



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED  
THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015, AT 6:30 P.M.  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Joe convened the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council at 6:36 p.m.

Present were City Councilmembers Khubesrian and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud; and Mayor Joe. Councilmember Cacciotti arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Absent: None.

Other Officials and staff present: City Manager Gonzalez; City Attorney Highsmith; Principal Management Analyst Lin; Management Intern Zneimer; Assistant City Manager Straus; and Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Joe indicated that public comments would be taken after the staff report presentation.

**3. PRESENT AND DISCUSS PARKING AND TRAFFIC NEAR HIGH IMPACT AREAS**

Principal Management Analyst Lin presented the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated that she lived within 500 feet of the South Pasadena San Marino YMCA (YMCA) and was advised by City Attorney Highsmith that there was no conflict of interest due to the location of her residence. She indicated she would abstain from participating in the discussion of the YMCA.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's inquiry, Principal Management Analyst Lin discussed the specific concerns received from residents for each location as follows: 1) Arroyo Vista Elementary School (AVES) - Pedestrian safety, drop off zone location, circulation, and pedestrian crossings; 2) Holy Family School (HFS) - Insufficient street parking available and long queue from driveway entrance on Oak Street leading into HFS; 3) Marengo Elementary School (MES) - Pedestrian safety and long queue to get into the valet parking area; 4) Monterey Hills Elementary School (MHES) - Long queue extending to Via Del Rey, three-point turns into driveways, and pedestrian safety; and 5) SPSM YMCA - Insufficient street parking due to an increase in the number of patrons.

In response to Councilmember Khubesian's question, Principal Management Analyst Lin stated that input from the various Parent-Teacher Associations would be requested after City Council direction was received.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Stephanie Wolf, South Pasadena Resident, commented that she was not formally notified that parking issues would be discussed by the City Council this evening. She stated that there was a high volume of traffic on Ramona Avenue between Oak Street and Rollin Street due to HFS, South Pasadena High School, and South Pasadena Middle School. South Pasadena Resident Wolf expressed concern that residents did not provide input on staff's proposed recommendations. South Pasadena Resident Wolf commented that the intersection of Oak Street and Ramona Avenue was a hazardous intersection.

Darlene Moses Olympia, Yorba Linda Resident, commented that she regularly visits her parents who lived in the City of South Pasadena (City) near MHES. Yorba Linda Resident Olympia expressed concern for emergency vehicle access near MHES and pedestrian and vehicle safety due to the high volume of traffic.

Joanne Nuckols, South Pasadena Resident, provided copies of a letter previously submitted to the City Council regarding parking issues related to HFS. She expressed concern for the community's quality of life being negatively affected by non-residential commuter traffic, parking, noise, and public safety concerns. South Pasadena Resident Nuckols requested that the recommendations proposed for HFS be reconsidered by staff.

Holly Gabriel, South Pasadena Resident, commented that she lived outside a parking district near HFS. She requested that adjacent residents be allowed to have parking permits as no parking was available during large events held by HFS.

Jeffrey Rollert, South Pasadena Resident, commented that residents have ongoing problems with their driveways being blocked on Marengo Avenue and high speed traffic issues. He recommended consideration of a one-way street on Rollin Street and painted parking slots on Marengo Avenue. South Pasadena Resident Rollert indicated opposition to staff's proposed recommendations for HFS.

Mike Fazioli, South Pasadena Resident, commented on parking issues on Marengo Avenue. He indicated that he previously provided a comment letter to the City Council regarding parking issues on Marengo Avenue due to an increase in the student population. He discussed enforcement of parking and noted that a petition providing recommendations from a majority of the residents was previously submitted to the City Council.

Alex Kung, South Pasadena Resident, expressed concern regarding MHES parents who double park on Via Del Rey making it unsafe for children to cross the street and recommended some form of traffic control.

Ann Penn, South Pasadena Resident, expressed concerns with traffic at Garfield Avenue and Oak Street and no parking for residents due to the YMCA. She recommended that the seven residents on Oak Street be allowed to park on the south side of Oak Street and the addition of a loading zone in front of the YMCA.

Kathy Martin, South Pasadena Resident, commented that she has no driveway and is dependent upon street parking in front of her residence. She stated that she lives adjacent to the YMCA, which makes it difficult to find parking. South Pasadena Resident Martin requested consideration for residential parking on Oak Street.

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

Councilmember Khubesrian commented that staff's recommendations were a starting point and that no decisions would be made at this time. She recommended that input from the schools and all stakeholders be requested. Councilmember Khubesrian also recommended that the needs of the residents be prioritized. Councilmember Khubesrian stated she met with South Pasadena Resident Penn to discuss parking issues. Councilmember Khubesrian requested that the City further study the intersection of Oak Street and Garfield Avenue for a possible traffic signal or stop sign, improve the crosswalks, and consider parking restrictions for street cleaning days.

Councilmember Schneider recommended that the bus stop on Garfield Avenue be relocated to north of Oak Street for visibility and traffic reasons. Councilmember Schneider supported a loading zone for the YMCA and would take into consideration staff's proposed recommendations at a later time.

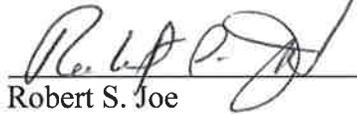
Councilmember Cacciotti concurred with the aforementioned comments made by Councilmembers Khubesrian and Schneider. He indicated that he met with South Pasadena Resident Penn to discuss parking issues. Councilmember Cacciotti recommended the next stage should be a collaborative approach with input from all stakeholders.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud concurred with all the comments made by Councilmembers Khubesrian, Schneider, and Cacciotti. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated a need by the South Pasadena Unified School District (SPUSD) to identify where teachers at the school locations should park. She recommended that the City study the feasibility of making Rollin Street a one-way street. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud recommended that the City and SPUSD Subcommittee review the SPUSD's emergency provisions as it relates to student pick up by parents.

Mayor Joe thanked City Manager Gonzalez and staff for conducting the parking study.

Mayor Joe adjourned the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council at 7:34 p.m.

  
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Evelyn G. Zneimer  
City Clerk

  
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Robert S. Joe  
Mayor

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