

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – December 6, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Rona Bortz, Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner Bill Kelly, and Commissioner Michael Siegel. Chair Amy Jones was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti was present. Staff present: Ted Gerber, Deputy Public Works Director; Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst; Brian Solinsky, Police Chief; Shannon Robledo, Lieutenant; and Tony Abdalla, Police Sergeant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1) Public Comments
There were no general public comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 2) Police and Fire Department Fleet Transition to Battery Electric Vehicles Recommendation
Police Chief Brian Solinsky and Police Sergeant Tony Abdalla presented to the commission the Police Department's research and project to transition vehicles in the police and fire fleets to battery electric vehicles. Sergeant Abdalla's research found that Tesla vehicles would best fit the needs of the departments. The commissioners asked several questions regarding alternative models, charging infrastructure, costs, power emergencies, artificial intelligence, data collection, etc. Sergeant Abdalla and City staff answered all questions. Deputy Public Works Director, Ted Gerber, gave more explanation on the potential charging infrastructure at City Hall. The commission discussed all aspects of the transition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BORTZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAW, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE TRANSITION OF THE POLICE AND FIRE FLEET TO BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES

- 3) Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 26, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SIEGEL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BORTZ, MOTION CARRIED 5-0, TO APPROVE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 4) City Council Liaison Communications
Mayor Pro Tem M. Cacciotti updated the commission on the meetings he attended and expanded upon the City's electrification plans.
- 5) Commissioner Communications
Commissioner Bortz had no comments. Commissioner Hammond had no comments. Commissioner Siegel shared the successful community bike ride and encouraged more bike-friendly programs and projects in the City. Commissioner Kelly had no comments. Commissioner Law had no comments.

6) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian updated the commission on the gas-powered leaf blower ordinance outreach, the SB1383 food scrap collection program, and general commission updates. Gerber provided additional updates on the City's electrification projects including SCE's Charge Ready program.

7) Upcoming Events

- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars – Various dates
(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sg/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars – Various dates
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation>)

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:47p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on January 25, 2022.

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Amy Jones, Chair