



Wednesday, December 18, 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 Joe on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Taylor and Tessa Holmes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Khubesrian announced that the Presentation items on the agenda would be taken first.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Reading of Ode to South Pasadena

Taylor and Tessa Holmes read the poem.

2. Invocation

Police Chaplain, Sam Kil Joon Park, provide the Invocation for the meeting.

3. Administration of Oath of Office to Mayor Robert S. Joe by Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Supervisor Barger administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Joe.

Chief City Clerk Ayala recognized the following Officials in the audience:

- Becky Cheng, Chief of Staff from U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu's Office (27th District)
- David Kim, Representative for Senator Portantino's Office (25th District)
- Catherin Del Rosario, District Director for Assemblymember Chris Holden (District 41)
- Sussy Nemer, Field Deputy for Supervisor Kathryn Barger (5th District)

4. Comments by Incoming Mayor

Mayor Joe thanked the Council for voting him as Mayor for the coming year; family for their support; and Supervisor Barger for swearing him in. Mayor Joe also thanked the restaurants who contributed to tonight's reception prior to the Council Meeting. Mayor Joe followed with comments for the coming year regarding the City's development, fiscal sustainability, and community engagement.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 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 Aleks Giragosian reported that City Council met and discussed one item in closed session, provided direction to legal counsel and staff, but no reportable action was taken.

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

5. Authorize Commission Appointments and Re-appointments

Public Comment:

- Stephen Rossi – Expressed concerns over the proposed appointment of Lisa Padilla and possible conflict of interest.
- Anne Bagasao – Expressed concerns over the proposed appointment of Lisa Padilla and possible conflict of interest.

City Council held discussion regarding the qualifications of L. Padilla for appointment to the Planning Commission.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO ORIGINAL MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 4-1 (Cacciotti) to

1. Appoint the following residents to three-year terms ending December 31, 2022:
 - Marcos Holguin, Animal Commission

- Rebecca Thompson, Cultural Heritage Commission
 - Annie Chang, Library Board of Trustees
 - Victoria Rocha, Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Albert Ocon, Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Lisa Padilla, Planning Commission
 - Shireen Chang, Senior Citizen Commission
- 2.Re-appoint the following residents to three-year terms ending December 31, 2022:
- William Cross, Cultural Heritage Commission
 - Edwin Choi, Finance Commission
 - Amy Davis Jones, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission
 - Lauren Myles, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission
 - Jeremy Ding, Public Safety Commission
- 3.Appoint the following residents to an unexpired term ending December 2021:
- Laura Dahl to the Planning Commission
 - Ed Donnelly to the Public Safety Commission

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mackenzie Anderson – Commented on the release of records regarding the Vanessa Marquez Officer Involved Shooting
- Patricia Huerta – Commented on the release of records regarding the Vanessa Marquez Officer Involved Shooting
- Chris Bray – Thanked residents for pursuing government transparency; commented on having attended the recent WISPPA 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting; expressed concerns over transparency regarding departure of consultant Kaizer Rangwala
- Anne Bagasao – Read letter on behalf of Minerva Garcia, friend of Vanessa Marquez, regarding the release of records and information regarding the Vanessa Marquez Officer Involved Shooting
- Mike Fazioli – Comments regarding the topic of residential parking being included in the City's General Plan

City staff confirmed the deadline for General Plan comments to be submitted, has been extended to January 18, 2020.

Mayor Joe announced the reordering of Agenda Item No. 17, and that the item would be taken next.

17. Air Quality Management District Presentation – Councilmember Michael A. Cacciotti

Councilmember Cacciotti (also AQMD Governing Board Member) provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Schneider had questions regarding monitoring stations next to freeways. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud provided comments regarding State and AQMD funding for EV Chargers. Councilmember Cacciotti provided responses accordingly.

Mayor Joe announced the reordering of Agenda Item No. 16, and that the item would be taken next.

16. Consider Alternatives to Either Merge the Public Works Commission and the Freeway and Transportation Commission or to Continue Both as Permanent Bodies; and Approve the First Reading of an Ordinance to Implement the Chosen Course of Action

City Manager DeWolfe provided the staff report.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud provided comments regarding the presented alternatives, restructuring, and renaming of the commissions.

Public Comment:

- Joanne Nuckols – Expressed support in maintaining two separate commissions
- Gayle Glauz – Expressed concerns over the potential for overlapping responsibilities of the two commissions
- Anne Bagasao – Expressed support in maintaining two separate commissions

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the proposed alternatives including: current charge of the Public Works Commission; proposed charge for new/renamed commission; 710 project problems that have yet to be resolved; maintaining the current status of the commissions without imposing a sunset on the commissions at this time; etc.

(Alternative) MOTION MADE BY MAYOR PROTEM MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTT, CARRIED 5-0 to introduce an ordinance amending article IVK referencing the Public Works Commission to repeal Section 2.79-6 such that the Public Works Commission would not sunset; Staff is directed to bring to Council a new proposed description of the respective scopes of work for the Public Works Commission and the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission (consistent with the Council discussion that further detailed the respective scope of work for each commission); and that each Councilmember will make an appointment to each respective commission once they are fully constituted (or reconstituted as in the case of the Public Works Commission).

COMMUNICATIONS

8. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Schneider reported recent recommendations to Council from the Planning Commission: request the opportunity to review specific ordinance amendments prior to being considered by City Council; request to review the final drafts of the General Plan and Zoning

Plan in small increments as opposed to one final document at one time. Councilmember Schneider also reported that the Freeway and Transportation Commission asks that City Council send letters to Senator Portantino and Assemblymember Holden regarding the CalTrans housing applications submitted by the City in September.

City Manager confirmed staff would prepare and mail a letter as it is already covered under the City's legislative platform.

Councilmember Schneider further reported that the Planning Commission also recommended the City reacquire previous traffic engineering firm, Nelson/Nygaard on a consultant basis. Also reported that the City consider a recent idea for a "loop ramp", suggested by Public Works Commissioner John Fisher, a work-in-progress and consider a suggestion from the Freeway and Transportation Commission to have drawings prepared for the concept.

Councilmember Khubesrian provided photos for her comments regarding: the National Trust for Historic Preservation – 12 Reservation Wins and that South Pasadena on the list; City Employee Holiday Luncheon and wished everybody Happy Holidays; and provided an update from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control District regarding invasive mosquito infestation and precautionary measures people should take.

Councilmember Cacciotti provided photos for his comments regarding: update on Gold Line project; gas-fueled shuttles that are going through South Pasadena, and hopeful that these services may be able to partake of recent VW Trust Fund monies available; new Tap Card machines available at local Gold Line station; local group of seniors at the station; Scoutmaster with his dog at Garfield Park; and South Pasadena scenic picture.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud reported on the following: participated in a meeting between President and Vice President of Los Angeles League of California Cities Division and Senator Portantino to discuss SB50 to propose changes to SB50, a bill proposing significant changes to housing and a city's local control on the establishment of new housing; is also working on stormwater issues for successor permit; draft order issued by State Water Resources Control Board regarding existing water management programs; shared that Heal the Bay issued a report criticizing water boards' lack of progress in compliance with city 2012 permits; and that she will be participating in a press conference in Friday, in her South Pasadena capacity, for Local Elected Officials to Protect California asking Governor Newsom to phase out fossil fuel production, etc.

Mayor Joe had no additional reports.

9. City Manager Communications

City Manager DeWolfe reported on the following:

- Introduced new Public Works Operations Manager, Garrett Crawford. Mr. Crawford said a few words and shared he is excited to join the City of South Pasadena;
- Announced on January 11th from 6-9 p.m. 11:11 An Art Exhibit will be hosting an art exhibit here at City Hall; and

- Announced upcoming City holiday closures.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No public comment on Consent Calendar.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Items Nos. 9 through 12.

9. Approval of Prepaid Warrants in the Amount of \$213,512.45 less \$250.00 in Voids, General City Warrants in the Amount of \$530,409.10.

Approved the Warrants as presented.

10. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance No. 2336 to Amend Chapter 31 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code to Correct Inconsistent Definitions of a Parkway

Read by title only for second reading, waiving further reading, and adopted Ordinance No. 2336 to amend Chapter 31 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) to correct inconsistent definitions of a parkway.

11. Approval of Purchase Order with Camino Real Chevrolet for a not-to-exceed amount of \$64,000 for the Purchase of Two 2019 Chevrolet Bolt with a Grant under Local Government Partnership Program from South Coast Air Quality Management District

1. Accepted a pricing quotation dated October 28, 2019 from Camino Real Chevrolet for the purchase of Two 2019 Chevrolet Bolt; and
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute the agreements and any amendments with Camino Real Chevrolet for a not-to-exceed amount of \$64,000 (\$62,208.20 for the bid amount and \$1,781.80 for contingency); and
3. Authorized the fund transfer of \$32,000 from Water Enterprise Fund Reserve to Water Capital Outlay - Automotive (500-6010-6711-8540) and \$32,000 from Sewer Enterprise Fund Reserve to Sewer Capital Outlay - Automotive (210-6010-6501-8540); and
4. Rejected all other bids received.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Grant Agreement from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in the Amount of \$420,000 to Plan and Host the 626 Golden Streets Arroyo Fest 2.0

Authorized the City Manager to accept a grant award from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) in the amount of \$420,000 to plan and host the 626 Golden Streets Arroyo Fest 2.0 (Arroyo Fest 2.0), scheduled for November 15, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**13. Adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 2337 and Regular Ordinance by reference of the 2020 Los Angeles County Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Existing Building Codes with certain amendments, additions and deletions thereto amending Chapter 9 Article 1 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code**

Council reached consensus to waive a staff report from being presented.

No public comment provided.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud asked that the community be informed of the Council's action on this matter for purposes of providing consistency and ease-of-use.

Chief City Clerk Ayala read the title of the proposed ordinances.

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

1. Introduced for first reading by title only and waive further reading of a regular ordinance adopting by reference and amending the 2020 Los Angeles County Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Residential and Existing Building Codes; and
2. Schedule a public hearing on January 15, 2020 to consider adoption and second reading of the same ordinance.
3. Read by title only and waived further reading of Urgency Ordinance No. 2337 adopting by reference and amending the 2020 Los Angeles County Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Residential and Existing Building Codes.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud commented on the timing of the urgency ordinance and explained how the City's timing was impacted by the County's timing in taking formal action.

14. Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance Amending Section 36.350.200 (Residential Uses— Accessory Dwelling Units) of Division 36.350 (Standards for Specific Land Uses) of Article 3 (Site Planning and General Development Standards) of Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units

Margaret Lin, Manager of Long Range Planning and Economic Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation as a staff report on the item.

Councilmembers Cacciotti and Khubesrian asked questions regarding statutes dealing with categories for exterior design in historic neighborhoods. City Attorney Giragosian responded accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud had questions regarding the interpretation of proposed Section E. City Attorney Giragosian responded accordingly.

Mayor Joe asked Manager Lin if there was an expectation for a significant influx of ADU applications. Manager Lin and City Manager DeWolfe responded accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud had questions regarding sub-Section L on the proposed ordinance. City Manager DeWolfe responded accordingly.

Public Comment:

- Liz Altounian – spoke in support of the ADU ordinance expressing the positive impact an ADU would provide for her and her family.
- Mike Fazioli – provided comments regarding the guidelines and regulations on conversion of historic homes, and that the Planning Commission should be allowed to review this as well.
- John Srebalus – Thanked the Council for the recent adoption of just-cause urgency ordinance, and the City’s work and outreach on affordable housing. Shared comments regarding seeing ADUs taking into account elements for low income tenant affordability.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud, Councilmembers Schneider, Cacciotti, and Khubesrian had various questions and comments regarding Sections F, O, ADU size maximum, etc. City Attorney Giragosian responded accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud recommends modification to language in Section F, after the first full sentence, “...notwithstanding before going an applicant shall be permitted to construct an 800 square foot accessory dwelling unit.” Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud further recommended that staff work to modify existing ordinance.

City Manager DeWolfe responded accordingly, and explained that tonight’s proposed ordinance was intended to bring compliance with State law, and that a number of other issues within the realm of State law may be considered in the future and be properly vetted through the City’s process.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, CARRIED 5-0, to include Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud’s language modification under Section F, and the revisions brought forth by the City’s Additional Documents and Adopt **Urgency Ordinance No. 2339 amending South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) Section 36.350.200 (Residential Uses—Accessory Dwelling Units) in compliance with Assembly Bill No. 68 (AB 68, Ting), Assembly Bill No. 881 (AB 881, Bloom), and Senate Bill No. 13 (SB 13, Wieckowski) and incorporating amendments as presented in Additional Documents presented to Council.**

ACTION/DISCUSSION

15. Award of Contract for the Preparation of Integrated Water and Wastewater Resources Management Plan to Carollo Engineers, Inc. for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$579,395 for a Period of Two Years

Director of Public Works, Shahid Abbas, provided PowerPoint presentation as the staff report.

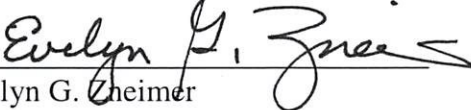
Councilmember Khubesrian and Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud posed questions regarding cost and consultant dealing with stormwater projects with third parties. City Manager DeWolfe and Director Abbas responded accordingly.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, CARRIED 5-0, to include revisions to the Scope of Services as brought forth by the City's Additional Documents and

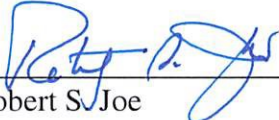
1. Accept a proposal dated September 30, 2019 from Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the preparation of Integrated Water and Wastewater Resources Management Plan; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and any amendments with Carollo for a not-to-exceed amount of \$579,395 (\$526,723 for the proposal amount and \$52,672 for 10% contingency); and
3. Reject all other proposals received.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmembers wished everybody Happy Holidays and announced the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee's Crunch Party scheduled to take place on December 29th. There being no further business, at 11:01 p.m. Mayor Joe adjourned the meeting.



Evelyn G. Zheimer
City Clerk



Robert S. Joe
Mayor