



**Wednesday, January 4, 2017**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the**  
**Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency was called to order by Mayor Cacciotti on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 7:33 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmembers/Redevelopment Successor Agency Members Joe and Khubesrian; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chair Schneider; and Mayor/Agency Chair Cacciotti.

**Absent:** Councilmembers/Redevelopment Successor Agency Member Mahmud.

**City Staff**

**Present:** Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager/Agency Executive Director; Teresa L. Highsmith, City Attorney/Agency Counsel; Anthony J. Mejia, Chief City Clerk/Chief Agency Secretary were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Schneider gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Closed Session Announcements**

The Regular Closed Session of the City Council of January 4, 2017, was called to order by Mayor Cacciotti at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Regular Meeting Agenda:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4):

Number of Cases: 1

- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Properties: 1500 El Centro Street (5315-003-901) and easement known as “Edison Lane” (No APN)

Agency Negotiators: City Manager Sergio Gonzalez; City Attorney Teresa L. Highsmith  
Negotiating Party: Citizens Business Bank

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

City Attorney Highsmith reported that the City Council provided direction to staff regarding the agenda items, but did not take any reportable action.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### 2. Councilmembers Communications

Councilmember Joe commended the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Committee and volunteers for their contributions in planning, building, and decorating the 2017 South Pasadena Rose Parade Float, “Never Give Up.”

Councilmember Khubesrian encouraged residents to attend the City’s “Snow Day” event at Garfield Park on January 21, 2017.

Mayor Cacciotti advised that he will be attending the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) meeting in Diamond Bar on January 6, 2017; spoke on his experience taking public transportation from South Pasadena to Diamond Bar, noting that it takes several hours; opined that students of Cal Poly Pomona and Mt. San Antonio College are reluctant to using public transportation due to a lack of direct connections.

### 3. City Manager Communications

City Manager Gonzalez announced that a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) refresher course will be offered on January 14, 2017, at the Alhambra Fire Training Center; encouraged residents to apply to serve on the General Plan Advisory Committee and Focus Groups by January 27, 2017.

**4. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shlomo Nitzani, South Pasadena resident, asserted that Charter Spectrum's digital cable rates are not competitive, noting that new customers are offered discounted rates; requested that the City Council re-negotiate the terms of the franchise agreement with Charter Spectrum.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5, 6, and 7; with Item No. 8 pulled for separate discussion; and Item No. 9 removed from the agenda.

**5. Minutes of the City Council Meeting of December 7, 2016 and December 21, 2016**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2016 and December 21, 2016 City Council Meetings.

**6. Prepaid Warrants, General City Warrants, Redevelopment Successor Agency Check Summary, and Payroll**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 4-0, to approve the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 196565 through 196623 in the amount of \$380,659.92; General City Warrants Nos. 196624 through 196733 in the amount of \$864,232.66 and Payrolls dated December 30, 2016, in the amounts of \$432,654.33.

**7. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Signatories on City Banking Accounts and Related Banking Documents**

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM SCHNEIDER, CARRIED 4-0, to adopt Resolution No. 7492 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, authorizing signatures on City bank accounts with Bank of the West."

**9. Acceptance of Project Completion and Authorization to File a Notice of Completion for the Construction of South Pasadena Dog Park Project**

At the request of City Manager Gonzalez, this item was removed from the agenda.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION****8. Adoption of a Resolution Revising the Master Schedule of Fees to Establish a Passport Execution and Photo Fees**

Chief City Clerk Mejia presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the Public Comment period.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena resident, questioned and received clarification that the City Clerk's Division will be accepting appointments for passport services by telephone.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Cacciotti closed the Public Comment period.

In response to City Council inquiry, City Manager Gonzalez advised that he evaluated the possibility of offering passport services, noting that it is a beneficial service for residents and will generate revenue. Councilmember Khubesrian opined that City staff should bring proposals to offer new services to the City Council for discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 7493 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, revising the Master Schedule of Fees to establish Passport Execution and Photo Fees."
2. Direct staff to provide the City Council with a status update regarding the passport services program in six months.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION****10. First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance for Adoption of the City of South Pasadena adding a New Section 2.78.5 (Suspension of Library Privileges) to Article IVJ (Library Board of Trustees) of Chapter 2 (Administration of) The South Pasadena Municipal Code**

Director of Library, Arts and Culture Fjeldsted presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

In response to City Council inquiry, City Attorney Highsmith explained that attorney fees and court costs are not recoverable when seeking a restraining order, noting that a restraining order is limited to threatening behavior from the person being restrained; advised that the proposed ordinance is modeled after the City of Arcadia's ordinance.

In response to City Council inquiry, Police Chief Miller stated that the proposed ordinance will serve as a tool to aid police officers in removing disruptive persons from the Library.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the Public Comment period.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena resident, voiced concern that persons removed for disruptive behavior will move into the adjacent neighborhoods; questioned whether mental health referrals or resources will be offered to such persons.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Cacciotti closed the Public Comment period.

In response to City Council inquiry, Police Chief Miller pointed out that the Police Department is participating in a pilot program with the Cities of Irwindale, Monrovia, and Arcadia to team up a police officer with a mental health clinician to address homelessness issues. The City Council requested that City staff provide an update regarding the pilot program at a future City Council meeting.

Mayor Cacciotti noted that a supplemental document with proposed ordinance edits has been submitted by Councilmember Mahmud.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to introduce an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City of South Pasadena adding a new Section 2.78.5 (Suspension of Library Privileges) to Article IVJ. (Library Board of Trustees) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code," with the amendments as outlined in the supplemental document, on file with the City Clerk.

**11. First Reading and Introduction of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the South Pasadena Municipal Code Concerning the Disposal of Surplus Real Property**

Public Works Director Toor presented the staff report and responded to City Council inquiries.

In response to City Council inquiry, City Attorney Highsmith advised that pursuant to state law, the City Council is the decision-making body in determining whether City-owned real property is declared as surplus property; explained that there are statutory requirements related to prioritizing the sale of real property, such as offering to other governmental agencies.

Mayor Cacciotti opened the Public Comment period.

Shlomo Nitzani, South Pasadena resident, voiced opposition to the sale of public property.

There being no others desiring to speak on this item, Mayor Cacciotti closed the Public Comment period.

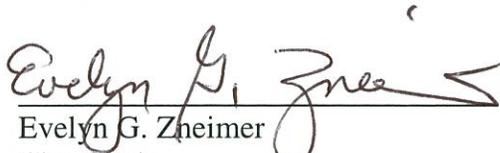
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Following discussion, MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE, CARRIED 4-0, to introduce an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California adding Section 2.99-29b (Disposal of Surplus Real Property) of Article XI (Purchasing) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the South Pasadena Municipal Code relating to disposal of surplus real property," with the amendments outlined in the supplemental document, on file with the City Clerk, and the following amendments made on the floor:

1. Section 299-29B(a) shall read as: "Prior to disposal by public sale of real property which has been declared surplus by the city council, the city manager or his designee shall:"
2. Section 299-29B(c) shall read as: If the parcel, which is has been declared surplus real property by the city council, is an uneconomic remnant such that it is not eligible for development under the current zoning, then the city manager may negotiate a fair market value sale price with the adjoining property owner without advertising the property for sale. Such a transaction shall review city council approval.
3. Section 299-29B(d) shall read as: "No area of the public right of way shall be sold or encumbered by a lease, easement or otherwise converted to private use without first complying with the vacation of public right-of-way procedure set forth in Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 through 8363."

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cacciotti adjourned the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency meeting at 8:45 p.m.

  
Evelyn G. Zheimer  
City Clerk

  
Michael A. Cacciotti  
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on January 18, 2017.