

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC  
FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2013 7:37 P.M.  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL, INVOCATION,  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schneider convened the Open Session of the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority) at 7:37 p.m. City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary Kilby called the roll. City Councilmembers/Agency/Authority Members present: Cacciotti, Joe and Putnam; and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Schneider. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Agency/Authority Vice Chair Khubesrian. Other Officials present: City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Adams; Assistant City Manager Straus; Interim Police Chief Miller; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Executive Assistant to the City Manager Kbjian; and City Clerk Kilby.

Councilmember Joe offered the Invocation, and four Cub Scouts from Pack 7 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams said that at approximately 6:20 p.m., Mayor Schneider called to order the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority of April 3, 2013. He said there was no one from the public wishing to speak to the Council, and so the City Council recessed into Closed Session. He said all members were present with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian.

The first item on the agenda was conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation, he said, allowed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4), one potential case of initiating litigation, a matter with the County of Los Angeles. He said the City has filed a claim for

wrongfully withholding Property Tax Administration Fee (PTAF) funds. He briefed the City Council on this matter, he said, and the City Council approved having the City join a collective action of a number of other cities to obtain a refund of PTAF funds from the County through litigation. The City Council approved hiring—and sharing costs with the other cities—of Special Counsel Colantuono and Levin, he said, the law firm that brought this case to the California Supreme Court and was successful.

The City Council took up Item #4, he said, labor negotiations allowed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, conference with labor negotiators regarding two bargaining units: the Battalion Chiefs' Association and the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association. He said the City negotiators were City Manager Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus, and Fire Chief Jerry Wallace. He said that the negotiators provided an update on both bargaining units to the City Council, he said, and the City Council provided direction but took no final action.

**PRESENTATION OF A  
CERTIFICATE OF RECOG-  
NITION TO THE SOUTH  
PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLS WATER POLO TEAM**

Mayor Schneider presented a Certificate of Recognition to the South Pasadena High School Girls Water Polo Team, 2013 Rio Hondo League Champions. One team member and Councilmember Joe made remarks.

**PRESENTATION OF  
PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING APRIL 2013 AS  
“AUTISM AWARENESS  
MONTH” IN THE CITY OF  
SOUTH PASADENA**

Mayor Schneider presented a proclamation declaring April 2013 as “Autism Awareness Month” in the City of South Pasadena to Kim Lesak, who made remarks and who distributed materials. Ellen Daigle, Richard Spurling, and City Librarian Fjeldsted made remarks. Speaker Daigle presented the officials with blue T-shirts, which were imprinted with an autism logo. She said that the City Hall courtyard and Mission Street would be lit in blue lights during the month.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTI-  
FICATE OF APPRECIATION  
TO RAQUEL BERAHA FOR  
VOLUNTEER SERVICE ON  
THE ANIMAL COMMISSION**

Mayor Schneider presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Raquel Beraha for volunteer service on the Animal Commission. She made remarks.

**PRESENTATION OF  
CERTIFICATE OF  
APPRECIATION TO  
RESERVE OFFICER  
JEFFREY SUNSHINE FOR  
MORE THAN 24 YEARS OF  
EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO  
THE SOUTH PASADENA  
COMMUNITY**

Mayor Schneider presented a Certificate of Appreciation to retiring Reserve Police Officer Jeffrey Sunshine for more than 24 years of exemplary service to the South Pasadena community. Interim Police Chief Miller presented him with a badge in appreciation for his work with the community. Reserve Police Lieutenant Lunnon presented Officer/Captain Sunshine with a commemorative desk piece from the South Pasadena Police Reserve Organization. Captain Sunshine made remarks.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO SCOTT GANDELL FOR THREE ILLUSTRATIONS DURING 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Mayor Schneider presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Scott Gandell for creating and donating three original illustrations prepared for the City's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. He expressed thanks to the City and his partner. City Librarian Fjeldsted made remarks, and the illustrations were shown on the overhead projector.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
COMMENTS**

Councilmember Joe narrated slides on the City's Spring Egg-stravaganza, which was held on March 30, 2013.

Councilmember Joe requested that the City Council approve a letter of recognition for his parents, who are celebrating their 95<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays as well as their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; this was seconded by Mayor Schneider.

Councilmember Joe requested that staff investigate the feasibility of sponsoring a bike event in South Pasadena similar to the annual event in Los Angeles where streets are closed, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti, who suggested that this be coordinated with another City event.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that an item be added to a future agenda to consider sponsoring a special "Bike to Work Day" on May 16, 2013. He said he wants to challenge the city councils from other San Gabriel Valley cities, with the winner being the city in which the majority of city councilmembers ride bikes to work. He urged staff members, residents, and elected officials to participate. This was seconded by Mayor Schneider.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that an item be

added to a future agenda to designate \$500 of his discretionary funds to support lighting up City Hall and Mission Street with blue lights to commemorate Autism Month, seconded by Councilmember Joe.

Councilmember Cacciotti reported that on April 17, 2013, the Southern California Air Quality Management District will begin its electric lawn mower exchange program. He displayed the battery he uses for his lawn mower.

Councilmember Cacciotti reported on the numerous meetings and events he has attended since the last City Council meeting. He reported on a presentation he and Mayor Schneider made to the City of Arcadia on why it should support the City's opposition to the SR-710 extension.

Councilmember Putnam said that Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian asked him to report on the South Pasadena Convalescent Hospital but that he was unable to complete this due to a death in the family. City Manager Gonzalez said that Interim Police Chief Miller will provide a brief update.

Councilmember Putnam said that new government accounting standards will take effect on July 1, 2014, requiring that deferred pension and health obligations be reported. He requested an update from staff, perhaps at the budget meeting. He asked staff to investigate if the City could implement these standards a year early.

Mayor Schneider reported on the recent presentation made by Councilmember Cacciotti at the City of Arcadia City Council meeting. He said that he presented the City Councilmembers with a notebook of materials on the topic.

Mayor Schneider reported on the Ad Hoc Rialto Theatre Committee. He said he and Councilmember Joe recently held a meeting with members of the Cultural Heritage Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the City Manager, and representatives from Wells Fargo Wealth Management, who represent the family that owns the property. Mayor Schneider said communication will increase between

the City and the Trust that owns the property in an effort to work toward reopening the Rialto Theatre. The Ad Hoc Committee will report back to the City Council in the near future, he said.

**CITY MANAGER  
COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gonzalez announced the “Doggy Day With Cats Too” event to take place on April 13, 2013, at Garfield Park. He introduced Interim Police Chief Miller, who provided an update on the South Pasadena Convalescent Hospital and responded to questions.

**REORDERING OF AND AD-  
DITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

City Manager Gonzalez said that there were no anticipated changes to the agenda.

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT  
Elizabeth Cavanaugh**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian), the City Council approved the Mayor’s nomination of Elizabeth Cavanaugh to be appointed to the Animal Commission for an unfulfilled term until December 31, 2014.

(Cacciotti, Joe)

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM  
THE CONSENT CALENDAR  
FOR SEPARATE  
CONSIDERATION**

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that Item #13, approval to co-sponsor the Eclectic Music Festival & Art Walk, be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

**APPROVAL OF THE  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF MARCH 20,  
2013**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian), the City Council approved the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 20, 2013.

(Putnam, Joe)

**APPROVAL OF PREPAID  
WARRANTS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$813,189.00,  
GENERAL CITY  
WARRANTS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$314,329.23  
AND PAYROLL IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$391,236.10**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian), the City Council approved prepaid Warrants #177501-177552 in the amount of \$813,189, General City warrants #177553-177678 in the amount of \$314,329.23, and payroll 03-29-13 in the amount of \$391,236.10. Sitting as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, the City Council approved Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$156,306.10 (included in above total).

(Putnam, Joe)

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO ENSURE CONSENSUS AMONG CITIES FOR RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO THE LEAGUE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CONSENSUS ON BOARD POSITIONS ON STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesian), the City Council approved two proposed amendments to the bylaws of the League of California Cities to ensure consensus among cities for resolutions submitted for approval to the League's Board of Directors and Consensus on Board positions on statewide ballot measures.

(Putnam, Joe)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7283 AMENDING THE CITY'S CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE APPLICABLE TO DESIGNATED POSITIONS TO ADD MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED AD HOC DOWNTOWN PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ONE POSITION IN THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesian), the City Council approved Resolution No. 7283, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE CITY'S CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE APPLICABLE TO DESIGNATED POSITIONS, AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. 7232, ADOPTED AUGUST 15, 2012, AND AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 7277, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 20, 2013, BY ADDING MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA AD HOC DOWNTOWN PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE POSITION OF BUILDING SUPERVISOR IN THE PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

(Putnam, Joe)

**RESOLUTION NO. 7284 MEMORIALIZING THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC DOWNTOWN PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesian), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7284, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, MEMORIALIZING THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC DOWNTOWN PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(Putnam, Joe)

**REQUEST FROM THE SOUTH PASADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CITY TO CO-SPONSOR**

Scott Feldmann, CEO, South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, described the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> annual Eclectic Music Festival & Art Walk event to be held on May 4, 2013.

**AND WAIVE THE  
ASSOCIATED CITY FEES  
FOR THE ECLECTIC MUSIC  
FESTIVAL & ART WALK  
EVENT ON SATURDAY,  
MAY 4, 2013**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian), the City Council approved a request from the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce to co-sponsor the Eclectic Music Festival & Art Walk event to be held on May 4, 2013, and waived the associated City fees in the amount of \$900.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
Southern California Edison**

Ben Wong, Local Public Affairs, Southern California Edison (Edison), distributed a brochure that he said served as a construction update on the company's renewable transmission project. Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the Edison representative attend meetings of the Public Safety Commission and the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission. Speaker Wong responded to a question about Edison's donation of trees to the City.

**ADOPTION OF  
RESOLUTION NO. 7285  
IN SUPPORT OF FAIR  
TRADE AND THE FAIR  
TRADE TOWNS INITIATIVE**

Assistant City Manager Straus presented the staff report on consideration to approve a resolution in support of Fair Trade and the Fair Trade Towns Initiative. He and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

By roll call vote (3 ayes; 1 no, Councilmember Putnam; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian), the City Council approved Resolution No. 7285, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF FAIR TRADE AND THE FAIR TRADE TOWNS INITIATIVE.

(Cacciotti, Joe)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Schneider reopened the Public Comment period.

James Dolan, 1039 Stratford Avenue, urged the City Council to abandon an "ill-conceived proposal to remove the left-turn lanes onto the 110." He said this will result in a traffic nightmare by sending people three-quarters of a mile in the wrong direction. This will add to everyone's commute, he said. Drivers will vote with their steering wheels, he said, by switching to Orange Grove Avenue, which he said is already at capacity.

**APPOINTMENT OF A CITY  
COUNCILMEMBER  
DELEGATE AND  
ALTERNATE TO  
REPRESENT THE ANNUAL  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
ASSOCIATION OF  
GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL CONFERENCE  
& GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN  
PALM DESERT,  
CALIFORNIA, MAY 2-3, 2013**

City Clerk Kilby presented the staff report on the appointment of a City Councilmember delegate and alternate to represent the City at the annual Southern California Association of Governments Regional Conference & General Assembly in Palm Desert, California, May 2-3, 2013. She and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

The City Council determined that none of the Councilmembers present on the dais would be able to attend the meeting.

By consensus, the City Council approved the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian, who was not present, to serve as the delegate to the annual Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Conference & General Assembly in Palm Desert, California, May 2-3, 2013, if she would be able to attend.

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY  
MANAGER TO APPROVE  
AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO  
MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
SOUTH PASADENA AND  
THE LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY METROPOLITAN  
TRANSPORTATION  
AUTHORITY**

Grants Analyst Perkosky presented the staff report on consideration to authorize the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 4 to Memorandum of Understanding between the City of South Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. She and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian), the City Council authorized the City Manager to approve Amendment No. 4 to Memorandum of Understanding between the City of South Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the regular City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority meeting at 9:07 p.m.

(Cacciotti, Joe)

  
Sally Kilby  
City Clerk

  
Richard D. Schneider, M.D.  
Mayor