

Wednesday, April 18, 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, April 18, 2018, at 7:32 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 Deputy City Clerk Jimenez were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian invited South Pasadena resident, Kay Mouradian, to give the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Closed Session Announcements

The Regular Closed Session of the City Council of April 18, 2018, was called to order by Mayor Schneider at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Regular Meeting Agenda:

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

Number of Cases: 1

B. 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

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

Properties: 660 Stoney Drive, South Pasadena

Agency Negotiators: City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe; Community Services Director Sheila Pautsch

Negotiating Party: All Star Baseball School (Dylan and Tao Gaines)

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.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation by the Pasadena Humane Society on Available Animal Adoptions

Julie Bank, Pasadena Humane Society President/CEO, encouraged residents to visit the adoption center and noted that low cost vaccinations and spay and neuter services are available at the Shelter.

3. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 22, 2018 as “Earth Day” in the City of South Pasadena

Mayor Schneider presented a Proclamation to Marianne Veach and Brian Rigg, representing South Pasadena Beautiful, declaring April 22, 2018 as “Earth Day” in the City of South Pasadena.

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 24, 2018 as “Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide Day” in the City of South Pasadena

Mayor Schneider asked Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian to present the proclamation.

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian presented a Proclamation to Danny Donabedian, Shoghig Yepremian, Emma Oshagan, and Nazaret Markarian, representing the Pasadena Chapter of the Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), declaring April 24, 2018 as “Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide Day” in the City of South Pasadena.

5. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 2018 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and April 25, 2018 as “Denim Day” in the City of South Pasadena

Mayor Schneider presented a Proclamation to Laureen O’Hara, representing the Peace Over Violence, declaring April 2018 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and April 25, 2018 as “Denim Day” in the City of South Pasadena.

6. Merchant Minute

Mayor Schneider invited South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Laurie Wheeler to introduce Jennifer Maimone of Dual Crossroads, who invited the community to visit her business. She highlighted the different classes offered and the variety of homemade items sold in her store.

COMMUNICATIONS

7. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Joe displayed photos from his attendance at the recent Read Across America event at Arroyo Vista Elementary School. He discussed the recent Freeway and Transportation Commission Meeting and the Commission’s recommendation for the City Council to oppose Assembly Bill (AB) 2417 at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian discussed the recent reorganization of the Planning Commission. She noted that the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District recently hired a new Executive Director who will be providing an update to the City Council in July 2018.

Councilmember Mahmud announced the upcoming “Dumpster Day” sponsored by Athens Services. She encouraged residents to call Athens to arrange special pickups when needed. She discussed the upcoming South Pasadena Beautiful Garden Tour. She discussed a recent

bid opening at the Clean Power Alliance and announced that non-residential customers will get a choice of energy supplier and energy products.

Councilmember Cacciotti displayed photos from recent Eagle Scout events, landscaping at Garfield Park, Garfield Reservoir Street Improvement Project, West Coast Arborist tree trimming, Holy Family Church Food Bank, Free Little Library Ribbon Cutting, and John Chiang's fundraiser for Governor at the Daigle residence. He recommended changing the grass trimming schedule at Garfield Park from Thursday to Friday and to not water the grass the night before cutting it.

Mayor Schneider stated Senate Bill 827, which would allow local developers to override local ordinances and produce massive housing, was recently killed in committee.

Councilmember Mahmud noted the chair of the committee offered the author of the bill the option to come back.

8. City Manager Communications

City Manager DeWolfe announced the recent launch of the community survey to receive input to identify top priorities for the budget and the strategic planning process. She noted there are several upcoming City sponsored events where residents can complete the survey.

9. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

Mayor Schneider pulled Item No. 16: Authorize the Purchase of One New Police Vehicle and Installation of Emergency Equipment, from the agenda to be moved to a future meeting.

City Manager DeWolfe pulled Item No. 18: Adoption of a Resolution Identifying the Proposed Projects in Fiscal Year 2018-19 to be Funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act, for a full staff presentation and consideration of an alternate recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laurie Wheeler, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, announced the upcoming 10th Annual Eclectic Music Festival.

Thomas B. Ross Jr., JRX Band Jazz Routes Experience, discussed the upcoming performance at the Eclectic Music Festival and performed a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner on his saxophone.

Shlomo Nitzani, South Pasadena resident, expressed his support for road improvements. He urged the City Council to receive a presentation from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on the local aquifer system and water supply.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 10-15, 17, and 19-20, with Item Nos. 16 and 18 pulled for separate discussion.

10. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 21, 2018

Approved the minutes of the March 21, 2018 City Council Meeting.

11. Prepaid Warrants, General City Warrants, and Payroll

Approved the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 202190 through 202409 in the amount of \$703,557.22; General City Warrants Nos. 202410 through 202518 in the amount of \$366,855.74; Payroll dated March 23, 2018, in the amount of \$760,693.20; and Payroll dated April 6, 2018, in the amount of \$612,507.74.

12. Monthly Investment Reports for February 2018

Received and filed the Monthly Investment Reports for February 2018.

13. Adoption of the Resolutions Authorizing Signatories on City Banking Accounts and Related Banking Documents

Adopted Resolution Nos. 7548 and 7549, providing signatory authorization for the Mayor, City Treasurer, City Manager, Finance Director, and Assistant Finance Director.

14. Approval of a Mural Themed "Spread the Word - Conserve" to be Painted on the West Wall of the Demonstration Garden by Cub Scout Pack 7

Approved a mural themed "Spread the Word - Conserve" to be painted on the west wall of the Demonstration Garden located at 1028 Magnolia Avenue by Cub Scout Pack 7.

15. Approval of Purchase for Ballistic Rifle Plates from DFNDR Armor in the Amount of \$37,753.75

1. Authorized the purchase of ballistic rifle plates from DFNDR Armor in the amount of \$37,753.75.
2. Waived bidding requirements and authorized a single source purchase pursuant to South Pasadena Municipal Code Sections 2.99-29 (10) (b) and (11) (i) and (j) and (19) from DFNDR Armor.

16. Authorize the Purchase of One New Police Vehicle and Installation of Emergency Equipment

This item was moved to a future City Council meeting.

17. Award of Contract to Golden Sun Firm & Co. Inc., for the Construction of the War Memorial Building Improvement Project for an amount not-to-exceed \$206,702

1. Accepted a bid dated March 13, 2018, from Golden Sun Firm & Co., Inc., for the construction of the War Memorial Building Improvement.
2. Rejected all other bids received.
3. Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$206,702.

19. Update Regarding Parking Utilization at the Hope Street and Mound Avenue Parking Lot

Received and filed an update regarding parking utilization at the Hope Street and Mound Avenue parking lot.

20. Authorization to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Citygate Associates, LLC for a Comprehensive Organizational Review of the Finance Department and to Assist with the Development of a Long-Range Fiscal Plan for the City

Authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement for consulting services with Citygate Associates, LLC for a comprehensive organizational review, analysis and assessment of the Finance Department and to assist with the development of a long-range fiscal plan for the City.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

18. Adoption of a Resolution Identifying the Proposed Projects in Fiscal Year 2018-19 to be Funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act

Principal Management Analyst Aceves & Acting Public Works Director Casillas presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened and closed the Public Comment period, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

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

1. Adopt revised Resolution No. 7550, entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, identifying a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2018-19 funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act."
2. Authorize the City Manager or their designee to sign the application and all related documents.

ACTION/DISCUSSION**21. Authorize the Purchase of Two New Electric Parking Enforcement Vehicles and Authorize a Budget Amendment to Allocate Funds for the Purchase**

Police Captain Neff presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Schneider opened and closed the Public Comment period, there being no one desiring to speak on this item.

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

1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to purchase two new 2018 GO-4 Electric Three Wheeled Vehicles from Municipal Maintenance Equipment in the amount of \$111,937.47 for Parking Enforcement.
2. Authorize a budget amendment to allocate funds from the "Facilities and Equipment" fund to purchase the vehicles in the amount of \$72,937.47.

22. Authorize a Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1133 Regarding California Regional Water Quality Control Board: Water Quality Control Plans: Funding: Los Angeles Region

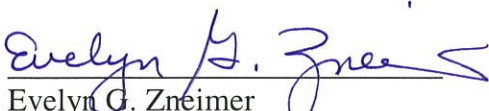
Acting Public Works Director Casillas presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

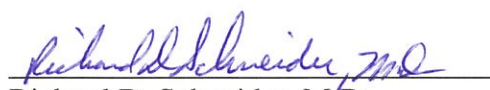
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to: authorize a letter of support for Senate Bill 1133 relating to revisions to the water quality control plan for the Los Angeles region.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the City Council Meeting at 9:04 p.m.


Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk


Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on May 2, 2018.