



Wednesday, July 1, 2020
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, July 1, 2020, at 7:38 p.m., in the Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

Mayor Joe opened the meeting by announcing that there may be technical difficulties throughout the meeting due to a local power outage, and explained the procedures in place should the meeting be disrupted. He also announced the meeting protocols and procedures in place in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

City Staff Present: Acting City Manager (Fire Chief) Paul Riddle; City Attorney Teresa Highsmith (in attendance via Zoom); and Chief City Clerk Ayala were present at Roll Call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Cacciotti led the flag salute.

1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Labor Negotiations

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiators regarding labor negotiations with the following groups:

- Unrepresented Management Employees
- South Pasadena Police Officers' Association
- South Pasadena Firefighters' Association
- South Pasadena Public Service Employees' Association

- South Pasadena Public Service Part Time Employees' Association

City Negotiators: City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe; Interim Human Resources Manager Michael Casalou

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Wireless Facilities Located at 701 La Portada Street, 815 Mission Street, 614 Stoney Drive, and 1055 South Lohman, South Pasadena.

Agency Negotiator: Stephanie DeWolfe, City Manager

Negotiating Parties: American Tower, Crown Castle, Everest Infrastructure, Mobilitie, SBA Communications, Tilson, TowerPoint, Tower Ventures, and Wireless Propco.

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment for proposed master lease agreement(s).

Item added to the agenda:

City Attorney Highsmith reported the following:

Item A – City Council received a briefing by the City’s Labor Negotiator regarding the status of negotiations with the City’s bargaining units and unrepresented employees. No action was taken by City Council.

Item B - City Council received a briefing from the City’s Real Property Negotiator to consider entering into a master lease agreement regarding the City’s existing cell tower leases. No action was taken by City Council, but direction was provided to the City’s Real Property Negotiator.

2. Public Comments - General

Mayor Joe announced that public comments were accepted until 12 p.m. the day of the City Council meeting. Mayor Joe also announced that public comments for the meeting were received in writing via e-mail from the following individuals on general topics. Comments received would be uploaded to Additional Documents and become part of the final meeting record.

Chief City Clerk Ayala read the public comments received aloud.

Public Comments:

- Coll Metcalfe – Provided comments regarding the reopening of athletic programs for the South Pasadena Unified School District.
- Josh Albrekton – Provided comments regarding the risks of reopening bars and their role in the spread of COVID-19.

- Christina Muro – Provided comments regarding parking issues and concerns on 314 Monterey Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested the public comment be referred to the Public Works Department.

- Aliza Hood – Expressed support for the removal of use of spit hoods/masks practices in South Pasadena Police Department.
- Haileigh Tomlinson – Expressed support for the removal of use of spit hoods/masks practices in South Pasadena Police Department.
- Courtney Leong – Expressed concerns regarding the use of spit hoods/masks, department budget, and various practices of the South Pasadena Police Department.
- Josephina King – Expressed support for the removal of use of spit hoods/masks practices in South Pasadena Police Department.
- Chris Bray – Provided comments regarding the City’s budget, audit report, and the City’s Directors.

Due to technical difficulties, the City Council meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 7:58 p.m.

- Robert Conte – Expressed concerns regarding the parking lines on Oak Hill Place.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested the public comment be referred to the Public Works Department.

- Casey Law – Provided comments regarding the City’s history and the wall built on the southern border of Via Del Rey and asked City Council to consider a future item allowing free traffic flow between Via Del Rey and Van Horne Ave.
- Nathaniel Imel – Commended City Council for creating a forum for dialogue regarding SPPD reform, and asked to see more time spent on police reform during City Council meetings.
- Josh Atlas – Expressed disappointment regarding the City’s policing and its oversight, and the need for additional training in the City’s Police Department.
- Delaine, Russell, and Sara Shane – Expressed concerns regarding the traffic on Meridian Ave. (This public comment was submitted on behalf of 22 families / 39 individuals.)
- Kimberley Hughes – Expressed concerns regarding the City projects using Measure M and R funds and the lack of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commissions input on the projects.

Councilmember Schneider requested that the attachment on Josh Albrektson public comment be uploaded to the City's website and distributed. City Council agreed to have it provided via the City's blog, The Scoop.

COMMUNICATIONS

3. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Schneider announced that the traffic issues regarding Meridian Ave. and Fremont Ave. will be on the City Council meeting of August 5th, and advised residents to submit public comments regarding their issues and concerns.

Councilmember Khubesrian provided comments regarding a meeting with the City of Alhambra discussing their 710 Freeway studies; reported on the joint meeting of the City Council SubCommittee of the Future of Policing in South Pasadena and the Public Safety Commission; community concerns regarding paid sick-leave; announced a tentative community forum on July 16th; wished everyone a happy Fourth of July; etc.

Councilmember Khubesrian motioned to direct the City Manager to bring an ordinance to City Council requiring employers in South Pasadena with more than 500 employees locally, or 2,000 employees nationally, to provide 80 hours of emergency sick-leave to their employees in South Pasadena who have been absent from work due to their own COVID-19 quarantine, or care of a dependent who was ill or quarantined due to COVID-19. A second was provided by Councilmember Schneider.

Councilmember Khubesrian motioned to have the City Manager invite City of Alhambra staff to provide City Council with a presentation regarding the 710 Freeway studies. A second was provided by Councilmember Schneider.

Councilmember Khubesrian motioned to have the issue regarding the use of spit hoods referred to the City Council SubCommittee of the Future of Policing in South Pasadena to review and discuss. A second was provided by Councilmember Cacciotti.

Councilmember Cacciotti provided comments thanking City Staff for their hard work and commended the Public Works Department for their responsiveness; thanked the South Pasadena Youth for Police Reform, Public Safety Commissioner Ehrlich, and the Community Services and Police Departments for their event at Garfield Park on June 25th; thanked John Srebalus, Ellen Hushagen, and Helen Tran for bringing the sick-leave initiative (motioned by Councilmember Khubesrian) to City Council's attention; questioned the legality of anonymous public comments submitted; expressed concerns for a City resident who was a recent victim of a crime; thanked community member, Pilar, for the suggestions on celebrating 4th of July; etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud shared comments regarding the 2020 Census; Los Angeles County emergency declaration and eviction ordinance; thanked City residents for wearing masks; thanked the City's Commissioners for their contributions to the City; etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud motioned to use \$1,400.37 from her discretionary fund for the fabrication and installation of a banner on Fair Oaks Ave. to remind residents of the 2020 Census. A second was provided by Councilmember Cacciotti.

Mayor Joe shared comments thanking the City's Commissioners for their contributions to the City; thanked Bill and Diane Cullinane for their donation of a new American Flag for the War Memorial; etc.

4. City Manager Communications

Acting City Manager, Fire Chief Riddle reported on the following: stressed the importance of not participating in the use of fireworks as they are illegal in the City; provided contact information for Fire Department; provided an update on the increased number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations; etc.

Police Chief Joe Ortiz provided an update on Governor Newsom's establishment of Enforcement Strike Teams to enforce public health orders; importance of wearing face coverings and washing your hands; reminded the community that fireworks are illegal in South Pasadena.

Mayor Joe provided instruction to the City Manager to provide information regarding fireworks on The Scoop for the public.

5. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

There was no reordering of agenda items for this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chief City Clerk Ayala announced no Additional Documents with revisions to any items.

Councilmember Cacciotti pulled Item Nos. 6, 8, and 10 for individual discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Consent Calendar Items Nos. 7, 9, and 11-14.

7. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on May 13, 2020

City Council approved the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on May 13, 2020

9. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on May 27, 2020

City Council approved the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting on May 27, 2020

11. Discretionary Fund Request from Councilmember Dr. Richard Schneider in the amount of \$4,000 for the Ray Bradbury Stained Glass Windows

City Council approved the Discretionary Fund request by Councilmember Richard Schneider for the Ray Bradbury Fused Glass Window (Project) in the Ray Bradbury Conference Room in the South Pasadena Public Library

12. Adoption of the Resolution Nos. 7661 and 7662 Determining and Establishing an Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and 2019-20 in Accordance with Article XIII B of the California Constitution

City Council:

1. Adopted the **Resolution Nos. 7661 and 7662** to revise the City of South Pasadena's (City) FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 Appropriations Limit.

13. Approval of Resolutions and Related Matters for the General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020, Consolidating with the County of Los Angeles to Elect Three Councilmembers

City Council adopted the following resolutions related to the November 3, 2020, General Municipal Election:

1. **Resolution No. 7633** calling and giving notice of the holding of a General Municipal Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for the election of certain officers;
2. **Resolution No. 7634** requesting consolidation with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles; and
3. **Resolution No. 7635** adopting regulations for candidates' statements submitted to the voters at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

14. Acceptance of Project Completion and Authorization to File a Notice of Completion for the Bike Lockers, Shelters and Hitches at Various Locations Project and Authorization to Release Retention Payment to E C Construction Company in the Amount of \$10,239

The City Council:

1. Accepted the Bike Lockers, Shelters and Hitches at Various Locations Project (Project) as complete;
2. Authorized the recordation of the Notice of Completion (NOC) with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder County Clerk; and
3. Authorized release of retention payment to E C Construction Company (Contractor), in the amount of \$10,239.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

6. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on May 6, 2020

Councilmember Cacciotti requested the following amendments be made on:

- Item No. 17, page 6-5 of the agenda packet, be corrected and listed as Item No. 18.
- Item No. 13, Page 6-7 of the agenda packet, wording be corrected from “protects” to “protections” on the last bullet point under public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem suggested voting on Item Nos. 6 and 8 together. City Council and City Attorney Highsmith concurred.

8. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on May 20, 2020

Councilmember Cacciotti requested the following amendments be made on:

- Item No. 4, page 8-3 of the agenda packet, wording be corrected on the last paragraph from “Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud commented...” to “Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud supported...”.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve Items Nos. 6 and 8 as amended.

10. Approval of Prepaid Warrants in the Amount of \$106,828.09; General City Warrants in the Amount of \$278,487.06; General City Warrant Voids in the Amount of (\$1,176.41); Supplemental ACH Payments in the Amount of \$71,554.62.

Councilmember Cacciotti asked various questions regarding the expenses of Capital Research & Consulting, LLC as reflected on page 10-7 of the agenda packet, and Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC as reflected on page 10-11 of the agenda packet.

City Attorney Highsmith and Karen Aceves, Finance Director, answered questions accordingly.

Councilmember Cacciotti had various comments regarding the So Cal Edison payments reflected on page 10-20 of the agenda packet, and provided suggestions on moving towards cost effective solar energy usage.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud provided a brief update on the Clean Power Alliance’s funding programs for fiscal year 2020-21.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Warrants as presented.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

15. Adoption of a Resolution No. 7666 Identifying the Proposed Projects in Fiscal Year 2020-21 to be funded by Senate Bill 1: Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Program

Councilmember Cacciotti recused himself from participation of the item.

Shahid Abbas, Public Works Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Joe, Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud, and Councilmember Khubesrian had various questions and comments regarding project funding; current conditions of streets related to the projects; treatment methods for streets; zinc levels and water quality; concerns regarding rubber based asphalts; Public Works Commission involvement in the item; etc.

Director Abbas answered all questions accordingly.

Chief City Clerk Ayala announced that no public comments were submitted for this item.

A brief discussion was held amongst City Council (with the exception of Councilmember Cacciotti) regarding the Public Works Commission's involvement on the item.

MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRAIN, CARRIED 4-0 (CACCIOTTI RECUSED), to:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 7666** to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) identifying the proposed projects to be funded by Senate Bill 1 (SB1): Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Program; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the application and all related program documents.

Per Councilmember Khubesrian's request, Director Abbas elaborated on her comments regarding the meetings held by the City of Alhambra regarding the 710 Freeway studies conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joe announced a next Regular City Council meeting on July 15th.

There being no further business, at 9:20 p.m. Mayor Joe adjourned the meeting.

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