



Wednesday, February 20, 2019
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 Khubesrian on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 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, Mahmud, and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem Joe; and Mayor Khubesrian.

Absent: None.

City Staff

Present: City Manager DeWolfe; City Attorney Highsmith; 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

Mayor Khubesrian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kelly Stuart, South Pasadena Resident, discussed the officer involved shooting on August 30, 2018.

Minerva Garcia, South Pasadena Resident, discussed the officer involved shooting on August 30, 2018.

John Avlos, South Pasadena Resident, discussed the officer involved shooting on August 30, 2018.

1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Liability Claims

LIABILITY CLAIMS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95

Claimant: Kuntz
Agency Claimed Against: City of South Pasadena

B. Potential Litigation

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

Number of Potential Cases: 1

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. Animal Adoption

Jack Hagerman, Vice President of Communications with the Pasadena Humane Society, presented a dog that is up for adoption.

3. Certificates of Recognition for Outgoing Commissioners

Mayor Khubesrian presented certificates of appreciation to the following outgoing commissioners: Cornelia Balogh, Animal Commission; Victor Holtz, Cultural Heritage Commission; Jim Fenske, Design Review Board; Conrado Lopez, Design Review Board; Edward Corey, Finance Commission; Frank Catania, Finance Commission; Jeffrey Burke, Finance Commission; Carolyn Flemming, Library Board of Trustees; Luther Luedtke, Library Board of Trustees; Al Benzoni, Natural Resources & Environmental Commission (NREC); Kay Findley, NREC; Nancy Wilms, NREC; Madeleine Wong, NREC; Zahir Robb, Parks & Recreation Commission; Ronald Rosen, Parks & Recreation Commission; Art Salinas, Parks & Recreation Commission; Vernon Rene Daley, Public Safety Commission; Robert Ettinger, Public Safety Commission; Greg Hall, Public Safety Commission; Luis Reinoso, Public Safety Commission; Matty Hurtado-Sokolow, Senior Citizen Commission.

4. Arts Invocation – Pete Morris

Pete Morris shared his background and presented two of his paintings to the audience.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Mahmud encouraged the community to attend the upcoming Coexisting with Coyotes event on February 27th; discussed the Quarterly Seminar: Building Electrification & Decarbonization by Clean Power Alliance.

Councilmember Schneider discussed the recent Animal Commission, Freeway & Transportation Commission, and Planning Commission meetings that he attended.

Councilmember Cacciotti shared photos of the recent Parks & Recreation Commission and Senior Citizen Commission meetings; girl scouts selling cookies; a map of the next stages for the Foothill Gold Line; City of San Gabriel Lunar Festival; a flyer of the 626 Golden Streets event on May 19, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe discussed the recent Senior Valentine's Day Luncheon and a recent Public Works Commission meeting that he attended.

Mayor Khubesrian encouraged the community to attend the 626 Golden Streets event; thanked the City Manager and staff for the planning of the upcoming Commissioners Congress and Strategic Planning retreat; discussed a recent Public Safety Commission meeting that she attended.

6. City Manager Communications

City Manager DeWolfe discussed the upcoming Commissioners Congress event on February 28, 2019.

7. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Cacciotti pulled Item No. 16 for separate discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 8-15 and 17, as amended to include the changes from the additional documents that were submitted.

8. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of February 6, 2019

Approved the minutes of the February 6, 2019 City Council Meeting.

9. Prepaid Warrants, General City Warrants, and Payrolls

Approved the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 205862 through 205942 in the amount of \$227,279.20; General City Warrants Nos. 205943 through 206046 in the amount of \$443,929.81; and Payroll dated February 8, 2019, in the amount of \$599,198.91.

10. Monthly Investment Reports for December 2018

Received and filed the monthly investment reports for December 2018.

11. Award of Contract to John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc. for Three-Year Term to Provide Environmental Compliance and NPDES Consulting Services in an Annual Amount Not-to-Exceed \$36,480

Accepted a proposal dated January 10, 2019, from John L. Hunter and Associates, Inc. (Consultant) for a Three-Year Term (2019-21) to provide environmental compliance and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) services and authorize the City Manager to execute a multi-year agreement with the consultant for a not-to-exceed annual amount of \$36,480 (estimated cumulative three year total is \$103,250).

12. Adoption of a Resolution Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing Employer Employee Relations in Accordance with the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act

Adopted a resolution establishing rules and regulations governing employer-employee relations in accordance with the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (Brown Act).

13. Adoption of the City of South Pasadena Social Media Policy

Adopted the Social Media Policy.

14. Award a Contract to Lotus Communications, LLC to Replace the Current Cabling Infrastructure in Several City Facilities for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$113,008

1. Accepted a bid dated November 12, 2018, from Lotus Communications, LLC to replace the current cabling infrastructure in several City facilities (Project); and
2. For reasons set forth in the body of this report, found that this contract award is not subject to competitive bidding based on Lotus Communications, LLC, being a sole source for the cabling infrastructure system that will be installed in City Facilities; and
3. Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lotus Communications, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$113,008 for the Project.

15. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Adding Article VIII (Police Tow Services Franchises) to Chapter 19 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code

Read by title only for the second reading, waiving further reading, and adopted an Ordinance to the South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) regarding procedures and requirements for a Police Tow Services Franchise.

17. Approve the Appointment of a Second Alternate to the Clean Power Alliance to Represent the City of South Pasadena

Approved the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Joe as the second alternate on the Clean Power Alliance to represent the City of South Pasadena.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**16. Adoption of the 2019-2020 Legislative Platform**

Councilmember Cacciotti requested to amend the second objective under the Environment section of the Legislative Platform.

The City Council discussed at length whether to amend the objective under discussion.

Mayor Khubesrian proposed to eliminate that objective altogether and to bring back any items on a case-by-case basis.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the public comment period.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt the 2019-2020 Legislative Platform that will serve as the guiding policy document for the City when determining whether a position should be taken on proposed State legislation that may impact the City, as amended to eliminate the second objective under the Environment section of the Legislative Platform.

PUBLIC HEARINGS**18. Public Hearing to Receive Objections or Protests to the Vegetation Management Program Regarding the Abatement of Weeds, Brush, Rubbish and Refuse Upon or in Front of Specified Property in the City and Authorizing by Minute Order the Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation**

Fire Chief Paul Riddle provided a staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the public hearing.

There being no one desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Khubesrian closed the public hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 5-0, to hold a Public Hearing and receive public testimony and hear any objections or protests to the procedures for abating brush and native vegetation fire hazards identified in Resolution No. 7596, and adopt by motion an order directing the abatement of hazardous vegetation.

ACTION/DISCUSSION**19. Mid-Year Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018-19**

Finance Director Koehler provided a staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the public comment period.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM JOE, CARRIED 5-0, to appropriate from General Fund Reserves: \$32,000 to Account #101-6010-6601-8140-000 for the City's move to 100% Renewable Energy Mix with the Clean Power Alliance and Receive and File the Mid-Year Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

20. Budget Outreach Communications Plan

Public Information Officer Pope provided a staff report and responded to City Council inquires.

The City Council recommended providing outreach to additional organizations in the City such as the Chinese American Club, D.U.D.E.S., etc.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the public comment period.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Budget Outreach Communications Plan with increased outreach to additional organizations in the City.

REPORTS

21. Receive and File City of South Pasadena Brand Guidelines

Public Information Officer Pope provided a staff report and responded to City Council inquires.

The City Council discussed potentially having a green palette in the design instead of the blue palette.

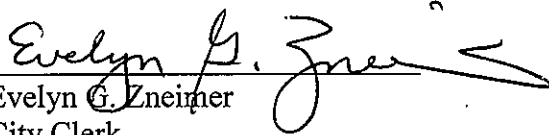
Mayor Khubesrian opened the public comment period.

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


MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the graphics of the South Pasadena Brand Guidelines and to bring back a sample of what the graphics would look like with a green palette at a future City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Khubesian adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:54 p.m.



Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk



Marina Khubesian, M.D.
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on March 6, 2019.