



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Mahmud on Wednesday, November 7, 2021, at 7:04 p.m. The City Council Chamber are located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Diana Mahmud
Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti
Councilmember Jack Donovan
Councilmember Jon Primuth
Councilmember Evelyn G. Zneimer

ABSENT

Christina Muñoz, Acting Deputy City Clerk, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager; Andrew Jared, City Attorney; Christina Muñoz, Acting Deputy City Clerk were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Closed Session Announcements

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1)

Owen Cliff Snider v. City of South Pasadena, UPC Case No. LA-CE-1800-M

City Attorney Jared reported that Council met in Closed Session to receive a briefing on the item. He noted direction was provided to the City Attorney's Office but no action was taken in closed session.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code sec. 54956.9(d)(1)

City of South Pasadena v. The Dow Chemical Company, et al.,
Case No. 2:20-cv-07765-MWF-(SP)

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C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: LIABILITY CLAIMS

(Government Code sec. 549561)

Claimant: Lili Zhang

Agency Claimed Against: City of South Pasadena

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D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: LIABILITY CLAIMS

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Number of matters: 1

City Attorney Jared reported that Council met in Closed Session to receive a briefing on the item. He stated that Councilmember Primuth did not participate in this item. He noted direction was provided to the City Attorney's Office but no action was taken in closed session.

The City Council recessed closed session at 6:58 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL

Mayor Mahmud announced public comments are intended to address matters not on the agenda for the meeting. Members of the public have the option of emailing, participating

via Zoom (audio), or speaking in-person to address the City Council, as listed on the agenda.

Live Public Comment:

- Walter Quinn expressed concern with the South Pasadena Police Department.
- Chris Bray discussed a letter he sent to the City in 2019 pertaining to City employees leaving the City.
- John Srebalus expressed support for a Sundown Town Resolution.

PRESENTATIONS

3. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Finance Director Louie introduced New Accountant Ani Sargsyan.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Zneimer shared photos of her volunteering to build the South Pasadena Rose Parade float.

Councilmember Donovan discussed a recent meeting of the Lease Ad-Hoc Committee.

Councilmember Primuth discussed a recent meeting of the Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM 13 WAS HEARD AT 7:30 PM PER ELECTIONS CODE 21607.1.(D)

13. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST RELATED TO REDISTRICTING FOR SOUTH PASADENA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive a report on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to redraw district boundaries; and

2. Conduct a public hearing to receive public input regarding communities of interest.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Management Services Director Demirjian introduced the item.

Assistant City Attorney Giragosian and Ken Chawkins, National Demographic Corporation, provided a presentation and an overview of the item.

Councilmember Primuth discussed the City's current district map and inquired about the rationale behind choosing that map in 2017.

There was a discussion amongst the City Council on the boundary lines in the current district map.

Mayor Mahmud opened the public hearing.

With no requests to speak, Mayor Mahmud closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti inquired if the City's current map is contiguous and compact.

Mayor Mahmud inquired how increased state-mandated future housing will impact the map.

Councilmember Primuth agreed with planning for future housing growth in the map; discussed how the commercial areas should be split up between the districts.

Assistant City Attorney Giragosian and Mr. Chawkins responded to City Council inquiries.

4. CONTINUED COUNCILMEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Mayor Mahmud, to address a letter to District Attorney Gascon regarding a local crime in South Pasadena where the defendants were recently released.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti shared a photo of Larry Abelson at a recent Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission; shared a photo of the "no gas at South Pas" event, shared a photo of Public Works staff painting; shared a photo of a electric truck; shared a photo of a local scout group; shared a photo of himself and a City of Duarte Councilmember; shared a photo of Fay Liu and her book; and, shared a photo of a visit to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Mayor Mahmud discussed a recent meeting at San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) pertaining to County redistricting; discussed a recent meeting of the SGVCOG Transportation Committee; discussed a recent ACA 7 working group meeting and a potential measure regarding local control; and, discussed a recent meeting of the Planning Commission.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Chaparyan thanked the City Council for their support during her first 6 months; and, wished her daughter a happy birthday.

6. REORDERING OF, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Mahmud requested to move Item No. 11 to a future City Council meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,233.85; GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$264,769.36; SUPPLEMENTAL ACH PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$328,166.17; VOIDS IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$3,810.91); PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$622,296.68.**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Warrants as presented.

- 8. PRESENTATION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the minutes as listed on the agenda and as presented.

- 9. THIS ITEM WAS MOVED OUT-OF-ORDER FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.**

- 10. APPROVAL OF 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve a City Council meeting schedule for the 2022 calendar year.

- 11. THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

- 12. APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT JOE TO MOSQUITO VALLEY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT (DISTRICT) BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council re-appoint Robert Joe to serve as the City's representative to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2022, for a second two-year term.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested to pull Item No. 9.

Mayor Mahmud noted that Item No. 8 includes an additional document; and, requested to move Item No. 11 to a future City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer and approved by roll call vote to approve Consent Calendar Item(s) 7-8, 10, and 12, as presented and amended.

Motion carried, 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR - AGENDA ITEM(S) PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION

9. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Monthly Investment Report for September 2021.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti complimented the City's earnings/yield and shared a graphic of other agencies in comparison.

Councilmember Zneimer recommended pulling funds from Local Agency Investment Fund LAIF to invest funds with a high yield.

Finance Director Louie responded to City Council inquiries.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 9, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

14. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 (GARBAGE AND WASTE) AND CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT A MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE AS REQUIRED BY SB 1383 AND CALRECYCLE

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 16.1 (“DEFINITIONS”), SECTION 16.3 (“ILLEGAL ACCUMULATIONS”), SECTION 16.5 (“COLLECTION AND REMOVAL GENERALLY”), SECTION 16.13 (“TRANSPORTATION ALONG STREETS”), SECTION 16.14 (“PILING OF BRUSH, TREE, ETC., TRIMMINGS AND STUMPS”), SECTION 16.17 (“GENERALLY”), SECTION 16.18 (“LOCATION”), SECTION 16.19 (“UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OR INTERFERENCE WITH”), AND SECTION 16.22 (“COVERING OF GARBAGE RECEPTACLES; WRAPPING GARBAGE”) OF CHAPTER 16 (“GARBAGE AND WASTE”) RELATING TO MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE V (ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL) TO CHAPTER 16 (“GARBAGE AND WASTE”) CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE’S MODEL MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION ORDINANCE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.99-29C (“RECOVERED ORGANIC WASTE PRODUCT AND RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS”) OF CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RECYCLED AND ORGANIC WASTE PROCUREMENT

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council read by title only for first reading, waiving further reading, and introduce an ordinance to amend Chapter 16 and Chapter 2 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) to implement a Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance as required by SB 1383 and CalRecycle, within the City of South Pasadena.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst Kasparian made a presentation and provided an overview of the item.

Mayor Mahmud inquired how to dispose of cooking oil with the new regulations.

Councilmember Zneimer stated that residents in the hillside have different colored trash containers; and, asked if Athens will be providing new containers.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti requested that public outreach include simple pictures to show how to properly separate and dispose waste.

Mayor Mahmud re-opened the public hearing.

With no requests to speak, Mayor Mahmud closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Jared noted minor revisions to the ordinance in the additional documents.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Donovan and approved by roll call vote to approve Item No. 15, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor Mahmud thanked City staff for their work on this item.

ACTION / DISCUSSION

15. 2021-2029 PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council provide comments and suggestions to staff for revising the Public Review Draft Housing Element in preparation of a final draft.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Housing Element Project Manager Elizabeth Bar-El and Amy Sinsheimer, PlaceWorks, made a presentation and provided an overview of the item.

Councilmember Primuth discussed the public draft sites inventory and inquired how density housing is determined.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti inquired if the Ostrich Farm area was re-zoned.

Councilmember Primuth inquired on the response of property owners who will have to have their sites rezoned.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti referenced the Carrows Restaurant property at 815 Fremont Ave and inquired on its project status.

Mayor Mahmud inquired when the City would be able to administer an ADU amnesty program; and, discussed the implementation of SB 9 & SB 10 and their impacts on future housing.

City staff responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Mahmud opened the public comment period.

With no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Primuth thanked City staff for their work on this item; provided a background on the formula used to determine the RHNA numbers for South Pasadena and noted that agencies with high quality transit were given higher numbers to meet.

Mayor Mahmud reiterated Councilmember Primuth's thoughts and noted this prohibit local governments from developing quality transit in the future; thanked City staff for their work on the item; and, encouraged the public to submit public comments by December 6, 2021.

16. UPDATE ON STATE AND PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE REDISTRICTING AND DIRECTION ON DRAFT MAPS

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive an update on the State Redistricting process and provide the City Manager and staff direction to submit comments regarding the visualizations and draft maps being considered for legislative districts affecting South Pasadena; and
2. Receive an update on the Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) redistricting process and provide the City Manager and staff direction to submit comments regarding the visualizations and draft maps.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Management Services Director Demirjian made a presentation and provided an overview of the item.

Councilmember Zneimer referenced State Assembly District map (AD 210) and inquired what areas of San Bernardino County could be removed to ensure that South Pasadena is grouped with Pasadena and San Marino.

Management Services Director Demirjian responded to City Council inquires.

Mayor Mahmud opened the public comment period.

With no requests to speak, the public comment period was closed.

The City Council reached consensus to support Plan A, B1, or B2 for the Pasadena Area Community College District map.

The City Council reached consensus to support Congressional District map CD 210.

The City Council reached consensus to support State Senate District map SD 210.

There was a discussion amongst the City Council regarding State Assembly District map AD 210 and its inclusion of areas in San Bernardino County.

The City Council reached consensus to support a State Assembly District map AD 210 that excludes the San Bernardino County Mountain communities so that South Pasadena can be included.

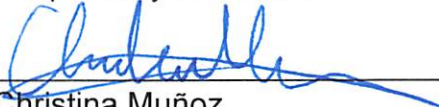
INFORMATION REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Mayor Mahmud adjourned the meeting of the City Council at 10:15 PM, to the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:



Christina Muñoz
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED



MICHAEL A. CACCIOTTI
MAYOR

Attest:



Christina Muñoz
Deputy City Clerk