

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/PUBLIC
FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 7:33 P.M.
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

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

Mayor Schneider convened the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority) at 7:33 p.m. City Clerk/Agency/Authority Secretary Kilby called the roll. Present were City Councilmembers/Agency/Authority Members Cacciotti, Joe and Putnam; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency/Authority Vice Chair Khubesrian; and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Schneider. Absent: None. Other Officials present: City Treasurer Pia; City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; Assistant City Manager Straus; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Adams; Police Chief Miller; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Batt; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Senior Planner Mayer; Conservation Analyst Figoni; and City Clerk Kilby.

Councilmember Putnam offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Schneider said there was no Closed Session.

**PRESENTATION BY CHRIS
HOLDEN, CALIFORNIA
STATE ASSEMBLY, 41ST
DISTRICT: STATE OF THE
STATE ADDRESS AND
OVERVIEW OF
LEGISLATION**

Mayor Schneider introduced Chris Holden, California State Assembly, 41st District, who delivered a State of the State Address and overview of legislation. He responded to questions. Mayor Schneider presented Assemblymember Holden with a City tile. City Councilmembers made remarks and expressed their appreciation to the Assemblymember for his efforts on behalf of the City.

**PRESENTATION OF A
PROCLAMATION
CONGRATULATING
THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
SOUTH PASADENA ON ITS
90TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2013**

Mayor Schneider presented a Proclamation congratulating the Kiwanis Club of South Pasadena (Club) on its 90th Anniversary in 2013 to Bruce Crum, Club President, who made remarks.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 31, 2013, AS “JOHN CARPENTER NIGHT” IN THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Mayor Schneider presented a Proclamation declaring October 31, 2013, as “John Carpenter Night” in the City of South Pasadena to John Carpenter, Director of the original “Halloween” movie, who made remarks. Mayor Schneider introduced Scott Gandell, who displayed a portrait of John Carpenter he had created for the occasion.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2012-13 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

J. Michael (Mike) Gin, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission), presented the Commission’s FY 2012-13 Annual Report. Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the Commission work with staff to undertake an assessment of landscape watering for all City recreational facilities—to determine if watering can be decreased—and to report back to the City Council. He asked that the efficiency of toilets at these facilities also be evaluated. He said that at Garfield Park, the grass is watered Thursday night and cut on Friday; he asked that the schedule be modified. He said the issue of excess water on the tennis courts at Garfield Park has been resolved. He requested that the issue of watering of recreational facilities also be referred to the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC). Councilmember Putnam concurred and noted that at the Arroyo Seco Golf Course (Golf Course), City water is not being used. Community Services Director Pautsch, as requested by City Manager Gonzalez, described the Golf Course’s Arroyo Seco water source and the impact created by improvements at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2012-13 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Kim Hughes, Chair, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (Commission), presented the FY 2012-13 Annual Report of the Commission. She distributed materials to the City Council.

COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Mayor Schneider displayed an oversized birthday card that he received in commemoration of the City’s 125th birthday. He said the card was created by Brownie Troop Number 4731, Marengo Elementary School, second grade.

Councilmembers made announcements about past and upcoming events, SR-710 activities, election

information, and the contributions of the Library to South Pasadena arts. They reported on various commission activities and decisions.

Councilmember Joe requested that staff attend the upcoming Caltrans workshops on the sale of SR-710-related properties in order to work with Caltrans staff on proper planning and building procedures.

Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian announced she is working with staff to eliminate the use of pesticides containing chemicals linked to breast cancer.

Councilmember Cacciotti expressed appreciation to Police Chief Miller for responding to a request for a speed-control mechanism on Ramona Avenue and for participating in the Walk or Bike to School Day. Councilmember Cacciotti, seconded by Mayor Schneider, requested that staff investigate programs to subsidize residents who wish to remove grass (turf). Councilmember Cacciotti requested that staff schedule another high-efficiency toilet exchange in the City at the South Pasadena School District parking lot. Councilmember Cacciotti requested that the City organize a program, working with local service clubs, to teach seniors how to remove lawns. He suggested that the Water Conservation Analyst spearhead this program.

Councilmember Cacciotti noted that he had previously requested that the City analyze all City facilities to determine if existing energy sources could be replaced by solar or wind systems. He requested that a solar/wind renewable energy council be established to make a recommendation to the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) on cost-saving programs. He requested that staff work with Daniel Snowden-Ifft, Professor of Physics, Occidental College, as well as a South Pasadena resident, on developing a proposal for the City, seconded by Mayor Schneider. He introduced Professor Snowden-Ifft, who made a brief presentation about a large solar installation he initiated at Occidental College.

Councilmember Putnam cautioned drivers to take

extra care on Halloween night as the streets of South Pasadena are crowded with trick-or-treaters that night.

Councilmember Putnam said there are a number of SR-710 issues that are fomenting. He said that offline he will ask that the topic be added to a future Closed Session Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti. For Halloween, he displayed a large crystal ball with a disembodied head that answered questions he posed in a facetious manner.

**CITY MANAGER
COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gonzalez announced the implementation of a new system, NEOGOV, for processing employment applications and for streamlining other Human Resources functions. He announced that the City's unfunded liabilities have decreased from \$22 million to \$12 million.

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

Mayor Schneider asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. No requests were voiced.

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

Councilmember Putnam requested that Item #15, Upper Los Angeles River Enhanced Watershed Management Program MOU, be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

**APPROVAL OF THE
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2013,
AND REGULAR CITY
COUNCIL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 2, 2013**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of September 25, 2013, and the Regular City Council meeting of October 2, 2013.

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**APPROVAL OF PREPAID
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$153,527.37,
GENERAL CITY
WARRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$979,826.66
AND PAYROLL IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$397,115.48**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved Prepaid Warrants #180390-180427 in the amount of \$153,527.37, General City Warrants #180428-180575 in the amount of \$979,826.66, and Payroll 10-11-13 in the amount of \$397,115.48 for a total of \$1,530,469.51. Sitting as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, the City Council approved Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$12,224 (included in above total).

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**SECOND READING AND
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
NO. 2254 TO AMEND
SECTION 19.46 (PARKING
SPACES) TO ALLOW
ANGLE PARKING**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council read by title only for second reading, waiving further reading, and adopted Ordinance No. 2254, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 19.46 (PARKING SPACES) OF CHAPTER 19 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, ALLOWING ANGLE PARKING ON DESIGNATED ROADWAYS.

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**MONTHLY INVESTMENT
REPORTS FOR AUGUST
2013**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council, and the City Council seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Board of the Public Financing Authority, received and filed the monthly investment reports for August 2013.

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION NO. 7322
TO DESTROY CERTAIN
RECORDS IN THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT IN ACCORD
WITH THE CITY OF SOUTH
PASADENA RECORDS
RETENTION SCHEDULE**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7322, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CITY RECORDS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**AWARD SOLE SOURCE
PURCHASE OF ONE
TRAILER AUTOMATED
LICENSE PLATE READER
TO 3M IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$51,616.46 WITH URBAN
AREA SECURITY
INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS**

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council authorized the purchase of one trailer Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) from 3M in the amount of \$51,616.46 purchased with Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) FY 2011 grant funds from 274-4010-8090; and waived bidding requirements and authorized a single sole source purchase pursuant to South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) Section 2.99-29(11)(j).

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

**UPPER LOS ANGELES
RIVER ENHANCED
WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING**

Councilmember Putnam provided background on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding the administration and cost sharing for development of an Upper Los Angeles River Enhanced Watershed Management Program. He said the City has reserved the right to fight any fees or significant expenses to the City.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the administration and cost sharing for development of an Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) for the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.

(Cacciotti, Joe)

**PUBLIC COMMENT
Condition of streets and
sidewalks**

Rudolph Avila-Garcia, who said he is a South Pasadena resident and a volunteer at the South Pasadena Senior Center, said that a senior citizen fell on an uneven sidewalk in front of the Library Community Room on El Centro Street. He said he found 17 uneven locations in the area of the Public Library/Senior Center, and that one was significantly impaired north of Oxley Street and east of Diamond Avenue. He said there were no "truncated disks" (raised domes/mats to help the visually impaired recognize a safe pedestrian crossing) leading to the Senior Center. He noted that this creates a liability and asked the City Council to make this a priority and seek solutions. He said the streets near El Centro Street and Diamond Avenue are in poor condition and need repair. In addition, he said, there is inadequate pedestrian signage at this intersection. Mayor Schneider said the City Manager and Public Works staff will investigate.

**Southern California Edison
Updates**

Ben Wong, Local Public Affairs Region Director, Southern California Edison (Edison), said he had distributed materials to the City Council on the closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station and the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project. He said that Edison plans to inspect all 1.5 million poles in the system over the next seven years to make certain that they are properly loaded and to make any necessary replacements. He acknowledged the City of South Pasadena Public Works

Department for its assistance with replacement of an Edison underground vault.

**PUBLIC HEARING
FIRST READING AND
INTRODUCTION OF AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE SOUTH PASADENA
ZONING CODE REGARDING
COMMUNITY GARDENS**

Senior Planner Mayer presented the staff report on the proposed ordinance to amend the South Pasadena Municipal Code regarding community gardens. He and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

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 SECTION 36.350.230 (COMMUNITY GARDENS) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY GARDENS. On an amendment proposed by Councilmember Putnam and approved by the maker and seconder of the motion, the City Council directed that a provision be added to the ordinance to expand the distance for notifying those adjacent to a property being considered for a community garden from the standard 300-foot radius to a 500-foot radius.

(Cacciotti, Joe)

**RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE SOUTHWEST
MONTEREY HILLS
CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE
REGARDING STATUS OF,
AND REVISIONS TO, THE
2006 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Planning and Building Director Watkins provided an overview of the work of the Southwest Monterey Hills Citizens' Committee (Committee), which he said was established in 2006 to develop mitigation measures for construction in the Southwest Hills due to narrow streets and steep lots. He said it was reconstituted in 2012 and that the Committee Chair will provide a detailed report on the Committee and its recommendations. He said staff will then present additional issues and recommendations.

Kevan Steffey, Chair, Committee, 2080 Hanscom Drive, presented the Committee's report, followed by a presentation by Planning and Building Director Watkins. They, City Manager Gonzalez, and City Attorney Adams responded to questions.

Don Yett, 2042 Hanscom Drive, asked who would

be responsible for implementing and enforcing the Committee's recommendations. He said that the accountable parties had been added to the report at an earlier time; he recommended that these names be added back to the report.

In regard to questions about construction hours, City Attorney Adams said there is a rational basis for the more restrictive "construction vehicle hours" in the Southwest Hills but not for "construction hours." Hours should be consistent citywide unless some rational basis exists that can justify the difference, he said. City Manager Gonzalez added to the discussion and responded to questions about hours. Planning and Building Director Watkins and Chair Steffey responded to questions.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the recommendations contained in the report from the Southwest Monterey Hills Citizens' Committee, with the exception of the Pavement Impact Fee.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council approved the following citywide construction hours, which apply to construction taking place with a building permit: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, making the hours for the Southwest Hills and the remainder of the City the same. (Heretofore, construction hours for the Southwest Hills have been from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and construction hours for the remainder of the City have been 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.) The City Council approved citywide construction hours on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Heretofore, construction was not allowed on Sunday in the Southwest Hills but was allowed 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday in the remainder of the City.)

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

City Manager Gonzalez and Speaker Yett responded to a question about complaints from developers/residents about current time restrictions and school dismissal hours. City Attorney Adams confirmed

that differing restrictions were allowable due to the nature of the roads in the Southwest Hills.

In regard to construction vehicle hours in the Southwest Hills, there was consensus to maintain the existing restrictions. Councilmember Putnam suggested that if complaints are received, the City Council could consider extending construction vehicle hours another half hour, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council reaffirmed that the construction vehicle hours for the Southwest Hills would remain 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It approved expanding the Sunday/Holiday prohibition on construction vehicles from the Southwest Hills to the entire City.

(Khubesrian, Cacciotti)

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed staff to proceed with appropriate amendments to the South Pasadena Municipal Code to reflect the changes made in the above motions regarding the Southwest Monterey Hills. On an amendment proposed by Councilmember Putnam, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Khubesrian, and approved by the seconder of the motion, the City Council adopted the proposed “no parking zones” outlined in the staff report, Attachment No. 2, and directed staff to proceed with any necessary amendments to the Municipal Code required to implement Attachment No. 2.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

Councilmember Putnam acknowledged the efforts of the Committee. Chair Steffey asked who would be held responsible for each of the items being implemented; Mayor Schneider said the City Manager would be responsible; there was consensus among the City Council that the City Manager would assign this to appropriate staff.

**SET A PUBLIC HEARING
DATE ON PROPOSED
WATER RATES ON**

Public Works Director Toor provided background on the proposed water rates and a request for the City Council to approve publication of the Proposi-

**DECEMBER 4, 2013 AND
APPROVAL OF THE
PUBLICATION OF THE
PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE
FOR WATER RATES**

tion 218 notice for a public hearing on water rates to be held on December 4, 2013. In the interest of time, he said, his presentation on the condition of the infrastructure would be omitted. Finance Director Batt presented the staff report on the issue. He said that bonds were sold in 2004 and 2009 in order to finance capital improvement projects. Due to the debt service, he said, increases in the water rates are necessary to prevent the City from defaulting. He and City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions.

Diana Mahmud, no address stated, said corrections were needed in the proposed Proposition 218 notice related to the official name of the groundwater basin (pages 212-213 of the staff report). She said that a change should be made from the "Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District" to the "Main San Gabriel Basin" in two places. She said that members of the Water Council have repeatedly recommended that the City Council adopt a low-income rate program for water rates, with funding coming from the General Fund. She said the Finance Committee and NREC recommend this as well.

In response to a question from Mayor Schneider, City Manager Gonzalez said that the name of the basin will be verified and, if indicated, corrected.

Mayor Schneider requested that consideration to adopt a low-income rate program be agendized for a future City Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti.

Councilmember Cacciotti said he has received numerous complaints about the proposed water rate increases. He reviewed the history and condition of the City's water reservoirs. He suggested that instead of raising rates to avoid default, the City should utilize funds from the Utility User's Tax on water (General Fund) or the water efficiency fee. City Attorney Adams said that the requirements for the source of funds would be investigated. City Manager Gonzalez said the water efficiency fee cannot be used to offset the rate increase, but that it can be reduced.

Councilmember Putnam requested that the City send

actual ballots to residents instead of the proposed Proposition 218 notice. Mayor Schneider said that if the rate increase is delayed, the increase will have to be higher. He opposed using funds from the General Fund for the water fund. Councilmember Joe said there are not a lot of funds available for this purpose; he said at least the increase was lowered from 18% to 14% and now to 11%.

By roll call vote (4 ayes; 1 no, Mayor Schneider), the City Council opposed staff recommendation to set a public hearing date of December 4, 2013, to consider the proposed water rates, and opposed the publication of the Proposition 218 notice for 2014-16 rates. The City Council directed that a tour of the water system be scheduled prior to discussing the issue of water rates during the strategic planning meetings in early 2014. The City Council directed staff to return at the next regular City Council meeting on November 6, 2013, with answers to legal questions posed during the discussion and recommendations for an alternative funding source to meet the water bond requirements (\$428,112) for the period January 1, 2014, to June 30, 2014.

(Cacciotti, Khubesrian)

City Attorney Adams said an alternative method the City can use to distribute the Proposition 218 notices would be to send water customers a postcard and ask them to return the card with a “yes” or “no” vote.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council directed the City Attorney to bring back the same Proposition 218 notice presented at this meeting to the next regular City Council meeting on November 6, 2013, when the issue will be discussed, in similar form as that presented tonight; and to bring to the City Council an alternative in the form proposed by Councilmember Putnam—a real ballot. The City Council will decide at the meeting which format, if any, to use.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

**CANCELATION OF THE
JANUARY 1, 2014 REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL /
SUCCESSOR AGENCY /
PUBLIC FINANCING
AUTHORITY MEETING DUE
TO THE NEW YEAR'S
HOLIDAY AND CONSIDER
SCHEDULING THE
MEETING FOR ANOTHER
DATE IN JANUARY**

City Manager Gonzalez presented the options for the City Council since a regular City Council meeting falls on January 1, 2014, an Official Holiday. He said that in January and February 2014, three special meetings are planned for strategic planning sessions. A special meeting to replace this meeting is not recommended unless it is needed, he said.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council canceled the regularly scheduled meeting of January 1, 2014, due to the New Year's Holiday.

(Cacciotti, Khubesian)

**FIRST READING AND
INTRODUCTION OF AN
ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 23 OF THE SOUTH
PASADENA MUNICIPAL
CODE CONCERNING
STORM WATER AND
URBAN RUNOFF
POLLUTION CONTROL**

Public Works Director Toor presented the staff report on the proposed ordinance to amend the SPMC concerning storm water and urban runoff pollution control.

Kim Hughes, no address stated, Chair, NREC, recommended that this issue be reviewed by NREC.

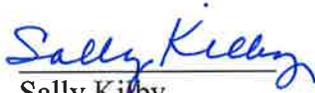
Public Works Director Toor responded to questions. He said some 26 other cities are also signing this agreement. City Attorney Adams said the City is simply amending the Municipal Code to conform to the MS4 permit.

By roll call vote (5 ayes), the City Council read by title only for first reading, waving further reading, and introduced AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLES I, II AND III OF CHAPTER 23 OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, PERTAINING TO STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL TO ENSURE FULL AND CLEAR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF NPDES PERMIT NO. CAS004001. On an amendment proposed by the seconder of the motion and approved by the maker of the motion, the City Council directed staff to refer this issue to the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission.

(Putnam, Cacciotti)

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority at 11:27 p.m.



Sally Kirby
City Clerk



Richard D. Schneider, M.D.
Mayor