



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

**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council was called to order by Mayor Primuth on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 7:14 P.M. The City Council Chambers are located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL:

<u>PRESENT</u>	Mayor	Jon Primuth
	Mayor Pro Tem	Evelyn G. Zneimer
	Councilmember	Jack Donovan
	Councilmember	Michael A. Cacciotti
	Councilmember	Janet Braun

ABSENT None.

Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk, announced a quorum.

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager; Roxanne Diaz, City Attorney; Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk and Lucy Urzua, 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 Councilmember Donovan.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**A. REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)**

- 1. Property Addresses:
 - a. 215 Fairview Avenue, APN 5317-007-903

- b. 302 Fairview Avenue, APN 5317-012-903
- c. 529 Prospect Avenue, APN 5317-036-904
- d. 530 Orange Grove Avenue, APN 5317-036-900
- e. 534 Orange Grove Avenue, APN 5317-036-903
- f. 535 Meridian Avenue, APN 5317-036-903
- g. 540 Prospect Avenue, APN 5317-035-901
- h. 901 Bonita Drive, APN 5310-020-903
- i. 1037 & 1039 Grevelia Avenue, APN 5315-012-903
- j. 808 Valley View Road, APN 5310-020-901
- k. 822 Valley View Road, APN 5310-020-902
- l. 216 Fairview Avenue
- m. 217 Fremont Avenue, APN 5317-012-901
- n. 225 Fremont Avenue, APN 5317-012-902
- o. 1131 Columbia Street, APN 5317-012-900
- p. 1707 Meridian Avenue, APN 5310-031-903
- q. 1008 Hope and 1002 and 726 Meridian, APN 5315-013-906

Agency Negotiator: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager
 Negotiating Party: California Department of Transportation
 Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: EXISTING LITIGATION

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

- 1. *City of South Pasadena, et al. vs California Department of Transportation, et al.*
 (LASC Case No. 21STCP01779)

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: LIABILITY CLAIMS

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

Claimant: Kevin Hill
 Agency Claimed Against: City of South Pasadena

Claimant: Justin Furtado
 Agency Claimed Against: City of South Pasadena

Claimant: Owen Snider
 Agency Claimed Against: City of South Pasadena

City Attorney Roxanne Diaz reported that there was no reportable action taken by the City Council and Council will reconvene into closed session after the Regular City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

In-Person Comments:

Tucker Nelson commented on the upcoming Blood Drive hosted by the South Pasadena Women's Club.

John commented on traffic safety enforcement and possible grants.

PRESENTATION

3. **2023 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS UPDATE**

Turner Lot, Management Analyst with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) gave presentation on the COG's vision and partnership with Cities.

Councilmember Braun requested more information on the e-bike program.

4. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2023 AS "COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH" IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

Mayor Primuth read the proclamation into the record. Proclamation was accepted by Community Development Director and Deputy Director.

5. **STAFF INTRODUCTION**

Management Services Department:

Lucy Urzua, Deputy City Clerk

Tina Lopez, Human Resources and Risk Manager, introduced new Deputy City Clerk, Lucy Urzua.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCIL MOTION AND ACTION:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Zneimer and seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 7-11. Councilmember Braun abstained on Item 8 only. The motion carried 5-0, to approve items no. 7, 9, 10, 11, by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Donovan, Cacciotti, Zneimer, Mayor Primuth

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

A motion to approve Item No. 8 was carried 4-0-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Donovan, Cacciotti, Zneimer, Mayor Primuth

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINED: Braun

7. **APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,988.50; GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$567,310.93; ONLINE PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201,152.10; VOIDS IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$779.27); PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$880,729.66**

Recommendation

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

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council consider the approval of the minutes for the Regular Meetings of February 15, 2023 and September 18, 2023.

**A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.
Councilmember Braun voted to abstain from Item.**

9. **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution approving an application for Measure A Funding for Projects and Programs; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the application and all related grant documents.

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

10. CONSIDERATION OF A DISCRETIONARY FUND REQUEST FROM MAYOR PRO TEM EVELYN ZNEIMER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY TREE/MENORAH LIGHTING EVENT

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council consider approval of a Discretionary Fund request by Mayor Pro Tem in the amount of \$2,000 to support the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Tree/Menorah Lighting event Pasadena.

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, CHAPTER 1A AND SECTION 24.02 OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE, INCLUDING SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS, PENALTIES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO CODE VIOLATIONS

ORDINANCE

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council consider introduction of the Ordinance for first reading and waive full reading of the Ordinance amending the South Pasadena Municipal Code updating the provisions related to violations of the code, including substandard buildings, and the penalties and procedures related to Code violations.

A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

12. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE USE OF DRONES FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY EVENT

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and provide staff direction regarding the use of drones during the annual Festival of Balloons/ Fourth of July Event.

Sheila Pautsch, Community Services Director gave a presentation. Staff responded to questions raised by the City Council.

COUNCIL MOTION AND ACTION:

Mayor Pro Tem Zneimer supported moving forward with drones and away from traditional fireworks due to pollutants and health risks, the loud noise affecting certain populations, and fires.

Councilmember Cacciotti supported a hybrid show that could be subsidized using his discretionary funds. He emphasized the pollution caused by fireworks and South Pasadena's obligation to mitigate the issues. Councilmember Cacciotti supports moving away from fireworks and transition to drones.

Councilmember Braun supports traditional fireworks and emphasizes the budget for a drone show.

Councilmember Donovan supports traditional firework show, however, also supports a drone show in the future.

Mayor Primuth supports the traditional firework show and clarified that the City will not move forward with Drones.

13. **CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED OPTIONS TO AMEND THE CITY'S EXCLUSIVE REFUSE SERVICE AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SB 1383 REQUIREMENTS**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council review and provide staff with direction on the amendment of the City's Exclusive Refuse Service Agreement.

Public Works Director Ted Gerber presented a PowerPoint on the Athens Service Refuse Agreement Option Update. Dave Davis, President of MSW Consultants also was in attendance to answer any questions from Council or staff.

In-Person Public Comment:

John commented on food scraps and weight limits for trash bins.

COUNCIL MOTION AND ACTION:

Councilmember Donovan supports option number one provided by staff, supports backyard service for all residents, and an additional cost for hard-to-service residents, prefers the Los Angeles CPI with 1%.

Mayor Pro Tem Zneimer favors option number two provided by staff, prefers trash and garbage CPI, and no preference between the seven and 10-year term.

Councilmember Braun supports option one provided by staff, prefers Los Angeles CPI, supports 7-year rolling term, and requested to negotiate to waive \$40,000.

Councilmember Cacciotti supports option number one provided by staff and likes the backyard pickup service. Cacciotti supports the 7-year rolling term and prefers Los Angeles CPI. Councilmember Cacciotti requests staff negotiate to include more Heavy Furniture Pickup days.

Mayor Primuth supports option number one provided by staff, supports a 7-year rolling term and would prefer to compare rates based on San Marino regarding Backyard Service pickup. Mayor requested a quarterly meeting with City staff and Athens to examine service levels.

With no opposition, direction was provided to Public Works Director Gerber to move forward with option number one as written in staff report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED

14. **CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL**

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

15. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Donovan – no comments.

Councilmember Braun – no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Zneimer – no comments.

Councilmember Cacciotti noted his attendance at various regional meetings and events.

Mayor Primuth thanked staff and Council for their work.

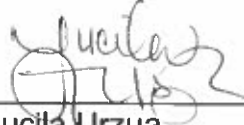
16. **CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters, Mayor Primuth adjourned the meeting of the City Council at 9:34 P.M., back to closed session, and then to the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:



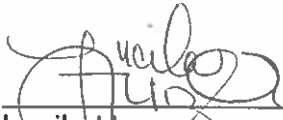
Lucila Urzua
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED



Jon Primuth
Mayor

Attest:



Lucila Urzua
Deputy City Clerk

Approved at City Council Meeting: