



Wednesday, October 3, 2018
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 Schneider on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 7:35 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

City Staff

Present: City Manager DeWolfe; City Attorney Highsmith; City Clerk Zneimer; and Chief City Clerk Donohue were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Mahmud led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RENDITION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Sara Kung, Student, Monterey Hills Elementary School, sang the National Anthem.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Initiation of Litigation

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

Number of Cases: 1

B. Anticipated Litigation

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2):

Number of Potential Cases: 2

C. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

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

Properties: 221 San Pascual Avenue, South Pasadena, CA 91030
(APN Nos. 5716-021-270; 5716-021-271; 5716-021-903; and 5716-021-904)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe; City Attorney Teresa L. Highsmith

Negotiating Party: San Pascual Stables, LLC

Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement

City Attorney Highsmith reported that the City Council received briefings and provided direction to staff regarding the agendaized Closed Session Items, but did not take any reportable action.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shlomo Nitzani, South Pasadena Resident, expressed his concern on getting a meeting with the City Manager.

Janet Marshall, South Pasadena Resident, expressed concern with the proposed fence on the Southern California Edison right-of-way between Mission Street and Oxley Street.

Travis Dunville, South Pasadena Resident, expressed concern with the proposed fence on the Southern California Edison (Edison) right-of-way between Mission Street and Oxley Street.

The City Council directed staff to look into the proposed fence on the Edison right-of-way.

John Srebalus, Member of the Public, discussed a pending Public Records Request he made with the City regarding the officer involved shooting that occurred on August 30, 2018.

Lissa Reynolds, South Pasadena Resident, announced the upcoming free South Pasadena Arts Council (SPARC) event on October 4, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS**2. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring October 10, 2018 as “Walk or Bike to School Day” in the City of South Pasadena**

Mayor Schneider presented the proclamation declaring October 10, 2018 as “Walk or Bike to School Day” in the City of South Pasadena to Youth Commission Chair Cole Chuang.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**3. Commission Appointments and Reappointments**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN to appoint Amanda Estevez (12th Grade) to the Youth Commission for a full two-year school term from October 3, 2018 until June 30, 2020.

4. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Joe discussed the recent “What to do about Mom” event that took place on October 3, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesian shared photos of a recent San Gabriel Mosquito and Vector Control community outreach effort; Girl Scouts who are going door-to-door to explain the dangers of mosquitos.

Councilmember Mahmud discussed a recent Girl Scouts event where Scouts were awarded bronze, silver, and gold awards; provided an update from a recent Clean Power Alliance of Southern California meeting.

Councilmember Cacciotti shared photos of himself and Mayor Schneider taking the Metro Gold Line; running groups using parks in South Pasadena; freshly cut grass at a park in South Pasadena; the recent annual Senior Spaghetti Feast on Friday, September 28, 2018; local officials celebrating California Clean Air Day; a flyer of the Annual Chinese Moon Festival on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the South Pasadena Public Library.

Mayor Schneider announced upcoming Metro Bike Safety Classes on October 6 and 14, 2018.

5. City Manager Communications

City Manager DeWolfe announced the upcoming City Hall closure on Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Columbus Day; announced the upcoming Dumpster & Donation Day on Saturday, October 13, 2018; announced the upcoming grand opening of the Arroyo Seco Bike and Pedestrian Trail on Saturday, October 20, 2018; introduced Interim Planning & Building Director David Bergman.

6. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesian pulled Item No. 9 for separate discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7, 8, and 10.

7. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 19, 2018

Approved the minutes of the September 19, 2018 City Council Meeting.

8. Prepaid Warrants, General City Warrants, and Payroll

Approved the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 204290 through 204345 in the amount of \$721,162.74; General City Warrants Nos. 204346 through 204474 in the amount of \$1,195,888.85; Payroll dated September 7, 2018, in the amount of \$646,281.77; Payroll dated September 21, 2018 in the amount of \$786,705.56.

10. Acceptance of Project Completion and Authorization to File a Notice of Completion for the Street Preventative Maintenance Project and Authorization to Release Retention Payment to American Asphalt South, Inc. in the Amount of \$19,190

1. Accepted the Street Preventative Maintenance Project as complete.
2. Authorized the recordation of the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk.
3. Authorized release of retention payment to American Asphalt South, Inc., in the amount of \$19,190.

ITEM PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 2.79-6 (Sunset) of Article IVK (Public Works Commission) to Extend the Sunset of the Public Works Commission by an Additional Year

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to read by title only for second reading, waiving further reading, and adoption of Ordinance No. 2324 amending Section 2.79-6 (Sunset) of Article IVK (Public Works Commission) to extend the sunset of the Public Works Commission (PWC) by an additional year.

ACTION/DISCUSSION**11. Establish a Council Ad Hoc Committee for the California Department of Transportation State Route 710 Surplus Property Sales**

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

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena Resident, expressed her support for the proposed Ad Hoc Committee.

There being no one else desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to appoint Mayor Schneider and Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian to an Ad Hoc Committee to work with staff to address issues and concerns associated with the California Department of Transportation State Route 710 (SR-710) surplus property sales.

12. Adoption of a Resolution Declaring the City as a Creative and Innovative City; First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance to Establish a Public Art Development Fee Program; and First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance to Create a Public Art Commission

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

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

The following individuals expressed their support for the proposed item:

1. Laurie Wheeler, South Pasadena Resident
2. Bianca Richards, South Pasadena Resident
3. Gretchen Robinette, South Pasadena Resident
4. Lissa Reynolds, South Pasadena Resident

There being no one else desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 7579 declaring the City of South Pasadena as a Creative and Innovative City.

2. Read by title for first reading, waiving further reading, and introduce an Ordinance adding Division 36.390 (“Public Art Program”) and Chapter 36.395 (“Public Art Development”) to Article III of Chapter 36 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code regarding the establishment of a Public Art Program and corresponding Public Art Development Fee Program.
3. Read by title only for first reading, waiving further reading, and introduce an Ordinance adding a new article IVL (Public Art Commission) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code to create a Public Art Commission.

13. Resolution in Support of Measure W- Safe Clean Water Program

Assistant to the City Manager Demirjian and Councilmember Mahmud presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY MAYOR SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt a Resolution No. 7580 in support of Measure W, the Los Angeles County ballot measure establishing a parcel tax for the Safe Clean Water Program.

14. Resolution Opposing Proposition 6, Ballot Measure to Repeal Senate Bill 1- Gas Tax

Assistant to the City Manager Demirjian presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 7581 to oppose Proposition 6, the ballot measure to repeal Senate Bill 1.

REPORTS

15. Receive and File 2018-19 Strategic Plan Quarter 1 Update

Assistant to the City Manager Demirjian presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to receive and file the first quarter update of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Objectives.

16. Response to Incorrect Information and Misleading Statements in the Ballot Arguments for the “Yes on N” Campaign that Seeks to Repeal the Utility Users Tax (UUT) in November

City Manager DeWolfe presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

Hugh Hemington, South Pasadena Resident, discussed an issue his neighbor has had with a curb near their residence.

Edward Ristow, South Pasadena Resident, suggested that the City outsource services to save money; stated that the City is using scare tactics.

Sterling Contreras, South Pasadena Resident, suggested that new employee hires start under a 401(k) retirement plan instead of CalPERS.

Marcy Guzman, South Pasadena Resident, suggested that new employee hires start under a 401(k) retirement plan instead of CalPERS; stated City salaries should be compared to comparable positions in the private sector.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena Resident, suggested that the staff publicize the information that was presented by the City Manager.

Gretchen Robinette, South Pasadena Resident, stated that the repeal of the UUT would be destructive for South Pasadena.

There being no one else desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff answered related questions.

The City Council directed staff to publicize the information that was presented by staff to the media and the City’s website.

17. Receive and File the Capital Improvement Plan Quarter 1 Update

Public Works Operations Manager Courdy presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the Capital Improvement Plan Quarter 1 update.

18. Receive and File a Report of the City's Efforts to Address Homelessness

Acting Police Chief Solinsky and Sergeant Robledo presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

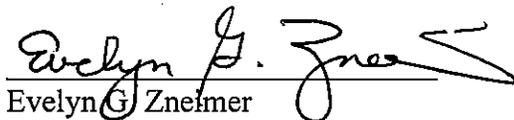
Mayor Schneider opened the public comment period.

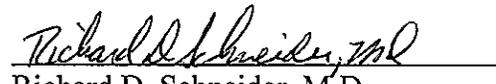
There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Schneider closed the public comment period.

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the report of the City's efforts to address homelessness.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the City Council Meeting at 10:40 p.m.


Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk


Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on October 17, 2018.