CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Mahmud on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 6:08 p.m. The meeting was held virtually, via Zoom, in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20. The City Council Chambers are located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present via Zoom:	Mayor Diana Mahmud
	Mayor Pro Tem Michael A. Cacciotti
	Councilmembers Jack Donovan
	Councilmember Jon Primuth
	Councilmember Evelyn Zneimer

Absent:	None

City Staff Present Via Zoom:	Interim City Manager Sean Joyce; City Attorney Teresa Highsmith; and Chief City Clerk Ayala.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Councilmember Primuth.

1. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A Closed Session Agenda has been posted separately.

A. EXISTING LITIGATION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

Case: Coyotyl + Macehaulli v. City of South Pasadena

City Attorney Terri Highsmith reported the Council met in Closed Session to review one case as stated. The City Attorney gave an update on the matter; direction was provided to legal counsel but no action was taken in closed session.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Virtual Public Forum - SB 381: Caltrans Surplus Property

Mayor Mahmud introduced the item and welcomed Senator Anthony Portantino. CivicStone consultant Adam Eliason presented the item.

Chief City Clerk Ayala announced the names of those who submitted public comment via e-mail (these comments were not read, but are added to the official final record of the meeting and are available under the meeting's Additional Documents):

- Chris Bray
- Bianca Richards
- Sally Takeda

- Megeen McLaughlin; Tim Ivison
- Delaine W. Shane
- Ron Rosen

Assistant to the City Manager Demirjian and Kristi Lopez from Senator Portantino's Office read questions from the public regarding taxes, resale restrictions, requirements for current CalTrans tenants, the length of the affordability covenant, tenants who cannot purchase their homes, a possible lottery system, reasons to change the Roberti Act, statutes regarding unpaid entitlements, prioritization of South Pasadena residents, acquisition prices and repair estimates, oversight and a possible board of trustees, financing for current tenants, inclusion of provisions of the South Pasadena Preservation Foundation proposal, renovation of historic homes, participation in sub-committees, and selection of Housing Related Entities (HRE).

Interim City Manager Joyce, Mayor Mahmud, Mr. Eliason, Senator Portantino, and Mobius Planning consultant Grant Henninger responded accordingly.

Councilmember Primuth expressed his desire to be more involved in the process and the need for additional outreach and public participation. Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti shared his experience with CalTrans and voiced the need to inspect and assess the current condition of the CalTrans homes. Councilmember Zneimer enquired about Senator Portantino's ability to negotiate a corridor-wide agreement in lieu of further legislation. Senator Portantino responded that he did not represent all cities in the corridor and that legislation was needed to establish local control.

There was discussion by the City Council regarding the following: using proceeds from sales to subsidize low income housing; concerns relating to historical homes due to renovation costs; and demolition. Staff responded to the inquiries.

Residents were encouraged to email comments and view documents on the website as the City continues to develop the framework for SB381.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Mahmud adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m., to the next Regular City Council meeting on April 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lucie Colombo, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:

DIANA MAHMUD
MAYOR

Attest:

Lucie Colombo, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk

Approved at City Council Meeting: 7/7/2021