

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES – October 27, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Amy Jones, Commissioner Bill Kelly, Vice Chair Rona Bortz, Chair Madeline Di Giorgi, and Mayor Pro Tem Diana Mahmud. Commissioner Lauren Myles was absent. Staff present: Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director; Julian Lee, Deputy Public Works Director; Garret Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Work Director; and Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant.

1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Romero Shaw, Public Affairs Manager, SoCal Gas–Recommendation for Climate Action Plan. Public comment was not read out loud due to the comment exceeding the 250 word limit. Comment was sent to commissioners prior to meeting. Not other public comments were received.

ACTION ITEMS:

2) Recommendation of Climate Action Plan

Director Abbas introduced item by providing a brief background presentation of the City’s Climate Action Plan (CAP), and future goals. Rincon consultant team, Hannah Maize and Andrew Beecher, continued presentation on the CAP summary of changes, progression, and current status with new data collected. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud inquiries about retro fitting requirements, threshold at which recommendation that remodels be subject compliance with any electrification code, and if it is possible to adopt compensation program similar to San Luis Obispo. She also relayed some concerns expressed by residents about compliance. The Rincon team provided more clarification an insight on those topics, which may alleviate the concerns brought to the attention of Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud by residents. Commissioner Kelly inquired about gas lines cost when remodeling pipelines. Director Abbas provided information on the subject. Commission moves to make a recommendation of the CAP for City Council approval.

MOTION BY CHAIR DI GIORGI, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JONES, CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE MINUTES

3) Recommendation of Tree Ordinance

Acting Deputy Public Works Director Crawford presented item. Commission took this time to commend staff on all their hard work on this matter. Commission moves to make a recommendation of the Tree Ordinance for City Council approval.

MOTION BY KELLY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BORTZ, CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE MINUTES

4) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of September 22, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KELLY, CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS:

5) City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud wanted to commend the commission on their work with the two items on the agenda. She would also like Commission to look into Bill AB1826. With now the rate increase from Athens, she would like to ask the commission consider recommending the City to convert to curb side service in efforts to reduce in cost and emissions.

6) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Jones had no comments. Vice-Chair Bortz had no comments. Commissioner Kelly inquired about Mulch disposal in the City. Chair Di Giorgi took this time to personally thank all staff, consultants, and Commissioners for their assistance.

7) Staff Liaison Communications

Deputy Public Works Director Lee reviewed upcoming items for November 24 meeting, and added the Athens item inquired by Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud. Director Abbas shared the following additional updates: Tree Ordinance and citation, upcoming goals for the Urban Forest Management Plan, and AB1594 Yard and Organic Waste. Staff will apprise Commission on all items at future meetings when more information is obtained.

8) 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:

Chair Madeline Di Giorgi adjourned the meeting at 8:09p.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 October 27, 2020.

DocuSigned by:

Madeline Di Giorgi

Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair