



# City of Pomona

505 South Garey Avenue  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Council

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Monday, March 6, 2017

6:45 PM

Council Chambers

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**5:30 P.M.**

#### **CLOSED SESSIONS**

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT; Mayor Sandoval, Vice Mayor Robledo (arrived at 5:50p.m.), and Councilmembers Gonzalez, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar (arrived at 6:04p.m.), and Torres (arrived at 5:41p.m.).

#### **Public Comment:**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION** (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1))

*City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board*

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS** (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Part Time Unrepresented Employees  
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: Linda Lowry and Linda Matthews

- C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS** (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

One matter regarding possible litigation to be initiated will be discussed (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4))

- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT** (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Public Works Director

**6:45 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Lowry, City Manager  
Arnold Alvarez Glasman, City Attorney  
Eva M. Buice, MMC, City Clerk  
Genoveva Rocha, Deputy City Clerk

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Tim Sandoval  
Council Member Rubio Gonzalez  
Council Member Adriana Robledo  
Council Member Cristina Carrizosa  
Council Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole  
Council Member Ginna E. Escobar  
Council Member Robert Torres

**POSTING OF COLORS**

Ganesha High School JROTC Color Guard presented the Posting of the Colors.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that the items listed on the agenda had been announced prior to recessing into Closed Session and reported the following:

Councilmember Torres joined closed session at 5:41 p.m.

Councilmember Robledo joined closed session at 5:50 p.m.

Councilmember Escobar joined closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Item A: The City Council unanimously authorized continued participation in the litigation and authorized additional legal fees in an amount expressed in closed session

Item B: A briefing was provided; however, no final action was taken and there is nothing further to report.

Item C: A briefing was provided and a decision was made by the Council not to proceed with litigation; direction was provided to Staff; there was no further action taken and nothing further to report.

Item D: This item was turned over to the City Manager Lowry to provide a report.

City Manager Lowry announced that the City Council approved her recommendation and permanently appointed Acting Public Works Director Meg McWade to Public Works Director.

**The City Council recessed from Closed Session at 6:45 P.M.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** Present Certificates of Recognition to Natan Vergara and Arley Gonzalez of Village Academy High School in honor of their winning entry in Metropolitan Water Districts "2017 Water is Life" Water Education Student Art Contest and present a Certificate of Recognition to Sadigheh Phillips in honor of her support of the arts through her teaching role in the Pomona Unified School District

Mayor Sandoval presented a Certificate of Recognition to Natan Vergara, Arely Gonzalez and PUSD art teacher Sadigheh Phillips.

### **MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Escobar recognized Natan as her former dance student and congratulated him on his winning entry in Metropolitan Water Districts "2017 Water is Life" Water Education Student Art Contest.

Vice Mayor Robledo spoke on Jonah Hwang's memorial service and one of the thoughts that was expressed resonated with her, she stated it was "We believe in our City and hope you do too," she felt it reflected with what the Council is trying to accomplish.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole informed she attended the memorial for Jonah Hwang; she expressed it was wonderful to see all the people in attendance to pay their respects; she expressed that it gave her a feeling of unity for the City of Pomona and that it was a beautiful ceremony.

Councilmember Gonzalez spoke on Read Across America and the several schools where he read to the children; he, along with Councilmember Carrizosa, attended the Pomona Concert Band at the Palomares Community Center; he also attended the State of the District Address for the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) and he was happy to report that the district is doing a great job; Councilmember Gonzalez also spoke on his attendance at the Young Men's Conference, sponsored by PUSD and other organizations, where they mentored the young men that attended.

Councilmember Carrizosa informed that she had attended the Pomona Concert Band at the Palomares Community Center and encouraged everyone to attend one of their concerts; she informed she had attended the PUSD State of the District Address which she felt was informational and enlightening.

Mayor Sandoval expressed that the previous week had been full of positive activities in the City, there was Read Across America, Dr. Suess' birthday, he and colleagues visited several schools and the State of the District Event was held; he reported that PUSD, for its work with Pomona's Promise, received the Golden Bell award, which is a significant award from the State because of the collaborative work that the City, School District and Community Organizations are doing to improve the lives of all residents in the City of Pomona; the City will have the bell for the first month and it will be in various areas of the City. He had a chance to MC the

Pomona Concert band and informed it is formed by people of various ages; he also spoke on the Young Men's Conference and informed it was a great program that reflects the spirit of the community.

### **CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

City Manager Lowry informed the Council that Neighborhood Services Director DeFrank would be providing them with an update on 1400 E. Mission Boulevard.

Neighborhood Services Director DeFrank informed the Council that the property at 1400 E. Mission Blvd received clearance for any contamination and the city is clear to move forward. A walk through was completed by City Staff and Directors to see the next step in order to move quickly once escrow clears.

Mayor Sandoval inquired and Neighborhood Services Director DeFrank informed that the year-round emergency shelter should be operating towards the end of this year.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Douglas C. Pierce, Pomona, spoke on the movie theater that will be built in the City and expressed that it

will be beneficial to the City due to people spending in the City; he also read a letter that he received in 1991 from Los Angeles County regarding a parcel violation; he also spoke about firearms that were confiscated by the City and the long procedure to retrieve several firearms, but informed that many were missing.

Mayor Sandoval commended Mr. Pierce for attending the Council meetings on a weekly basis and sharing his thoughts and noted it was an example of what a true democracy should be like.

Manuel Baca, MTSAC Board of Trustees, stated they are in the process of doing a Master Plan on education facilities and informed they will be having a workshop on March 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the La Verne Community Center; he stated that the MTSAC Board of Trustees is taking input on the needs of the community to incorporate into the Master Plan; he also informed many students from Pomona attend Mount San Antonio College and they are working with Pomona Unified School District to attract students to higher education.

Rich W. Davis, Pomona, informed the City Council that a few months ago he had reported water running down the street at West Orange Grove and White Avenue; he stated that this issue has not been fixed; he expressed his frustration with past City Councils which he felt were ineffective.

M. Joyce Bakersmith, Pomona Optimist Club, informed the City Council that the Pomona Optimist Club has been active for over 60 years in the City of Pomona and they will be hosting a poker tournament with a \$60 buy-in that includes a meal and beverages; she stated the event is called the Irish Open and will be held at O'Donovan's with special guest Susie Q on March 11, 2017.

Councilmember Robledo informed that the work the Pomona Optimist Club does for the youth in the community is well worth the effort to attend.

John Mendoza, Pomona, inquired how much revenue is being spent in the City to pick up bulky items and the importance of informing the residents of local facilities available to dispose trash.

Mayor Sandoval informed that on March 18, 2017 Staff, Councilmembers and himself will be doing a community clean up and that it is a priority for the City; he also informed that large items are picked up six times a year per household.

Katie Hudson, Pomona, stated that she has twin children that are part of the special education program in the district; she acknowledged that there is a big community of families who are part of the special education program in the district but expressed that she still felt disconnected and alone. In an effort to change her situation she created a Facebook group called Pomona USD Special Ed Families Connect; she is attempting to gain awareness for her group and connect with other parents.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole recommended that Ms. Hudson speak with the director of the special education program in the district and Ms. Hudson informed she had been in touch with her.

Lucy Hodges-PVMHC, informed she is a nurse at the hospital and that the hospital is struggling to control two viruses one of the viruses is CDF and MRSA which are serious infections; she informed that ninety-seven patients contacted CDF while in the hospital and nine patients contacted MRSA; she expressed that hospital executives are not doing enough to protect patients and staff; she also informed that the CEO is refusing to recognize their democratic vote to form a union; she requested the City Council's support and asked that they contact the hospital CEO.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole commented that there needed to be a standard practice of hand washing in place at the hospital.

Councilmember Carrizosa stated she had previously signed a letter that had been sent to her; she stated that the hospital employs over two-hundred Pomona residents and it is important to support the people that live and work with the City.

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Alfredo L. Edmond, Pomona, expressed his gratitude for the clean up that had taken place on Caswell and San Francisco Ave; he informed he had noticed neighbors cleaning and he knows that the City can be transformed into something beautiful; he also thanked Councilmember Gonzalez for returning his call. -

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### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER TORRES, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Consent Calendar with Item No. 4 being pulled for discussion.**

**Aye:** 7 - Sandoval, Gonzalez, Robledo, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar, and Torres

1. The City Council approved the draft minutes of the regular meetings of January 9, 2017 and January 23, 2017

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

2. The City Council Adopted a Resolution approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the sale of Successor Agency property known as 340-350 Short Street, Pomona, California (APN's 8348-001-900 and 901) - Council District 1

RESOLUTION NO. SA 2017-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL SITTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, Approving A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 340 and 350 short street IN POMONA, CALIFORNIA (APNS 8348-001-900 AND 901, RESPECTIVELY), to THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC, for the purchase price of \$831,600

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

3. The City Council adopted a Resolution establishing a process to expedite Development Applications and approve on-call Planning and Environmental Consulting Services Master Agreements to support current planning, special projects, and environmental review as follows: Planning Services - MIG, Lilley Planning Group, and Civic Solutions; and Environmental Services - Applied Planning, Inc., Rincon Consultants, FirstCarbon Solutions, PlaceWorks, Dudek, and MIG

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR EXPEDITING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

4. Appropriate funding for the installation of fourteen (14) small naming plaques for fourteen wood carvings at Ganesha Park, appropriate funding for the purchase of two special dedication plaques, and review and approve the proposed wording for two special dedication plaques, and adopt a Resolution amending the adopted Fiscal Year 2016-17 operating budget by appropriating \$4,500 from General Fund Reserves, from previously donated funds from the Fairplex, for the Ganesha Park Wood Carving Plaques and Dedication Ceremony

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$4,500 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES FROM PREVIOUSLY DONATED FUNDS FROM THE FAIRPLEX, FOR THE GANESHA PARK WOOD CARVING PLAQUES AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

**This Item was pulled for discussion.**

5. The City Council reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016-17 General Fund Mid-Year Budget and Adopt a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Operating Budget

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA,



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**AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET**

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

6. The City Council authorized a one-year contract extension with Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 to provide services under the Pomona Homeless Outreach Services Program

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

7. The City Council adopted a Resolution amending the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-28**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

8. The City Council adopted a Resolution to Summarily Vacate the City's unused access easement over the real property located at 1748 Alameda Street, Assessor Parcel Number 8359-014-011, Vacation No. V-315 (Council District 6)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF THE CITY'S UNUSED ACCESS EASEMENT OVER THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1748 ALAMEDA STREET, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 8359-014-011, POMONA, CALIFORNIA, VACATION NO. V-315

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

9. The City Council adopted a Resolution approving a New Wireless Communications Subscriber Agreement between the City of Pomona Police Department and the California State Polytechnic (Cal Poly Pomona) University Police Department

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A NEW WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC (CAL POLY POMONA) UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

10. Approve a three (3) month extension of the Agreement with Eurofins Eaton Analytical for the laboratory analysis of water samples

**The City Council approved the Consent Calendar.**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

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Srini S Bhat, Pomona, requested that the City Council consider adding a statue of Ganesha in addition to the other sculptures at Ganesha Park; he gave a brief overview on the history of Ganesha.

Councilmember Gonzalez informed that he was in support of Mr. Bhat's request and would be working on this in the future.

Tony A. Cerda, Pomona, spoke on his support toward Debra Martin's sculpture project at Ganesha Park; he informed he was on the Historic Preservation Commission for ten years and had an interest to do something for the indigenous people living in the area; he stated Debra Martin was interested in helping and he was happy she was willing to do something.

Melissa Ayala, Pomona, informed she was there to speak on behalf of the committee, which has been preparing for this event the past two years, she requested the City Council's support on this item; and she explained that the committee was requesting a modification in the wording for the acknowledgement plaque, which would acknowledge all those involved in the project; she also emphasized that this project was privately funded by the Fairplex.

Gayle D Claiborn, Pomona, stated her support for the proposed wording read by Melissa Ayala for the acknowledgment plaque that will be at Ganesha Park. She informed that the Soroptimist Club of Claremont planted the Redwood trees many years ago and continues to give back to the City; and hopes they can be involved in the dedication of the sculptures.

Mickey Gallivan, Historical Society of Pomona, on behalf of the Historical Society wished to encourage the City Council to support the dedication ceremony to cover food, entertainment, and security; she also requested that the plaques not refer to the Native American burial grounds located at Ganesha Park; she informed that for the last twenty years the Historical Society has worked to protect those buried at Spadra Cemetery and have been unsuccessful; those buried at Palomares Cemetery have no protection; she informed that if those areas were marked it would encourage people to vandalize the area.

Claudia Bedolla, Pomona, informed she was in support of the dedication ceremony and emphasized the importance of the children knowing that the Native American community is part of Pomona. She requested that the names of the people and organizations that contributed be acknowledged on the plaques.

Gustavo Ramirez, Pomona, wished to acknowledge former councilmember Debra Martin, current Councilmember Gonzalez, Chief Tony Cerda, and all those that worked on the project for their hard work. He expressed his discontent with the wording on the first plaque because it excluded the Tongva Nation.

Sadie Phillips, PUSD Teacher, informed that former Councilmember Debra Martin had reached out to the students and expressed an interest in having the students come up with designs for the sculptures at

Ganesha Park, two of the students have gone off to college and they are looking forward to coming to the dedication ceremony; she expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Martin and the work she does to preserve Pomona history; she also requested the Council's support for this item.

Al Villanueva, Pomona, expressed his support for this item and asked the City Council to support the item but more specifically he requested that attachment No. 2 be used due to the wording; he informed Councilmember Gonzalez that he respects his opinion but felt that using the word indigenous would be more inclusive rather than Native American; he also spoke on the wording choices for the plaques and asked that they be changed in order to reflect correct terminology.

Councilmember Torres, stated he wanted to discussed this item due to the proposed language on the plaque and asked that the phrase "This community project was initiated by Pomona City Council woman Debra Martin and was approved by the City of Pomona on February 2016," be revised to say "The community project was initiated and approved by the Pomona City Council in February 2016; he stated that if one councilmember is going to be listed then all councilmembers should be mentioned including the new City Council.

Councilmember Gonzalez stated that in regards to the language proposed for the first plaque there were many changes proposed to him by Henry Salas and he wanted to be consistent with that was being taught in the fourth grade classes; he explained they were learning about Native Americans; he also explained the reasoning behind Mr. Salas' word choice and his opposition to the use of Catholic terminology on the plaque; he also informed that for the second plaque commemorating all those involved in the project he agreed that the students from Village Academy High School should be included but was opposed to his name on the plaque.

Councilmember Carrizosa expressed that she would support having the second plaque state that it was approved by the Pomona City Council and was privately funded.

Mayor Sandoval expressed that he respects his colleagues and acknowledged that many people and Mrs. Martin put in a lot of work to complete this project; he felt that there are many that go beyond their duty of their position and felt that should be acknowledged and those efforts should be validated.

Councilmember Carrizosa stated she recognized that former Councilmember Martin put in a lot of work for this project but she wanted to prevent problems in the future which the inclusion of the former City Council along with Mrs. Martin's names would avoid those problems, it would also acknowledge that the project was approved through a collaborative effort from the former City Council.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, to include the names of the former City Council, which would include Mrs. Debra Martin, on the plaque.**

Councilmember Torres requested that the plaque also honor the current City Council since he believed the project was incomplete and the new Council was being asked to continue the project.

Councilmember Carrizosa was not in agreement with Councilmember Torres because the project was already completed and felt it was appropriate to list only the former City Council.

Councilmember Robledo acknowledged former Councilmember Martin's passion and efforts to complete this project.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole also acknowledged the efforts from former Councilmember Martin to have this project completed and she requested that Mrs. Martin's name be listed first followed by the other councilmembers in order to recognize her efforts.

Councilmember Carrizosa stated she would amend her motion to reflect Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole's request.

Councilmember Gonzalez inquired if the additional organizations were to be listed on second plaque.

Commissioner Ayala read the list of organizations that the committee wanted to commemorate on the plaque and she provided the list to the City Clerk.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman suggested that the plaque state "This project involved the participation of," and list the people, groups and organizations that participated.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, CARRIED 6-1 (COUNCILMEMBER TORRES OPPOSED), to include the previous City Council, with former Councilmember Martin listed first, and include the various people, groups or organizations that participated.**

City Manager Lowry informed the Council that the motion had only included the second plaque.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman informed City Council that they could choose from the wording submitted by Councilmember Gonzalez and the request of the public speakers; the City Council could choose to resolve the issue or send the item back to Staff.

Councilmember Gonzalez stated it was important to get the plaque ordered in time for the April 22, 2017 event.

Councilmember Torres inquired if the concerns addressed today by the public speakers were going to be considered and stated he would want to ensure the correct language and terminology is used.

Councilmember Robledo inquired and City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman informed that the funds for the plaque could be allocated and the wording could be addressed at a later time; she also informed that the plaque needed to be ordered in a timely fashion considering there would be several groups participating in the dedication ceremony.

Deputy City Manager Mark Gluba informed the City Council that there were several emails discussing the language of the first plaque and because it is a sensitive matter Staff has not been involved; he informed that the plaque needed to be ordered in a timely manner to have it ready for the dedication ceremony.

Mayor Sandoval suggested that this item be postponed to the April 20, 2017 City Council meeting so that the language can be researched before making a decision on the wording of the first plaque.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ROBLEDO, SECOND COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, CARRIED 7-0, to postpone the approval of the dedication plaque to the Native American Tribes for further research on the wording. Motion failed for lack of a second.**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, CARRIED 6-1 (COUNCILMEMBER TORRES OPPOSED), verbiage to include "This project was approved by the Pomona City Council, followed by the previous Council's names, listing former Councilmember Martin first, and involved the Participation of: Pomona Cultural Arts Commission, The Eagle Scouts of Upland BSA Troop 623, Pomona Unified School District students, Artist John Mahoney, and the Soroptimist, International of Pomona / Claremont and it was funded by private donations.**

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ROBLEDO, SECOND COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, CARRIED 7-0, to postpone the approval of the dedication plaque to the Native American Tribes, until the next City Council meeting on March 13, 2017, for further research on the wording.**

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**DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

11. Approve a Finding of Public Benefit to the Community at Large for recommended expenditures and recap final funding amounts for previously approved findings

## CURRENT REQUEST:

A) Amount to be determined to Simons Middle School in support of their SASEE program - Amount requested: TBD

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ROBLEDO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, CARRIED 7-0.**

**Aye:** 7 - Sandoval, Gonzalez, Robledo, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar, and Torres

12. Provide direction to Staff to bid for Construction of Phillips Paw Park (formerly known as Phillips Ranch Park - Dog Park), Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71033, with other County grant park projects

Mayor Sandoval read into the record the names of the following people that submitted a speaker card in support of Item No. 12 but did not wish to speak:

Katie Hudson	Remington A. Cordova
Victoria Hemming	Ryan Hemming
Jonathan Hemming	Emily Hemming
Helen M. Contreras	Alexis D. Cruz
Zubin Peer	Raymond Ramirez
Chris Janda	Calin Patice
Nizi Pigott	Wendy A. Johnson
Enedina Vera	Edgar Miranda & Angie Ayles
Erika Grajeda	Monica Grajeda
Isaac Ramirez	Ryan Martin
Anna Buck & Family	Heberto, Jennifer, Rebecca, Sophie, Emily, and Katherine Sanchez
Kevin Lin	Nick, John and Sue Green
GINNA ESCOBAR (Senior)	Alexis, Destiny and Helen Cruz
Sebastian Thorn	Manuel Arias
Ismael Arias	Maria De La Luz Arias
Dolores Alba	Dareel Nielson
Herbert Youssefian	Sam Sanaie
James Starr	Sofia F. Bisarra
Tammy Munguia	

The following people spoke in support of Item No. 12:

Monique Manzanares	Carolyn Hemming
Larry Egan	Gustavo Ramirez
M. Joyce Bakersmith	Daniella Macias
Victor Caceras	Kendra Buck
Jorge C. Yamzon	

Brigit Bisarra submitted a speaker card in support of Item No. 12 but was not present to speak.

The following people spoke in opposition of Item No. 12

Jose Aldrete	Cynthia Marino
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Brian Mundy

Eric R. Trypucko

Councilmember Escobar gave a brief presentation on this item and explained that the location and the amenities that will be available at the park.

Pat Schmidt, Pomona, stated that the dog park location will be near where children play, where families barbeque and there could be a potential smell, she inquired if anyone had looked into that; she expressed that she did not feel that there would be adequate parking in the area.

Councilmember Escobar informed that she did not think parking would be an issue and that the city was looking to work with the school district to make parking available.

Councilmember Robledo thanked the community for coming to express their opinion and stated she believes concerns that were coming up are in regards to the location; she informed that she happened to like the location but she could understand the concern that it is near the snack bar but the dog park will be fenced and it should not be an issue; she stated that she wants to have a vote of confidence that Staff and residents will keep the park clean; Councilmember Robledo also expressed that it is never the Council's intent to deter the youth from taking on opportunities in leadership programs or the opportunity to learn sportsmanship and she opined that the park was small enough where AYSO could still utilize the park; she expressed her gratitude to Principal Norwood for looking into the issue with the gophers and felt that the dogs could help deter the gopher problem; Councilmember Robledo also spoke on the strict timeline that the City has to use the funds available and if postponed the City could potentially lose the money.

Councilmember Gonzalez stated he was aware there were several community meetings regarding this item and he is not a fan of stagnancy when it comes to projects in the City; he also informed that it is only ten (10) percent of the land at the park that will be used for the dog park; he also opined that the dog park could help the City of Pomona with the image problem it faces.

Mayor Sandoval noted that a concern of his had to do with the soccer fields and to make sure that the children would not be impacted he recognized that there is a limited number of soccer fields and that a stronger effort to have soccer fields is needed. Mayor Sandoval informed he has inquired with City Engineer Rene Guerrero and he had been informed that the dog park would not impact the soccer fields; the needs to improve the grounds is an important conversation to have between the City and the school district to ensure children and not being hurt; he also informed that Measure 8 passed and it will bring revenue for the parks and if this project is not passed it will impact city revenue; he also spoke on the availability of parking and should this item pass the parking issue will need to be a priority.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole expressed that the dog park was a great idea and it was important that Pomona begin to progress towards what other neighboring cities have and she felt confident this project will be successful; she also informed that in the future she would like to initiate a dog park in District 4; she commented that working with the Pomona Unified School District could solve the parking issue and hoped that people can recognize the need for a dog park.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, SECOND BY VICE MAYOR ROBLED0, CARRIED 7-0.**

**Aye:** 7 - Sandoval, Gonzalez, Robledo, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar, and Torres

**13. Provide Direction Regarding the Use of Excess RDA Bond Proceeds - Alleys and Residential Streets**

Councilmember Carrizosa requested that the City Council approve to spend some of the excess RDA Bond funds to repair alleys that are adjacent to the DMV, Tacos Mexico, and two major alleys by the Angela Chanslor apartments, because they are in bad condition, have not been improved in many years, and located in impoverished communities which is an incentive to create more blight.

Councilmember Robledo informed that she had a conversation with Staff regarding items listed on pages two and four of the Staff report and is aware that there may be opportunity for leeway with Council recommendation; she expressed that it would prove to be beneficial to repair the alleyways but it is necessary to know what the Council would be approving.

Councilmember Carrizosa stated it was a concern for public health and safety because people are congregating in the alleys and it could impede the police department from patrolling in the alleys if they are unable to drive through the alleys.

Mayor Sandoval acknowledged that there is a need to repair the alleys but stated he had some questions for the City Attorney regarding any risks Council may face if they approve the request as it relates to the law and what the City agreed to with the bonds.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman informed there is limited risk and he opined that it would meet any test of challenge because the bond company is only concerned with receiving their money; and the State could question the use but the Finance department has already informed that this money could be used for this project because it falls within merged project areas and must not be a residential alley. He informed that he had met with Councilmember Carrizosa and staff in where they determined her recommendation would meet the criteria.

Mayor Sandoval inquired and City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman informed that it is a Council decision and they can provide guidance but it is a matter of policy decision made by the City Council.

Councilmember Carrizosa clarified that it is District 3's RDA money but she needs Council's approval in order to use it.

Councilmember Torres requested a summary of how councilmembers have spent their RDA funds on and for further information on how these funds are allocated.

City Manager Lowry gave Councilmember Torres a brief explanation on how the bond money is spent and the timeline that the City needs to use the bond money to prevent losing the funds.

Councilmember Torres reiterated his request to view a summary of how each district allocated the funds.

Councilmember Gonzalez expressed his support for Councilmember Carrizosa's request.

Mayor Sandoval stated he was also in support of Councilmember Carrizosa's request.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, CARRIED 7-0, to allocate Councilmember Carrizosa's Excess of RDA Bonds Proceeds to repair the alley directly across the DMV, the alley behind Tacos Mexico, and two major alleys within the Angela & Chanslor apartments.**

**Aye:** 7 - Sandoval, Gonzalez, Robledo, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar, and Torres

- 14.** Adopt a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY)2016-17 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by creating a new CIP Project, either "Mission Boulevard Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71046 OR "Holt Avenue Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-71047, appropriating excess RDA Bond Proceeds in the amount of \$7,517,970, and reappropriating \$141,000 of CDBG Funds from "Street Improvements - Citywide (CDBG) (FY 2015-16/2017-18)," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-64807 to "Street



Rehabilitation - Districts 2 and 3," Project No. 428-2590-XXXXX-67914

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

A Resolution Amending the FY16-17 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Creating A NEW CIP PROJECT "Mission Boulevard Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71046; appropriating \$7,164,970 of Excess RDA Series "ax" (FORMERLY SERIES "ai") Bond Proceeds to "Mission Boulevard Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71046; Appropriating \$353,000 of Excess RDA Series "AX" (formerly Series "AI") Bond Proceeds to "Street Improvements - Citywide (CDBG) (FY 2015-16/2017-18)," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-64807; AND Reappropriating \$141,000 of CDBG Funds from "Street Improvements - Citywide (CDBG) (FY 2015-16/2017-18)," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-64807 To Street Rehabilitation - District 2 AND 3, Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-67914

OR

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31

A Resolution Amending the FY16-17 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by Creating A NEW CIP PROJECT "Holt Avenue Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71047" and appropriating \$7,164,970 of Excess RDA Series "ax" (FORMERLY SERIES "ai") Bond Proceeds to "Holt Avenue Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71047; APPROPRIATING \$353,000 OF EXCESS RDA SERIES "AX" (FORMERLY SERIES "AI") BOND PROCEEDS TO "STREET IMPROVEMENTS - CITYWIDE (CDBG) (FY 2015-16/2017-18)," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-64807; AND REAPPROPRIATING \$141,000 OF CDBG FUNDS FROM "STREET IMPROVEMENTS - CITYWIDE (CDBG) (FY 2015-16/2017-18)," PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-64807 TO STREET REHABILITATION - DISTRICT 2 AND 3, PROJECT NO. 428-2590-XXXXX-67914

Lori A. Langrell submitted a speaker card in support of this item but had to leave and was not present to speak.

Mayor Sandoval congratulated Meg McWade on her promotion to Public Works Director.

Public Works Director Meg McWade gave a brief presentation on this item.

Councilmember Robledo inquired if there had been a consensus to use the funds for specific corridors.

Councilmember Carrizosa inquired and Public Works Director informed that it is possible that the estimates are lower and whatever the difference is would be used to complete more segments.

Councilmember Carrizosa expressed that her concern is Mission Blvd. because of the condition of the street and feels it is the worst looking; she informed trees had been planted but later stolen and she felt that the most practical and long lasting decision would be from East Mission reaching to Reservoir Street.

Councilmember Gonzalez stated he met with Public Works and informed his decision would be to use the funds for H2.

Mayor Sandoval stated that the information provided by Staff shows that West Holt and East Mission were in the worse condition; H1 would be completed in a few years and the possibility of Councilmember

Gonzalez of using his money to improve Holt Ave it would provide greater leverage for the City to have an impact on the corridor and it makes better use of the funds.

Councilmember Robledo informed that her funds would be going towards Mission.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBLEDO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBLEDO, to use Resolution B.**

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole stated that having a median on Holt would make the streets narrower and considering the traffic on the street it is concerning to her; she also informed that she was not in favor of the median or having palm trees on Holt Blvd; she also inquired if it was possible to use the bond funds to put lighting in the alley so that residents can make use of their alley access if there were any extra funds.

Councilmember Carrizosa expressed her disagreement with the motion and stated that both Holt and Mission need improvement, she informed that prior to this the majority of the money was going to be used for the parking structure and she was hoping the Council would choose to improve Mission rather than Holt.

Mayor Sandoval clarified that only a portion of the funds were to be used towards the parking structure project and there was never an intention to use all the RDA funds; he felt that choosing to improve Holt would be a major step forward for a heavily traveled boulevard.

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR ROBLEDO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ, CARRIED 7-0, to adopt Resolution No. 201-30 amending the FY16-17 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget by creating a new CIP project "Holt Avenue Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71047" and appropriating \$7,164,970 of excess RDA series "AX" (formerly series "AI") bond proceeds to "Holt Avenue Reconstruction," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71047; appropriating \$353,000 of excess RDA series "AX" (formerly series "AI") bond proceeds to "Street improvements - citywide (CDBG) (FY 2015-16/2017-18)," project no. 428-2590-xxxxx-64807; and reappropriating \$141,000 of CDBG funds from "Street Improvements - citywide (CDBG) (Fiscal Year 2015-16/2017-18)," Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-64807 to street rehabilitation - District 2 and 3, Project no. 428-2590-xxxxx-67914**

**Aye:** 7 - Sandoval, Gonzalez, Robledo, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar, and Torres

**14A.** Direct Staff regarding what role, if any, the City should take in providing childcare during the City's community recreation classes, and specifically, during the City's English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Renacimiento Community Center

Councilmember Carrizosa explained that a parent had asked during the ESL classes if the room next door to the classroom could be opened to allow the children to play.

Councilmember Robledo stated it would be appropriate to set guidelines in place for all the centers in the city if childcare were necessary in the future.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman informed that Staff can draft a report for future council consideration that includes protection for the City.

Councilmember Carrizosa clarified that the parents did not request childcare and just requested if the neighboring room could be opened.

Mayor Sandoval requested that Staff explore the policy that the school district has in place.

Councilmember Escobar suggested having a waiver of liability signed.

City Manager Lowry informed that there is a Hold Harmless policy in place and that there are arrangements made with contractors but when it comes to childcare the policy would be different.

**The City Council directed Staff to compile a list of guidelines for future use regarding child care at City community centers.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

15. The City Council adopted a Resolution approving the City of Pomona Housing Authority's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Annual Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY, APPROVING THE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBLEDO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, to open the Public Hearing.**

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ROBLEDO, to close the Public Hearing.**

Councilmember Carrizosa inquired and Housing Director Benita Defrank informed that the waiting list is purged every eighteen months and explained the processing of opening and closing the waiting list.

Councilmember Robledo inquired and Housing Director Benita Defrank informed that one staff member is responsible for the waiting list.

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARRIZOSA, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER ESCOBAR, CARRIED 7-0.**

**Aye:** 7 - Sandoval, Gonzalez, Robledo, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar, and Torres

**MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Robledo requested that the Parks Department inventory the plaques and put them on a digital file for future reference.

Councilmember Gonzalez inquired if there could be a special meeting to decide on the wording of the second plaque.

Councilmember Torres informed that he overheard a complaint at the library regarding the absence of changing tables for children. Deputy City Manager informed that the changing tables had been delivered last week.

Councilmember Gonzalez offered his assistance to the Chief Capraro in regards to capturing the killer of Jonah Hwang.

Mayor Sandoval reminded everyone that tomorrow was an election day and encouraged everyone to vote on Measure H; he also informed that he and Chief Capraro would be wrapping up Coffee with the Mayor, and informed every one of the upcoming district community meetings with each councilmember; he stated the purpose of the meetings was to update everyone on the homeless plan and city finances; lastly he

informed of the community cleanup taking place on March 18, 2017.

City Manager Lowry encouraged Council to inform administration when they propose dates for community meetings so that they can ensure that all Staff that is needed at the meeting is available.

Councilmember Ontiveros-Cole informed that on March 22, 2017 she will be holding a community meeting focusing on park and recreation, Code Enforcement will be present and a representative from Public Works will be present.

Councilmember Escobar congratulated Public Works Director on her promotion and requested an update on the landscape list.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

11:02 P.M.