



City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

City Council / Housing Authority / Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

*Mayor Tim Sandoval
Vice Mayor John Nolte
Councilmember Victor Preciado
Councilmember Nora Garcia
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Councilmember Steve Lustro
Councilmember Robert S. Torres*

VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

Monday, August 21, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

CLOSED SESSION

A) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Veterans Park (APN's: 8707 019 903, 906 & 909)

Negotiating Party: Seventh Street Development, Inc.

City's Negotiator: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (a) and (d) (1))

Robert Kroo v. Kelly Lane Springford, City of Pomona, Jin Seup Shim
LA Superior Court Case No. 21STCV13678

C) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Part Time Unrepresented Employees

Part Time General Employees Unit

Unrepresented Group A and B Employees

Unrepresented Mid-Management Group C-2 Employees

Pomona City Employees' Association, a Chapter of Teamsters Local 1932

Pomona Mid-Management Confidential Employees Association (PMMCEA)
Pomona Police Officers Association (PPOA)
Pomona Police Managers Association (PPMA)

Labor Negotiators: James Makshanoff and René Anderson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sandoval called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Sonia Carvalho stated there was no reportable action but noted the Closed Session would re-convene after the end of the open portion of the City Council meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tim Sandoval
Vice Mayor John Nolte
Councilmember Victor Preciado
Councilmember Nora Garcia
Councilmember Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Councilmember Steve Lustro
Councilmember Robert Torres

Absent: None

STAFF PRESENT

James Makshanoff, Deputy City Manager
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
Rosalia Butler, City Clerk
Karla Shipman, Assistant City Clerk

Maricela Miotto, contracted by the City, provided translation services.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole thanked staff for providing residents with sandbags to prepare for Sunday's storm. She attended an event hosted by Project Resilience in collaboration with local churches. Lastly, she requested Chief Ellis check out a vacant building on Mission and Linden.

Councilmember Preciado thanked staff for helping residents prepare for Hurricane Hillary. He attended the celebration for the opening anniversary of Delicious Freedom USA in downtown Pomona.

Councilmember Torres gave thanks to staff for handing out sandbags. He also expressed satisfaction with the updated look of the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Garcia gave thanks to the Public Works Dept. and Water Dept. staff for helping residents prepare for Hurricane Hillary. She also gave thanks to the Library and Community Services staff for the amazing summer programming they provided to residents. She was the closing conference speaker at the Laspa Center at Scripps College.

Vice Mayor Nolte expressed satisfaction with the updated look of the Council Chambers and thanked staff for their help in being prepared for the storm. He gave thanks to Athens for their donation of a police dog to the police department. He attended an event hosted by the Electrical Workers Union in Commerce, and was impressed by their training facilities. He also attended a Community Wealth Building Workshop hosted by United Way of Los Angeles.

Councilmember Lustro thanked staff that was on duty during the storm, and expressed satisfaction with returning to Council Chambers for City Council meetings.

Mayor Sandoval gave thanks to City Manager Makshanoff and the staff that were a part of renovating the Council Chambers. He also gave thanks to the Public Works Dept. and Water Dept. staff that worked on Sunday. Lastly, he invited residents to attend the summer concert taking place on Friday, August 25, at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager provided statistics on the distribution of sandbags: during the winter storms, Public Works gave out around 3,000 sandbags, and on Sunday, staff gave out almost 6,000 sandbags. He also advised staff is working on updating the pumping system at the Reservoir St. underpass to avoid future closures of it during storms.

Mayor Sandoval also added that Hamilton Park would have its grand opening ceremony on Thursday, August 31 at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the direction of the City Council Emergency Sub Committee, beginning with the July 18, 2022 Council meeting, emailed comments will no longer be read into the record during Council meetings. However, they will be included as part of the record/meeting minutes.

Live Comments were as follows:

Orlando Arias-Pulido expressed concern with how others had made improper comments about the City and discussed his various involvements in community organizations to improve the lives of youth.

Veronica Cabrera expressed dissatisfaction with the time limit for public comment, requested elected officials to not take criticisms personally, and questioned the use of American Rescue Plan funds.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the entire Consent Calendar except for Items No. 2 and No. 8, pulled for public comment.

1. Approval of City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes:

August 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2023.

2. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Adding a New Pre-Arrest Youth Diversion Policy to the Pomona City Code

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 4336 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW DIVISION I ("PRE-ARREST YOUTH DIVERSION POLICY") AND ARTICLE XI ("LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY") TO CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION") OF THE CITY OF POMONA CITY CODE CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRE-ARREST YOUTH DIVERSION POLICY BY THE POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT

****This item was pulled for public speakers.**

The following public speakers spoke in support of the item:

Yesica Limon
Orlando Arias-Pulido
Arleen Yaz
Ivan Hernandez
Bianca Hano

Evelia Rocha
Maria Garcia

Anel Hernandez submitted a speaker card in support of the item but did not wish to speak.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Ordinance No. 4336.

3. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Submittal of Grant Application Documents for the Youth Community Access Grant Program through the California Department of Natural Resources

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH COMMUNITY ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM

- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all documents related with this action, with approval of the City Attorney, as to form.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-30 and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all documents related with this action, with approval of the City Attorney, as to form.

4. A Resolution to Update the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Spending Plan and Award of Agreement to Ascendant for Innovation Consulting Services

It is Recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-143 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE UPDATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) SPENDING PLAN

- 2) Award a two-year agreement in the amount not to exceed \$390,264 to Ascendant for Innovation Consulting Services.
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any extensions, subsequent changes, or amendments thereto, on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-143, award a two-year agreement in the amount not to exceed \$390,264 to Ascendant for Innovation Consulting Services, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any extensions, subsequent changes, or amendments thereto, on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

5. Resolution to Amend the FY 2023-24 CIP Budget by Accepting, Increasing Revenue Estimates, and Appropriating \$3,000,000 of Economic Development Initiative Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding (CPF) Grant funds to "Street Improvements and Walking Trail/Steps Rehabilitation," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71078

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-134 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2023-24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET BY ACCEPTING, INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES, AND APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE FISCAL YEAR 2022 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANT FUNDS TO "STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND WALKING TRAIL/STEPS REHABILITATION," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71078

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-134.

6. Resolution to Amend the FY 2023-24 CIP Budget by Appropriating \$25,000 of General Fund Reserves to "Parks and Facilities Master Plan," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71072

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-135 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2023-24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$25,000 OF GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO "PARKS AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71072

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-135.

7. Award of Agreement to General Pump Company and to Best Drilling and Pump Inc., for Well Rehabilitation of Wells 7 and 8B

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Award an Agreement to General Pump Company (General Pump) for the rehabilitation of Well 7; and,
- 2) Award an Agreement to Best Drilling and Pump Inc., (Best Drilling) for the rehabilitation of Well 8B; and,
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the two attached agreements and subsequent changes or amendments thereto, subject to approval to form by the city attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to award an Agreement to General Pump Company (General Pump) for the rehabilitation of Well 7; and, award an Agreement to Best Drilling and Pump Inc., (Best Drilling) for the rehabilitation of Well 8B; and, authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the two attached agreements and subsequent changes or amendments thereto, subject to approval to form by the city attorney.

8. Approval of Lot Merger LM13-2022 for the Property Located at 1567-1583 Bradford Street, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Number 8339-019-003, Related to the Expansion of an Existing Residential Property (Council District 4)

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-140 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM13-2022 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1567-1583 BRADFORD STREET, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8339-019-003

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM13-2022 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

****This item was pulled for public speakers.**

Public Speaker Ann Tomkins made comments regarding the historic status of the homes.

Public Works Director Rene Guerrero advised that once plans are submitted to the Building Department, the review process for historic district homes will be triggered.

Mayor Sandoval made comments and asked questions.

Both Public Works Director Guerrero and Development Services Director Anita Gutierrez answered questions.

Councilmember Garcia asked for clarifications on what causes a lot merger.

Councilmember Preciado asked questions regarding lot mergers.

Public Works Director Guerrero answered the Councilmembers' questions.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-140 and authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM13-2022 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

9. Approval of Lot Merger LM20-2022 for the Property Located at 435 W. Mission Boulevard, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Number 8341-007-025, Related to the Remodeling of an Existing Commercial Property (Council District 2)

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-141 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM20-2022 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 435 W. MISSION BOULEVARD, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8341-007-025

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM20-2022 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-141 and authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM20-2022 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

10. Approval of Lot Merger LM18-2022 for the Property Located at 263 W. La Verne Avenue, Pomona, CA, Assessor Parcel Numbers 8371-017-043 & -031, Related to the Expansion of an Existing Residential Property (Council District 6)

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-142 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING LOT MERGER LM18-2022 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 263 W. LA VERNE AVENUE, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 8371-017-043 & -031

- 2) Authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM18-2022 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-142 and authorize the City Engineer to sign the Lot Merger LM18-2022 on behalf of the City of Pomona.

11. Approval of Agreement with Institute for Ecological Civilization (EcoCiv) and God's Pantry for Services Relating to Implementation of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant (CalVIP)

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve a two-and-a-half-year agreement with Institute for Ecological Civilization (EcoCiv) in the amount not to exceed \$155,000 for project monitoring, evaluation and creation of the Local Evaluation Plan and Final Evaluation Report relating to the implementation of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program Funds;
- 2) Approve a two-and-a-half-year agreement with God's Pantry in the amount not to exceed \$270,000 to manage the street outreach component for implementation of the CalVIP Grant; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any extensions, subsequent changes or amendments thereto, on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve a two-and-a-half-year agreement with Institute for Ecological Civilization (EcoCiv) in the amount not to exceed \$155,000 for project monitoring, evaluation and creation of the Local Evaluation Plan and Final Evaluation Report relating to the implementation of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program Funds; and Approve a two-and-a-half-year agreement with God's Pantry in the amount not to exceed \$270,000 to manage the street outreach component for implementation of the CalVIP Grant; and Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any extensions, subsequent changes or amendments thereto, on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

12. Resolution to Amend the FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Creating a New Project, "Washington Park Community Center Rehabilitation," and Appropriating \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan (ARP) (D3) Funds to the Project

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-138 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2023-24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY CREATING A NEW CIP PROJECT, "WASHINGTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER REHABILITATION," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71095 AND APPROPRIATING \$200,000 OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) (D3) FUNDING TO THE PROJECT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve Resolution No. 2023-138.

13. Resolution to Amend the FY 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Creating a New Project, "New Playground at Washington Park Baseball Fields" and Appropriating \$100,000 of American Rescue Plan and \$35,000 of District 3 CIP Carryover Discretionary Funds

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-137 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND THE FY 2023-24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY CREATING A NEW CIP PROJECT, "NEW PLAYGROUND AT WASHINGTON PARK BASEBALL FIELDS," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-71094 AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) (MAYORAL) FUNDING, \$50,000 of ARP (DISTRICT 3) FUNDING, AND \$35,000 OF DISTRICT 3 CIP CARRYOVER DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO THE PROJECT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve Resolution No. 2023-137.

14. Accept a Donation of One (1) New Police Canine (K9) from Friends of Pomona Police K9 Foundation in an in-Kind Amount of \$13,254

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-136 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING A DONATION OF ONE (1) NEW POLICE CANINE (K9) IN AN IN-KIND AMOUNT OF \$13,254 FROM FRIENDS OF POMONA POLICE K9 FOUNDATION

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-136.

15. Approval of Agreement with Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (GWMA)

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the agreement with GWMA for continued cost sharing for the installation, monitoring equipment, and monitoring pursuant to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL); and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the city, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the agreement with GWMA for continued cost sharing for the installation, monitoring equipment, and monitoring pursuant to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL); and Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the city, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

16. Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program Grant

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-149 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE CALIFORNIA AUTOMATED PERMIT PROCESSING (CALAPP) PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$80,000) AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-149.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

17. Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large-Recommended Expenditure(s) and Recap of Expended Funds

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the expenditure(s) recommended and make the finding that the community at large will receive a public benefit from the expenditure of funds for the recommended item(s); and
 - A. Amount to be determined to Kimberly Johnson in support of Christmas on Columbia – Requested Amount \$5,653.60
 - B. Amount to be determined to Pomona Hope in support of 4th Annual Hope Fest Pomona – Requested Amount \$2,500
 - C. Amount to be determined to Unity Church of Pomona in support of their 3rd Annual Kindness Carnival – Requested Amount \$2,000
 - D. Amount to be determined to Garey High School in support of Cafecito Con Libros Literacy Program: Requested Amount: \$4,000
 - E. Amount to be determined to Optimist Club of Pomona in support of Respect for Public Safety Award Dinner: Requested Amount: \$300
 - F. Amount to be determined to Pomona Natives in support of Pop Warner Football Team and Cheerleader Team: \$50,000
- 2) Receive and file the recap of final amounts.

Public Speaker Don Martens from Compassionate Pomona spoke in support of the Annual Kindness Carnival.

Public Speaker DeAndre Valencia spoke in support of the Pop Natives Pop Warner Football and Cheerleader Teams.

Public Speaker Noah Ham spoke in support of the Pop Natives Pop Warner Football and Cheerleader Teams.

MOTION BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER PRECIADO, CARRIED 7-0, to make a finding of public benefit for items A-F.

18. Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for "Storm Water Lift Station Rehabilitation." Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-81056, and Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Economic Development grant recipient agreement with Community Home Energy Revolution Project (CHERP, Inc.)

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-147 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET BY UNAPPROPRIATING \$158,000 OF GENERAL FUNDS FROM "STORM WATER LIFT STATIONS REHABILITATION," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-81056, APPROPRIATING \$158,000 OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (101-0101-52285-00000), APPROPRIATING \$158,000 OF CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) (D1) FUNDING TO THE PROJECT, AND CHANGING THE CIP PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 2) Award an Economic Development grant to Community Home Energy Revolution Project (CHERP, Inc.) in the amount of \$158,000.
- 3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any amendments, upon approval of the City Attorney as to form.

***Please see attachment for emails submitted regarding this item.**

Finance Director Andrew Mowbray gave a brief overview of the item.

The following Public Speakers spoke in support of the item:

Megan Anderson
Lina Mira
Richard Bunce
Monique Robles

Councilmember Nolte gave comments expressing support for the item and CHERP, Inc.

MOTION BY VICE MAYOR NOLTE, SECOND BY MAYOR SANDOVAL, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-147, award an Economic Development grant to Community Home Energy Revolution Project (CHERP, Inc.) in the amount of \$158,000 and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any amendments, upon approval of the City Attorney as to form.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

19. Public Hearing Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 City Operating Budget to Increase Revenue Estimates and Appropriations for Community Development Block Grant, Community Development Block Grant Corona Virus, Emergency Solutions Grant Corona Virus and Permanent Local Housing Allocation Funds

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the amendments to the (FY) 2023-24 City Operating Budget; and
- 2) After receiving public comments and testimony, close the Public Hearing and adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-139 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023-24 CITY OPERATING BUDGET TO INCREASE REVENUE ESTIMATES BY \$1,334,380 AND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$1,002,867 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONA VIRUS (CDBG-CV), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT CORONA VIRUS (ESG-CV) AND PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) FUNDS

Neighborhood Services Director Benita advised she was available to answer any questions.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and with no speakers, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER GARCIA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LUSTRO, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-139

*****Mayor Sandoval reminded folks that City Council would re-convene to the Closed Session.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maya Yibale spoke about needing parks that are open five (5) days a week with lights for their 800 kids in soccer league. They currently use Washington Park, which has potholes and bathrooms in need of repair.

Luis Cervantes discussed kids in need of a soccer park.

Paulina Cervantes spoke about the need for a kid's soccer park and stated Washington Park is not ideal.

Eduardo Romero, a coach for soccer teams, spoke about the need for a kid's soccer park.

Bob Freeland stated he wants replacement fields for any fields taken away from Veterans Park and that the City is in need of soccer fields.

Claudia Navares, League President, stated kids need a soccer park and that Washington Park is not ideal as a soccer park.

Logan Hernandez, stated he wants a better field to play soccer.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council re-convened to Closed Session at 8:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on August 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

ROSALIA A. BUTLER, MMC
City Clerk/Secretary of the Pomona
Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the
to the Redevelopment Agency

TIM SANDOVAL
Mayor/Chair of the Pomona
Housing Authority/Successor Agency
Redevelopment Agency

Robles, Diana

From: Megan Anderson <manderson@cherp.net>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:23 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: John Nolte
Subject: Letter of Support for CHERP Grant - Item 18 on August 21 City Council Agenda
Attachments: Grant Support Letter from JVS SoCal - Signed.pdf; Grant Support Letter from Prof Dick Haskell - Harvey Mudd - Signed.pdf; Grant Support Letter from GRID Alternatives - Signed.pdf; Grant Support Letter from Sun Capital Energy - Signed.pdf

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Dear Rosalia,

Please find attached letters in support of Item 18 on tonight's Pomona City Council Meeting agenda -- the recommendation for CHERP to receive a \$158,000 grant from the City.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Thank you,

Megan



MEGAN ANDERSON

She/her/hers

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David Wimmer

Dear Mayor Sandoval and City Council Members,

I write this letter to register my support for the proposed grant of \$158,000 from the City of Pomona to CHERP Inc (CHERP). Doing so will help leverage funds that CHERP has already secured, providing access to an additional \$600,000 investment through LENDonate, a unique lending platform specifically for nonprofits. CHERP will use these funds to move toward hiring, which will advantage work on the Pomona Jobs Program (PJP) project and the transformational anchor institution collaborative toward which the PJP is the first step. It will also use them to finance critical working capital which is needed during the microfactory's startup.

Our city needs the kinds of innovative community wealth building and climate resiliency opportunities which CHERP pursues on behalf of vulnerable Pomona residents. It engages in this pursuit by: creating green-sector jobs and long-term training opportunities, particularly for those who face workforce barriers; stimulating local economies; advancing environmental justice; and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It also partners with organizations like ours which bring strategic and valuable resources to bear and ensure these opportunities are realized.

JVS SoCal provides extensive job training and placement services for job seekers facing workforce barriers. This includes individuals with disabilities, Veterans, at-risk youth and people impacted by the justice system. We have been working with CHERP since 2021 on a workforce development partnership in which our Veteran job seekers receive high-quality industry training, certifications, and career readiness skills through CHERP's programs. As they complete these programs, Veterans will be prepared to secure well-paying jobs in manufacturing and green energy sectors.

JVS SoCal strongly encourages you to support CHERP by voting to approve the \$158,000 grant proposal.

Sincerely,



Kim Fedrick

Vice President Programs

JVS SoCal

Jeff Carr

Chief Executive Officer

Margarite Buitrago

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VP GAIN & Refugee Services

August 17, 2023

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I am a Professor Emeritus of Physics at Harvey Mudd College (HMC) and a member of the Sustainable Claremont Board of Directors. I strongly believe in the positive impact that CHERP will create in Pomona as well as LA County through its unique solar technology and nonprofit business model.

I was initially a skeptic of the claims that CHERP was making about idealPV's solar technology. After working on a HMC clinic project for four years, which was designed to test and validate the technology, I became one of its strongest supporters. Based on our testing, I co-wrote an IEEE Journal of Photovoltaics article (IEEE J. PhotoVolt, vol. 12, no. 4, July 2022) which explains the BrilliantPV module's ability to prevent hot spots from occurring.

I also co-led CHERP's Pando Days Project "L.A. Factories for the Future." Students from HMC, Pomona College, and Cal Poly Pomona worked with CHERP to create a GIS map that identifies the areas in LA County that could benefit most from the CHERP model. They also began initial conversations with four potential locations in L.A. County for additional nonprofit solar microfactories. This project won the award for "feasibility and viability" at the Pando Days Finale in April 2023.

I strongly encourage you to support CHERP by voting to approve the \$158,000 grant proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Haskell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Haskell" clearly legible.

Richard C. Haskell
Professor of Physics, Emeritus
Harvey Mudd College



August 14, 2023

Dear Mayor Sandoval and City Council Members,

I write this letter to register the support of GRID Alternatives Greater Los Angeles for the proposed grant of \$158,000 from the City of Pomona to CHERP Inc (CHERP). Doing so will help leverage funds that CHERP has already secured, providing access to an additional \$600,000 investment through LENDonate, a unique lending platform specifically for nonprofits. CHERP will use these funds to move toward hiring, which will advantage work on the Pomona Jobs Program (PJP) project and the transformational anchor institution collaborative toward which the PJP is the first step. CHERP will also use these funds to finance critical working capital which is needed during the microfactory's startup.

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Grid Alternatives builds community powered solutions to advance economic and environmental justice through renewable energy. We worked recently with CHERP on the Transformational Climate Communities (TCC) planning grant and are excited to use CHERP modules for our projects included in the TCC implementation grant. These projects are designed to provide solar energy and lower energy bills for Pomona residents.

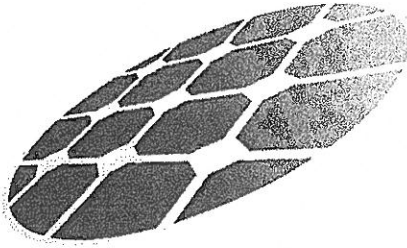
We are also excited to work with CHERP and other stakeholders in LA County to create a multi-disciplinary training program that prepares participants, including women, BIPOC and justice impacted individuals, for a variety of positions within the green sector and beyond. We believe this is critical for the County to meet its current and future workforce demands for trained/skilled workers.

Grid Alternatives strongly encourages you to support CHERP by voting to approve the \$158,000 grant proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashley Christy".

Ashley Christy
Executive Director – GRID Alternatives Greater Los Angeles



SUNCAPITAL
E N E R G Y

August 11, 2023

Dear Mayor Sandoval and Members of the City Council,

I write this letter to register my support for the proposed grant of \$158,000 from the City of Pomona to CHERP Inc (CHERP). Doing so will help leverage funds that CHERP has already secured, providing access to an additional \$600,000 investment through LENDonate, a unique lending platform specifically for nonprofits. CHERP will use these funds to move toward hiring, which will advantage work on the Pomona Jobs Program (PJP) project and the transformational anchor institution collaborative toward which the PJP is the first step. It will also use them to finance critical working capital which is needed during the microfactory's startup.

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Sun Capital Energy is a Pomona-based solar installation company. We are enthused to partner with CHERP which will provide us with locally produced solar modules for projects. Whenever we can support our local economy, we do so. We are also excited about the advanced safety features and increased energy production of the BrilliantPV™ module and the benefits these provide to our customers.

Sun Capital Energy strongly encourages you to support CHERP by voting to approve the \$158,000 grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Omar Ramirez President/CEO of Sun Capital Energy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Omar Ramirez'.