



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 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) at 7:40 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud presented the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lily Azat, President; Milad Lashgari, Vice-President; and Jonathan Oyaga, Secretary; Associated Student Body (ASB), South Pasadena Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Attorney Highsmith reported that Mayor Joe called to order at 6:31 p.m., the Closed Session Regular Meeting of the City Council of March 4, 2015, and that all

Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Cacciotti arriving at 6:41 p.m. She indicated the meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Regular Meeting Agenda:

3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)
Number of Cases: 2

City Attorney Highsmith announced that direction was provided to legal counsel and no other action was taken regarding Closed Session Item No. 3, consisting of two (2) cases.

2. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO TOM FIELD, GALLERY DIRECTOR, SOPAS GALLERY, FOR HIS SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO ART AND CULTURE WITHIN THE SOUTH PASADENA COMMUNITY

Mayor Joe presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tom Field, Gallery Director, SoPas Gallery, for his service and contribution to art and culture within the South Pasadena community.

3. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 7, 2015, AS “ARBOR DAY” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Mayor Joe presented a Proclamation declaring March 7, 2015, as “Arbor Day” in the City of South Pasadena (City) to Kim Hughes, Chair, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC).

4. PRESENTATION BY THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY REGARDING SERVICES PROVIDED TO SOUTH PASADENA AND ITS ADOPT-A-PET PROGRAM

Elizabeth Richer Campo, Senior Vice President of Community Relations, and Zahra Nearly, Community Relations Associate, of the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, made a presentation of its Adopt-A-Pet Program and featured a pet dog for adoption.

5. COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Councilmember Schneider requested the following items: 1) Prepare report on the Complete Streets Act, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud; 2) Provide update on the installation of bicycle lockers at the Metro Gold Line Station; and 3) Prepare report on the necessity of periodic changes and amendments to the City’s General Plan before the next General Plan update, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti. Councilmember Schneider announced the “Nature Walk Event in Honor of Arbor Day” to be held on March 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the Arroyo Woodland and Wildlife Nature Park.

Councilmember Khubesrian announced and displayed flyers for the following events: 1) Strategic Plan Update Special Meeting held on February 21, 2015, at the South Pasadena Senior Center; 2) South Pasadena Arts Council Talent Show, in conjunction with the South Pasadena Arts Crawl event, held on February 21, 2015; 3) South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held on February 25, 2015, at the Golden Oaks Apartments; and 4) Council Chamber Remodel Community Meeting to be held on March 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chambers.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested the following items: 1) Clarification on the Mission Street Repaving Project's bicycle path; 2) Refer the El Centro Street Repaving Project to the Public Works Commission to review installation of bicycle lanes with buffer zones, seconded by Councilmember Schneider; and 3) Provide an update on Mission Meridian parking garage. Councilmember Cacciotti thanked the City Council and community members for supporting Jose Huizar, Councilmember, Council District 14, City of Los Angeles, during his election campaign. Councilmember Cacciotti announced and displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the February 26, 2015 Garfield Park Green Zone Ceremony, held in conjunction with the American Green Zone Alliance.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud attended a Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG). She indicated the purpose of the SGVCOG's Transportation Committee Meeting was to discuss the SGVCOG's Mobility Matrix. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud stated that additional language was added to the Mobility Matrix to specify that there were other transportation alternatives. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud announced the following events: 1) Coffee with a Cop to be held on March 7, 2015, at 8:00 a.m., at Heirloom Bakery; 2) Doggy Day and Cats Too! to be held on March 7, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Garfield Park; 3) Graduation of second Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training class on March 7, 2015; and 4) Waterwise Landscape Workshop to be held on March 11, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the South Pasadena Public Library Community Room.

6. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Gonzalez announced and displayed a flyer for the "State Route (SR) 710 North Extend or Not?" Forum, to be held on March 9, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at California State University, Los Angeles. City Manager Gonzalez stated that the SR-710 North Study Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) has not yet been released. He indicated the public comment period for the Draft EIR/EIS was extended to 120 days. City Manager Gonzalez requested that City Attorney Highsmith provide clarification on the City's actions related to the Utility Users Tax (UUT) Repeal Initiative (Initiative).

In response to City Manager Gonzalez's aforementioned request, City Attorney Highsmith advised that the only action the City Council was required to take within ten days of receiving the Fiscal Analysis Report (FAR) was whether or not to adopt the UUT

Initiative in the form of an ordinance. City Attorney Highsmith stated the aforementioned option was the only required action per the California Elections Code (EC). City Attorney Highsmith explained that the decision to place the UUT Initiative on the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election (Election) ballot, which is a legislative decision, is made at the point in time when the next regular Election is called, and generally would not occur before June. City Attorney Highsmith stated that the California EC does not require that the City Council take action to place an initiative on the Election ballot when an Election has not been called yet. City Attorney Highsmith clarified that the City Council did make a decision within the ten days on the evening of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 4, 2015, at the same time the FAR was reviewed and accepted. City Attorney Highsmith concluded that the City Council directed the City Manager not to bring back the UUT Initiative in the form of an ordinance for adoption.

7. REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that Item Nos. 8, 10, and 11 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Khubesrian to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 9, 12, 13, 14, and 15, and including Prepaid Warrants #187206 - 187251 in the amount of \$745,530.67, General City Warrants #187252 - 187383 in the amount of \$349,100.05, and Payroll 02-27-15 in the amount of \$424,024.62, totaling \$1,518,655.34; and seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$8,935.33 (included in above total). By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 9. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7392 FOR SUMMARY VACATION OF AN EXISTING SLOPE EASEMENT AT 1228 KOLLE AVENUE**
- 12. ADOPT A POLICY TO GRANT PRIORITY REGISTRATION TO SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CITIZEN RESIDENTS FOR SENIOR EXCURSIONS**
- 13. REJECTION OF ALL BIDS FOR THE ARROYO SECO GOLF COURSE SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION PROJECT**
- 14. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ZUMAR INDUSTRIES, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF STREET NAME SIGNS**

*CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY***15. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$745,530.67, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$349,100.05, AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424,024.62****ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION****8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

Councilmember Cacciotti requested a modification on page 14 (as listed in the Agenda Packet) of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2015, as follows: Change "Councilmember Schneider recommended the next stage..." to "Councilmember Cacciotti recommended the next stage..."

Councilmember Schneider concurred with Councilmember Cacciotti's requested modification.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to approve the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of February 18, 2015 and Regular City Council Meeting of February 18, 2015, with the aforementioned modification. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

10. APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS FOR CELL ANTENNAS AND EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 700 LA PORTADA – (BILICKE WATER TANK)

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the reference to "Arroyo Seco Park" be changed to "Billicke Water Tank" on page 46 (as listed in the Agenda Packet) of the staff report.

Community Services Director Pautsch confirmed the requested revision by Councilmember Cacciotti was correct.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to authorize the City Manager to execute the attached land lease agreement and memorandum with Verizon Wireless allowing installation of cellular antennas and equipment at the Billicke Water Tower with the aforementioned revision. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

11. AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS US, INC., FOR ABATEMENT MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE GARFIELD RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's question, Public Works Director Toor explained the definition of the terms "Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)" and "Lead Based Paint (LBP)."

Public Works Director Toor provided an update on the Garfield Reservoir Replacement Project.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment for a not-to-exceed amount of \$25,950, with Arcadis US, Inc., for abatement monitoring services for the Garfield Reservoir Replacement Project. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Odom Stamps, President, South Pasadena Preservation Foundation (SPPF), announced SPPF's Progressive Dinner Tour "Through the Gates of Oak Lawn" being held on April 25, 2015.

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

ACTION/DISCUSSION

16. APPROVAL OF CO-SPONSORSHIP POLICY FOR CITY COMMITTEES AND SOUTH PASADENA NONPROFITS

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud commented that she did not want to exclude community service organizations that did not have a non-profit status.

City Manager Gonzalez indicated that community service organizations would not be excluded from having fees waived or receiving co-sponsorship approval due to not having a non-profit status.

In response to Councilmember Cacciotti's question, Community Services Director Pautsch stated the estimated cost for South Pasadena Police Department services for an event such as the "South Pasadena Tiger Run" was \$5,000.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Odom Stamps, South Pasadena Resident, thanked the City for supporting the various community events and indicated support for streamlining the Co-sponsorship Policy.

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

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to approve: 1) A Co-sponsorship Policy for City Committees and South Pasadena nonprofits; and 2) Provide an annual report. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

17. CONSIDER A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF BALLOONS, FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Joe Payne, Chair, Festival of Balloons/Fourth of July (FB/FJ) Committee, commented on alternative locations to hold the fireworks event. He indicated that Garfield Park and Arroyo Seco Park were not feasible locations.

Ted Shaw, Member at Large, FB/FJ Committee, commented that the current location of the fireworks event at the South Pasadena High School was the most appropriate location due to safety reasons.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud noted that the City absorbs the cost of several events that specifically benefit the South Pasadena Unified School District (SPUSD). She recommended that the members of the City and SPUSD Subcommittee consider sharing expenses for events that benefit the community.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to: 1) Approve a one-time contribution of \$10,000 from the General Fund Reserve for the 2015 Festival of Balloons, Fourth of July festivities; and 2) Request the City and South Pasadena Unified School District consider sharing expenses for events that benefit the community. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

18. PROPOSED FUTURE METRO SALES TAX MEASURE FUNDING ALLOCATION SCENARIOS

Principal Management Analyst Lin presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud noted that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has already identified the Cities of La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, and South Pasadena as being included in the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion for purposes of allocating the Measure R2 funding. She stated that the City of La Cañada Flintridge has approved their inclusion within the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated support for this option as the City will likely have common interests particularly with cities to the north and northwest.

Councilmember Khubesrian indicated that City Council action was necessary by the end of March 2015, as the selection of an option was time sensitive. She indicated that the City of Pasadena will be discussing the matter. Councilmember Khubesrian commented that the City would benefit from having more local control and aligning with cities that have similar interests.

Councilmember Schneider concurred with the comments of Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud and Councilmember Khubesrian. Councilmember Schneider inquired if La Crescenta-Montrose has been represented.

Councilmember Khubesrian stated that the Arroyo Verdugo Steering Committee (AVSC) was working on adding La Crescenta-Montrose to the AVSC.

City Manager Gonzalez discussed the time sensitive nature of selecting an option and that Metro was going to discuss the matter at the June 2015 Board of Directors Meeting. City Manager Gonzalez advised that staff is recommending that the City be included within the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion.

Councilmember Cacciotti concurred with the aforementioned statements made by Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud and Councilmembers Khubesrian and Schneider.

MOTION: M/S Khubesrian/Cacciotti to approve Option 4 of Metro's Sales Tax Measure Funding Allocation Scenarios, which includes the Arroyo Verdugo Cities of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, South Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, and La Crescenta-Montrose. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

19. DIRECTION REGARDING AMENDING THE CITY'S PARKWAY ORDINANCE TO PERMIT SYNTHETIC TURF IN 30% OF PARKWAYS

Senior Management Analyst Figoni presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Odom Stamps, President, SPPF, stated that synthetic turf samples had not been provided to the Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC). He discussed the CHC's long standing policy which does not allow plastic, plastic coated windows, plastic coated siding, and plastic coated formed fencing materials. He stated the CHC does not allow plastic on the historic housing and building stock.

Odom Stamps, South Pasadena Resident, indicated opposition to the installation of synthetic turf in parkways.

Kim Hughes, Chair, NREC, commented that options should be provided to residents; however, she agreed that certain properties would not be suitable for the installation of synthetic turf.

Nancy Wilms, Commissioner, NREC, commented that some residents have installed synthetic turf without permits and recommended a process for enforcement be considered.

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

Councilmember Khubesrian thanked the NREC for carefully reviewing the proposed ordinance and providing conditions. She expressed concern with enforcement due to the number of conditions to be met. Councilmember Khubesrian discussed the feedback she received from the public, of which a majority were opposed to permitting synthetic turf in the parkway. She stated the approval of synthetic turf would be a step backwards and discussed the effects of crumb rubber fill. Councilmember Khubesrian suggested educational information be provided to residents as they are not aware of the risks of synthetic turf. Councilmember Khubesrian read a list of chemicals that are found in synthetic turf and indicated opposition to permitting synthetic turf in the parkway.

Councilmember Schneider indicated opposition to permitting synthetic turf for the same reasons as stated by Councilmember Khubesrian.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud commented that many residents were not aware of the long term negative aspects of synthetic turf and were concerned with not having a green lawn. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud recommended the following: 1) Approval of synthetic turf; 2) Revisit the matter in five years; 3) Charge a fee; and 4) Exclusion of historic properties.

Councilmember Cacciotti indicated opposition to permitting synthetic turf due to the negative impacts of chemicals to people and pets. He recommended the matter be reviewed in two years and that those properties with existing synthetic turf be granted an exception.

Mayor Joe commented that the parkway was a narrow area and City property. He indicated support for retaining natural material.

Discussion followed among City Councilmembers and staff regarding alternative options to conserve water.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated that the current ordinance limits non-living materials to a maximum of 30% of the parkway, and had there been support of synthetic turf, the maximum amount of synthetic turf permitted in the parkway would have been 30%.

MOTION: M/S Khubesrian/Schneider to: 1) Not permit synthetic turf to be installed in the parkways; and 2) Review the matter again in two years. By roll call vote, the motion passed 4-1-0 (Mahmud: No, Absent: None).

REPORTS

20. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15 (FY 2014/15)

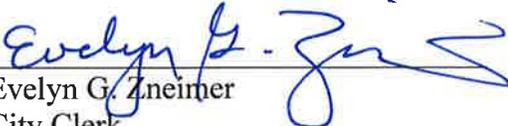
Finance Director Batt presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested that staff provide quarterly financial reports.

MOTION: M/S Cacciotti/Khubesrian that the City Council and the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency receive and file the Mid-Year FY 2014-15 financial report. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joe adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency at 10:15 p.m.


Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk


Robert S. Joe
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on March 18, 2015.