



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2014, AT 7:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Khubesrian convened the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority)/Housing Authority (Authority) at 7:45 p.m.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall called the roll. Present were City Councilmembers/Agency/Authority Members Cacciotti, Mahmud, and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency/Authority Vice Chair Joe; and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Khubesrian.

Absent: None.

Other Officials and Staff present: City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Adams; Assistant City Manager Straus; Fire Chief Frawley; Finance Director Batt; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Community Services Director Pautsch; Water Conservation Analyst Figoni; Grants Analyst Perkosky; and Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Mahmud presented the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mahmud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONAL BADGE PINNING CEREMONY OF PAUL RIDDLE, DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF; CHRIS SZENCZI, CAPTAIN; ERIC ZANTESON, CAPTAIN; KRIS SAXON, CAPTAIN; AND CLIFF SNIDER, ENGINEER

Fire Chief Frawley pinned promotional badges on Paul Riddle, Deputy Fire Chief; Chris Szenczi, Captain; Eric Zanteson, Captain; Kris Saxon, Captain; Cliff Snider, Engineer; and Mike Larkin, Engineer.

2. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2014, AS “DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Mayor Khubesrian presented a Proclamation declaring April 2014, as “DMV/Donate Life California Month” in the City of South Pasadena (City) to Monica O’Brien and Alejandro Parajon, Donate Life Ambassadors.

4. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MAYOR MARINA KHUBESRIAN, M.D., FOR BEING NAMED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARD IN THE 27TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Agenda Item No. 4 was reordered and presented at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mayor Khubesrian for being named a recipient of the 2014 Women of Distinction Award in the 27th Congressional District. He noted that Congresswoman Judy Chu presented Mayor Khubesrian with the Award at a ceremony held on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

3. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 4-10, 2014, AS “BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Mayor Khubesrian presented a Proclamation declaring May 4 through 10, 2014, as “Be Kind to Animals Week” in the City of South Pasadena to Elizabeth Cavanaugh, Chair, Animal Commission.

Mayor Khubesrian requested the Animal Commission consider a watering station for animals at the 2014 4th of July Parade.

5. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Mayor Pro Tem Joe announced the Spring Eggstravaganza event held on April 19, 2014, at Garfield Park, and displayed PowerPoint slides. He reported on the current Planning and Building permit figures.

Councilmember Mahmud reported that she attended the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' Transportation Committee Meeting where a presentation was made on the topic of Metro's short range transportation plan. Councilmember Mahmud noted that comments were due in 30 days. She also announced the Eclectic Music Festival to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., at various locations around the City.

Councilmember Schneider commented on the DMV/Donate Life Program and encouraged everyone to sign up.

Councilmember Cacciotti thanked Police Chief Miller and the Police Department for participating in the Baker to Vegas Run and displayed a photograph of the recent event. He announced the ribbon cutting event for the opening of the compressed natural gas station slow fill at the Arroyo. Councilmember requested staff review the following items: 1) Connect bike lane on York Avenue; 2) Review Santa Barbara Municipal Code regarding vehicle idling and draft ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Mahmud; 3) Refer Garfield Park underground utilities project to Parks and Recreation Commission, seconded by Mayor Khubesian; and 4) Review the Draft Caltrans Freight Mobility Plan. Councilmember Cacciotti displayed a flyer on the overhead projector regarding the Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program, sponsored by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and the California Air Resources Board. He indicated that residents could trade in their old, operable, gas-powered lawn mower and replace it with a high-performance electric mower. He displayed an electric lawn mower and provided a demonstration on how it works.

Mayor Khubesian provided an update on the massage establishment ordinance. She stated that a press conference was held this morning in Sacramento to introduce a bill that allows Cities to regulate massage establishments. She participated in an interview with NBC News regarding the massage establishment ordinance. She reported that Metro's SR-710 Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been delayed. She announced the following events: 1) South Pasadena Arts Council, led by Howard Spector, is hosting "Lab Series" health videos on Wednesday, April 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., at the Lorie Hendricks Gallery, 1504 Mission Street; 2) Pasadena Showcase House of Design Tour, Pasadena, Tuesdays through Saturdays now through May 11, 2014; 3) Blue lights display at City Hall courtyard to bring awareness to Autism; and 4) Autism Speaks Fundraiser and Walk, Saturday, April 26, 2014. She noted the recent train grade crossing issue was not due to a Southern California Edison power failure.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Gonzalez announced that the SR-710 EIR/EIS was delayed due to the need to update Southern California Association of Governments' traffic model. He provided an update on the City's efforts to address emergency response in the event of a power failure of the train grade crossings and will bring back a formal report.

7. REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that Item Nos. 12 and 13 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15; and including Prepaid Warrants #182894-182943 in the amount of \$683,660.78, General City Warrants #182944-183078 in the amount of \$755,324.14, and Payroll 04-11-14 in the amount of \$400,171.43 totaling \$1,839,156.35; and seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$7,852.00 (included in above total). By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2014**
- 9. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$683,660.78, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$755,324.14 AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,171.43**
- 10. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2014**
- 11. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 7344 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE 2015-17 QUALIFICATION PERIOD WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS**
- 14. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO UNIVERSAL COATINGS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,000 FOR THE CITY HALL AND MAINTENANCE YARD ROOF COATING PROJECT**

15. REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH PASADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE CITY TO CO-SPONSOR AND WAIVE THE ASSOCIATED CITY FEES FOR THE ECLECTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL & ART WALK EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

12. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's questions, Public Works Director Toor provided an update on the environmentally responsible methods of landscaping maintenance requested of the contractors.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that staff meet with him and AQMD to explore environmentally responsible landscaping methods.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested a list of chemicals used at City parks.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Schneider to reject all bids received for landscape maintenance services and direct staff to readvertise the project. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FAST-FILL UPGRADE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,593 TO ALLSUP CORPORATION

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's question, Public Works Director Toor explained the Project Cost Summary on page 93 of the City Council Meeting Agenda Packet.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested reallocation of the funds back to the reserves for the energy efficiency fund.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to approve acceptance of the project improvements as complete and authorize the issuance of a Notice of Completion for the project; and authorize payment of the retention to Allsup Corporation in the amount of \$12,593.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Khubesian opened the Public Comments section of the meeting.

Lela Bisner, Board Member, South Pasadena Beautiful, invited the City Council to attend the 44th Annual Garden Tour and Plant Swap on Sunday, April 27, 2014, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Steven Lawrence, Board Member, South Pasadena Beautiful, commented that details of the Garden Tour and Plant Swap could be researched online with the keywords "South Pasadena Garden Tour."

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

16. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PROHIBITING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION

Water Conservation Analyst Figoni summarized the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

There being no speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall presented and read by title AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 (GARBAGE AND WASTE) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE WITH THE ADDITION OF AN ARTICLE III (SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS) TO BAN THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS AT LARGE GROCERY STORES, PHARMACIES AND CONVENIENCE STORES AND ADOPTION BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to approve a first reading and introduction of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 (GARBAGE AND WASTE) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE WITH THE ADDITION OF AN ARTICLE III (SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS) TO BAN THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS AT LARGE GROCERY STORES, PHARMACIES AND CONVENIENCE STORES AND ADOPTION BY REFERENCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT and incorporate by reference the Los Angeles County Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Statement of Overriding Consideration for an Ordinance Prohibiting Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags, which is on file with the City Clerk's Office. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cacciotti, Joe, Mahmud, Schneider, and Mayor Khubesian

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

17. DIRECTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AMEND THE ZONING CODE TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE TO CALL UP DECISIONS FOR REVIEW OR TO LENGTHEN THE APPEAL PERIOD

Planning and Building Director Watkins presented the staff report and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Khubesian opened the Public Comments section.

There being no speakers, Mayor Khubesian closed the Public Comments section.

MOTION: M/S Khubesian/Mahmud to adopt the Resolution of Intent to Amend the Zoning Code as follows: 1) To retain the 15-day appeal period; 2) Allow one or two Council members or one or two Planning Commissioners to file a written request with the City Clerk to call up a decision for review; 3) The filing of this request would stay the decision at that point pending the appeals hearing; and 4) The request would not need to be placed on an agenda for a vote. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Khubesian opened the Public Comments section. There was no one from the public wishing to speak on the Closed Session agenda item. Mayor Khubesian closed the Public Comments section.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION IN CITY HALL, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 1414 MISSION STREET

At 9:08 p.m., the Special City Council Meeting was recessed into Closed Session.

The City Council left the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, and entered City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room, Second Floor, 1414 Mission Street, to conduct the Closed Session meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 (d)(1)

NAME OF CASE: CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA ET AL V. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION: CA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ET AL. [UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CV 98-6996] – PROPOSED SR-710 FREEWAY EXTENSION

City Attorney Adams read the Closed Session title into the record.

The City Council convened into Closed Session.

19. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS – CITY HALL, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 1414 MISSION ST.

City Attorney Adams announced that Special Counsel advised the City Council and there was no reportable action taken regarding the Closed Session item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Khubesrian adjourned the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority/ Housing Authority at 9:43 p.m.



Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk



Marina Khubesrian, M.D.
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on May 7, 2014.