



**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Cacciotti on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 7:38 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers Joe, Khubesrian, and Mahmud; Mayor Pro Tem Schneider; and Mayor Cacciotti.

**Absent:** None.

**City Staff**

**Present:** Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager; Teresa L. Highsmith, City Attorney; Evelyn G. Zneimer, City Clerk; Anthony J. Mejia, Chief City Clerk were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Cacciotti gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cacciotti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Closed Session Announcements**

The Regular Closed Session of the City Council of February 15, 2017, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Schneider at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Regular Meeting Agenda:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4):

Number of Cases: 1

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Number of Anticipated Cases: 1

- C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Properties: 1500 El Centro Street (5315-003-901) and easement known as “Edison Lane” (No APN)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager Sergio Gonzalez; City Attorney Teresa L. Highsmith

Negotiating Party: Citizens Business Bank

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

- D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Properties: 1700 Mission Street, Unit 21, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Agency Negotiators: City Manager Sergio Gonzalez; City Attorney Teresa L. Highsmith

Negotiating Parties: Lilian M. Myers

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

City Attorney Highsmith reported that the City Council provided direction to staff regarding the agenda items, but did not take any reportable action.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **2. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March 2, 2017 as "Ray Bradbury Day" in the City of South Pasadena**

Mayor Cacciotti presented a Proclamation to Robert Kerr, of the Ray Bradbury Pandemonium Theatre Company, and John King Tarpinian, a close friend of the Bradbury Family, declaring March 2, 2017, as “Ray Bradbury Day” in the City of South Pasadena.

**COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS****3. Commission Appointment**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to appoint Jeremy Ding to the Public Safety Commission for a full three-year term ending December 31, 2019.

**COMMUNICATIONS****4. Councilmembers Communications**

Councilmember Joe narrated a photo slideshow depicting the reception to celebrate Judson Studios' completion of the "Resurrection Window," noting that it is the largest fused and stained glass window in the world.

Councilmember Mahmud requested that the City Council issue a Certificate of Recognition to Judson Studios, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Schneider; reported on her recent activities and meetings related to water and stormwater; advised that the Animal Commission has recommended for the City Council's consideration a prohibition on the sale of puppy mill pets and to seek guidance regarding mandatory spay/neutering of dogs.

Councilmember Khubesrian advised that the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion Steering Committee will be considering whether to form a Joint Powers Authority regarding local transportation issues; advised that the proposal will be submitted to each partner city for its consideration; advised that a Community Meeting regarding rent control will be held on March 20, 2017, at the Library Community Room.

Mayor Pro Tem Schneider commended Judson Studios for their work on the "Resurrection Window."

Mayor Cacciotti displayed photos depicting a tour of the San Pascual Stables, the electric lawn mower exchange giveaway, and the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission; spoke on the need to improve public transit to Cal Poly Pomona and other nearby colleges and universities.

**5. City Manager Communications**

City Manager Gonzalez announced upcoming community meetings related to the City budget, renter's concerns, and the General Plan update.

**6. Merchant Minute**

Mayor Cacciotti introduced Jessica Van Alderwerelt and Patrice Veyna, owners of Vavé Studios, who invited the community to visit their store located on Mission Street, noting that they specialize in custom floral arrangements, gift items, and home décor.

**7. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda**

Councilmember Mahmud requested the Agenda Item No. 14 (City efforts to address homelessness) be heard prior to Agenda Item No. 15 (Resolution of support for Measure H).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gloria Mushonga-Roberts, representing Common Sense Kids Action, invited the community to attend a listening session on a proposed Senate Bill for the establishment of a Children and Youth Bill of Rights on February 19, 2017, at the Library Community Room.

Todd Saint Vaughn, South Pasadena resident, requested that the City Council consider installation of speed bumps on Indiana Avenue, between Mission and Hawthorne Streets; stated that commuters frequently speed on the residential street.

Mayor Cacciotti requested that Police Chief Miller work with Mr. Saint Vaughn to address his concerns regarding speeding vehicles on Indiana Avenue.

Laurie Wheeler, President of the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, invited the community to participate in the Winter Arts Crawl on February 25, 2017.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8-11.

**8. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 18, 2017 and January 25, 2017**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 and January 25, 2017 City Council Meetings.

**9. Prepaid Warrants and General City Warrants**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 197058 through 197108 in the amount of \$160,836.55; General City Warrants Nos. 197109 through 197209 in the amount of \$476,635.38.

**10. Monthly Investment Reports for December 2016**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to receive and file the Monthly Investment Reports for December 2016.

**11. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Participation in Negotiations for Development of the Joint Powers Agreement for Los Angeles Community Choice Energy**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 7503 entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, authorizing participation in negotiations for development of the Joint Powers Agreement for Los Angeles Community Choice Energy."
2. Appoint Councilmember Diana Mahmud to serve as the City's representative.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**12. 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**

Fire Deputy Chief Riddle presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Cacciotti opened and closed the Public Hearing, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to conduct a Public Hearing to hear any objections or protests to the procedures for abating brush and native vegetation fire hazards identified in Resolution No. 7498, and adopting by motion an order directing the abatement of fire hazards.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION**

**13. Authorize a Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 287 Regarding the State Highway Route 710: Advisory Committee**

Principal Management Analyst Lin presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Cacciotti opened and closed the Public Comment period, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

Councilmember Joe requested that a copy of the proposed letter be sent to the Secretary of the California Transportation Agency and other local elected representatives.

Mayor Pro Tem Schneider suggested that Assemblymember Holden's letter to the Secretary of the California Transportation Agency related to the State Route 710 (SR-710) North Extension tunnel project be posted on the City's website.

Councilmember Mahmud suggested that the proposed letter be amended to state that the Bill should clarify that both the SR-710 North Extension tunnel project and the SR-710 North Extension surface route project should not be considered by the Advisory Committee.

Mayor Cacciotti spoke on the importance of expanding and enhancing public transit options, including bus routes and light rail trains, to local colleges and universities.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 5-0, to authorize a letter of support for Assembly Bill 287 (AB 287) which would establish a State Highway Route 710: Advisory Committee, as amended.

## REPORTS

### **15. Receive and File a Report of the City's Efforts to Address Homelessness**

Police Sergeant Robledo narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority in conjunction with South Pasadena Police Department" and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the Public Comment period.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena resident, expressed gratitude to the Police Department for its efforts to address homelessness in South Pasadena; encouraged the City to increase its outreach to residents to advise them how they may assist the homeless.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Cacciotti closed the Public Comment period.

The City Council commended Police Sergeant Robledo and City staff for their efforts to address homelessness. Councilmember Mahmud requested that the Police Department increase patrol at the Nature Park to ensure that all patrons have access to the Park.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to receive and file a report of the City's efforts to address homelessness.

## ACTION/DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)

### **14. Adoption of a Resolution in Support of Measure H – Los Angeles County Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness**

Community Services Director Pautsch presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Cacciotti opened and closed the Public Comment period, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

Councilmember Mahmud expressed a desire for the City to participate in the County's development of the expenditure plan for Measure H to ensure that South Pasadena receives its fair share of revenues to help address homelessness; suggested that the City may desire to partner with neighboring cities to address daytime homeless issues.

Community Services Director Pautsch advised that a citizen's advisory committee will be established under Measure H and that a local resident may be willing to serve on the committee to help ensure that Measure H funds come to South Pasadena.

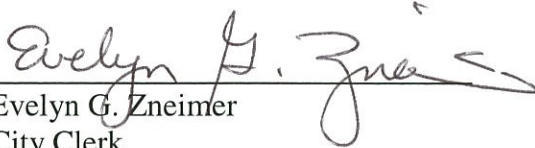
Councilmember Khubesrian spoke on the importance of providing the homeless with access to primary health care providers.


The City Council directed that the proposed resolution be amended to state: 1) that many homeless find South Pasadena as a hospitable place to stay during the day, but go to other jurisdictions at night, and 2) that the City supports Measure H so that funds may be used to provide tools, training, and equipment to public safety personnel.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 7504 entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, in support of Measure H – Los Angeles County plan to prevent and combat homelessness."

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cacciotti adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 9:20 p.m.

  
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Evelyn G. Zneimer  
City Clerk

  
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Michael A. Cacciotti  
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on March 1, 2017.