



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/  
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED  
THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 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.

Interim Chief Deputy City Clerk Kilby 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 Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; Deputy City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Summers; Interim Chief Deputy City Clerk/Interim Chief Deputy Agency/Interim Chief Deputy Authority Secretary Kilby; City Clerk Zneimer; Police Chief Miller; Acting Police Captain Solinsky; Police Officer Holland; Deputy Fire Chief Riddle; Finance Director Batt; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Principal Management Analyst Lin; Executive Assistant Demirjian; and Management Aide Castruita.

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Cacciotti presented the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Boy Scout Troop 139 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Joe called the Closed Session of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of May 6, 2015, to order at 6:35 p.m., and all Councilmembers were present, with Councilmember Cacciotti arriving at 6:48 p.m. The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following item 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)

Deputy City Attorney Summers announced that the City met in Closed Session regarding potential initiation of one item of litigation. Direction was provided to outside counsel; however, no reportable action was taken.

**2. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 17-23, 2015, AS “PUBLIC WORKS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

Mayor Joe introduced Public Works Director Toor, who introduced four members of the Field Operation Staff of the Public Works Department and described their scope of work. Mayor Joe presented a Proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2015, as “Public Works Week” in the City of South Pasadena (City) to Public Works Director Toor, Public Works Operation Manager Nevarez, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Brard, Street Supervisor Munoz, and Acting Parks Supervisor Maravilla. Mayor Joe expressed appreciation to the Public Works employees for their outstanding efforts.

**3. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2015, AS “NATIONAL BIKE MONTH” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

Mayor Joe introduced Police Chief Miller, who presented a video on bicycle safety laws prepared by the South Pasadena Police Department in conjunction with a local production company. Mayor Joe presented a Proclamation declaring May 2015, as “National Bike Month” in the City to Claudia Morales and Nancy Verdin, Representatives, BikeSGV, Police Chief Miller, and Police Officer Holland. Representative Morales announced bike safety classes, “Bike to Work Week,” and “Bike to Work Day” May 14, 2015. Police Chief Miller and Police Officer Holland responded to Councilmembers’ questions on bike safety.

**4. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2015, AS “NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

Mayor Joe presented a Proclamation declaring May 2015, as “National Preservation Month” in the City to Odom Stamps, President, South Pasadena Preservation Foundation

(SPPF). President Stamps announced that the upcoming annual meeting of SPPF will be held June 6, 2015, at the historic Rialto Theatre.

## **5. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Councilmember Khubesrian emphasized the importance of a well-rounded life to bring wholeness to a person, and she expressed appreciation that activities encouraging this are part of the school experience for youth. She reported on the following events: 1) The Eclectic Music Festival, which featured 40 acts on seven stages and a birdhouse design contest for adults and children; 2) The South Pasadena Community Garden (Community Garden) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, for which she acknowledged efforts of Community Service Director Pautsch; and 3) The SPPF dinner and tour of historic homes. Councilmember Khubesrian requested that an item be added to a future City Council Meeting agenda to consider researching the possibility of investing in socially conscious investments, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti. She said that this has been discussed by the Finance Committee as they are seeking further direction from the City Council. She announced an upcoming meeting on the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study on the proposed State Route 710 (SR-71) North Extension.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the City Manager assign staff to the task of applying for various grants available soon from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud. He displayed PowerPoint photographs of the recent Free Mulch and Compost Giveaway and introduced Robert Yan, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout Troop 139 (Troop), and eight of the ten Scouts who volunteered at the event. Scoutmaster Yan provided information about the Troop, and each Scout introduced himself. Councilmember Cacciotti introduced Maynor Ramos, Branch Manager, TruGreen LandCare, the City's landscape maintenance vendor. Branch Manager Ramos said that TruGreen LandCare donated the mulch and made remarks about the contribution made by the Scouts; he said Maggie Gomez, Account Manager, TruGreen LandCare, was also present. Councilmember Cacciotti expressed appreciation to Athens Services.

Councilmember Schneider had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud reported on the following items: 1) A meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' Transportation Committee; 2) The Stage 2 Water Drought Restrictions in the City, which should assist the City in meeting the required 17 percent savings in water usage mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board; 3) The South Pasadena Beautiful Garden Tour; 4) The Rotary Club's "Taste of South Pasadena" event; and 5) The grand opening of the Community Garden, which she illustrated with PowerPoint slides. She recognized Orchard Supply Hardware, which donated \$5,000 and provided discounts on supplies.

Mayor Joe acknowledged Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud, whose efforts were responsible for the opening of the Community Garden. He reported on the following, accompanied by PowerPoint slides: 1) Attendance with City Manager Gonzalez at the Los Angeles County Quarterly Mayors' Regional Meeting hosted by Eric Garcetti, Mayor, City of Los Angeles, where the topics of stormwater urban runoff, homelessness, and drought were discussed; 2) The Marengo Elementary School's Fifth Grade Graduating Class Picture with the South Pasadena Fire Department and Fire Engine; and 3) The annual Be Kind to Animals Art Awards Ceremony that recognized children who created drawings, art work, and poems representing kindness and humane treatment to animals, including pets and wildlife. He requested that an item be added to the next City Council Meeting agenda to allocate \$800 of his Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 discretionary funds toward the purchase of the Leo Politi sculpture, seconded by Councilmember Khubesrian.

## **6. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gonzalez announced the following events: 1) A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the City's largest infrastructure project in the City's history, the reconstruction of the Garfield Reservoir, on May 13, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.; and 2) A Special City Council Meeting Study Session on the proposed SR-710 North Extension to address how the proposed alternatives affect the City, which will be held on May 13, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., at the South Pasadena Middle School Auditorium.

## **7. REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested that Item No. 9 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

City Manager Gonzalez requested that Item No. 12 be pulled from tonight's agenda and brought back at a future City Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** M/S Khubesrian/Cacciotti to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8, 10, 11, and 13, and including Prepaid Warrants #188018-188095 in the amount of \$823,248.65, General City Warrants #188096-188268 in the amount of \$1,211,399.79, and Payroll 04-24-15 in the amount of \$444,836.46, totaling \$2,479,484.90; and seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$9,544.52 (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 22, 2015**
- 10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOUTH PASADENA ZONING CODE REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR CALLING UP PROJECTS FOR REVIEW AND WHO MAY APPEAL CODE ENFORCEMENT DECISIONS**
- 11. DISCRETIONARY FUND REQUESTS FROM COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A LEO POLITI SCULPTURE, \$1,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOST CITY EVENTS FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER 2015, AND \$700 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN**

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- 13. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$823,248.65, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,211,399.79, AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,836.46**

**ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION**

- 9. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES ON THE RISK MANAGEMENT CUSTODIAL BANK ACCOUNT FOR GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud recommended that changes be made to the proposed Resolution, which are reflected in a revised resolution provided to the City Council as an additional document. The changes identify with specificity what the appropriate and applicable claim settlement authority for each of the individuals who are identified as having signatory authority on the City's bank account. This will protect the City from the banks' potential erroneous reliance on an unauthorized signature for disbursement of an amount in excess of that signatory's authorized capacity. She responded to questions.

Deputy City Attorney Summers verified that the proposed resolution, with the recommended changes, could be approved at tonight's meeting. He said the revisions add a specific set of tiers of approval authority for varying levels of amounts, depending on who the individual is. He said the change is sensible and will provide protection for the City in ensuring that a small claim can be easily processed below \$2,500; claims in the amount of \$2,501 to \$25,000 can be processed with appropriate oversight, but without requiring approval by the City Council; and that claims over \$25,000 must be approved

by the City Council. This will also protect from potential errors or irregularities at the bank.

In response to Councilmember Khubesrian's question regarding additional steps that may be required by staff, Finance Director Batt stated the change clarifies approval authority and indicated support for Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's recommended change.

**MOTION:** M/S Khubesrian/Mahmud to adopt the accompanying resolution, with aforementioned revisions, providing signatory authorization for the City Treasurer, Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, and designated representatives from the City of South Pasadena's (City's) General Liability (GL) Third Party Administrator, Carl Warren and Company, for payment of funds for GL claims. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

## **12. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE FOR POINT-TO-POINT ETHERNET SERVICES**

Mayor Joe announced that Item No. 12 will be rescheduled for a future City Council Meeting per a request from City Manager Gonzalez.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Phil Drachman, Property Owner of 617-627 Charter Oak Street, introduced Michael Gutierrez, Tenant, who will address a noise abatement issue generated by a resident on Magnolia Street. Tenant Gutierrez, 619 Charter Oak Street, said he represents nine neighbors in their efforts to address an unusual noise disturbance from a neighbor for the past nine months. He said that type of noise falls under the South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) Section 19A.23 Prohibition of Noise. He said a teenage boy in the backyard of 626 Magnolia Street is hitting a baseball into a hanging canvas sheet, which is resulting in loud, repetitive thuds. He said the Police Department and City Code Enforcement Division have been contacted. He read from a letter sent to the City Council and played a recording of the repetitive sound. Mayor Joe, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti, requested staff to look into the matter and return with a report as to what is needed from the City.

Stephen Glazer, Business Consultant, mvpchannel.net, stated the company has produced approximately 40 sports videos in the City that showcase and enhance the City and requested that the City subsidize this service. Mayor Joe requested that City Manager Gonzalez contact the South Pasadena Unified School District about its involvement with this service.

The following residents provided public comment about a construction Project (Project) at 820 Mission Street (former Abbott Laboratories), adjacent to their residences:

Michael Culross, South Pasadena Resident, expressed concern regarding the fact that the drawings of the Project never depicted the scale of the Project in relation to the surrounding properties, and that the Project will degrade the quality of life for the neighbors.

Amy Santa Cruz, Owner, 821 Magnolia Street, stated the following: 1) Extensive swimming pool filter re-cleaning and purchase of a new motor have been necessary due to dust from the construction; 2) It is questionable as to whether the historical value of the home will be maintained; 3) Two palm trees on the property were removed without permission by the developer; and 4) The Contractor has not complied with permitted construction hours.

Jaime Garner, Tenant, said there is blatant disregard of the SPMC. She has made repeated complaints about noncompliance with permitted construction hours. Councilmember Cacciotti confirmed the facts as stated by the residents in regard to construction hours. Mayor Joe and Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the issues raised by residents be investigated by staff.

Bee Simpson, South Pasadena Resident, expressed appreciation to the City Council for its efforts in recognizing the "Be Kind to Animals Week" event. She provided a brief history of the City's Animal Commission. Resident Simpson expressed dissatisfaction with the South Pasadena Public Library (Library) Community Room's sound system, and encouraged the City Council to look into remedying this. Mayor Joe said that evaluating the facility's sound system is in the proposed Budget for the FY 2015-16.

Laurie Wheeler, Interim Executive Director, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to the South Pasadena Farmers' Market to participate in a free bike clinic on "Bike to Work Day" on May 14, 2015.

Jeannette Martello, M.D., South Pasadena Resident, in regard to the Project at 820 Mission Street referred to above, distributed packets to the City Council and collected them following her comments. She said that she and her parents have sued Intracorp, the developer, in state and federal court due to property the Developer has stolen from her parents. She provided an explanation of the issue, referring to a boundary between 712 Orange Grove Avenue (their property) and the development at 820 Mission Street. She said the Developer has destroyed a fence and damaged a tree and little support has been rendered by the City. Mayor Joe stated that the City Council cannot discuss the topic since it is not an item on tonight's City Council Meeting agenda.

Carrie Adrian, South Pasadena Resident, announced that the 2015 Special Olympics Summer Games needs volunteers for the event who can serve as translators in Arabic. She indicated she has volunteered to serve as a Spanish-language translator.

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **14. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDING SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 23.14, STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL TO EXPAND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE EXISTING POLLUTANT SOURCE REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS BY IMPOSING RAINWATER LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) STRATEGIES**

Public Works Director Toor presented the staff report, stating that this is a work in progress and should be continued to the next Regular City Council Meeting once the Public Hearing is opened. A presentation about the program will be given at that time, and the ordinance will be introduced for the first reading. At the same time, he said the City's Green Street policy will be presented.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Hearing and was advised by Deputy City Attorney Summers to leave the Public Hearing open and continue it to the next Regular City Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Khubesrian to continue the Public Hearing (on amending the South Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 23.14, Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control to expand the applicability of the existing pollutant source reduction requirements by imposing rainwater Low Impact Development (LID) strategies) to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on May 20, 2015, and to direct staff to bring the proposed ordinance for first reading at that time. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

## **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

### **15. RESOLUTION FINDING TEAPAC INITIATIVE TO REPEAL THE UTILITY USERS TAX (UUT) TO BE CONSTITUTIONALLY DEFECTIVE AND DECLINING TO PLACE IT ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT**

City Manager Gonzalez presented the staff report on the initiative petition to repeal the Utility Users Tax (UUT). There were no questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Carrie Adrian, South Pasadena Resident, indicated support for continuing the UUT. She said it was voted in by voters because of what it provides residents in terms of the quality of life. She said she was encouraged by legal counsel's presentation at the April 22, 2015,

Special City Council Meeting as to the constitutionality of the petition. She said citizens have the right to vote in taxes. She further encouraged the City Council to adopt the proposed resolution.

Bee Simpson, South Pasadena Resident, asked for clarification as to the unconstitutionality of the submitted initiative petition.

As requested by Mayor Joe, Deputy City Attorney Summers responded: The proposed initiative petition is unconstitutional because of fundamental defects that could not be cured. First, it takes away the power of future City Councils to adopt taxes, adopt fees, or impose assessments, which violates California Constitution Article 13.24, which is the power to adopt taxes or fees, and to impose assessments. This is built into Proposition 218 and Proposition 13, which provides that a City Council can adopt taxes, fees, and assessments with certain restrictions and, depending on the type of fee or assessment, a further requirement for voter approval. The initiative petition seeks to preclude any adoption of any type of tax, fee, or assessment going forward, without exception. That is what is unconstitutional, he said, trying to tie the hands of the future City Councils. Second, it takes away the power of the residents to approve any tax, fee, or charge for any utility service, including water, which is a violation of the voters' rights under Proposition 218 to adopt or increase a water or utility charge through the majority protest process in compliance with a number of procedural requirements. The initiative petition seeks to tie the hands of future voters, which cannot be done. One electorate cannot tie the hands of a future electorate. Lastly, the petition's plain language would deprive the City of the ability to set or collect any charges for utility services, including for water service, which also violates Proposition 218. For these reasons, and for the broader reason that the petition seeks to tie the hands of the City Council's taxing power, again, subject to various restrictions, to impose the tax. Here it tries to tie their hands entirely.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud asked whether the City has been keeping track of costs to date incurred by the City in processing the two initiative petitions. She said the City will most likely be faced with a third petition to repeal the UUT. If the City has not already calculated its costs incurred in responding to the challenges, she recommended that an estimate be made of costs incurred thus far and to specifically track future costs.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Khubesrian to approve a resolution finding that the TeaPac UUT repeal initiative measure to be constitutionally defective and declining to place it on the November 3, 2015, General Municipal Election ballot. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

**16. DIRECTION REGARDING LIBRARY SPECIAL TAX RENEWAL OPTION**

Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Fjeldsted presented the staff report and responded to City Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud asked if the Library Special Tax Rate (Rate) could be increased from the Rates set in 1994. She stated the Library will be faced with significant financial challenges in the next few years, and that there is a need to upgrade the Library. She said the modest rate (\$24 for a single-family residence of fewer than 2,000 square feet; \$34 for a home of up to 4,000 square feet; and \$48 for a residence in excess of 4,000 square feet) is inadequate to meet the needs. City Manager Gonzalez responded that a study is needed in order to raise the Rate, and that there is not sufficient time to complete the study prior to deadlines for the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election. Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Fjeldsted confirmed this and answered questions about the existing tax, including the number of residents who requested an exemption and why the Rate was not indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section.

Brendan Durrett, Chair, Measure L Committee (Committee), said the Committee supports indexing the rate and increasing the Rate. After the Committee researched the issue and found that a comprehensive study would be required, he said the Committee decided to propose a straightforward renewal due to the cost (\$10,000) of the study and the time needed to complete the study (three-four months). This would be a goal for the next renewal. He described the scope of Library services and provided usage statistics. He described the history of the Library Parcel Tax and its provisions. He said losing the Parcel Tax revenue would result in direct program cuts. The Committee proposes a five-year renewal of the Parcel Tax at the current Rate.

Ann Messana, President, Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library, and Member, Measure L Committee, urged support for Measure L and recommended adding it to the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election ballot. President Messana and Chair Durrett intend to work toward initiating the study that could lead to a future Rate increase.

Carl von Bibra, South Pasadena Resident, stated the Library has always been an important part of the City. Libraries are declining elsewhere, but the City's Library is doing better. He said that Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Fjeldsted is a big part of its success. The City is lucky to have its Library in the middle of a park, in the center of the City. He asked the City Council to support the Library.

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

Discussion continued. City Manager Gonzalez and Deputy City Attorney Summers believed a CPI could be added for future tax collection without a nexus study; Deputy City Attorney Summers said this would be confirmed. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested the following: 1) The possibility of indexing from 1994 also be investigated; 2) The possibility of making a loan to the Library from the City be explored, with the Library repaying it with future taxes, assuming the tax rate is increased; and 3) That the legality of charging different rates per parcel be examined if it hasn't already been done. Councilmember Schneider stated that he opposed exempting organizations (charitable, community service, religious) from taxes. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud indicated support for taxing certain tax-exempt organizations that are utilizing property for commercial purposes; she asked the City Attorney to investigate this.

Mayor Joe asked for a continuation of the issue to the next Regular City Council meeting. City Manager Gonzalez responded that the May 20, 2015, City Council Regular Meeting agenda is full. Interim Chief Deputy City Clerk Kilby provided information about ballot measure deadlines for the November 3, 2015 General Municipal Election, stating that a final resolution could be adopted in late June without a problem. Councilmember Schneider said he wanted to ensure that the Committee is in favor of the City Council's recommendations. Mayor Joe said that postponing the discussion will enable the Library Board of Trustees to review the options. Councilmember Cacciotti recommended that the extension be lengthened to seven to nine years. Deputy City Attorney Summers said a range of options will be presented including the timeline, rate, and indexing. Councilmember Cacciotti asked that tax-exempt organizations having a nexus with profit be examined; Deputy City Attorney Summers said that this has to be done carefully and is mostly out of the City's control. However, he said that organizations that have unrelated business income could be studied.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to: 1) Postpone the discussion regarding the Library Special Tax to the June 3, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting; and 2) Ask the City Attorney to investigate and present options in accord with the above discussion regarding the submission of a question to voters relating to the extension of the Library Special Tax. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

## **REPORTS**

Mayor Joe noted that Item Nos. 17 and 18 would be discussed concurrently.

### **17. RECEIVE & FILE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE SUMMARY**

### **18. FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 STRATEGIC PLAN QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Management Aide Castruita presented staff reports for Item Nos. 17 and 18, illustrated with a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to City Councilmembers' questions. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud said that during the April 29, 2015, Special Meeting (Budget)

Study Session, staff recommended allocating reserves to partially fund updating the Master Plan, based on a two-year effort. She said that now it appears that staff recommends completing the Master Plan by the end of the next Fiscal Year. City Manager Gonzalez said the Strategic Plan and the FY 2015-16 Budget need to be revised to be in concurrence. If this is to be implemented in the upcoming Fiscal Year, he recommended allocating additional funds or establishing a reserve fund for the General Plan update, to be utilized in FY 2016-17. It was confirmed that traffic, parking, and mobility were the residents' highest-priority issue. Councilmember Schneider indicated support for Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's concern about the high cost of the City's General Plan update; he said the project should cost less.

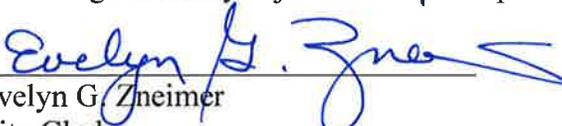
City Manager Gonzalez said that all concerns and priorities expressed by residents have been taken into consideration by the City.

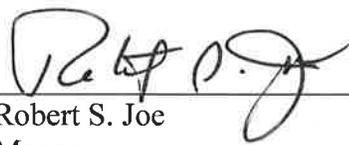
Mayor Joe suggested that either the Staff Liaison or the City Council Liaison to each commission brief their commissioners on the Strategic Planning process. No objections were voiced.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud that the City Council receive and file the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Strategic Planning Update Summary and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Strategic Plan Quarterly Update; and that the staff liaison or the City Council Liaison of each commission brief their commissioners on the Strategic Planning process and goals. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Schneider made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti. By consensus, the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority adjourned at 10:05 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 May 20, 2015.