines. Public Works Director Toor said this will be provided.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7286, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC NECESSITY,

HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE REQUIRES THE FORMATION OF AN UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT IN GARFIELD PARK FROM MISSION STREET TO GREVELIA STREET ALONG PARK AVENUE, setting the public hearing for May 15, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

**APPROVAL OF COVENANT
AND SLOPE EASEMENT
AGREEMENTS FOR 2100
HANSCOM DRIVE (APN#
5308-032-030)**

Public Works Director Toor provided the staff report and background on the proposed covenant and slope easement agreements for 2100 Hanscom Drive. He said staff recommends approval, subject to review by the City Attorney. He said a revised legal description and sketch of the subject site have been provided to the City Council. He displayed the site map on the overhead projector and described the issue. He responded to questions.

Susan Shapiro, 2106 Hanscom Drive, said she is not opposed to the covenant and slope easement agreements. She said she wants to ensure that everything is done correctly that the documents adequately protect both the neighbors and the City. She referred to the site map while explaining the issue and said the legal description is still not accurate. She distributed materials to the City Council. She said that the bonds should be obtained long before the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. She raised the issue of bonds related to potential future street widening.

Rebecca How, 2100 Hanscom Drive, who said she and her husband Harry own the subject property, said the building permit process has taken more than 20 months. They have met every condition required by the Building, Planning, and Public Works Departments, she said.

Public Works Director Toor and City Attorney Adams responded to additional questions posed by the City Council.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 no, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesian), the City Council directed staff to work with the property owner and Susan Shapiro, the neighbor who is requesting changes to the legal description. If the issues are resolved, and the two

parties agree, the City Council directed staff to finalize the proposed Covenant and Agreement and Easement for Slope Purposes for the proposed single-family home at 2100 Hanscom Drive, and authorized the recordation of both documents with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. If the two parties fail to agree, the City Council directed staff to return to the City Council.

(Cacciotti, Joe)

PUBLIC COMMENT
Fundraiser and Hanscom Drive

Janet Ferguson, 1754 Hanscom Drive, said she was asked to speak about a fundraiser by another party. She said the YMCA is hosting a fundraiser for the family of Reverend Jon Dephouse, St. James Episcopal Church. She displayed a flyer on the overhead projector.

Ms. Ferguson said the residents of Hanscom Drive are tired of waiting for their street to be repaired. She said the street is dangerous. She said once the street is completed, it needs protection. She said truck traffic on the street is tremendous.

Outgoing Finance Director
Chu Thai

Carrie Adrian, 602 Garfield Avenue, Chair, Finance Committee, said that the Committee is appreciative of outgoing Finance Director Thai's "wonderful service and guidance in the Committee's deliberations."

SET A CHALLENGE TO
COMPETE WITH OTHER
CITIES: BIKE TO WORK
DAY MAY 16, 2013

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the City sponsor a "Bike to Work Day" on May 16, 2013. He said he would like to work with Metro and to issue a challenge to San Gabriel Valley cities and to residents, the business community and the Chamber of Commerce, local faith communities, employees, department heads, and others.

By consensus (5 ayes, voice vote), the City Council approved sponsorship of a "Bike to Work Day" on May 16, 2013, and directed staff to prepare a letter from the City Council to other San Gabriel Valley City Councils to challenge them to ride bikes to work on May 16, 2013. The City Council directed staff to work with Metro on the program and to schedule a press conference.

**FISCAL YEAR 2013-14
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

City Manager Gonzalez began the presentation for the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 budget, displaying PowerPoint slides on the overhead monitors. He responded to questions. Councilmember Cacciotti asked about a reserve fund for constructing a multi-purpose senior/youth facility. He requested that this fund be added to the list of reserve funds for the next budget meeting.

Presenting accomplishments and proposed FY 2013-14 department budgets, utilizing PowerPoint slides, were: City Manager Gonzalez, City Council; City Clerk Kilby, City Clerk's Office and Elections; Assistant City Manager Straus, City Manager's Office, including Information Technology, Human Resources, Grants, and Risk Management; Finance Director Thai, Finance Department; Interim Police Chief Miller, Police Department; and Fire Chief Wallace, Fire Department.

Mayor Schneider opened public comment. Speakers supporting the inclusion of Hanscom Drive reconstruction in the upcoming budget and commenting on the poor condition of the street were Lela Bissner, 2018 Hanscom Drive, who read a letter from resident Betty Emirhanian; Anne Eastwood, 1909 Illinois Drive; Paul Yrisarri, 1817 Hanscom Drive; and Jeff Taylor, 2016 ½ Hanscom Drive.

Since four departments had not yet presented, by consensus the City Council directed staff to schedule the remaining departments (Planning and Building, Public Library, Community Services, and Public Works) for the regular City Council meeting of May 1, 2013; to schedule discussion of the reserve policy, capital projects, and draft budget for the regular City Council meeting of May 15, 2013; and to schedule the FY 2013-14 budget adoption for the regular City Council meeting of June 5, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the regular City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority meeting at 10:54 p.m.


Sally Kilby
City Clerk


Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor