

**CITY OF PASADENA
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES
PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBER – ROOM S249
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING**

The meeting was convened and held virtually by videoconference/teleconference.

OPENING

The Chair called the special meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee to order at 4:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Steve Madison
Mayor Victor M. Gordo
Councilmember Gene Masuda

Staff:

Bill Huang, Director of Housing
Jeffrey Kightlinger, Interim General Manager of Water and Power

Miguel Márquez, City Manager
Javan Rad, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Guess, Legislative Affairs Manager
Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councilmember Masuda, seconded by Mayor Gordo, to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022 (special meeting), June 28, 2022 (special meeting), July 26, 2022 (cancellation), August 23, 2022 (cancellation), as submitted.

AYES: Councilmembers Masuda, Mayor Gordo, Chair Madison
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF CLIMATE ACTION BILLS

Jennifer Guess, Legislative Affairs Manager, introduced the agenda item, and Kyra Ross, State Legislative advocate for the City, provided a PowerPoint presentation on California climate action legislation, and responded to questions.

Chair Madison spoke on the importance of California Bill 1020 (SB 1020 Clean Energy, Jobs, and Affordability Act of 2022 including support from the state and federal governments; and advocated for elevating SB1020 on the committee's legislative platform.

Following discussion and on the order of the Chair, the information was received and filed.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF SB 959 PORTANTINO; SURPLUS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY: USE OF FUNDS: PRIORITIES AND PROCEDURES

Bill Huang, Director of Housing, introduced the agenda item, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions. Director Huang also thanked Dominick Correy and Kristi Lopez, District Representatives for Senator Portantino, for attending the meeting and being available to answer the committee's questions.

Mayor Gordo thanked staff for the presentation in addressing the vacant residential properties and their thoughtful approach in working with Senator Portantino.

In response to Councilmember Masuda's question regarding zoning areas and affordable housing, Director Huang shared that any multifamily affordable housing would have to be built in a multifamily zone, therefore multifamily housing would not be built in single family residential neighborhoods, and California Senate Bill 959 (SB 959) requires that affordable housing be built in the Highest Resource or High Resource Areas, with parcels having the correct zoning.

Chair Madison commented on the volatility of the housing market, the unknown condition of the surplus residential properties, and received confirmation from staff that it is possible to combine the sales net proceeds from the vacant Caltrans-owned single-family homes to generate funds for affordable housing if sold "as is" at market rate with a three to one ratio of three affordable units produced for one market rate unit that is sold.

Following discussion and on the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Committee, the information was received and filed.

NOVEMBER 2022 BALLOT MEASURES

Jennifer Guess, Legislative Affairs Manager, introduced the agenda item and provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing ballot measures that will appear on the November 8, 2022, General Election ballot, and responded to questions.

The Committee discussed the measures noted below and recommended that the City Council take a formal position on the following:

Local Measures:

- Measure L – Support
- Measure PCC – Support

Los Angeles County Measures:

- Measure A – Oppose
- Measure C – Support

State of California Propositions:

- Proposition 1 – Support
- Proposition 31 – Support

The Committee proposed a neutral stance on the following propositions:

State of California Propositions:

- Proposition 26 – No Recommendation
- Proposition 27 – No Recommendation
- Proposition 28 – No Recommendation
- Proposition 29 – No Recommendation
- Proposition 30 – No Recommendation

Following discussion, it was moved by Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to recommend support for Measures L and PCC, State Propositions 1 and 31, and Los Angeles County Measure C, and forward the item to the City Council for discussion and consideration:

AYES:	Councilmember Masuda, Mayor Gordo, Chair Madison
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Councilmember Madison recused himself at 5:35 p.m., due to a potential conflict and left the meeting.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mayor Gordo, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, for the Committee to oppose County Measure A, and forward the item to the City Council for discussion and consideration:

AYES:	Councilmember Masuda, Mayor Gordo
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Chair Madison
ABSTAIN:	None

The Committee asked staff to confirm with the City Attorney's Office if the City is required to take an official position of support on Measure L, as City staff is the author of the measure.

INFORMATION ONLY

BRIEFING BY DAVID JONES AND KYRA EMANUELS ROSS ON STATE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

David Jones and Kyra Emanuels Ross, State Legislative advocates for the City, provided an update on the state and local legislative matters listed below and responded to questions:

- State revenues are down 8.48% two months into the state budget year;
- Governor Newsom vetoed AB 1951 (Grayson), sales and use tax, exemptions (manufacturing);
- Governor Newsom signed SB 1338 (Umberg), CARE Court Program;
- Housing bills on Governor's desk with September 30 deadline: SB 6 (Caballero), AB 2011 (Wicks), SB 897 (Wieckowski), AB 2234 (Rivas), and AB 2097 (Friedman);
- Referendum to reverse SB 1137 (Gonzalez); and
- Referendum to reverse AB 257 (Holden)

Mayor Gordo was excused and disconnected from the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Following discussion and on the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Committee, the information was received and filed.

BRIEFING BY CHRIS GIGLIO ON FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Chris Giglio, Federal Legislative advocate for the City, provided an update on the federal legislative matters listed below and answered questions on the following topics:

- Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (HR 5376) was signed into law August 16, 2022:
 - Allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices;
 - Cap out of pocket prescription drug costs under Medicare at \$2,000 per year;
 - Extend expiring Affordable Care Act subsidies;
 - Enact an array of tax credits and grant programs to address climate change and improve climate resilience;
 - Make changes to the tax code to offset the bill's costs and reduce the deficit;
 - Increase funding for the Internal Revenue Service;
 - \$3.2 billion for Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program (Department of Transportation);
 - \$4 billion for High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (Department of Energy);
 - \$1 billion for Building Energy Code Adoption (Department of Energy);
 - \$1 billion for energy and water efficiency projects in affordable housing (Department of Housing and Urban Development);
 - \$2.6 billion for competitive grants for restoration of coastal and marine habitats (Department of Commerce);
 - \$2.2 billion for Forestry Conservation/Tree planting programs (Department of Agriculture);
 - \$4 billion for grants for drought mitigation activities (Department of the Interior); and
 - Clean Energy tax credits
- New Programmatic Funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):
 - \$27 billion for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund;
 - \$5 billion for Climate Pollution Grand Reduction Grant Program;
 - \$3 billion for Environmental Justice Block Grant; and
 - \$1 billion for Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Program

Following discussion and on the order of the Chair, and by consensus of the Committee, the information was received and filed.

ANNUAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 AND WORK PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023 FOR:

- a. Accessibility and Disability Commission
- b. Commission on the Status of Women
- c. Environmental Advisory Commission
- d. Human Relations Commission

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PAST AGENDAS FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

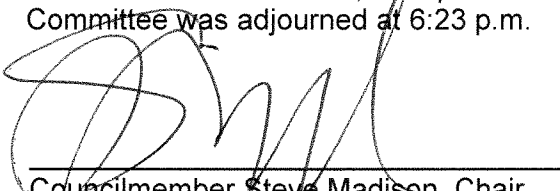
- a. Accessibility and Disability Commission – August 23, 2022
- b. Arts & Culture Commission – July 14, 2022, July 21, 2022, July 28, 2022, September 8, 2022
- c. Code Enforcement Commission – July 7, 2022
- d. Commission on the Status of Women – July 6, 2022, September 7, 2022
- e. Community Police Oversight Commission – July 7, 2022, August 4, 2022, September 1, 2022
- f. Deferred Compensation Committee – August 2, 2022
- g. Design Commission – June 28, 2022, July 12, 2022, July 26, 2022, August 23, 2022, September 13, 2022
- h. Early Childhood Development & Early Learning Task Force – July 6, 2022, July 20, 2022, August 3, 2022, August 17, 2022, September 7, 2022, September 21, 2022
- i. Environmental Advisory Commission – August 9, 2022
- j. Fire & Police Retirement – July 20, 2022, September 21, 2022
- k. Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee – June 28, 2022, July 26, 2022
- l. Historic Preservation Commission – July 5, 2022, July 19, 2022, August 2, 2022, September 20, 2022
- m. Human Relations Commission – July 12, 2022, September 6, 2022
- n. Human Services Commission – July 13, 2022, August 10, 2022, September 14, 2022
- o. Library Commission – August 17, 2022, September 21, 2022
- p. Northwest Commission – July 12, 2022, August 9, 2022, September 13, 2022
- q. Old Pasadena Parking Meter Zone Advisory Commission – July 21, 2022
- r. Planning Commission – June 29, 2022, July 13, 2022, July 27, 2022, August 10, 2022, August 24, 2022, September 14, 2022
- s. Recreation and Parks Commission – August 9, 2022
- t. Senior Commission – July 12, 2022, August 9, 2022, September 13, 2022
- u. South Lake Parking Place Commission – July 28, 2022
- v. Transportation Advisory Commission – July 28, 2022, August 24, 2022, September 22, 2022
- w. Urban Forestry Advisory Committee – July 13, 2022, July 27, 2022, September 14, 2022

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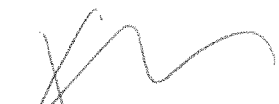
ADJOURNMENT

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:



Councilmember Steve Madison, Chair
Legislative Policy Committee



Tamer Sabha
Recording Secretary