

CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 2023, AT 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Primuth on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 5:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Mayor

Jon Primuth

Mayor Pro Tem

Evelyn G. Zneimer

Councilmember

Jack Donovan

Councilmember

Michael A. Cacciotti

Councilmember

Janet Braun

ABSENT

None

Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager; Stephanie Cao, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Councilmember Jack Donovan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Primuth clarified that the Moratorium item is a public hearing and public comment on the item will be taken after staff presentation and City Council questions.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA EXTENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2374 ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM MORATORIUM ON NO-FAULT JUST CAUSE TERMINATIONS OF RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION

ORDINANCE

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING 1) APPROVAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT; AND 2) ADOPTION OF THE 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT (SIXTH CYCLE, FIFTH DRAFT) UPDATE OF THE SOUTH PASADENA GENERAL PLAN, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT OF CALIFORNIA HOUSING ELEMENT LAW.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council waive full reading of the Urgency Ordinance extending Ordinance No. 2374 establishing an interim moratorium on no-fault just cause terminations of residential tenancies and adopt the Urgency Ordinance.

Senior Planner Leah Demarest provided verbal presentation on the item. Staff responded to questions raised by the City Council.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

In-Person Comments:

Max Sherman spoke regarding the proposed Moratorium on behalf of the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles.

Rachel Russell spoke regarding the proposed Moratorium.

Kristy Smith spoke regarding the proposed Moratorium.

Zoom Comments:

Jorge Rivera spoke regarding the proposed Moratorium.

Bill Kelly spoke regarding the proposed Moratorium.

Rian Barrett spoke regarding the proposed Moratorium.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Mayor Pro Tem Zneimer directed staff to include a "Sunset" clause in the forthcoming permanent ordinance with a finite duration.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Zneimer, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 2 as recommended with the modification to the ordinance to amend section 3 to reduce the length of the moratorium to six months. The motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES:

Braun, Cacciotti, Donovan, Zneimer, Mayor Primuth

NOES:

None.

ABSENT:

None.

ABSTAINED: None.

Ordinance No. 2376 was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Mayor Primuth adjourned the meeting of the City Council at 5:49 P.M. to the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled for July 19, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Perez

Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Jon Primuth

Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Perez

Deputy City Clerk

Approved at City Council Meeting: 7/19/2023