



Wednesday, December 2, 2015
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency was called to order by Mayor Joe on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at 7:41 p.m., in the Amedee O. "Dick" Richards, Jr., Council Chambers, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers/Redevelopment Successor Agency Members Cacciotti, Khubesrian, and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chair Mahmud; and Mayor/Agency Chair Joe.

Absent: None.

City Staff

Present: Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager/Agency Executive Director; Teresa L. Highsmith, City Attorney/Agency Counsel; Evelyn G. Zneimer, City Clerk/Agency Secretary; Anthony J. Mejia, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief Deputy Agency Secretary were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Schneider gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Joe called for a moment of silence in memory of the victims and their families of the tragic mass shooting that occurred earlier today in San Bernardino.

1. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regular Closed Session of the City Council of December 2, 2015, was called to order by Mayor Joe at 6:30 p.m., with all Councilmembers present.

The meeting convened into Closed Session to discuss the following item as listed on the Closed Session Regular Meeting Agenda:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION,
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4):
Number of Cases: 3

City Attorney Highsmith reported that City Council provided direction to staff regarding the agendaized Closed Session item, but did not take any reportable action.

2. REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Consent Calendar Item Nos. 3 through 7.

3. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2015

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 4, 2015.

4. RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt Resolution No. 7435 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, reciting the fact of the General Municipal Election held in the City on November 3, 2015, declaring the results, and other matters as provided by law."

5. PREPAID WARRANTS, GENERAL CITY WARRANTS, REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY CHECK SUMMARY, AND PAYROLL

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the City of South Pasadena Prepaid Warrants Nos. 190984 through 191034 in the amount of \$632,502.42, General City Warrants Nos. 191035 through 191147 in the amount of \$1,120,862.24, and Payroll, dated November 20, 2015, in the amount of \$415,578.66. Seated as the Successor Agency to the Community Redevelopment Agency, approve the Redevelopment Successor Agency Prepaid Warrant No. 191003 in the amount of 335.07, and Payroll, dated November 20, 2015, in the amount of \$5,727.81 (included in the above totals).

6. ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT COMPLETION AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR FY 2015-16 CDBG SIDEWALK PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,084.40 TO NOBEST INC.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to:

1. Accept the project improvements as complete and authorize the issuance of a Notice of Completion for the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sidewalk Replacement Project.
2. Authorize release of retention payment to Nobest Inc., in the amount of \$3,084.40.

7. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STREET CUT MORATORIUM ON NEWLY PAVED STREETS

In response to City Council inquiry, City Manager Gonzalez advised that City Council's previous direction to notify local utility companies of planned street improvements, including a reminder that a street cut moratorium will be in place for a five year period after completion of a project, was notated in the City Council Meeting minutes of November 18, 2015.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MAHMUD, CARRIED 5-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 2289 entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, California, amending Chapter 31, Article II of the South Pasadena Municipal Code adding Section 31.28 establishing a street cut moratorium on newly paved streets," and waive further reading.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO ROBERT S. JOE, RE-ELECTED AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER, BY HONORABLE RUTH ANN KWAN, AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION BY CITY CLERK EVELYN G. ZNEIMER

Honorable Superior Court Justice Kwan administered the Oath of Office to Robert S. Joe, re-elected as a City Councilmember for a four-year term. City Clerk Zneimer presented Councilmember Joe with a Certificate of Election.

9. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO MARINA KHUBESRIAN, M.D., RE-ELECTED AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER, BY CITY CLERK EVELYN G. ZNEIMER

City Clerk Zneimer administered the Oath of Office to Marina Khubesrian, M.D., re-elected as a City Councilmember for a four-year term, and presented her with a Certificate of Election.

10. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION TO RICHARD D. SCHNEIDER, M.D., RE-ELECTED AS A CITY COUNCILMEMBER, BY CITY CLERK EVELYN G. ZNEIMER

City Clerk Zneimer administered the Oath of Office to Richard D. Schneider, M.D., re-elected as a City Councilmember for a four-year term, and presented him with a Certificate of Election.

11. INTRODUCTION OF DR. RAJEN VURDIEN, SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT OF PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

Mayor Joe read a statement from Linda Wah, Pasadena City College Trustee of Area 5, introducing Dr. Rajen Vurdien, recently hired President-Superintendent of Pasadena City College (PCC).

Dr. Vurdien pointed out that PCC is one of the highest ranked community colleges in the nation; spoke on the mission of the College, noting that student transfer to a four-year university is one of its top priorities; distributed to City Council the PCC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud commended Dr. Vurdien for increasing community outreach efforts and promoting the successes of PCC to the community.

Councilmember Cacciotti encouraged Dr. Vurdien to work with other agencies to improve public transportation access for students.

Councilmember Khubesrian noted that Cal State University Los Angeles has launched new programs to enhance its efforts to address student mental health and questioned whether PCC has implemented similar programs. Dr. Vurdien advised that PCC has counselors, psychologists, and a veteran's center on-campus to assist students.

12. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREEWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (FTC)

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Annual Report of the Freeway and Transportation Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS

13. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Khubesrian thanked her family and the community for their support of her serving as a Councilmember; expressed appreciation for the positive working relationships with the City Councilmembers and staff; noted that reception for Cal State University Los Angeles President William A. Covino was well attended.

Councilmember Schneider commended the South Pasadena Arts Council (SPARC) and artists on the beauty of the Utility Box Art Project, encouraging residents to take a walking tour of all the utility boxes.

Councilmember Cacciotti reported on his attendance at the Renewable Energy Council meeting; questioned the status of a request from City Council to explore the possibility of purchasing street light poles in South Pasadena from Southern California Edison (SCE); commended staff for hosting the Senior Center Holiday Party; displayed PowerPoint slides depicting the Cities of Duarte and West Covina swearing-in ceremonies, SPARC's Utility Box Art Project, Garfield Reservoir Replacement Project, and a wild peacock in the downtown area; encouraged residents to participate in the South Pasadena Tiger Run/Walk on December 5, 2015, benefiting the South Pasadena High School Tiger Booster Club.

City Manager Gonzalez advised that City Council has authorized staff to submit a deposit with SCE to conduct an inventory of SCE-owned street light poles, noting that staff will return to the appropriate City Commissions and City Council with an analysis and recommendation at a future time.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud requested that City Council refer to the appropriate Commission consideration of updating the City's Park Development Fee, seconded by Councilmember Khubesrian; commended the South Pasadena Police Department for hosting a women's self-defense class, pointing out that additional classes will be held in 2016, including a teen's self-defense class; encouraged residents to take advantage of the City's Holiday LED Light Exchange Program on December 12, 2015, at the War Memorial Building.

Mayor Joe displayed a photo and reported on his attendance at the reception for Cal State University Los Angeles President Covino; invited the community to attend the Holiday Tree Lighting on December 3, 2015, and the 2015 State of the City Address on December 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Library Community Room.

14. CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Gonzalez advised that he and Mayor Joe will be attending the Foothill Workforce Development Board Meeting to receive the 2015 Employer of the Year Award; noted that the City was selected to as the 2015 Green Leadership Award recipient for having the nation's first zero emissions municipal park; announced that the City's Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be held on December 15, 2015, at the War Memorial Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jose Zavala, Tiger Run/Walk Director, invited the community to participate in the 2015 Tiger Run/Walk being held on December 5, 2015, to benefit the South Pasadena High School Tiger Booster Club.

REPORTS**15. STATUS REPORT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Public Works Director Toor narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Capital Improvement Project Update" reviewing completed, under construction, and future Capital Improvement Projects, responded to City Council inquiries.

Councilmember Cacciotti requested that staff provide City Council with the proposed stripping plan for the bicycle lane as part of the El Centro Street Improvement Project.

Mayor Joe stressed the importance of coordinating the El Centro Street Improvement Project with the South Pasadena Unified School District and Arroyo Vista Elementary School Principal.

Mayor Pro Tem Mahmud commended staff for taking advantage of Clean Water State Revolving Funds for construction of major water projects such as reservoir upgrades, noting that the repayment terms are significantly better than issuing bonds; expressed a desire for the Dog Park Project bid package to be structured to allow for particular elements of the project to be optional, in anticipation that funding from the community will be forthcoming to help offset costs.

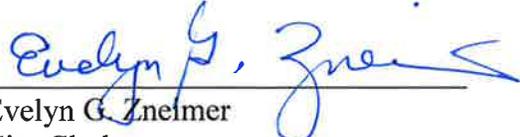
In response to City Council inquiries, Public Works Director Toor advised that staff is exploring options for providing pedestrian access from Stoney Drive to the proposed dog park site; explained that staff will make its best efforts to value-engineer the street improvements project for Monterey Road to further achieve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance; stated that staff will install mulch at the Community Garden to help prevent participants from walking through mud during the upcoming rainy season.

Mayor Joe opened and closed the Public Comments period, there being no one desiring to speak to this issue.

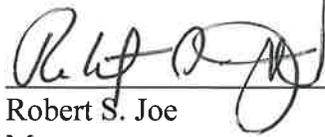
MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CACCIOTTI, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER KHUBESRIAN, CARRIED 5-0, to receive and file the status report for the City's Capital Improvement Projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Joe adjourned the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency at 9:37 p.m.



Evelyn G. Znelmer
City Clerk



Robert S. Joe
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on January 6, 2016.