

**City of South Pasadena Finance Commission
Minutes for Meeting of:
October 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Burke Triolo Studio
538 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

- I. Roll Call** Commissioner Adrian – Present
Commissioner Burke – Present
Commissioner Catania – Present
Commissioner Peters – Excused
Commissioner Wood – Excused
City Council Liaison Mahmud – Present
City Treasurer Pia – Present
Staff Liaison / Finance Director Batt – Present
Asst. Finance Director Lieu – Present

Also present: Mariam Ko, Human Resources Manager, and Michael Simmons, Alliant

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Approval of Minutes of the August 24, 2016 Meeting

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IV. New Business

None.

V. Continuing Business

a. General Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance

The City's insurance broker, Michael Simmons, gave a comprehensive presentation on the factors that led to the recent substantial increases in the City's workers' compensation premiums. He said that keeping claims costs down was the most important thing the City could do to control the cost of insurance, since increases are due to the City's adverse experience.

There was considerable discussion regarding pricing of premiums, the pros and cons of self-insured retentions, health provider networks, claims history and analysis, managing injured employees, and comparing costs of CSAC and CJPIA.

The consensus of the Commission was to receive and file the report.

Closed.

b. 2009 Water Bond Refinancing

Finance Director Batt said that the refinancing of the 2009 Water Bonds is scheduled to close on Nov. 10, and will provide savings of approximately \$366,000 per year for the remaining 23 years of the original term. The new bonds will have an AA rating.

Continued.

c. Update on the Downtown Project

Finance Director Batt said that the State Department of Finance has approved the Bond Expenditure Agreement between the City and the Successor Agency, allowing the transfer of the remaining \$900,000 of bond proceeds from the Agency to the City, and they also approved the amendment to the Long Range Management Plan allowing the transfer of the contested parking lot parcel to the City.

Closed.

VI. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Adrian expressed concerns about the condition of the driveway and lighting at the golf course.

Commissioner Burke commented on the actions of Citizens Business Bank as they affected the Downtown Redevelopment Project.

Commission Chair Catania announced that he will be making the Commission's annual report at the Nov. 2 City Council meeting.

VII. Council Liaison Comments

None.

VIII. Staff Liaison Comments

Finance Director Batt said that questions about Global Water's billing have come up, but their accuracy rate is around 99.7%, and there haven't been the kinds of problems we saw initially for quite some time. He also mentioned that he had looked at the "socially-responsible" investment policies of Berkeley and Santa Monica.

IX. Next Meeting – To Be Determined

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m

Accepted:

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Commission Chair

2-27-17

Date