



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY/
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
WITH MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR, LOS ANGELES
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FIFTH DISTRICT,
CONVENED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015, AT 8:00 A.M.
ARROYO SECO GOLF COURSE, BANQUET ROOM
1055 LOHMAN LANE, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91030**

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Joe convened the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council at 8:09 a.m., a meeting held on a periodic basis for the City Council to meet with Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Fifth District.

Interim Chief Deputy City Clerk Kilby called the roll. Present were City Councilmembers/ Agency/Authority Members Cacciotti (arriving at 8:10 a.m.), Khubesrian, and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency/Authority Vice Chair Mahmud; and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Joe. Absent: None.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Fifth District, and various members of his staff were in attendance.

Other Officials and Staff present: City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; City Treasurer Pia; Police Chief Miller; Police Captain Neff; Police Captain Solinsky; Deputy Fire Chief Riddle; Finance Director Batt; Director of Library, Arts, and Culture Fjeldsted; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Community Services Supervisor Torres; Principal Management Analyst Lin; Deputy City Clerk Jimenez; Management Assistant Sanchez; and Interim Chief Deputy City Clerk/Agency Chief Deputy/Authority Secretary Kilby.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Joe said that public comments would be taken only on items on the Special City Council Meeting Agenda. He said that public comment will be taken as each numbered item is discussed. For the first item, Item No. 3, he said public comment will be taken after the

five topics are presented. The format for all topics will be: staff presentation, response from the Supervisor, comments from the City Council, and public comment.

3. DISCUSSION OF CONTINUING LOCAL AND STATEWIDE MATTERS:

Fair Oaks Avenue/SR-110 Freeway Hook Ramp and Off-Ramp Project

Public Works Director Toor (Director Toor) made a presentation on the proposed traffic improvements at the Fair Oaks Avenue/SR-110 Freeway, the proposed Hook Ramp and Off-Ramp Project (Project). This is one of the busiest intersections in the City of South Pasadena (City). He requested Supervisor Antonovich's assistance to work with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to complete the Project. Director Toor expressed appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich for his support on the issue and responded to his questions on the timeline, the two phases of the Project, and options to the original hook ramp. Discussion followed. Director Toor said that the entire Project is estimated to cost \$14 million. Mayor Joe said the City needs Supervisor Antonovich's assistance. Director Toor said the City is proposing that Caltrans take over the entire Project. Lance Grindle, Principal Engineer and Head of City Services, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (County Principal Engineer Grindle), offered to work with the City on this issue.

Predictive Policing/Prison Realignment

Police Chief Miller made a presentation about the City's Predictive Policing Program and how prison realignment affects crime in the City. He described the negative impacts of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment program, Assembly Bill 109 (AB 109) and Proposition 47 on crime rates and public safety. He said 7,000 criminals were introduced back into the cities following the passage of AB 109. Then, he said, Proposition 47, which passed in 2014, introduced another 6,000-7,000 criminals into the community. He said property crimes have skyrocketed; however, criminals are now released immediately. Armed robberies have increased and traditional crime-stopping methods no longer work. Supervisor Antonovich said the state legislature needs to change the law. Drug rehabilitation is no longer required, he said. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud's question about drug-rehabilitation funding promised by proponents of Proposition 47, Anthony La Berge, Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, confirmed Police Chief Miller's assessment. He said that since the passage of Proposition 47, communities that traditionally had not experienced high crime rates were now showing increased crime, especially property crime. He described unintended consequences of the law and indicated that this can be resolved by collecting data to start the conversation at the State Capital to amend Proposition 47. Reaver Bingham, Deputy Chief of Field Services, Los Angeles County Probation Department, said now there is no motivation to participate in drug rehabilitation. Regarding data gathering, agencies are compiling statistics to determine the net effect of these bills and how to develop possible legislative fixes. Supervisor Antonovich said the County, cities and police associations must work together to demonstrate the significant negative impact on neighborhoods and the schools.

Storm Water

Director Toor made a presentation on the new permit requirements for storm drain projects mandated by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) under the Clean Water Act. South Pasadena's share of the cost is \$47 million. The City needs assistance to fund these projects and is looking to the County for funding support at both the County and State level. County Principal Engineer Grindle said he shares the City's concerns and that the County Public Works Department issued an initiative to cover a portion of the cost. He said the City Managers' group developed a report containing proposals for funding. Director Toor said the City is working with County staff and other cities but available funding does not match the \$6 billion that is needed. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud said that funding proposals are based on a per capita basis when the City, as a bedroom community, is not responsible for violations of the permit. She asked for some recognition of that. Los Angeles County Planning Deputy Edel Vizcarra (Planning Deputy Vizcarra), said that a letter is being sent from the Board of Supervisors to the legislature and the RWQCB asking it to look at the economic impacts. Another request is to have the RWQCB meet locally on the issue so that affected parties can voice opposition. County Principal Engineer Grindle suggested working through city organizations and legislatively; he said the state must provide the funding and not burden local agencies.

Potential Measure R2

Principal Management Analyst Lin made a presentation about potential funding the City could receive should a transportation tax measure (Measure R2) pass that will be placed on a 2016 ballot. She said that the City is interested in receiving any potential funds through the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion instead of through the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments since funding would be allocated on a per capita basis through the Arroyo Verdugo Subregion, something both the City Council and Metro have recommended. In September 2015, the Metro Board will take a vote on the matter, and the City would appreciate Supervisor Antonovich's vote as a Metro Board Member. Supervisor Antonovich outlined how projects should be submitted from the Councils of Governments prior to asking for funding from the public.

Senior Housing

City Manager Gonzalez made a presentation on the need for senior housing in the South Pasadena. He said he is aware of funding for affordable senior housing; the City is also interested in funding for age-restricted housing. Planning Deputy Vizcarra said funds are available from former redevelopment tax increment funds but a long-term funding source has not yet been determined. Matt Lust, Senior Project Manager, Economic & Housing Development Division, County Community Development Commission, provided clarification as to the amount of former development funds the County allocated to affordable housing. Mayor Joe expressed interest in meeting with County staff to discuss resources further.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section for the preceding five items.

Scott Stevenson, Director, Community Development Division, Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, said he oversees Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for South Pasadena. He said CDBG funds can be used to support senior housing, either for land acquisition or public improvements. He described other funding resources.

Linda Krausen, South Pasadena Resident, expressed appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich and his staff for meeting with the City. She asked a question about drug rehabilitation. Supervisor Antonovich said that Proposition 47 is inhibiting the drug court's ability to get people to continue with rehabilitation. She said she is interested in the upcoming sale of Caltrans homes and properties and asked if there was any consideration by the City Council for using the properties as affordable senior housing. As requested by Mayor Joe, City Manager Gonzalez responded that an item will be placed on a future City Council Meeting Agenda for the City Council to decide on potential uses for Caltrans properties. Currently, the City Council is considering two Caltrans properties for recreational use.

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

4. DISCUSSION OF SR-710 NORTH EXTENSION: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

City Manager Gonzalez made a presentation about the City's submittal of a comment letter in response to the SR-710 North Extension Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS). He said the City brought to light many deficiencies in the Draft EIR/EIS and said it is widely known that it is woefully inadequate. He expressed concern as to how the process will move forward. Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy, Los Angeles County, said that the Draft EIR/EIS will be considered by the Metro Board in summer 2016 and requested a copy of the City's comment letter.

Councilmember Schneider said that a better plan has been developed to replace the deficient Draft EIR/EIS. He said the City is seeking Supervisor Antonovich's support on it. Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud said the Draft EIR/EIS was not done well and that cost estimates were wildly optimistic. She asked for Supervisor Antonovich's support in opposing the tunnel. Councilmember Khubesrian said in November 2014, a number of cities worked together to develop alternatives and discovered that there were economic opportunities to expand Old Town Pasadena and to provide space for California State University, Los Angeles. She said there was no opportunity for independent review to counter Metro's assessments. Councilmember Cacciotti acknowledged Supervisor Antonovich's vision for the Gold Line light rail. He said that funds dedicated to a tunnel could be diverted to additional mass transit projects.

Mayor Joe announced that Councilmember Schneider had to leave the Meeting. Councilmember Schneider left the Meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section for public comments on the Draft EIR/EIS.

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

5. DISCUSSION OF UNFUNDED PROJECTS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Arroyo Seco Bicycle and Pedestrian Path/Trail

City Manager Gonzalez made a presentation about funding for the Arroyo Seco Bicycle and Pedestrian Path/Trail (Arroyo Project). He thanked Supervisor Antonovich for funding the Arroyo Project, which will enable cyclists to travel from Pasadena to Downtown Los Angeles without encountering any major streets. Funding is still lacking, he said, and Supervisor Antonovich said that his staff could consider allocating additional Proposition A funds to the Arroyo Project.

Potential for Pocket Parks and Open Space on vacant Caltrans Lots

City Manager Gonzalez made a presentation about the potential use of Caltrans vacant lots as pocket parks. He said the City is deficient in park space. He said the City will review the possibility of utilizing Proposition A funds.

Dog Park

City Manager Gonzalez made a presentation about the proposed dog park in the City. He said that the City submitted an application to the County for funding that was declined due to not meeting the established criteria. Supervisor Antonovich said that Proposition A could provide possible funding for the proposed dog park.

Mayor Joe opened the Public Comments section for the preceding three items.

Linda Krausen, South Pasadena Resident, indicated support for the City's participation in the program to purchase Caltrans lots for use as pocket parks. In addition, she asked about the status of negotiations on the sale of the Caltrans properties.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Joe closed the Public Comments section for the preceding three items.

Mayor Joe expressed appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich and his staff for making themselves available to meet with the City Council. Supervisor Antonovich introduced his primary deputies for the Fifth District and described their backgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Cacciotti made a motion to adjourn. By consensus, the Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.



Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk



Robert S. Joe
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on September 2, 2015.