



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 AT 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Mahmud on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was held virtually, via Zoom, in accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20. The City Council Chamber are located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

<u>ALL PRESENT</u>	Mayor	Diana Mahmud
	Mayor Pro Tem	Michael Cacciotti
	Councilmember	Jack Donovan
	Councilmember	Jon Primuth
	Councilmember	Evelyn G. Zneimer

Maria Ayala, Chief City Clerk, announced a quorum.

CITY Sean Joyce, Interim City Manager; Andrew Jared, Assistant City Attorney;
STAFF Maria Ayala, Chief City Clerk were present at Roll Call. Other staff
PRESENT members were present and presented reports or responded to questions
as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Councilmember Zneimer.

1. COUNCILMEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Primuth discussed a recent Arroyo Verdugo Cities Joint Powers Authority (JPA) meeting; a recent SCAG Transportation Committee meeting; a recent Finance Ad-Hoc Committee meeting.

Councilmember Zneimer discussed a recent South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee meeting; discussed a main water break on Indiana Street; discussed a complaint of peacocks in a local neighborhood.

COUNCIL ACTION / MOTION

It was moved by Councilmember Zneimer, seconded by Mayor Mahmud to look into potential fines for feeding peacocks in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti discussed a recent Natural Resources and Environmental Commission meeting; discussed a recent Public Art Commission meeting; a recent AQMD meeting; commended the performance of the City's motorcycle officers; shared photos of his car that was recently vandalized; shared a photo of his COVID-19 vaccination; shared a photo of the recent Easter event in the City; shared a photo of his neighbor using an electric lawn mower.

Mayor Mahmud discussed recent litigation with the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts; discussed a recent conference of the Orange County Community Choice Energy; discussed a positive news story about a Kobe Bryant mural on KTLA; discussed a recent San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

2. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Interim City Manager Joyce thanked staff for repairing a broken water main.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti discussed the upcoming Dumpster Day Event on April 17, 2021.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **THIS ITEM WAS PULLED TO BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY.**

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5. **Adoption of a Resolution Continuing the Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to the Outbreak of COVID-19, Authorizing the City Manager to Take All Necessary Actions as the Director of Emergency Services**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached resolution continuing the proclamation of a local emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and authorizing the City Manager to take all necessary actions as the Director of Emergency Services.

6. **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 36 (Zoning) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code Pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations**

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

7. **Approve a Multi-year Agreement with Express Employment Professionals Consulting to Provide Supplemental Staffing on an As-Needed Basis in an Amount-Not-to Exceed of \$40,000 per year**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a multi-year agreement with Express Employment Professionals for an amount-not-to exceed \$40,000 per year through June 30, 2023 to allow the City to perform

concrete work associated with curbs, gutters, and sidewalk repairs employing temporary employees to perform these essential functions of the Public Works Department.

8. Approve Appropriation of Funding in the Amount of \$18,000 to Complete Outstanding Citizen Complaint Investigations

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve a supplement appropriation of funding in the amount of \$18,000 to allow completion of the investigations of Citizen Complaints filed regarding members of the South Pasadena Police Department. Such allocation will allow the City to complete its statutorily required duty under Penal Code Section 832.5 to conduct such investigations. Garon Wyatt Investigation Services was retained under the authority of the City Manager, limited to \$25,000.00, to conduct the investigations. The work required to complete such investigations will total at least \$40,057.50, requiring a supplemental appropriation of \$15,057.50. To allow for any additional work to complete the investigations without the need to return for an additional supplemental appropriation, it is recommended that a supplemental appropriation in General Fund Reserves to line item 101-2010-2013-8170 be made in the amount of \$18,000.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Councilmember Mahmud noted Item No. 6, will be moved to a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Mahmud noted Item No. 3, was pulled for public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti pulled Item No. 4, for separate discussion.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer, and approved by roll call vote to approve Consent Calendar Agenda Item(s) 5, 7, and 8, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

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

3. **Approval of Prepaid Warrants in the Amount of \$370,608.16; Prepaid Warrant Voids in the Amount (\$50,000.00); General City Warrants in the Amount of \$444,937.67; Payroll in the Amount of \$551,115.94; Supplemental ACH Payments in the Amount of \$60,185.64.**

Recommendation

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

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti thanked staff for clarifications made in the warrants.

Mayor Mahmud opened the public comment period.

Chief City Clerk Ayala noted the following recorded public comment(s) were received:

- Alan Ehrlich

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

Interim City Manager Joyce briefly responded to the public comment and noted that the payment made to CivicStone was part of a previously approved agreement.

Interim Assistant City Manager Aguilar briefly responded to the public comment and noted the special projects referenced in the comment were from February 2021.

Mayor Mahmud noted that she regularly goes over the warrant register with the City Manager's Office before the City Council meeting.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer, and approved by roll call vote to approve Agenda Item 3, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

4. Purchase of Carbon Media from Calgon Carbon Corporation for the Wilson Wellhead Treatment System for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$225,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the sole source purchase of carbon media from Calgon Carbon Corporation (Calgon) for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$225,000 (\$221,640 for the bid amount and \$3,360 for contingency) for the Wilson Wellhead Treatment System. There are adequate funds included in the proposed FY 2021 budget in line item 500-6010-6711-8180-000, Water Production Contract Services.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti inquired into how often the City will have to perform this work and expressed concern with the long-term cost.

Assistant City Attorney Jared briefly discussed the litigation related to this item.

Staff responded to the questions and noted that this work will be needed for the foreseeable future but are working to find other alternative treatments.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer, and approved by roll call vote to approve Agenda Item 4, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

ACTION / DISCUSSION

9. **Discussion of Ordinance Establishing Requirements for “Hero Pay” and Associated Protections for Grocery Workers in the City**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to staff regarding an urgency ordinance to establish requirements for “Hero Pay” and associated protections for grocery workers.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

A staff report was presented. The City Council had questions and discussions regarding this matter. Assistant to the City Manager Demirjian responded to questions from the City Council.

Mayor Mahmud noted the public comment period will be limited to 30 minutes.

Mayor Mahmud opened the public comment period.

Chief City Clerk Ayala noted the following recorded public comments were received:

- Amarone Miller
- Dominic Gonzalez
- Douglas Stuart III
- Jorge Gonzalez
- Carol Rush
- Alex Tsuno
- Richard Sirellian
- Christopher Cortez
- Geraldo Garcia
- Linda Hartman

- Mathew Barbato
- Bianca Richards
- Charlie Rodgers
- Robin Decker
- Anne Bagasao
- Anne (no last name given)
- Rachel Torres
- Owen Ellison
- Fahren James
- Glendon Boyd
- Laura Solis

Chief City Clerk Ayala noted the following written comments were received:

- Timothy James
- Randy Cabrera
- Erika Walls
- Rachel Torres
- Helen Tran
- Ella Hushagen
- Maya Barron

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

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti expressed his support for the item and noted many individuals have had no choice but to work during the pandemic and deserve the increased pay. Mayor Mahmud expressed her concern for the proposed ordinance and noted that its unfair to individuals in different industries that didn't have the luxury to work from home. Councilmember Zneimer expressed her support for the proposed ordinance and noted that the City has a moral obligation to provide this hero pay to frontline workers. Councilmember Donovan noted that a City shouldn't be the ones deciding on hero pay but noted that he isn't necessarily against it. Councilmember Primuth stated that these

wage increases are usually done by grocery store unions and noted that he might support a more trimmed down ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti proposed an urgency ordinance to establish "Hero Pay" of an additional \$3 an hour for 60 days with a provision to bring back the item to a future City Council meeting within 45-days for a review and consideration of an extension of the urgency ordinance beyond 60 days.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Primuth and approved by roll call vote to approve Agenda Item 9, an urgency ordinance to establish "Hero Pay" of an additional \$3 an hour for 60 days with a provision to bring back the item to a future City Council meeting within 45-days for a review and consideration of an extension of the urgency ordinance beyond 60 days.

Motion carried, 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Mayor Mahmud adjourned the Virtual Zoom meeting of the City Council at 8:36 PM, to the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:



Lucie Colombo, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:



DIANA MAHMUD
MAYOR

Attest:



Lucie Colombo, CMC, CPMC
City Clerk

Approved at City Council Meeting: 7/7/2021