



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1. **Field Renovation – Parks and Natural Resources:**

According to Ara Maloyan, Director of Public Works, The Department of Public Works, Parks and Natural Resources Division (PNR), is responsible for maintaining the athletic turf fields throughout the City of Pasadena. The division's agronomics crew leads the turf renovation efforts, often partnering up with maintenance and irrigation crews to ensure the field renovation is successful.



The renovation of a field is comprised of the following key components: aerification, overseeding, fertilization, and calibration of the irrigation system. Aerification is the process of creating air space in the soil to promote healthy rooting systems for turf. Overseeding is the planting of grass seed directly into existing turf without tearing up the turf. Fertilization is the process of supplementing the nutrients necessary to strengthen critical components in the soil to promote a healthy root system. If needed, irrigation adjustments happen prior to the overseeding process; this ensures that the newly planted seeds have sufficient water to properly establish.

Since the start of Fiscal Year 2019, PNR has successfully renovated turf areas at the Gamble House and the following athletic fields: Jackie Robinson Stadium, Brookside Diamond 1 & 2, Hahamongna Watershed Park Multi-Purpose Field, Villa Park Multi-Purpose Field, Victory Park Upper, Victory Park Lower, Vina Vieja Large Dog Park & Vina Vieja Small Dog Park.

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2. Procurement Report Follow-Up:

According to Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, on December 3, 2018, the Department of Finance presented an annual procurement report for calendar years 2015, 2016, and 2017 to the full City Council. Staff reported facilitating eight outreach events as well as ongoing one-on-one meetings with Pasadena businesses. Four of the events were designed to target Pasadena businesses.

During the City Council meeting, a question was raised regarding how many of the Pasadena businesses that attended the outreach events were also successful in doing business with the City. Staff was able to identify more than 70 contracts awarded in calendar years 2015, 2016, and 2017 to eight Pasadena businesses which also attended an outreach event with the City.

The contract awards included the following commodities:

- Automotive Repair
- Catering
- Engineering
- Geotechnical Services
- Material Testing
- Marketing/Media
- Office Supplies/Office Equipment
- On Call Special Inspection

As a follow-up to the outreach efforts, if barriers to doing business with the City are identified by a Pasadena business, staff will make referrals to local technical assistance providers including the Small Business Development Center. These efforts are designed to help prepare Pasadena businesses to compete for the City's formal (\$25,000 or more) and informal (less than \$25,000) purchasing opportunities.

3. Senate Bill No. 50:

On December 3, 2018, San Francisco Senator, Scott Wiener, introduced Senate Bill 50 (SB 50), also known as the More HOMES Act (Housing, Opportunity, Mobility, Equity, and Stability). SB 50 is a zoning reform bill, intended to allow more housing near public transportation and job centers. It is modeled after Senate Bill 827, which Senator Wiener introduced earlier this year but did not advance out of committee.

If passed, SB 50 would require local jurisdictions to grant, upon request, by-right development standard waivers for density, height, FAR, parking, or other provisions, to applicants proposing residential development near high quality transit (within ½ mile of fixed rail and ¼ mile of high-frequency bus stops) and in job-rich areas. Projects must meet certain criteria in order to be eligible, including being located in a zone that allows housing as a use, compliance with design standards, and a requirement that the site does not contain, or has not contained, housing occupied by tenants within the seven years preceding the application. For projects that meet all the criteria and

are located near high quality transit and job-rich areas, local jurisdictions would no longer be able to limit density (i.e., prohibit multi-family development), even in single-family residential zones.

According to David M. Reyes, Director of Planning & Community Development Department, the planning staff has concerns about SB 50, as Pasadena currently has a set of carefully crafted development regulations that allow an appropriate amount of development intensity in areas close to transit and jobs, while also encouraging a vibrant mix of residential and commercial uses. The General Plan also has goals and policies aimed at targeting growth away from residential areas, and focusing development within the Central District, transit villages, and along commercial corridors. As written, SB 50 would override these policies, allow developers to exceed locally established development regulations, and eliminate the ability for public participation in the review and approval of qualifying projects.

The bill will be set for a committee hearing in the coming months.

Season's Greetings,



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