

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC
FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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 and Authority Members present: Cacciotti (arriving at 8:19 p.m.), Joe and Putnam; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency and Authority Vice Chair Khubesrian; and Mayor/Agency and Authority Chair Schneider. Absent: None. Other Officials present: City Manager/Agency and Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; City Attorney/Agency and Authority Counsel Adams; Assistant City Manager Straus; Police Chief Payne; Fire Chief Wallace; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Transportation Manager Woods; Assistant Finance Director Batt; Deputy City Clerk Jimenez; Community Improvement Coordinator Ramirez; and City Clerk Kilby. Mayor Schneider announced that Councilmember Cacciotti would be delayed.

Mayor Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams said that shortly after 6:00 p.m., Mayor Schneider called to order the regular meeting of the February 20, 2013, South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority. He reported that there was no one who wanted to speak on items on the Closed Session agenda. He said Mayor Schneider then recessed the meeting into Closed Session to discuss items on the Closed Session agenda. He said the first item was conference with labor negotiators regarding labor negotiations with the Police Officers' Association, allowed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6. He said the City negotiators were City Manager Sergio Gonzalez and

Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus. They gave a briefing to the City Council, he said, an update on the negotiations, and no action was taken. The next item was conference with real property negotiators, he said, allowed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. He said the property involved is 1700 Mission Street, Unit #21, and that the City negotiators were City Manager Sergio Gonzalez and Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus. The negotiating parties are Lilian M. Myers and Kenneth D. Myers, he said, and under negotiation is price and terms of payment. The City Councilmembers received a briefing on this, he said, and they gave direction but took no final action. With regard to a conference with legal counsel, he said, pending and potential litigation, allowed into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1), City of South Pasadena et al., v. Federal Highway Administration, California Department of Transportation, also known as the Slater case, he said Special Legal Counsel Tony Rossmann provided the City Council with an update. The City Council provided direction but did not take any action, he said. All members of the City Council participated, he said, with Councilmember Cacciotti participating via teleconference.

**PRESENTATION BY
CONGRESSMAN ADAM
SCHIFF**

Mayor Schneider said that since Congressman Schiff had not arrived, this item would be taken later in the meeting. Mayor Schneider introduced former elected officials who were in the audience. They were present, he said, to join with the City Council in celebrating the City's 125th Anniversary with birthday cake prior to the meeting.

**PRESENTATION OF A
CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION TO JOSEPH
PAYNE FOR MORE THAN 37
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
SOUTH PASADENA
COMMUNITY**

Mayor Schneider presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Joseph Payne for more than 40 years (correction in years from certificate in packet) of service to the South Pasadena community. He presented a Certificate of Recognition from Senator Carol Liu. Chief Payne made remarks. Councilmember Joe expressed appreciation to Chief Payne.

**PRESENTATION OF A PRO-
CLAMATION DECLARING
MARCH 8, 2013, AS
"LIBRARY VOLUNTEER**

Mayor Schneider presented a proclamation declaring March 8, 2013, as "Library Volunteer Recognition Day" in the City of South Pasadena to Dorothy M. Cohen, Bookstore/Steering Committee Chair of the

RECOGNITION DAY” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. She made remarks.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR ITS 125TH QUASQUICENTENNIAL YEAR

Mayor Schneider presented a proclamation to the City Council of the City of South Pasadena for the City’s 125th Quasquicentennial Year.

Odom Stamps, 318 Fairview Avenue, described events taking place during the City’s 125th Anniversary on March 2, 2013.

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO CHRIS ENGLISH WHO DESIGNED THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO

This item was postponed until later as the recipient was not present.

COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian reported on the Community Garden Ad Hoc Committee and The Place, a teen center located at the Recreation Building.

Councilmember Putnam reported that he presented a Certificate of Appreciation to retiring Azusa City Councilmember Keith Hanks, who has been serving as the City’s representative on the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board.

Councilmember Joe requested that an item be added to the next agenda to present a Certificate of Recognition to the South Pasadena High School Boys Soccer Team for winning the Rio Hondo Championship, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian.

Councilmember Joe noted that the City Council of the City of Pasadena approved and directed staff to work with neighboring cities on the ongoing 710 studies. He requested that the City Manager present a report at an upcoming City Council meeting on the status of working with the Cities of Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre in regard to a united strategy to scrutinize in a comprehensive way the ongoing study on the 710, seconded by Mayor Schneider.

Mayor Schneider noted that Metro consultants have been making sophisticated presentations on the technical aspects of the alternative analysis. He said

that a great deal of important information is being presented that has not yet been presented. He requested that Metro be invited to present the consultants' findings at a joint City Council/Freeway and Transportation Commission meeting, seconded by Councilmember Joe.

Mayor Schneider said that it has become known that Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich has been making attempts to have Ara Najarian, Metro Board Member, removed from the Metro Board. He requested that an item be added to a future agenda to consider sending a letter to Supervisor Antonovich expressing the City's concerns over his activities regarding Board Member Najarian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian.

**PRESENTATION BY
CONGRESSMAN ADAM
SCHIFF**

Mayor Schneider introduced Congressman Adam Schiff, 28th Congressional District, who had arrived. Mayor Schneider said that the Congressman no longer represents the City of South Pasadena. Congressman Schiff thanked the City of South Pasadena residents for the privilege of representing them in the past. Mayor Schneider expressed appreciation to the Congressman and said he looked forward to working with him in the future.

**PRESENTATION OF A
CERTIFICATE OF
APPRECIATION TO CHRIS
ENGLISH WHO DESIGNED
THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY
LOGO**

Since the certificate recipient had arrived, Mayor Schneider presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chris English for designing the 125th Anniversary logo. Mayor Schneider presented him with a special commemorative gift, a book of the history of South Pasadena, and a Certificate of Recognition from State Senator Carol Liu. Mr. English made remarks.

**CITY MANAGER
COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gonzalez announced the upcoming event celebrating the City's 125th Anniversary. He introduced Community Services Director Pautsch, who described commemorative gifts for the City Council, which had been placed on the dais.

**REORDERING OF AND
ADDITIONS TO THE
AGENDA**

City Manager Gonzalez requested that Public Comment be taken prior to Public Hearings—if the City Council so desired. Mayor Schneider said that without objection, Public Comment would be taken after Item #20.

**APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF
JANUARY 26, 2013 AND THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council approved the minutes of the special meeting on January 26, 2013, and the regular meeting of February 6, 2013.

(Putnam, Joe)

**APPROVAL OF PREPAID
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$468,652.12,
GENERAL CITY
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$364,720.64
AND PAYROLL IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$416,714.46**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #176693-176936 in the amount of \$468,652.12; General City Warrants #176937-177092 in the amount of \$364,720.64; payroll 02-15-2013 in the amount of \$416,714.46, for a total of \$1,250,087.22. Sitting as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, the City Council approved Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$22,126.32 (included in above total).

(Putnam, Joe)

**PURCHASE ONE
AUTOMATED LICENSE
PLATE READER FROM 3M
IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$20,751.50 AND ALLOCATE
PARTIAL FUNDING FROM
CITIZEN'S OPTIONS FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY FUND**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council authorized the purchase of one Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) from 3M in the amount of \$20,751.50; and appropriated \$5,593.50 from the Citizen's Options for Public Safety (COPS) Fund.

(Putnam, Joe)

**AUTHORIZE CITY MANA-
GER TO EXECUTE THE 2010
STATE HOMELAND
SECURITY SUBRECIPIENT
AGREEMENT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$15,158 AND
THE 2012 STATE HOME-
LAND SECURITY SUBRE-
CIPIENT AGREEMENT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council approved the two proposed subrecipient agreements with exhibits between the City of South Pasadena and the County of Los Angeles for the 2010 and 2012 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP); and authorized the City Manager to execute the two aforementioned agreements and all related documents.

(Putnam, Joe)

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTIONS
AUTHORIZING
SIGNATORY ON
CITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
BANKING ACCOUNTS AND
RELATED BANKING**

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7272, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON CITY BANK ACCOUNTS. By the same vote, the City Council, seated as the Successor Agency to the

DOCUMENTS**CITY RESOLUTIONS NOS.**

7272, 7273

SUCCESSOR AGENCY**RESOLUTION NOS. 2013-02**

SA, 2013-03 SA

Community Redevelopment Agency, adopted Successor Agency Resolution No. 2013-02 SA, A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON AGENCY BANK ACCOUNTS. By the same vote, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7273, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND. By the same vote, the City Council, seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, adopted Successor Agency Resolution No. 2013-03 SA, A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND.

(Putnam, Joe)

ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE MARMION WAY STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,868 TO TORO ENTERPRISES, INC.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council accepted the project improvements and authorized the issuance of a Notice of Completion for the Marmion Way Street Improvement Project; and authorized payment of the retention to Toro Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$11,868.

(Putnam, Joe)

ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE RAYMOND LANE ALLEY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council accepted the project improvements and authorized the issuance of a Notice of Completion for the Raymond Lane Alley Improvement Project; and authorized payment of the retention to ARC Construction in the amount of \$4,908.

(Putnam, Joe)

AMOUNT OF \$4,908 TO ARC CONSTRUCTION

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO DMC ENGINEERING, INC., FOR THE MILAN AVENUE AND RAMONA AVENUE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR ADDITIONAL WORK TO REPAIR A HANDICAP RAMP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,500

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a contract amendment in the amount of \$25,500 for additional work to repair a handicap ramp.

(Putnam, Joe)

MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2013

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council, the City Council seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and the City Council seated as the Board of Directors of the Public Financing Authority (PFA) received and filed the monthly investment reports for January 2013.

(Putnam, Joe)

DISCRETIONARY FUND REQUEST FROM MAYOR PRO TEM KHUBESRIAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF NUTRITIONAL SNACKS AT THE TEEN CENTER

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council approved the request by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian to designate \$500 of FY 2012-13 discretionary funds for nutritional snacks at the Teen Center.

(Putnam, Joe)

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS NOS. 7274, 7275

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 absent, Councilmember Cacciotti), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7274, A RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS; and Resolution No. 7275 A RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS.

(Putnam, Joe)

**PUBLIC COMMENT
Driving safety in the hills**

Jonathan Eisenberg, who said he lives in the Monterey Hills area of the City where the streets are narrow and curved, requested that the City look into placing mirrors along the roadway to improve safety. Mayor Schneider asked City Manager Gonzalez to investigate.

Hanscom Drive road repair

Leslie Crumley, 1821 Hanscom Drive, and Paul Yrisarri, 1817 Hanscom Drive, spoke about the dire need for road repair on Hanscom Drive. Speaker Yrisarri said that residents are pleased with the design plan. Both said, "Save our streets."

Water conservation

Perry McCoy, 2032 Alpha Street, expressed concern about the City's water pricing policy. He said the City does not encourage water conservation.

Special needs conference

John Lesak, 1242 Kolle Avenue, announced a special needs conference sponsored by the South Pasadena Unified School District Council PTA Special Needs Parents' Committee and the South Pasadena Unified School District on March 2, 2013.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO
RECEIVE OBJECTIONS OR
PROTESTS TO THE
VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
REGARDING THE
ABATEMENT OF WEEDS,
BRUSH, RUBBISH, AND
REFUSE UPON OR IN
FRONT OF SPECIFIED
PROPERTY IN THE CITY
AND AUTHORIZING BY
MINUTE ORDER THE
ABATEMENT OF
VEGETATION FIRE
HAZARDS**

Councilmember Cacciotti arrived at 8:19 p.m.

Fire Chief Wallace presented the staff report on the vegetation management program operated by the County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures to abate weeds, brush, rubbish, and refuse on unimproved parcels. He said that a representative of the agency was present to answer any questions. The list of identified properties had been posted on the outer door of the Council Chambers.

Mayor Schneider opened the public hearing. No one came forward and he closed the public hearing.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), by motion order, the City Council adopted an order directing the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to abate the nuisance located on the properties identified as Exhibit "A" of Resolution No. 7267, adopted February 6, 2013, by having the weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**FIRST READING AND
INTRODUCTION OF AN
ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE SOUTH PASADENA
MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING LAND USE**

Assistant Planner Vizcarra presented the staff report on the proposed ordinance to amend the South Pasadena Municipal Code regarding land-use requirements in the Business Parks Zone, parking regulations in commercial zoning districts, and revisions to definitions for net floor area and extended hour

**REQUIREMENTS IN THE
BUSINESS PARKS ZONE,
PARKING REGULATIONS
IN COMMERCIAL ZONING
DISTRICTS, AND
REVISIONS TO
DEFINITIONS FOR NET
FLOOR AREA AND
EXTENDED HOUR
BUSINESS**

business. She responded to questions.

Mayor Schneider opened the public hearing. No one came forward and he closed the public hearing.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council read by title only for first reading, waiving further reading, and introduced AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 36.310.040, 36.230.030, AND 36.700.020 OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING LAND USE AND PARKING REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE BUSINESS PARK ZONING DISTRICT AND COMMERCIAL USES. The ordinance would revise the number of parking spaces required for four commercial uses, the method by which the number of spaces required is calculated, the land-use permit requirements for two commercial uses, and the definition for net floor area and extended hour business.

(Joe, Khubesrian)

**PUBLIC HEARING TO
CONSIDER ADDING 1941
MILL ROAD TO THE CITY'S
CULTURAL HERITAGE
INVENTORY**

Councilmember Cacciotti said that he needed to recuse himself due to his residence being within 500 feet of the subject property, 1941 Mill Road. City Attorney Adams confirmed this. Councilmember Cacciotti left the dais and the Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION NO. 7276

Senior Planner Mayer presented the staff report on the consideration to add 1941 Mill Road to the City's Cultural Heritage Inventory. He responded to questions.

Mayor Schneider opened the public hearing.

Joanne Nuckols, 1531 Ramona Avenue, who said she and her husband are the applicants for the proposal to add the property to the Cultural Heritage Inventory, supported the application.

John Lesak, 1242 Kollie Avenue, said he was the architect for the project's Planned Development Permit. He made remarks about the Inventory (Inventory).

Glen Duncan, 2031 Berkshire Avenue, said the project was reviewed by the Cultural Heritage Commission when he was on the Commission. He spoke about the Inventory and its distinguished author, who prepared the report on this property. He indicated support for the application.

Mayor Schneider closed the public hearing. Senior Planner Mayer responded to additional questions. Applicant Nuckols responded to additional questions.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 recused, Councilmember Cacciotti, conflict of interest), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7276, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING 1941 MILL ROAD TO THE CITY'S CULTURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY.

(Khubesrian, Joe)

**PROPOSAL TO FORM AN
AD HOC DOWNTOWN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Cacciotti returned to the dais.

Assistant City Manager Straus presented the staff report on a proposal to form an Ad Hoc Downtown Advisory Committee. He, City Attorney Adams, and Senior Planner Mayer responded to questions. City Manager Gonzalez said the committee will work with the developer, staff, the City Attorney, and residents as the project moves forward.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Downtown Advisory Committee to serve in an advisory capacity to the City regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project. The City Council approved membership consisting of appointments made by City commissions and one committee: one member from the Public Works Commission, one member from the Public Safety Commission, and one member from the Finance Committee; one member appointed by the Chamber of Commerce; and two members from the former Community Redevelopment Commission to be selected by the City Council Liaison from among those interested in serving. The City Council appointed Councilmember Putnam as City Council Liaison.

(Putnam, Khubesrian)

**REQUEST BY THE
CHOUINARD FOUNDATION
TO DESIGNATE FEBRUARY
9TH OF EVERY YEAR AS
“NELBERT CHOUINARD
DAY” IN THE CITY OF
SOUTH PASADENA**

City Clerk Kilby presented the staff report on the request by the Chouinard Foundation to designate February 9th of every year as “Nelbert Chouinard Day” in the City of South Pasadena. She and City Attorney Adams responded to questions.

Glen Duncan, 2031 Berkshire Avenue, who said he prepared the nomination for the Chouinard House to become a City landmark when he served on the Cultural Heritage Commission, supported designating February 9th of every year as “Nelbert Chouinard Day” in the City of South Pasadena.

Dave Tourjé, 1114 Garfield Avenue, thanked the current and past City Councils for their support and collaboration on the Chouinard Landmark House and on the Chouinard Art School.

City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions. Discussion followed. Mayor Schneider re-opened the public comment period.

Dave Tourjé, 1114 Garfield Avenue, said that there was a misunderstanding about the designation. He found out after the proclamation had been printed that it was only for 2013. In response to questions from the City Council, he said that it would be acceptable to have the designation voted on by the City Council on an annual basis on the Consent Calendar.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the request by the Chouinard Foundation to designate February 9th as “Nelbert Chouinard Day” in the City of South Pasadena. The City Council directed that this request for designation automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar each year for approval by the current City Council.

(Putnam, Joe)

Mayor Schneider presented a proclamation declaring February 9th as “Nelbert Chouinard Day” to Dave Tourjé of the Chouinard Foundation.

**ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION NO. 7277
AMENDING THE CITY'S
CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST
CODE APPLICABLE TO
DESIGNATED POSITIONS
TO ADD MEMBERS OF THE
NEWLY ESTABLISHED
PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSION**

City Clerk Kilby presented the staff report on adopting a resolution amending the City's Conflict-of-Interest Code applicable to designated positions to add members of the newly established Public Works Commission.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7277, 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, BY ADDING MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION.

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**TRAFFIC MITIGATION
MEASURES FOR SOUTH
PASADENA MIDDLE
SCHOOL EXPANSION**

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa presented the staff report on traffic-mitigation measures following the South Pasadena Middle School (Middle School) expansion. He and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

Mike Fazioli, 1421 Marengo Avenue, said the scope of the study was narrowed to items related to the Middle School. He said no elementary school issues are being considered. He said there are serious traffic, parking, and pedestrian issues on Marengo Avenue.

John Lesak, 1242 Kalle Avenue, suggested that construction contracts in the Middle School area be modified to prohibit lane closures until after school drop-off time in the morning and during peak hours.

Leslie Crumley, 1821 Hanscom Drive, suggested adding a left-hand arrow signal at Oak Street and Fair Oaks Avenue. She made additional remarks related to Middle School-related traffic.

Sam Burgess, 626 Prospect Avenue, asked about one of the mitigations. Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded to this question and questions posed by Councilmembers.

Discussion continued. City Manager Gonzalez and Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded to additional questions.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the implementation of traffic-mitigation measures recommended by the joint City Council/School Board Ad Hoc Committee, to include lengthening of the existing drop-off zone along Oak Street; adoption of a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program; possibly adding an additional crossing guard to be stationed at the intersection of Marengo Avenue and Bank Street, subject to the amendment by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian regarding funding; and changing existing one-hour parking limits on both sides of Oak Street to two-hour parking. All mitigations were recommended in the traffic assessment study commissioned by the South Pasadena Unified School District following completion of the South Pasadena Middle School Expansion Project. In regard to the additional crossing guard at Marengo Avenue and Bank Street, the City Council referred the issue of funding to the joint City Council/School Board Ad Hoc Committee for further discussion. On an amendment made by Mayor Schneider and approved by the maker and seconder of the motion, the City Council referred the need for additional transportation demand management measures to the City Council/School Board Ad Hoc Committee, with a request to develop ways to encourage students to walk or ride bikes to school, and for the Committee to return to the City Council with a progress report of success in reducing congestion. On a request by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian, supported by Councilmember Cacciotti and approved by the maker of the motion, the City Council directed staff to modify all major construction contracts adjacent to schools to delay construction start time until after the morning school drop-off period. In regard to a summer 2013 Public Works street improvement project on Rollin Street between Diamond Avenue and Fair Oaks Avenue, the City Council directed staff to modify construction start times to accommodate the summer school schedule.

(Joe, Khubesrian)

**OPTIONS FOR ABANDONED
CONSTRUCTION AND
VACANT LOTS**

Community Improvement Coordinator Ramirez presented the staff report on the options for abandoned construction and vacant lots. He and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

Councilmembers were in agreement that vacant lots/abandoned construction sites in the City needed to look more presentable and that the City needs to be more assertive in implementing existing ordinances.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed staff to return to the City Council with a proposed ordinance regarding requirements for landscaping, buffering, and screening of vacant commercial and residential properties. On an amendment suggested by Councilmember Joe and accepted by the maker and seconder of the motion, the City Council directed staff to enforce existing ordinances to secure additional landscaping on vacant lots. On an amendment proposed by Councilmember Putnam and approved by the maker of the motion, the City Council directed staff to refer the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission for review before bringing it back to the City Council.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)

**CONSIDER A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING
ACCELERATED
WITHDRAWAL FROM
AFGHANISTAN LATE 2013
EARLY 2014, ADD THAT
SAVINGS BE APPLIED TO
LOCAL REGIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE (NO
STAFF REPORT)**

Councilmember Cacciotti presented an overview of his proposal to consider a resolution supporting accelerated withdrawal from Afghanistan in late 2013 or early 2014, with a recommendation that savings be applied to local/regional infrastructure.

Two speakers opposed the proposal. Werner Hintzen, 1816 Via Del Rey, said it is not appropriate for the City Council to speak on behalf of all residents on this issue. He asked what expertise the City Council has on this issue. He said there would be no savings since the war efforts are financed by deficit spending.

Sam Burgess, 626 Prospect Avenue, said that this is a "Pandora's box in the making." Residents will bring other national issues to the City Council and demand that they also be addressed.

Councilmember Cacciotti, seconded by Mayor Schneider, made a motion to draft a resolution supporting an accelerated withdrawal schedule from Afghanistan in late 2013 or early 2014, with a recommendation that savings be applied to regional, local, and state infrastructure projects and other necessary programs. Following a suggestion made by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian to send a letter to be signed only by those Councilmembers who wish to sign, Councilmember Cacciotti withdrew his motion and made a substitute motion (below).

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed staff to draft a letter to the President of the United States and to elected officials at the federal level supporting an accelerated withdrawal schedule from Afghanistan in late 2013 or early 2014, with a recommendation that savings be applied to regional, local, and state infrastructure projects and other necessary programs. The City Council determined that this letter would not be sent on behalf of the City and would be signed only by those Councilmembers who agreed to sign (either a majority of the City Council or a minority of the City Council).

(Cacciotti, Schneider)

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the regular City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority meeting at 10:49 p.m.

(Cacciotti, Putnam)


Sally Kilby
City Clerk


Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor