



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014, AT 7:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Khubesrian convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority)/Housing Authority (Authority) at 7:36 p.m.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall called the roll. Present were City Councilmembers/Agency/Authority Members Cacciotti, Mahmud and Schneider; and 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; Assistant City Manager Straus, City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Highsmith; Police Chief Miller; Deputy Fire Chief Riddle; Finance Director Batt; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Public Works Director Toor; Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Principal Management Analyst Lin, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Cacciotti introduced Reverend Anne Tumulty to present the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cacciotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Highsmith reported that Mayor Khubesrian called to order at 6:32 p.m. the Closed Session Regular Meeting of the City Council of September 17, 2014, and that all Councilmembers were present, except for Councilmember Cacciotti, who arrived at 6:47 p.m. She indicated the meeting was convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Agenda:

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)

City of South Pasadena et al v. Federal Highway Administration: CA Department of Transportation et al. [United States District Court CV 98-6996]

4. Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

John Doe v. City of South Pasadena [United States District Court CV 07032]

5. Labor Negotiations

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators regarding labor negotiations with the following Employee organizations: Firefighters' Association (FFA); Police Officers' Association (POA); Public Service Employees' Association (PSEA); PSEA- Part Time Unit; Unrepresented Employees: Management Employees

City negotiators: City Manager Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus, City Attorney Teresa L. Highsmith, and Legal Counsel Steve Berliner

City Attorney Highsmith announced that direction was provided to legal counsel regarding Closed Session Item No. 3; direction was provided to legal counsel regarding Closed Session Item No. 4; and an update was received and some direction was provided; however, no action was taken regarding Closed Session Item No. 5.

2. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO LISSA REYNOLDS FOR BEING NAMED AS THE 2014 WOMAN IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT RECIPIENT AT THE WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS AWARDS

Mayor Khubesrian presented a Certificate of Recognition to Lissa Reynolds for being named as the Woman in Arts and Entertainment Recipient for the 2014 Women Mean Business Awards.

3. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Mayor Pro Tem Joe provided a summary of the following events he attended and presented PowerPoint slides: 1) Senior Scam Stopper Seminar held on September 12, 2014, and sponsored by Assemblymember Chris Holden; and 2) Annual Moon Festival Event held on September 13, 2014. Mayor Pro Tem thanked the South Pasadena Chinese-American Club (SPCAC), Jeannie Chiu, President, SPCAC, and Sally Kilby, Member, SPCAC, for coordinating a great event.

Councilmember Schneider had no comments.

Councilmember Mahmud announced that she and other City Councilmembers attended Vecinos de South Pasadena's "1st Annual Career and Art Fair" on September 14, 2014. She announced the South Pasadena High School's Booster Club's "3rd Annual Booster Bash" being held on September 20, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at the South Pasadena home of Therese and Mario Molina. Councilmember Mahmud requested the following items: 1) Approval of a City Council Meeting schedule for next calendar year, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti; 2) To agendize the consideration of a resolution in support of County of Los Angeles' Proposition P – Safe Neighborhood Parks Measure to the October 15, 2014, City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Khubesrian; and 3) To agendize a resolution in support of the water bond to a future City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Khubesrian.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested the following items; 1) Request Public Safety Commission review "cooling" locations in the event of power outages; 2) Send letter signed by City Council to Gilbert Cedillo, City Councilmember, City of Los Angeles, for his efforts to clean out the Arroyo Seco, seconded by Councilmember Mahmud; 3) Request the Freeway and Transportation Commission explore "Gold Link" to transport people to the Gold Line by sharing resources with Cities of San Marino, Pasadena, and Alhambra, seconded by Councilmember Schneider; and 4) Request that the City Attorney to provide a legal opinion on whether the state's plastic bag ban law, if approved, preempts the City of South Pasadena's (City) plastic bag ban ordinance, seconded by Mayor Khubesrian. Councilmember Cacciotti displayed a PowerPoint slide of the recently paved road on Orange Grove Avenue. He congratulated Oneonta Congregational Church for the installation of Reverend Lincoln Skinner.

Mayor Khubesrian displayed PowerPoint Presentations for the following events: 1) The League of California Cities' Annual Conference 2014 held on September 3, 2014, through September 5, 2014; and 2) County of Los Angeles' Regional Mayors Meeting with City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti held on September 12, 2014. Mayor Khubesrian requested the following items: 1) Provide a report on the City's current earthquake ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Schneider; 2) Request Natural

Resources and Environmental Commission review the City's use of its water system and, grey water recycling system, in the event of a natural disaster, seconded by Councilmember Mahmud; and 3) Provide update regarding citywide Wi-Fi Program, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti.

4. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project Phase 1 and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

5. REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Mahmud requested that Item Nos. 12 and 13 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. Councilmember Cacciotti requested that Item No. 6 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

City Manager Gonzalez requested that Item No. 11 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Joe to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, and 15, and including Prepaid Warrants #184923-184975 in the amount of \$392,289.08, General City Warrants #184976-185079 in the amount of \$361,157.89, Payroll 09-12-14 in the amount of \$432,418.40, totaling \$1,185,865.37; and seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$7,598.05 (included in above total). By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 7. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$392,289.08, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$361,157.89, AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$432,418.40**
- 8. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR JULY 2014**
- 9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PUBLIC NUISANCE ABATEMENT**

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PROCEDURES FOR REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS LICENSES

14. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE METRO RAPID BUS STATION IMPLEMENTATION

15. REQUEST TO CO-SPONSOR AND WAIVE ASSOCIATED CITY FEES FOR THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS EVENT HOSTED BY THE VECINOS DE SOUTH PASADENA ON NOVEMBER 1, 2014

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

Councilmember Cacciotti requested a modification on page 9 of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2014, as follows: City Councilmember/Agency/Authority Member Cacciotti arrived at approximately 8:27 p.m. due to a prior commitment to coach an AYSO South Pasadena girls' soccer team from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., which conflicted with the date and time of the Special City Council Meeting of September 2, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of September 2, 2014, with the aforementioned modification. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

11. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF WILSON WELL #4 TO GENERAL PUMP COMPANY

Public Works Director Toor explained that the emergency repair of Wilson Well #4 requires the City Council to make the findings and approve the emergency repairs by a four-fifths vote and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Joe to retroactively approve the emergency repair work for Wilson Well #4 and authorize the City Manager to release payment in the amount of \$36,108.06. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DMR TEAM, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN OF THE EL CENTRO STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

13. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO KABBARA ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN OF THE COLLIS AVENUE, HILL DRIVE, AND CHELTEN WAY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Consent Calendar Item Nos. 12 and 13 were discussed jointly.

Councilmember Mahmud recommended that milestones be inserted for the various deliverables that are called out in the respective scopes of work for each respective contract. She stated this action will prevent the designs from being submitted at the very end of the contract.

Public Works Director Toor indicated that a schedule had been developed with the engineers. He explained this was the reason the contract was awarded to two different engineers to ensure the projects were completed on time. Public Works Director Toor stated a schedule was included in the proposal; however, it was not included in the staff report. He stated he would provide a copy of the schedule to City Council.

Councilmember Mahmud recommended that the contracts be amended to include milestone dates for the scopes of work for each respective contract and that City Council delegate authority to the City Manager to execute these amendments.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Schneider to:

1) Accept a proposal dated July 24, 2014, from DMR Team, Inc., for engineering design services for the El Centro Street Improvement Project; 2) Reject all other proposals received; 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with DMR Team, Inc., for a not-to-exceed amount of \$48,014; and delegate authority to the City Manager to add a project schedule as an exhibit and modify the contract to specify that DMR Team, Inc. will abide by the project schedule; and

1) Accept a proposal dated July 24, 2014, from Kabbara Engineering for engineering design services for the Collis Avenue, Hill Drive, and Cheltenham Way Street Improvement Project; 2) Reject all other proposals received; 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Kabbara Engineering for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,760; and delegate authority to the City Manager to add a project schedule as an exhibit and modify the contract to specify that Kabbara Engineering will abide by the project schedule. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Cacciotti thanked Public Works Director Toor for including a Class II bike lane on El Centro Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

Ross McLain, South Pasadena Resident, stated that he has lived in a Caltrans residence for fifteen years as a tenant. He indicated that the Affordable Sales Program is likely the only option for him and his family to purchase the property. He explained that since the property is classified as a multi-family dwelling, the first right of refusal is offered to a housing agency that must continue to rent the property as affordable housing. South Pasadena Resident McLain requested assistance from the City by stopping the sale of the property as a multi-family dwelling. He stated the second house on the property has been vacant for ten years and that the property was not suitable as a multi-family dwelling.

Mayor Khubesrian requested that South Pasadena Resident McLain contact the City Manager's Office for assistance.

Stephen Fomba, Program Manager, San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness (SGVCH), provided a summary of SGVCH's current activities and background information on the organization. Program Manager Fomba stated that he submitted correspondence to the City Council requesting consideration of a proclamation declaring the week of November 17, 2014 through November 21, 2014, as "Homeless Awareness Week" in the City of South Pasadena.

Carrie Adrian, Chair, Finance Committee (FC), clarified that the FC does not have approval authority and only provides recommendations to the City Council.

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

ACTION/DISCUSSION

16. CONSIDERATION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT TAX REVENUES FOR THE FESTIVAL OF BALLOONS, 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

City Manager Gonzalez presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Councilmember Mahmud stated there was not sufficient financial information to consider the request. She requested additional accounting information be provided in order to make an appropriate determination of the amount of funding, if any, to be provided from the Business Improvement Tax (BIT).

In response to Councilmember Mahmud's question, City Manager Gonzalez explained the request was due to a cash flow issue. He stated that the company of Shaw, Moses, Mendenhall & Associates provides a loan up front to cover expenses that need to be paid ahead of time, and then revenues from the ticket sales are used to recover the expenses. He indicated the request is a one-time advance.

Councilmember Cacciotti said he was approached by Ted Shaw, President & CEO of Shaw, Moses, Mendenhall & Associates, and others from the Festival of Balloons (FOB), 4th of July Committee, who indicated they have been expending their personal funds for the last ten years. He explained that if the FOB disbands, there would be no 4th of July Parade.

Councilmember Mahmud clarified that she is not opposed to the request; however, she reiterated that additional financial information needed to be brought back to the City Council for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe indicated that the staff report did not provide recommendations on how much funding is needed for the cash flow issue.

City Manager Gonzalez stated there was no specific request and that the cash flow shortfall was approximately \$10,000 per year. He stated the FOB's expenditures per year and ticket sales revenue information could be provided.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe inquired if the request was for a loan or a one-time contribution.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Joe's question, City Manager Gonzalez stated the request was for a one-time contribution and not a loan.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to bring back for consideration the request to allocate funds from the Business Improvement Tax Revenues for the Festival of Balloons, 4th of July Committee, with additional financial information. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

17. CONSIDERATION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT TAX REVENUES TO THE SOUTH PASADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

City Manager Gonzalez presented the staff report.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

Scott Feldmann, President, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce (SPCOC), provided a summary of the SPCOC's request and stated he was confident in the proposed approach.

Councilmember Schneider recommended that a recruitment geared toward the arts be included as part of the four major strategy areas.

President Feldmann concurred with Councilmember Schneider's recommendation and indicated it would be added as a strategy.

Robin D. Scherr, Consultant, Strategic Planning & Economic Development Consulting, provided background information regarding her consulting business and reviewed the specific economic development strategies being proposed. Consultant Scherr explained the concept of "Economic Gardening" and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

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

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to allocate funds in the amount of \$28,000 from the Business Improvement Tax revenues to the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce for business improvement activities.

18. SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT WITH GENTON PROPERTY GROUP, LLC, FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Assistant City Manager Straus provided the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

Jonathan Genton, CEO, Genton Property Group, LLC (Genton), provided an update on the current negotiations. He indicated a Memorandum of Understanding with Bank of America was reached which can now move into a purchase and sale agreement. CEO

Genton explained his objective was to have all contracts be simultaneously closing with the redevelopment properties, as well as Citizens Bank, to ensure that the City does not end up with fragmented ownership again. He stated it has been a challenging negotiation with Citizens Bank; however, they are a motivated seller. He indicated he was within a few percentage points of the price. CEO Genton estimated a transaction with Citizens Bank would occur in the next 30 to 45 days.

Odom Stamps, Member, Ad Hoc Downtown Project Advisory Committee (AHD PAC), indicated support of the amendment to the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA). Member Stamps stated CEO Genton has shown good faith in continuing to close all transactions in a short period of time. He indicated support in extending the ENA to allow Genton time to make plans for a strategy.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Joe asked what tasks would be completed by the proposed agreement extension date of March 31, 2016.

Assistant City Manager Straus explained the next phase would be the permitting process, which includes all the planning and environmental approvals. He indicated that once the City obtains a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) that is executable, then the DDA will replace the ENA. He asked CEO Genton to provide an estimate of when construction would begin.

CEO Genton discussed the Downtown Project (Project) shaping process that occurs with the community. He indicated the project has changed and will continue to change over time with the acquisitions. CEO Genton indicated that once endorsement of the project is received from the AHD PAC, the Project would then be considered by the City Council. He estimated that construction would start in approximately 18 months.

Mayor Khubesrian indicated that she and Councilmember Mahmud were the City Council Liaisons to the AHD PAC, and they have met several times with CEO Genton. Mayor Khubesrian stated she has been impressed by CEO Genton's responsiveness to the community and his understanding of the community's values.

Councilmember Mahmud concurred with Mayor Khubesrian's aforementioned comments.

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's question, CEO Genton described the Project. He indicated it was a mixed use project with a residential component of approximately 60 units, 12 qualified affordable housing units, and retail space estimated between 40,000 to

45,000 square feet. CEO Genton indicated he would like to create a pedestrian friendly project with a plaza surrounded by retail.

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

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to approve a second amendment and extension of the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) with Genton Property Group, LLC, for the Downtown Revitalization Project, with a modification to paragraph 2.B. as follows: "...for the period extending until March 31, 2016." By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

19. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT WATER AND SEWER CAPACITY CHARGES, AND CONSIDERATION TO SERVE PROPERTIES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Public Works Director Toor provided the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

In response to Councilmember Mahmud's question, Public Works Director Toor stated he did not expect many applications for water service from properties outside the City's jurisdiction.

Discussion followed among City Councilmembers and staff regarding meter sizes and capacity fees.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

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

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's inquiry, City Attorney Highsmith indicated she would research whether the City could impose conditions on properties outside the City's jurisdiction receiving water service.

A motion was made by Mayor Khubesrian to adopt water and sewer capacity charges at 50% of the maximum charge for new developments in the City and consider approval of water connections for properties outside the City on a case-by-case basis, and charge 100% of the water capacity charge. There was no second offered by a City Councilmember.

Councilmember Schneider recommended bifurcation of the two proposed motions by Mayor Khubesrian. He recommended that the City Council adopt water and sewer

capacity charges at 100% of the capacity charge. Councilmember Schneider indicated that the City should charge capacity fees for both the sewer and water systems, and residents should not be subsidizing developers or properties outside of the City.

Councilmember Mahmud recommended that the City Council adopt water and sewer capacity charges at 25% of the capacity charge effective January 1, 2015, and indicated opposition to a waiver of the capacity charges for developers.

Councilmember Schneider concurred with the start date of January 1, 2015; however, he recommended that capacity charges at 100% be charged for properties in the City and outside of the City. He indicated opposition to providing service outside the City.

City Attorney Highsmith clarified the legislative process for City Council to approve water and sewer capacity charges. She explained that an ordinance creating the development impact fee would be necessary, and then the next step would be to approve a resolution setting the fees.

Councilmember Schneider recommended the City Council approve the creation of capacity charges for both water and sewer, effective January 1, 2015, at this evening's City Council Meeting, and consider the percentages at a future City Council Meeting.

MOTION: M/S Schneider/Khubesrian to adopt water and sewer capacity charges effective January 1, 2015, and to consider the percentage of water and sewer capacity charges at a future City Council Meeting. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

In response to Mayor Khubesrian's question, City Attorney Highsmith explained the approval of water service to properties outside the City was a policy decision. She stated consideration of water service to properties outside the City on a case-by case basis was appropriate depending on the current environmental conditions at any given time.

Councilmember Mahmud recommended that City Council defer action on whether to provide water and sewer services to properties outside the City, and that City Attorney Highsmith provide an analysis on whether or not the City can impose conditions upon the service, such as compliance with the City's municipal water ordinances. By consensus, the City Council concurred with Councilmember Mahmud's aforementioned recommendation.

Mayor Khubesrian requested that language be included in the ordinance for consideration of a fee waiver process.

City Attorney Highsmith advised that City Council would have to approve a resolution to set the amount of fees and the amount of collection. City Attorney Highsmith indicated that a hardship exception or waiver would be established by an ordinance to set a process and procedure that would allow the same opportunity to all applicants.

MOTION: M/S Khubesian/Cacciotti to approve an ordinance to establish a water and sewer hardship exception, or waiver, of fees process and procedure. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

The agenda was reordered and Action Item No. 21 was discussed at this time.

21. CONSIDERATION TO CREATE STRIPED LEFT TURN LANES ON MONTEREY ROAD AT MERIDIAN AVENUE

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa provided the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Khubesian opened the Public Comments section.

Stephanie Foley, South Pasadena Resident, indicated that parking is very limited in this neighborhood and that her driveway opens up onto Monterey Road. South Pasadena Resident Foley stated her family does not park in their driveway due to high pedestrian traffic on Monterey Road.

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's question, Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa clarified that South Pasadena Resident Foley's street would not be impacted by the proposed project.

Kathy Green, South Pasadena Resident, thanked Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa for being responsive to her concerns. She expressed concern that the proposed project will increase traffic speed. South Pasadena Resident indicated opposition to the proposed project. She recommended installing "Do not block intersection" striping at Glendon Way and Fairview Avenue to allow vehicle access if the project is approved.

Glen Eddy, South Pasadena Resident, indicated he was a member of the Ad Hoc Monterey Road Citizens' Design Advisory Committee (AHMRCDA) in 2011 and that the main recommendation of the AHMRCDA was to make Monterey Road safer for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Larry Abelson, Commissioner, Public Works Commission (PWC), commended Public Works Director Toor and Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa for their work on the staff report. Commissioner Abelson indicated that the proposed project was agendized by the PWC on three different dates. He stated the proposed project was considered two times by the PWC, and both times the installation of left turn lanes were unanimously approved. Commissioner Abelson explained the reasons for the PWC's recommendation and that the striping could be removed if the project was not effective. Commissioner Abelson responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Cacciotti and seconded by Councilmember Mahmud to approve staff's recommendation for a six month trial period from November 1, 2014, to May 1, 2014; repair Collier Alley; prepare a traffic study; and report back to City Council on the effectiveness of the project.

City Manager Gonzalez stated he would request additional traffic patrol be conducted by the South Pasadena Police Department.

Councilmember Schneider commended Commissioner Abelson and the PWC for conveying the safety concerns on Monterey Road. He discussed how the road diet works. Councilmember Schneider recommended that the proposed striping not be installed until after the microsimulation study is completed. He indicated opposition to the proposed project.

Discussion followed among City Councilmembers and staff regarding the proposed project's completion time, status of microsimulation study, bicycle travel lanes, pedestrian safety, and accident history of the intersection of Monterey Road and Meridian Avenue.

Councilmember Mahmud withdrew her second in support of the aforementioned motion made by Councilmember Cacciotti.

Councilmember Cacciotti displayed photographs of traffic on Monterey Road.

MOTION: Cacciotti/Joe to approve the creation of striped left turn lanes on Monterey Road at Meridian Avenue for a six month trial period from November 1, 2014, to May 1, 2014; repair Collier alley; prepare a traffic study; report back to City Council on the effectiveness of the project; and approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 from General Fund Reserves to fund the work. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cacciotti and Joe

NOES: Mahmud, Schneider, and Mayor Khubesian

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

20. CONSIDERATION OF INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING MAPS REGARDING UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES OWNED BY CALTRANS

Planning and Building Director Watkins provided the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

In response to Councilmember Mahmud's question, City Attorney Highsmith explained that if the City downzoned the Caltrans' properties to open space, the action could subject the City to potential liability based upon an inverse condemnation.

In response to Councilmember Mahmud's inquiry, City Manager Gonzalez provided clarification on the appraisal process for Caltrans' properties.

Councilmember Schneider stated he would like to include any other Caltrans' properties that may be discovered in the City.

Planning and Building Director Watkins indicated there were approximately 92 Caltrans' properties in the City. He stated it was difficult to determine an accurate number of Caltrans' properties in the City as the properties are not listed on the tax rolls.

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's question, City Attorney Highsmith stated she would research if there was a set procedure for the appraisal process or if it was a negotiated purchase process.

Discussion followed among City Councilmembers' and staff regarding the viability of the parcels as open space, community input, environmental review component, and options for the parcels.

MOTION: M/S Khubesrian/Cacciotti to initiate amendments to the General Plan and Zoning maps for land that Caltrans has identified as unimproved properties and are not within the scope of remaining alternatives in the State Route 710 (SR-710) Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and conduct a community meeting. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cacciotti, Schneider, and Mayor Khubesrian

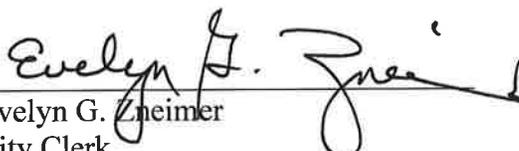
NOES: Joe and Mahmud

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Khubesrian adjourned the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority/Housing Authority in recognition of Richard and Claire Roche, former South Pasadena Residents, at 11:36 p.m.


Evelyn G. Zheimer
City Clerk


Marina Khubesrian, M.D.
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on October 1, 2014.