



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015, AT 7:30 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Joe convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority) at 7:42 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Other Officials and Staff present: City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary Zneimer; City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; Assistant City Manager Straus; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Highsmith; Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency/Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Hall; Police Chief Miller; Deputy Fire Chief Riddle; Assistant Finance Director Lieu; Public Works Director Toor; Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; and Principal Management Analyst Lin.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Cacciotti presented the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cacciotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE 2015 FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ENABLE ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS TO QUALIFY FOR THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AS REQUESTED BY JEROME E. HORTON, CHAIR, CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Mayor Joe presented a Proclamation to Michelle Creencia, District Liaison, California State Board of Equalization (BOE), supporting the 2015 Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to enable eligible taxpayers to qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit as requested by Jerome E. Horton, Chair, California State BOE.

2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Councilmember Schneider reported that he attended the Public Works Commission (PWC) Meeting on February 11, 2015, in which the topic of the Monterey Road "road diet" traffic study was discussed.

Councilmember Khubesrian thanked staff and the residents who attended the Strategic Planning Community Forum on February 7, 2015. Councilmember Khubesrian reported that she attended the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Steering Committee Meeting on February 9, 2015, and provided an update on Measure R2 funding for active and rail transportation.

Councilmember Cacciotti provided updates on the following events and displayed flyers: 1) Operation Firefly; 2) Author Night with "The Gonzo Mavericks of Environmental Reporting" Chip Jacobs and Bill Kelly being held February 26, 2015; and 3) Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition. He displayed a video highlighting the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority's (Metro) Gold Line Phase II Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested the following items: 1) Provide a report on the impact of the extended Metro Gold Line on the City of South Pasadena's (City) controlled intersections, seconded by Councilmember Schneider; and 2) Draft a letter opposing the closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti. Mayor Joe indicated that he signed a letter opposing the closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base while at the recently held Los Angeles County Mayors' Regional Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud participated in the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities' Legislative Committee conference call. She indicated that the City Council anticipates the release of the draft SR-710 North Extension Project's Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement would be released by the end of February 2015. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud announced the 2015 Winter Arts Crawl event to be held on February 21, 2015.

Mayor Joe thanked the South Pasadena Chinese American Club for a gift basket provided to the City Council and staff in honor of Chinese New Year. Mayor Joe displayed slides for the following events he attended: 1) Los Angeles County Mayors' Regional Meeting held on February 2, 2015; and 2) Strategic Planning Community Forum held on February 7, 2015.

3. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Gonzalez announced the following items: 1) Special Meeting – Strategic Plan Update to be held on February 21, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., at the South Pasadena Senior Center; and 2) The City in conjunction with the American Green Zone Alliance will hold a ceremony on February 26, 2015, at 11:30 a.m., at Garfield Park, to celebrate the accomplishment of the first municipal park in the country maintained 100% gas and emissions free.

4. REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested that Item Nos. 5 and 7 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Khubesrian to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 6, 8, 9, and 10, and including Prepaid Warrants #186978 - 187048 in the amount of \$292,821.47, General City Warrants #187049 - 187205 in the amount of \$532,924.07, and Payroll 02-13-15 in the amount of \$431,782.14, totaling \$1,257,527.68; and seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$7,790.70 (included in above total). By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 6. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE HAWTHORNE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,356 TO E.C. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

- 8. AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION TO ABATE ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL AND LEAD BASED PAINT LOCATED AT THE GARFIELD RESERVOIR**

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9. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$292,821.47, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$532,924.07, AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431,782.14

10. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2014

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested a modification to page 28 (as listed in the Agenda packet) of the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2015, as follows: Remove "...in opposition to placing the proposed UUT Repeal Initiative Measure on the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election ballot:" and add "...in opposition to the repeal of the UUT:"

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 4, 2015, with the aforementioned modification. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE WILSON RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$303,252.71 TO PACIFIC HYDROTECH CORPORATION

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated that she pulled Item No. 7 to highlight the completion of the first major reservoir reconstruction for the safe and reliable operation of the City's water system.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to: 1) Accept the project improvements as complete and authorize the issuance of a Notice of Completion for the Wilson Reservoir Replacement Project (Project); and 2) Authorize payment of the retention to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in the amount of \$303,252.71. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

W. John Martin, South Pasadena Resident, stated he received a notice of tree removal at 1634 Spruce Street and requested consideration to delay the removal for two weeks.

The following individuals commented regarding the legal process as it pertains to the Utility Users' Tax (UUT) Repeal Initiative Measure:

Kurt Bollin, South Pasadena Resident
Ed Ristow, South Pasadena Resident
Kathy Bence, South Pasadena Resident
Marcy Guzman, South Pasadena Resident

Shlomo Nitzani, South Pasadena Resident, commented on the following: 1) Hidden tax of approximately 12 to 12.5% on trash collection; and 2) Requested removal of the "no left turn sign" on Monterey Road (eastbound) adjacent to Vons.

Ron Rosen, South Pasadena Resident, expressed opposition to the Monterey Road "road diet" traffic study that was recently discussed on February 11, 2015, by the Public Works Commission.

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

Mayor Joe requested a response from City Attorney Highsmith on the legal process as it pertains to the UUT Repeal Initiative Measure.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE OBJECTIONS OR PROTESTS TO THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REGARDING THE ABATEMENT OF WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH AND REFUSE UPON OR IN FRONT OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING BY MINUTE ORDER THE ABATEMENT OF VEGETATION FIRE HAZARDS

Deputy Fire Chief Riddle presented the staff report.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

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

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to adopt by motion an order directing the abatement of fire hazards. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

12. APPROVAL OF LETTERS REGARDING VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Principal Management Analyst Lin presented the staff report.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud recommended the following modifications to the letter to Mike O'Brien, Councilmember, City of Seattle: 1) Add a comment that a tunnel is proposed to be constructed in the City as part of the SR-710 North Extension Project; and 2) Add Councilmember Schneider as the City's contact person instead of City Manager Gonzalez.

Councilmember Schneider recommended the following revision to the letter to Councilmember Mike O'Brien: Change "...is a 4.5 mile tunnel..." to "...are twin 4.5 mile tunnels."

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the City Council approved the aforementioned modifications to the letter to Councilmember Mike O'Brien.

Councilmember Schneider displayed photographs of the Seattle Tunnel Project.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to approve the following transportation letters, with the aforementioned modifications, regarding the Metro Orange Line Conversion, Metro Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) extension, and Seattle Tunnel. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

13. FORMATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE LEASE FOR THE SAN PASCUAL STABLES

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

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

Councilmember Cacciotti stated he was on the original San Pascual Stables Subcommittee (Subcommittee). He discussed the background and history of the original Subcommittee.

Councilmember Khubesrian suggested the lease be renegotiated only if the San Pascual Stables was interested in continuing to operate on the property.

Councilmember Cacciotti stated the City Council had an obligation to the community to issue a request for proposals.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud commented that future changes could alter the footprint of the stables and should be considered. She discussed the Arroyo Seco Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail, the City of Pasadena's completion of a trail in the Arroyo Seco, and the revitalization of the Arroyo Seco related to the Los Angeles River. She commented that it was appropriate to engage in a discussion regarding the lease.

Councilmember Schneider indicated support for the formation of a Subcommittee and to have citizens provide input on a long term lease decision. He suggested that the Little League and AYSO members be removed from the composition of the Subcommittee. Councilmember Schneider indicated opposition to eliminating the equestrian stables. He suggested adding a member with environmental expertise to the Subcommittee.

Councilmember Khubesrian concurred with Councilmember Schneider's recommendation to eliminate the Little League and AYSO members. She indicated support for the Subcommittee to study the lease without the goal of changing the use of the stables. Councilmember Khubesrian recommended a review of the forthcoming changes, with respect to the Arroyo Seco, be considered.

Mayor Joe concurred with Councilmember Khubesrian's comments to narrow the scope of the Subcommittee's tasks and indicated support for the establishment of a Subcommittee.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud concurred with staff's recommended membership composition and suggested not adding a member with environmental expertise.

Councilmember Cacciotti stated that the footprint of the stables should be reviewed.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud recommended eliminating the consideration of the sale of the property for a private equestrian center.

Councilmember Schneider recommended the Subcommittee consider all issues and agreed to remove the Little League and AYSO members.

Councilmember Khubesrian recommended that task number two to "Evaluate the benefits, if any, of selling the property for a private equestrian center" on page 174 of the staff report be eliminated.

MOTION: M/S Schneider/Cacciotti to: 1) Approve the establishment of a Subcommittee to evaluate the lease for the San Pascual Stables; 2) Eliminate task number two to "Evaluate the benefits, if any, of selling the property for a private equestrian center" on page 174 of the staff report; and 3) Eliminate one member of Little League and one member of AYSO from the Subcommittee composition. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

14. APPROVAL OF A SUBLEASE WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY GARDEN COUNCIL AND CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Community Services Director Pautsch introduced Los Angeles Community Garden Councilmembers Richard Tom and Kathy Tarr.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

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

Councilmember Khubesrian commended staff and all members involved for working on the Community Garden Project. She discussed the benefits of a community garden to the community and the need for more open space.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated support for the community garden. She expressed interest for a spring planting and thanked staff for their efforts.

MOTION: M/S Khubesrian/Cacciotti to approve the sublease with the Los Angeles Community Garden Council and conceptual plan for a community garden to be located at 1028 Magnolia Street in South Pasadena. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

15. CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE UTILITY SERVICES TO PROPOSED HOMES ON MOFFATT STREET OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS

Public Works Director Toor presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Emily Hsiung, Project Manager, Planet Home Living (PHL), stated the proposed five undeveloped lots project (Project) site was unique and located within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles. She indicated the Project's property lots were landlocked and had access to a public street through a right-of-way access easement, which was formerly Moffatt Street, and granted by the City in 1962. Project Manager Hsiung explained the access easement also reserved the City's right to grant or create future easements for public utilities and other services, and in 1966 granted an easement to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). She stated PHL requested service from LADWP; however, LADWP stated their system lacked sufficient water pressure to serve the Project. She stated the City offered the only viable means to provide water and sewer services. She requested the City consider providing these services to their proposed Project. Project Manager Hsiung stated PHL would pay all applicable water and sewer

connection fees, all reasonable development impact fees imposed by the City, sign a covenant, and construct 520 square feet of curb and gutter improvements.

David French, Chief Operating Officer (COO), PHL, indicated that the owners of the surrounding property lots were not interested in selling their properties.

In response to Councilmember Khubesrian's question, COO French stated the average size of the property lots were approximately 100 feet long by 50 feet wide.

Public Works Director Toor explained the conditions that would be placed on the "will-serve" letter and issued to the applicant.

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

Councilmember Schneider indicated that the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) was not in support of the proposed development Project.

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's question, Public Works Director Toor stated the City was purchasing additional water in the range of 700 to 1,100 acre feet, the allocation was approximately 3,500 acre feet, and the demand was approximately 4,200 acre feet.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated opposition to the Project and was concerned with the City's ability to provide service. She suggested the applicant request LADWP to re-examine their request. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud expressed concern with setting a precedence.

Councilmember Khubesrian concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's comments.

Councilmember Cacciotti indicated the City's water usage was 20% over its allocation.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Khubesrian to deny the request to provide water and sewer services to a proposed five undeveloped lots project (Project) located outside of City limits on Moffatt Street. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

16. REVIEW THE 65% DESIGN AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS REMODEL PROJECT

Assistant City Manager Straus presented the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation. He discussed the key project goals of the remodel of the City Council Chambers as follows: 1) Address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/accessibility issues in a room whose primary function is for public assembly use; 2) Identify energy efficiency retrofit opportunities through HVAC and lighting improvements/replacement of aging and less efficient building systems; 3) Create more even lighting throughout the room; 4) Expand the functionality/usefulness of the room by removing the fixed theatre seating to create more flexible seating options or open floor space; and 5) Complete

sensible aesthetic upgrades in conjunction with the expanded use/expanded capability of the room. Assistant City Manager Straus introduced Dale Brown, AIA, Principal, Onyx Architects.

Principal Brown continued with the PowerPoint presentation and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

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

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's inquiry, Assistant City Manager Straus explained the seating arrangement for staff at the dais would provide a space for the City Manager, City Attorney, and the Chief Deputy City Clerk.

Assistant City Manager Straus discussed the functionality of the portable table and chairs for staff to make presentations. He explained the staff seating would allow for a "congressional" style presentation.

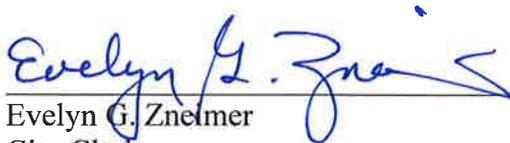
In response to Councilmember Schneider's question, Assistant City Manager Straus stated the size of the Mayor's Conference Room would be increased for additional comfort and not eliminated.

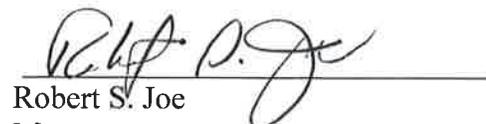
Councilmember Khubesrian indicated her preference was to complete the construction of the City Council Chambers Remodel Project in one phase.

MOTION: M/S Khubesrian/Joe to provide direction to the Council Ad Hoc Facilities Committee as follows: 1) Approve the 65% proposed City Council Chambers remodel design option; 2) Approve a 90% City Council Chambers remodel design option to present to the public in a community meeting; and 3) Bring back to City Council a final City Council Chambers remodel design at 100% as part of a construction bid package for consideration at the April 22, 2015, City Council Special Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joe adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority at 10:57 p.m.


Evelyn G. Znelmer
City Clerk


Robert S. Joe
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on March 4, 2015.