



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED  
THIS 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2014, AT 7:30 P.M.  
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Khubesrian convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority)/Housing Authority (Authority) at 7:41 p.m.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall called the roll. Present were City Councilmembers/Agency/Authority Members Cacciotti, Mahmud, and Schneider; and Mayor Pro Tem/Agency/Authority Vice Chair Joe and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Khubesrian.

Absent: None.

Other Officials and Staff present: City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; Assistant City Manager Straus, City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Adams; Police Chief Miller; Deputy Fire Chief Riddle; Finance Director Batt; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Principal Management Analyst Lin; Senior Management Analyst Figoni; Senior Planner Mayer; City Clerk Zneimer; and Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Joe introduced Dan Bricker, South Pasadena Police Chaplain, who presented the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Khubesrian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams reported that at approximately 6:40 p.m., Mayor Khubesrian called to order the Closed Session Meeting of the City Council of July 16, 2014. He stated all Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Cacciotti arrived at approximately 6:54 p.m. He stated there was no one from the public wishing to speak on the Closed Session agenda items. He stated Mayor Khubesrian recessed the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the following items as listed on the Closed Session Agenda: 3) Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators regarding labor negotiations with the Unrepresented Employee: City Manager; City negotiator: City Attorney Richard L. Adams II; and 4) Labor Negotiations, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators regarding labor negotiations with the following Employee organizations: Firefighters' Association (FFA); Police Officers' Association (POA); Public Service Employees' Association (PSEA); PSEA – Part Time Unit; Unrepresented Employees: Management Employees; City negotiators: City Manager Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager Hilary Straus, and Legal Counsel Steve Berliner. City Attorney Adams announced there was no reportable action regarding Closed Session Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 4.

## **2. PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO SERGEANT LUIS BARDALES, HQ PLATOON, UNITED STATES ARMY, FOR BEING NAMED AS A PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENT**

Mayor Khubesrian displayed a PowerPoint presentation of photographs and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Sergeant Luis Bardales, HQ Platoon, United States Army, for being named as a Purple Heart Medal Recipient.

## **3. PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 SOUTH PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES FLOAT PICTURE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2015 DESIGN**

Paul Abbey, Chair, South Pasadena Tournament of Roses (SPTOR) Committee, presented an illustrated rendering of the 2015 SPTOR Float design. Chair Abbey announced this year's theme was "Inspirational Stories."

## **4. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS (3 MINUTES EACH)**

Councilmember Schneider reported that on July 8, 2014, the City of Sierra Madre enacted stringent water conservation restrictions of 30%, and two moratoriums on building developments and new water service connections. Councilmember Schneider requested that discussion of a moratorium on water connections and building developments be agendaized for a future City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Cacciotti. Councilmember Schneider announced a free screening of "The Ghost Mountain Experiment" by Huell Houser, on July 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., at the South Pasadena Public Library (Library) Community Room.

Councilmember Mahmud reported that the State Water Resources Control Board approved a regulation directing retail water suppliers to impose water restrictions that would likely take effect on August 1, 2014. She indicated that since the City of South Pasadena (City) is a retail supplier of water, the City Council would need to consider imposing water restrictions. She reminded everyone to conserve water. Councilmember Mahmud announced the following workshops would be offered at the Green Living Expo & Concert on July 20, 2014, at Garfield Park: 1) How to Apply for a Rebate and Design Your Yard from 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; and 2) Water Wise Plants and How to Irrigate them Efficiently from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe displayed a PowerPoint slide announcing the Foothill Workforce Investment Board's free "Career Boot Camp" to be held in the Library Community Room on August 5, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Councilmember Cacciotti thanked Police Chief Miller and his staff for their presence at the Concerts in the Park events. Councilmember Cacciotti requested the following items: 1) Two strategic planning meetings to be scheduled early next year, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Joe; and 2) Request for Proposal for an economic analysis regarding the topic of an SR-710 tunnel versus a light rail alternative, seconded by Councilmember Schneider. He displayed a flyer and announced two events to be held on July 20, 2014, at Garfield Park: 1) Green Living Expo & Concert from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and 2) Greenest Fastest Mile Run at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Khubesrian reported that she received positive feedback from the community about the City's progress and development. Mayor Khubesrian commended the City Council and staff for their efforts. Mayor Khubesrian requested that City Manager Gonzalez provide information on the City's mass notification system "Connect South Pasadena."

#### **4. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the City's mass notification system "Connect South Pasadena." City Manager Gonzalez announced the Wilson Reservoir Reconstruction (WRR) Project, which is largest project in the City's history, has been completed. Public Works Director Toor provided an update on the WRR Project and thanked Southern California Edison staff for working with the City. Mayor Khubesrian thanked Public Works Director Toor for his leadership on the project. Councilmember Cacciotti requested photographs of the project be displayed at the August 20, 2014, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Cacciotti noted the telephone number for the Mission-Meridian Garage parking permits was not working. Mayor Khubesrian announced that she wrote an article "Preserving Our Heritage as a Quaint Community" in the South Pasadena Review in response to the community's concerns related to the City of Alhambra's SR-710 North Extension activities.

## **5. REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Councilmember Schneider requested Agenda Item No. 23 be reordered and discussed prior to the public hearings. Councilmember Mahmud requested Agenda Item No. 25 be reordered prior to the public hearings. Mayor Khubesrian announced that Agenda Item No. 25 would immediately follow the Consent Calendar, followed by Agenda Item No. 23.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Mahmud requested that Item Nos. 12 and 15 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration. Councilmember Cacciotti requested that Item No. 12 be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Joe to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, and 17 and including Prepaid Warrants #183944-184103 in the amount of \$938,960.80, General City Warrants #184104-184214 in the amount of \$1,523,946.68, and Payroll 07-03-14 in the amount of \$449,378.33, totaling \$2,912,285.81; and seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve Redevelopment Successor Agency warrants for \$12,863.84 (included in above total). By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

Mayor Khubesrian acknowledged outgoing City Attorney Adams for his service to the City.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 2, 2014**
- 8. APPROVAL OF PREPAID WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$938,960.80, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,523,946.68, AND PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$449,378.33**
- 9. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR MAY 2014**
- 10. APPROVAL OF SOUTH PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES COMMITTEE'S SLATE OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS, 2013-2014 INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT, AND 2014-2015 BUDGET**

11. **ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR HANSCOM DRIVE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE II, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,383 TO GENTRY BROTHERS, INC.**
13. **ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR FY2013-14 CDBG SIDEWALK PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,690 TO TORO ENTERPRISES, INC.**
14. **AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE FOUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE “5-CITIES ALLIANCE” FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE SR-710 NORTH STUDY AND ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL \$5,000 FOR INDIVIDUAL IN-PERSON MEETINGS WITH CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF**
16. **APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY, PC**
17. **FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY AT 1503-1507 EL CENTRO STREET**

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

12. **AWARD OF A LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT TO TRUGREEN LANDCARE**

Councilmember Mahmud requested the addition of a provision to the landscape maintenance services agreement that would prohibit the contractor from the use of any pesticide or insecticide that contains Neonicotinoids. She recommended page 135 be amended by adding a new paragraph “G” to Section “1.13 Control of Insects, Rodents and Other Pests” to state: “Notwithstanding any previously identified chemical, contractor shall be prohibited from applying any pesticide or insecticide, which is a Neonicotinoid.”

Councilmember Cacciotti indicated the City is possibly one of the first cities in the entire nation to approve a “green” landscape maintenance services agreement that will serve as a model for other cities. He recommended the following modifications to the landscape maintenance services agreement: 1) Add the word “non-toxic” to page 120 - Section D. Fungicides, Herbicides and Insecticides: All chemicals used in the everyday course of landscape maintenance need to be green friendly and “non-toxic.”; 2) All chemicals must be approved by the Public Works Director; 3) TruGreen LandCare must provide a list of chemicals to be used; and 4) Change the start date for Garfield Park on page 117 to

“immediate” instead of “January 2015.” In response to Councilmember Cacciotti’s comment, Public Works Director Toor indicated the trash pick-up schedule for Garfield Park would be reviewed to alleviate the overflow of trash.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to award a contract to TruGreen LandCare, Rosemead, CA, for Landscape Maintenance Services for \$218,100 per year with the aforementioned agreement modifications; reject all bids received; and authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Landscape Maintenance Services Agreement. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

**15. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NOS. 7361 AND 7362 TO REVISE THE PARKING REGULATIONS ON MONTEREY ROAD BETWEEN FAIR OAKS AVENUE AND RAYMOND LANE AND ON FAIR OAKS AVENUE BETWEEN STATE STREET AND 424 FAIR OAKS AVENUE**

Councilmember Mahmud discussed her interest in having the City complete a comprehensive citywide parking study and proposed that the parking restriction on the western portion of Fair Oaks Avenue be expanded to Columbia Street.

In response to Mayor Khubesrian’s question, Principal Management Analyst Lin indicated the modification to the parking restriction boundary, as proposed by Councilmember Mahmud, was appropriate.

Councilmember Cacciotti commented that parking restrictions on Monterey Road, between Fair Oaks Avenue and Raymond Lane, be expanded to Brent Avenue in the future.

**MOTION:** M/S Khubesrian/Cacciotti to: 1) adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 7361** revising the parking regulations to regulate unrestricted parking spaces on the northern portion of Monterey Road between Fair Oaks Avenue and Raymond Lane; and 2) adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 7362** to create time restricted parking for the unrestricted parking spaces on the eastern portion of Fair Oaks Avenue between State Street and 424 Fair Oaks Avenue, and the western portion of Fair Oaks Avenue between Columbia Street and 424 Fair Oaks Avenue. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

Timothy Smith, South Pasadena Resident, displayed an art piece and introduced Glimpse, a school of thought, art and science. South Pasadena Resident Smith requested funding for the start-up of the school.

Jon Primuth, President, South Pasadena Education Foundation (SPEF), provided a summary of SPEF's events and contributions to the City.

Sam Burgess, South Pasadena Resident, indicated concern regarding the water drought and suggested the City Council consider a requirement that buyers and sellers remove all lawns and replace them with drought tolerant plants.

Natasha Prime, Director, "The Place" Teen Center, provided a summary of the past year's activities and thanked City Council for their support.

Julius Jaramillo, South Pasadena Resident, commented that he has been attending "The Place" Teen Center since it opened four years ago and has had a positive experience.

Jose Zavala, Commissioner, Parks and Recreation Commission, displayed a banner and invited the public to attend the Greenest Fastest Mile event, in conjunction with the Green Living Expo & Concert, to be held on July 20, 2014, at Garfield Park.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **25. APPROVAL OF WATER CONSERVATION SUBSIDY PROGRAMS**

Senior Management Analyst Figoni provided the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

City Manager Gonzalez provided clarification on the water conservation programs' requirements and restrictions.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

Kim Hughes, Chair, Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC), suggested that a water conservation program for businesses and restaurants be considered and that funds be earmarked for this purpose.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

Councilmember Mahmud spoke in support of staff's recommendation. She suggested that NREC provide recommendations for the City to save water at its facilities, seconded by Mayor Khubesrian.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Joe's question, Senior Management Analyst Figoni stated she will discuss synthetic turf during her next staff report this evening. Mayor Pro Tem Joe concurred with Councilmember Mahmud's comments requesting NREC provide recommendations for the City to save water.

Councilmember Cacciotti spoke in support of staff's recommendation and suggested an increase to the City's subsidy portion.

Discussion followed among the City Council regarding funding levels for the City's subsidy portion for washers and toilets.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall informed Mayor Khubesian that a late public comment card was submitted by a member of the public.

Mayor Khubesian reopened the Public Comments section.

Emelia Lomeli, South Pasadena Resident, indicated support of the increase to the City's subsidy portion as she was purchasing a washer and dryer in the amount of \$1,500.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesian closed the Public Comments section.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Joe's questions, Senior Management Analyst Figoni indicated there were not many rebates issued for washers and dryers, however, there were approximately 20 toilet rebates issued in the past couple of months.

**MOTION:** M/S Khubesian/Cacciotti to approve staff's recommendations to modify existing water conservation programs and additional programs in an effort to conserve indoor and outdoor water use (as listed in staff report); increase City funds for washers to \$115 for a total rebate of \$200, increase City funds for toilets to \$100 for a total rebate of \$200; and request that NREC provide recommendations for the City to save water at its facilities. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

**23. AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC COMMENT LETTER REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR THE CALTRANS AFFORDABLE SALES PROGRAM**

Principal Management Analyst Lin provided a summary of the staff report and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Khubesian opened the Public Comments section.

Don Jones, no affiliation stated, indicated opposition to the City's public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program and

indicated that a class of former tenants in good standing was omitted from the City's letter. Speaker Jones submitted an alternate letter with his suggested comments.

Bruce Teague, South Pasadena Resident, indicated support of the City's public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program.

Joel Alvarez, South Pasadena Resident and tenant of Caltrans, indicated support of the City's public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program. South Pasadena Resident Alvarez requested revising Proposed Revision No. 4 of the City's letter to state "...present occupants who are in good standing who have occupied the property two years or more."

Marilyn Shatz, South Pasadena Resident, indicated support of the City's public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program and requested that the order of priority for purchasing Caltrans homes be offered to Caltrans tenants prior to nonprofit or public entities.

Cynthia Mata-Florez, South Pasadena Resident, indicated that she and Linda Krausen, South Pasadena Resident, obtained signatures in support of the City's public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program. She read a portion of a letter from Charles Parnell, South Pasadena Resident, who requested a total of 120 days to comment on the Caltrans regulations.

Sam Burgess, South Pasadena Resident, thanked City Council and staff for drafting an excellent public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program.

Christopher Sutton, Attorney for Caltrans tenants, suggested that the City's public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program be forwarded to Senator Liu.

Linda Krausen, South Pasadena Resident, indicated support of the City's public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program. She requested that the order of priorities be revised and a total of 120 days be granted to comment on the Caltrans regulations.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

City Manager Gonzalez commended Principal Management Analyst Lin on preparing the public comment letter to Caltrans.

Councilmember Mahmud offered the following revisions to the City's public comment letter: 1) Retain the Caltrans tenants' request for additional time of 120 days to comment on the proposed regulations; 2) Remove suggested revision of the order of priority of the Conditions of Conditional Offer Prior to Sale as state law provides the priority and cannot be changed without a change in the law; 3) Recommend that the City work in collaboration with Senator Liu and work with her to resurrect the bill to achieve the change in order of priority to allow existing tenants who do not satisfy the low income requirements with the opportunity over low income developers to purchase their residence; 4) Modify the proposed restrictions to 15 years for properties that are sold at less than market value; 6) Increase the amount of time available to respond to Caltrans' conditional offer of sale from 60 days to 90 or 120 days; 7) Include vacant properties identified by Caltrans as surplus in either Phase 1A or 1B; 8) Include an expressed disclaimer in the regulations stating the regulations do not apply to unimproved parcels; and 8) Remove the historic properties from Phase 1A to Phase 1B.

Councilmember Schneider concurred with Councilmember Mahmud's recommendation to collaborate with Senator Liu to change the law. He offered the following revisions to the new law and for general consideration: 1) Provide an expeditious process; 2) Any tenant will have the opportunity to purchase their residence or right of first refusal; 3) Vacancies would be managed by the City's Housing Authority for transfer to other buyers; 4) No reselling of homes; 5) Modify the proposed restrictions to 10 or 15 years for properties that are sold at less than market value or a grace period for current tenants; 6) Contact Mr. Roberti to provide consulting services for the City's public comment letter; 7) Interview residents that purchased Caltrans homes to find out what worked when negotiating with Caltrans; and 8) Coordinate a meeting between the tenants, Senator Liu's Office, and Caltrans to negotiate the sales in an expeditious manner.

Mayor Khubesrian stated that she does not want to eliminate Proposed Revision No. 5 of the City's public comment letter and that a reference can be made indicating that the existing state law needs to be changed by collaborating with Senator Liu.

Discussion followed among the City Council regarding state law modifications to the order of priority of the Conditions of Conditional Offer Prior to Sale.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe concurred with Mayor Khubesrian's comments and recommended that a letter be written to Senator Liu.

City Manager Gonzalez clarified the direction provided by City Council. He stated that staff would incorporate the City Council's revisions to the letter and submit to Caltrans if the comment period was not extended. He indicated the letter would be brought back for further City Council discussion if the public comment period was extended.

Councilmember Mahmud recommended using the phrase “The City believes that it would be more appropriate to...” in the public comment letter instead of stating that the regulations should be changed as Caltrans cannot change the law.

**MOTION:** M/S Khubesrian/Cacciotti to authorize a public comment letter regarding the proposed regulations for the Caltrans Affordable Sales Program with the inclusion of Councilmember Mahmud’s and Councilmember Schneider’s aforementioned revisions. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **18. CONFIRMATION OF THE CHARGES ASSESSED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER / WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEED ABATEMENT DIVISION FOR WEED CLEARANCE ON RESPECTIVE PARCELS OF LAND OF UNIMPROVED PRIVATE PROPERTIES CONSTITUTING A FIRE HAZARD**

Deputy Fire Chief Riddle provided a summary of the staff report and stated that a representative of the County of Los Angeles was in attendance to answer any questions.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Hearing.

There being no speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION:** M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to approve confirmation of the charges assessed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Weed Abatement Division for weed clearance on respective parcels of land of unimproved private properties constituting a fire hazard. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

### **19. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 7363 FINDING THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Senior Planner Mayer provided a summary of the staff report. He clarified a discrepancy on page 306 and 307 of the staff report. Senior Planner Mayer stated that page 306 correctly listed the number of new dwelling units as four and page 307 incorrectly listed new dwelling units as five. He indicated the correct figure was four new dwelling units.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Hearing.

There being no speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Joe to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 7363** and Local Development Report as required by State law. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

**20. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR DETACHED GARAGES AND CARPORTS**

Senior Planner Mayer provided a summary of the staff report.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Hearing.

Steven Dahl, South Pasadena Resident, indicated support of a two foot setback as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Anthony George, Chair, Planning Commission (PC), indicated support of a two foot setback that was previously adopted twice unanimously by the PC. He noted there were no public comments made at both the PC and City Council Meetings regarding the matter.

Susan Masterman, Chair, Design Review Board, indicated support of a two foot setback and recommended that the City Council approve the ordinance.

John Lesak, Chair, Cultural Heritage Commission, indicated support of a two foot setback and stated it was important to provide maximum flexibility for properties in the City.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Hearing.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall presented and read by title AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, (AMENDING SECTION 36.350.170(C)) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW REDUCED SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR DETACHED GARAGES AND CARPORTS PROVIDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

**MOTION:** M/S Schneider/Cacciotti to approve first reading by title only, waive further reading, and introduction of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, (AMENDING SECTION 36.350.170(C)) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW REDUCED SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR DETACHED GARAGES AND CARPORTS PROVIDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cacciotti, Joe, Mahmud, Schneider, and Mayor Khubesrian

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Khubesrian recessed the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

Mayor Khubesrian reconvened the meeting at approximately 9:54 p.m.

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION**

#### **21. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19.21-4 OF CHAPTER 19 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES AND MACHINERY ALLOWED TO OPERATE ON DESIGNATED STREETS IN THE SOUTHWEST MONTEREY HILLS AREA**

Acting Captain Neff provided a summary of the staff report.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

There being no speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall presented and read by title AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SUBSECTION "B" OF SECTION 19.21-4 (CONSTRUCTION-RELATED VEHICLES - SOUTHWEST MONTEREY HILLS) OF ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 19 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION RELATED VEHICLES THAT CAN OPERATE ON DESIGNATED STREETS IN THE SOUTHWEST MONTEREY HILLS AREA.

**MOTION:** M/S Cacciotti/Mahmud to approve first reading by title only, waive further reading, and introduction of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SUBSECTION “B” OF SECTION 19.21-4 (CONSTRUCTION-RELATED VEHICLES - SOUTHWEST MONTEREY HILLS) OF ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 19 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION RELATED VEHICLES THAT CAN OPERATE ON DESIGNATED STREETS IN THE SOUTHWEST MONTEREY HILLS AREA. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cacciotti, Joe, Mahmud, Schneider, and Mayor Khubesian

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **22. AUTHORIZE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT CALIFORNIA FREIGHT MOBILITY PLAN**

Principal Management Analyst Lin provided a summary of the staff report.

City Manager Gonzalez requested that page 373 be amended by replacing the word “dessert” with “desert.”

In response to Councilmember Mahmud’s question, Principal Management Analyst Lin stated that she was unaware of any north/south projects.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Joe’s inquiry, City Manager Gonzalez indicated that no other member cities from the 5-Cities Alliance submitted a comment letter.

Mayor Khubesian opened the Public Comments section.

There being no speakers, Mayor Khubesian closed the Public Comments section.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested a modification to the letter of support by adding a comment that the City supports the extension of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension to allow freight to move more freely east bound.

**MOTION:** M/S Mahmud/Schneider to approve a letter of support for the Draft California Freight Mobility Plan with the proposed modification. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. Absent: None.

**24. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 31.48  
LANDSCAPING STANDARDS – PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

Senior Management Analyst Figoni provided the staff report as part of a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Councilmembers' questions.

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments section.

Kim Hughes, Chair, NREC, spoke in support of synthetic turf and requested that the City Council consider approving it.

Tuncer Toprakci, South Pasadena Resident, spoke regarding the enforcement of the three foot height requirement for hedges.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

Councilmember Schneider recommended that Section 31.48(b)(1) Provision of Trees, on page 423, be amended by removing "twenty-four-inch (24") box size" and replacing with "a 15 gallon tree." He indicated that 15 gallon trees are more cost effective and sturdier trees.

Councilmember Mahmud inquired why the NREC proposed twenty-four-inch (24") box sized trees and if 15 gallon trees were considered.

In response to Mayor Khubesrian's question, City Manager Gonzalez explained that ramps were typically associated with parking stalls for disability access.

Chair Hughes discussed the reasons why the NREC recommended twenty-four-inch (24") box sized trees instead of 15 gallon trees.

Discussion followed among the City Council and staff about the health and environmental factors associated with the installation of synthetic turf.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall informed Mayor Khubesrian that a late public comment card was submitted by a member of the public.

Mayor Khubesrian reopened the Public Comments section.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena Resident, inquired about parkway restrictions for one-way streets that have high pedestrian traffic.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Khubesrian closed the Public Comments section.

Senior Management Analyst Figoni suggested the incorporation of additional walkway paths to areas that have pedestrian traffic and less greenery.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall presented and read by title AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLE V (PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS, OBSTRUCTIONS AND TEMPORARY DRIVEWAYS OF CHAPTER 31 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE WITH THE REPEAL OF SECTION 31.48 (PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS) AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31.48 (LANDSCAPING STANDARDS – PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS) TO REQUIRE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO MAINTAIN PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND TO SET STANDARDS FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS.

MOTION: M/S Mahmud/Cacciotti to approve first reading by title only, waive further reading, and introduction of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLE V (PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS, OBSTRUCTIONS AND TEMPORARY DRIVEWAYS OF CHAPTER 31 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE SOUTH PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE WITH THE REPEAL OF SECTION 31.48 (PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS) AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 31.48 (LANDSCAPING STANDARDS – PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS) TO REQUIRE PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS TO MAINTAIN PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND TO SET STANDARDS FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS; and incorporate the aforementioned modification. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cacciotti, Joe, Mahmud, Schneider, and Mayor Khubesrian

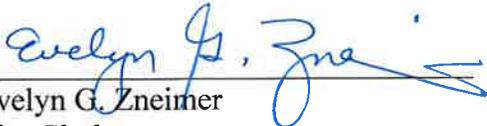
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Khubesrian adjourned the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency/Public Financing Authority/ Housing Authority at 10:41 p.m.

  
Evelyn G. Zneimer  
City Clerk

  
Marina Khubesrian, M.D.  
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on August 20, 2014.