



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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Cacciotti on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The City Council Chamber are located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Christina Muñoz, Deputy City Clerk, announced a quorum.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Cacciotti.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Closed Session Announcements

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

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

- 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 Arminé Chaparyan; Human Resources and Risk Manager Belinda Varela

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 legal action was taken in closed session.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

1. City of South Pasadena v. California Department of Transportation (LASC Case No. 21STCP01779)
2. Smith v. City of South Pasadena (LASC Case No. 19BBCV00118)

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

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: INITIATION OF LITIGATION

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))

Number of Potential Cases: 3

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL OF LITIGATION

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

Number of Potential Cases: 1

City Attorney Jared noted that closed session Item Nos. C and D were not discussed during Closed Session and will be heard after the open session.

The City Council recessed closed session at 7:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Public Comment – General – General (None-Agenda Items)

Mayor Cacciotti announced public comments are intended to address matters not on the agenda for the meeting. Members of the public have the option of emailing, in-person, or participating via Zoom (audio) to address the City Council, as listed on the agenda. He

noted that general public comment will be limited to 30 minutes at the beginning of the agenda.

Deputy City Clerk Muñoz announced written Public Comments were submitted online and available for viewing on the City's website.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Merchant Minute

Laurie Wheeler, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, introduced Sandy Olivas, owner of Waverly LA, and played a short video.

4. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Community Services Director Pautsch introduced Deputy Community Services Director Lucy Hakobian.

Community Development Director introduced Community Improvement Coordinator Christopher Mandala.

Mayor Cacciotti noted that the City Council will hear Item 15 next at 7:30 p.m. pursuant to Elections Code 2:1607.1(D)

PUBLIC HEARING

15. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING BOUNDARIES FOR SOUTH PASADENA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS; AND FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICT MAP AS REQUIRED BY THE ELECTIONS CODE

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DISTRICT MAP UNDER ELECTIONS CODE SECTIONS 21600-21609

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive public input regarding the boundaries of potential City Council election districts based on 2020 U.S. Census data, as required by applicable law;
2. Review draft map(s); and
3. Read by title only for first reading, waving further reading, and introduce an ordinance designating a City Council Election District Map under Elections

Code Sections 21600-21609.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Ken Chawkins, National Demographic Corporation, made a presentation and provided an overview of the final map choices.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the public hearing.

Public Comment via Zoom:

Yvonne LaRose commented regarding under-represented minority communities.

Anne Bagasao expressed support for map 105a.

John Srebalus expressed support for map 105a.

Josh Albrektson expressed concern with the teal map; and, expressed support for map 105a with the exception of the Monterey Street split.

Joanne Nuckols expressed support for map 105a but, prefers non-district based elections.

In-Person Public Comment

Sam Burgess inquired about the process should two Councilmembers end up in the same district in the new map.

Mr. Chawkins provided clarification on the different map scenarios.

Deputy City Clerk Muñoz noted the following written public comments were submitted:

- Josh Albrektson expressed an opinion on each proposed map.
- Delaine Shane expressed support for map 105.
- Shireen Chang requested that her address be included in District 1.
- Mary Urquhart expressed support for the green map.
- Joanne Nuckols requested revisions to map 105a; and, the public outreach for whichever map is selected.
- Christina & Warren Holmes expressed support for map 107.
- Anne Bagasao expressed support for the green map.

With no other requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth discussed communities of interest and how they could be split amongst the districts.

Councilmember Mahmud expressed support for each district to include commercial areas.

Mr. Chawkins noted changes to the maps would require to return before the Council at a future meeting.

Councilmember Zneimer requested clarification regarding area changes from the current district map and map 105a.

Mr. Chawkins confirmed the changes are attributed to population balance and noted any additional changes will cause a ripple effect throughout the map.

Councilmember Donovan expressed his support for map 105a.

There was discussion amongst the City Council regarding Mission Street's commercial district and how it should be distributed between the districts.

Councilmember Zneimer expressed support for map 105a; and, commented regarding the map's balance and the low population deviation.

Mayor Cacciotti expressed support for map 105a.

Councilmember Mahmud discussed the population balance north of Monterey Road and expressed concern regarding the street boundaries of map 105a.

Mayor Cacciotti recessed the meeting at 8:59 p.m.; and reconvened at 9:14 p.m. with all members present.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth requested modifications to the teal map and requested a Special City Council meeting to consider all changes.

Mayor Cacciotti proposed eliminating map options.

By consensus, the City Council eliminated maps 101, 103a, 107, and 109.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth discussed the changes he would like to see in the teal map.

A motion was made by Councilmember Donovan, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer and approved by roll call vote to select map 105a.

Motion carried, 3-2 with Councilmember Mahmud and Mayor Pro Tem Primuth voting no.

A motion was made by Mayor Cacciotti, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer and approved by roll call vote to read by title only for first reading, waiving further reading, and introducing an ordinance designating a City Council Election District Map under Elections Code Sections 21600-21609.

Motion carried, 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem Primuth voting no.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Zneimer shared a photo of South Pasadena Little League opening night; shared a photo of the Via Del Rey park.

Councilmember Mahmud reported attending and discussed the following meetings: South California Association of Governments (SCAG) Energy & Environment Committee, Planning Commission meeting, and Library Board of Trustees; discussed the current drought situation in the State; and, thanked Deputy Community Development Director Lin for her service to the City.

Councilmember Donovan provided updates regarding the Athens and Leased properties ad-hoc committees.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth reported attending and discussed the SCAG Transportation Committee and Mobility, Transportation & Infrastructure Commission meetings.

Mayor Cacciotti shared photos of the recent Lunar New Year celebration in South Pasadena; shared a photo Sam Hernandez at Orange Grove Park; shared a photo of a zoom meeting with the Los Angeles County Department of Health; shared a photo of an event at the library; shared a photo of a recent boy scout event; shared a photo of a recent meeting with City staff for the upcoming 4th of July event; shared a photo of himself on the Gold Line; shared a photo of the City of Glendora; shared a photo of the future Gold Line extension.

6. City Manager Communications

City Manager Chaparyan stated that City staff is temporarily closing the Arroyo Seco Golf Course due to recent damage from the winds; encouraged the community to participate in the Commission Survey; discussed a recent meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments City Manager group; wished her son a happy birthday.

7. Reordering of, Additions, or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

9. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Monthly Investment Report for January 2022.

10. SELECTION OF OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUSTEE

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREFUNDING PLAN FOR OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) THROUGH CALPERS – CERBT

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO REQUEST DISBURSEMENTS FROM CALPERS OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) PREFUNDING PLAN

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Select CalPERS – CERBT as the City's OPEB Trustee;
2. Adopt a resolution to participate in OPEB Prefunding through CalPERS;
3. Adopt a resolution for the Delegation of Authority to Request Disbursements; and
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute appropriate documents to secure trustee.

11. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATED INSPECTION DUTIES

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATED INSPECTION DUTIES

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution acknowledging receipt of the Fire Department's annual report of compliance for mandated inspection duties.

- 12. THIS ITEM WAS MOVED OUT-OF-ORDER FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.
- 13. APPROVAL OF MAYOR'S LIST OF CITY COUNCIL LIAISON AND REGIONAL GROUP APPOINTMENTS AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING DELEGATES, REPRESENTATIVES, AND ALTERNATES TO VARIOUS AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING DELEGATES, REPRESENTATIVES, AND ALTERNATES AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Approve the Mayor's list of City Council Liaison and Regional Group Appointments to various commissions, boards, and committees; and
- 2. Adopt a Resolution appointing delegates, representatives, and alternates as official representatives of the City of South Pasadena.

- 14. AUTHORIZE SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 1503-1507 EL CENTRO STREET WITH STEPHEN GODWIN AND SALLY SMYTHE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council direct City Manager to enter into an amended lease agreement for South Pasadena Housing Authority owned property at 1503-1507 El Centro Street with Stephen Godwin and Sally Smythe.

Councilmember Zneimer pulled Item No. 8 for separate discussion.

Mayor Cacciotti pulled Item No. 12 for separate discussion.

Councilmember Mahmud noted that Item No. 13 has an additional document.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mahmud, seconded by Councilmember Donovan and approved by roll call vote to approve Consent Calendar Items 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14, as presented and modified.

Motion carried, 5-0.

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

- 8. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,336.19; GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,325,835.95;

SUPPLEMENTAL AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,150.05; VOIDS IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$1,688.48); TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000; PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,038,411.98

Recommendation

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

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Councilmember Zneimer asked if someone is monitoring the West Coast Arborist contract to ensure that it doesn't go over its cap and asked for its totals for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

Public Works Director Gerber stated that staff does monitor the expenses and noted their expenses can fluctuate throughout the year depending on the work completed.

Councilmember Zneimer asked if West Coast Arborists has specific costs for each species of tree within the City.

Public Works Director Gerber confirmed pricing is determined by the size of the tree.

Mayor Cacciotti inquired regarding the payment to the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians with relation to the South Pasadena Sewer Rehabilitation Replacement Project.

City Manager Chaparyan confirmed the City contract with the local tribe to assist with the project.

Councilmember Zneimer commented regarding payments to PSOMAS and inquired when the work on the General Plan will be completed.

Community Development Director Frausto-Lupo noted those payments are from previous work for preparing for the Environmental Impact Report; and noted PSOMAS will continue work once the documents presented for public review.

A motion was made by Councilmember Zneimer, seconded by Councilmember Mahmud and approved by roll call vote to approve the Item No. 8, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0

12. AUTHORIZE REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Recommendation

It is recommended by Mayor Cacciotti that the City Council reappoint the following

incumbents to the three-year term ending December 31, 2024:

- Kristin Morrish, Cultural Heritage Commission
- Samantha Hill, Design Review Board
- Kay Younger, Design Review Board
- Zhen Tao, Finance Commission
- Bianca Richards, Library Board of Trustees
- Kim Hughes, Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission
- John Fisher, Mobility and Transportation Infrastructure Commission
- Rona Bortz, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission
- Casey Law, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission
- Laura Dahl, Planning Commission
- Ed Donnelly, Public Safety Commission
- Amin Al-Sarraf, Public Safety Commission
- Frank Catania, Public Works Commission

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Mayor Cacciotti thanked all the Commissioners for their continued service to the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mahmud, seconded by Councilmember Zneimer and approved by roll call vote to approve the Item No. 12, as presented.

Motion carried, 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

16. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20F, OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE (SPMC) REGARDING SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN RESIDENCES

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 20F "SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN RESIDENCES" TO THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE

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 20F of the South Pasadena Municipal Code, Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Police Chief Solinsky introduced the item.

Lieutenant Jacobs made a presentation and provided an overview of the item.

Councilmember Mahmud inquired if rockets and rocket projectile launchers could be included under the proposed ordinance.

Lieutenant Jacobs stated it could be included if they are considered a firearm under the State's penal code.

Councilmember Mahmud expressed concerns that a toy might be considered a rocket and noted unintended applications of the ordinance.

City Attorney Jared noted the Council could modify language in the ordinance to clarify the definition of firearms.

Councilmember Zneimer inquired how the Police Department will conduct enforcement.

Lieutenant Jacobs stated inspections would generally occur after an incident happens.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth inquired if the ordinance is more for education purposes, rather than enforcement.

Lieutenant Jacobs confirmed the ordinance could be used to make an arrest when an appropriate violation is made.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth asked how this ordinance would be used in a well-fare check situation.

Lieutenant Jacobs stated it depends on the circumstances and situation; noted that it may be a counseling session, if appropriate.

Councilmember Donovan asked if you could own a loaded firearm in California in your residence and walk around the house with it.

Lieutenant Jacobs stated its not illegal to carry a gun in your own home and it's the right of the homeowner.

Councilmember Zneimer asked if the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office would prosecute crimes under the proposed ordinance.

Lieutenant Jacobs stated it depends on the crime and the situation.

Police Chief Solinsky stated that they have contacted the Alhambra District Attorney's Office for clarification on that issue.

Councilmember Mahmud asked if the City should consider a prohibition of ghost guns.

Police Chief Solinsky stated that staff is researching; and noted that the Los Angeles County Chiefs of Police wrote a letter to the credit card companies to cancel purchases that are made through the internet for ghost guns or non-serialized guns.

City Attorney Jared noted the staff report should be corrected to state, "Jackson v City/County of San Francisco case number 746" and the Ninth Circuit held the law was not an impermissible infringement of the Second Amendment.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the public hearing.

With no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Donovan expressed support for gun safes and safety locks; and, noted he is not in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth expressed strong support of this ordinance. He added the ordinance provides the Police Department another tool of enforcement.

Councilmember Mahmud concurred Mayor Pro Tem Primuth. She requested to staff add the following language to Section 20F-1, Section 1: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, rockets and rocket propelled projectile launchers not intended for use as a weapon are not subject to this chapter. A BB, pellet or paint gun is not considered a firearm."

Councilmember Zneimer asked if a hyperlink of approved locks and devices should be provided in the ordinance; and if Section 3 only applies to land dwellings.

City Attorney Jared clarified the language includes any structure that someone is habiting in, which includes motor vehicles or tents. He did not recommend including a hyperlink in the proposed ordinance with the list of locks and devices.

Councilmember Mahmud expressed concern that a tent might not be considered a structure under the proposed language; proposed including the word "tent" in the ordinance.

There was discussion amongst the City Council regarding potentially adding the word "tent" in the proposed ordinance.

Police Chief Solinsky stated that it would be appropriate to add the word "tent" if that's how the City Council would like to move forward.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mahmud, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Primuth and approved by roll call vote to approve the Item No. 16, as amended with the additional

language to Section 20F-1; the addition of the word "tent" wherever the City Attorney determines is appropriate; and the definition of residence.

Motion carried, 4-0-1, with Councilmember Donovan abstaining.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

17. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE: DEVELOPMENT OF IN-LIEU FEE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council review and provide direction on the options for establishing an inclusionary housing in-lieu fee.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Community Development Director Angelica Frausto-Lupo provided a brief overview of the Item and contract Planner Bar-El made a presentation.

Julie Cooper and Darin Smith, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc., provided an overview of the fees.

Councilmember Mahmud option 2b, how complicated is it to dialtrate by fraction the low and the very low for rentals.

Ms. Bar-El commented regarding the possible challenges applicants may encounter and added with staff's assistance the process can easily explained.

Councilmember Mahmud asked how often the City should revisit the fee structure.

Mr. Smith stated its common for City's to perform a study once every five to eight years and noted that a cost escalator, similar to the consumer price index, could be utilized during the in-between years.

Councilmember Mahmud inquired about the City of Santa Monica's fees and why their fees are lower than South Pasadena's fees.

Ms. Cooper attributed the difference to their fee schedule being older than South Pasadena's fee schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth asked how the City expends the trust where the in-lieu fees get deposited.

Ms. Cooper stated most cities use these fees for a local match on affordable housing projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth inquired regarding the survey of local developers and the process.

Ms. Cooper noted the survey included developers working in South Pasadena and research on land sales in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth inquired about the 30% of gross income requirement for housing.

Ms. Cooper stated that language is specified in the ordinance and noted in general most households are paying more.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth discussed the escalation of area median income within the County and inquired how it was determined.

Ms. Cooper noted its comparable to counties with high housing costs.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth asked why there is a 50% difference in operating costs.

Ms. Cooper explained a project with moderate income units would pay property tax; however, a project with low-income units would be tax exempt.

Mayor Pro Tem Primuth inquired about the pros and cons of using an average unit size to calculate the in-lieu fee.

Ms. Cooper stated South Pasadena's fee program does not lend itself to using the per square foot of a market rate project on account of the City does not allow for projects to pay an in-lieu fee on their entire inclusionary requirement.

Councilmember Mahmud clarified if the fees were calculated on a square foot basis with just a matter of total square footage of the entire development versus the average size of the units being developed.

Ms. Cooper confirmed affirmatively and noted the difference is the particular unit size as opposed to the entire building size.

Councilmember Zneirner inquired regarding the square footage cost for affordable units versus other cities in the area.

Ms. Bar-El provided an overview of how the cost is calculated and noted the numbers are comparable with other cities.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the public comment period.

Zoom Public Comment:

Josh Albrektson expressed concern with the high in-lieu fees for the City and noted the proposed ordinance is the highest inclusionary housing ordinance in the state.

Deputy City Clerk Muñoz announced written Public Comments were submitted online and available for viewing on the City's website.

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

City Manager Chaparyan noted that the development of the inclusionary ordinance would require to return before the Planning Commission for recommendations.

Councilmember Mahmud expressed support for recommended Action No. 3 for a single fee for ownership projects and rental projects differentiated by size and further differentiated by low income and very low income.

Mayor Pro Tem Primutri stated the City Council should design a fee structure which would provide for incentivize housing and rather than deterring it.

City Manager Chaparyan noted that staff requires direction on the fee structure due to current projects pending.

Mayor Cacciotti referenced the table on page 17-8 in the staff report and asked where the City would be on that table.

Community Development Director Frausto-Lupo stated that when developing a fee, we need we need to determine if we want them to build on site or partner with an affordable housing developer.

Councilmember Mahmud noted that anytime the City facilitates a developer's ability to utilize the in-lieu fee means a delay in City's ability to realize construction of the affordable units as the City has to accumulate a certain amount of money to actually undertake the construction; noted that a higher in-lieu fee would be more beneficial as it will provide a stronger incentive to the developer and a greater integration of affordable housing units in the City.

Councilmember Zneimer asked how onsite versus off-site will affect the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers.

Community Development Director Frausto-Lupo stated when the developer builds the units on-site, its quicker to reach the City's RHNA numbers.

Councilmember Zneimer inquired as to the City Council's discretion to modify the fee in the future.

Community Development Director Frausto-Lupo confirmed the City Council can modify the fee if its consistent with the ordinance language.

City Manager Chaparyan thanked the City Council for their input and noted that a Study Session will take place in the future on the state of housing.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mahmud, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Primuth to provide consensus to move forward with recommended Action No. 3, that includes a single fee for ownership projects and rental projects differentiated by size and further differentiated by low income and very low income.

18. AUTHORIZE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS URGING STRICTER REGULATIONS ON THE RECYCLING INDUSTRY WHEN RECEIVING CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council authorize a letter of support for Senate Bill 919, Senate Bill 366, Assembly Bill 1653, Assembly Bill 1659, and request to establish a task force or Blue-Ribbon Committee to hear testimony regarding stricter regulations on the recycling industry when receiving catalytic converters.

COUNCIL ACTION AND MOTION

Management Analyst Wehrle introduced the item.

Councilmember Mahmud requested to forego the staff presentation due to the late hour; and noted she has some recommended changes to the letter.

Councilmember Zneimer asked what the Police Department is currently doing to prevent catalytic converter thefts.

Police Chief Solinsky reported the Police Department is working with regional partners and has increased patrols. He added the department is looking into smart cameras to install at the entrances and exits of the City.

Councilmember Zneimer inquired regarding the cost of a camera system.

Police Chief Solinsky stated its estimated to cost around \$30,000.

Councilmember Mahmud asked if a request for the smart cameras in next year's fiscal year budget.

Police Chief Solinsky confirmed affirmatively.

Councilmember Mahmud stated depending on the make of the vehicle, catalytic converters might be easier to steal based on where it's installed in the vehicle; recommended the use of "shields" on vehicles; and recommended staff provide education outreach to residents to make them aware of those facts.

Police Chief Solinsky noted that "shields" do help but will not remedy the problem. He confirmed staff will provide education outreach for residents.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the public comment period.

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

Mayor Cacciotti discussed the percentage increase in thefts from the last year; discussed why a Blue-Ribbon Committee is needed; stated that there needs to be an investigation if this involves organized crime; noted that individuals who commit these crimes are often from out of state.

Councilmember Mahmud asked for the following modifications to the letter: (1) that the Blue-Ribbon Committee be established before the summer legislative process, (2) recommended amendment to SB 919 to require the seller of the catalytic converter to show a vehicle registration card for the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was taken, with a California Identification, and to require the purchaser of the catalytic converter to record that information to provide an audit trail.

Mayor Cacciotti recommended the letter include language for investigation and prosecution process.

Councilmember Donovan stated the proof of ownership language provided by Councilmember Mahmud would only be effective dependent on the establishment purchasing the catalytic converter is honest and keeping accurate records.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mahmud, seconded by Mayor Cacciotti and approved by roll call vote to approve the recommended action with the additional language recommended by Councilmember Mahmud and Mayor Cacciotti.

Motion carried, 5-0.

The City Council recessed back into Closed Session at 12:24 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

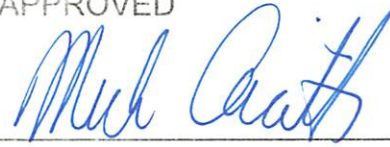
There being no further matters, Mayor Cacciotti adjourned the meeting of the City Council at 1:22 A.M., to the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted:



Yolanda Chavez, CMC
Interim City Clerk Records Specialist

APPROVED



MICHAEL CACCIOTTI
MAYOR

Attest:



Yolanda Chavez, CMC
Interim City Clerk Records Specialist