CITY OF PASADENA
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER S249
OCTOBER 3, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING

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

OPENING Chair Mayor Gordo called the special meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 3:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Victor M. Gordo (Chair)
Vice Mayor Andy Wilson
Councilmember Felicia Williams

Staff: Miguel Márquez, City Manager
David Reyes, Acting Assistant City Manager
Lisa Hosey, Assistant City Attorney
Matthew Hawkesworth, Director of Finance
Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works
Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Director of Transportation
Brenda Harvey-Williams, Director Parks Recreation and Community Service
Lisa Derderian, Public Information Officer
Shari Thomas, Assistant General Manager
Jim Wong, Senior Project Manager
Tim Park, Budget Administrator
Flora Karmiryan, Principal Administrative Analyst
Jonathan Paul, Principal Administrative Analyst
Phyllis Hallowell, Management Analyst
Mellissa Gray, Management Analyst
Vic Erganian, Deputy Director of Finance/City Treasurer
Sandra Campos, Acting Recording Secretary

Guests: Michael Ross, Chief Executive Officer, Pasadena Center Operating Company

OLD BUSINESS **OPERATING COMPANY AGREEMENTS AND REVENUE MEASURES MEMO**

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Matthew Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided introductory comments. The memo is a follow up to the August 8, 2022, meeting discussion.

Councilmember Williams inquired about the process that was used to identify the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) as the recipient of the Transient Occupancy Tax and the Tourism Business Improvement District revenue that is provided for the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) for some of their community events. Lastly, Councilmember Williams requested staff provide a table in future reporting that compares the revenue sources and limits if any for the PCOC, RBOC, and the Pasadena Community Access Corporation.

Chair Gordo reminded the Committee that the operating companies were created to act as independent bodies and expressed concern about micromanaging. He also asked that the Finance Committee, City staff and staff from the operating companies meet to discuss financial revenue sources and debt obligations.

Vice Mayor Wilson asked about the bonding capacity for the expansion of the Pasadena Convention Center. Mr. Hawkesworth stated that the bonds use City-owned property as collateral.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson seconded by, Councilmember Williams, to approve staff's recommendation and forward the item to the City Council for consideration:

AYES :	Chair Gordo, Vice Mayor Wilson Councilmember Williams
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTION TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.24 TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S ABILITY TO PERMIT AND REGULATE ALARM SYSTEMS AND RELATED FALSE ALARM ACTIVATIONS

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Matthew Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor Wilson inquired about the methodology of going from 4-years to one-year and requested a five-year history of outstanding alarm permits and the revenue stream.

Councilmember Williams asked about the outreach to inform residents/businesses of the transition to the new model and about the policy regarding false alarm fees Mr. Hawkesworth will work with the vendor to set up an outreach campaign and stated that residents/businesses who have a permitted alarm are allowed one false

alarm while those who do not have a permit are fined on the first incident.

Chair Gordo suggested considering an audit of existing alarm companies since they rely on City resources to respond. He also suggested waiving the penalty fee for companies who come forward and pay for their alarm permits, this should be part of the outreach campaign.

Following a brief discussion, it was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve staff's recommendation and forward the item to the City Council for consideration:

AYES :	Chair Gordo, Vice Mayor Wilson Councilmember Williams
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2023 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET

Mayor Gordo introduced the item and Jonathan Paul, Principal Administrative Analyst, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Williams, to approve staff's recommendation and forward the item to the City Council for consideration:

AYES:	Chair Gordo, Councilmember Williams, Vice Mayor Wilson
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

INFORMATION ONLY

REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM JULY 2022 PENSION VALUATIONS AND FUTURE FORECAST

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Matthew Hawkesworth, Director of Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Chair Gordo expressed concern over the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) investment strategy, which is extremely risky and could negatively impact members and municipalities. Chair Gordo asked staff to monitor CalPERS actions and suggested the City

send a second letter to the CalPERS board president expressing concern, if needed. In addition, he asked staff to provide data indicating the ratio of Public Employee Pension Reform Act versus Classic Members. Mr. Hawkesworth will provide the data at a subsequent Finance Committee Meeting.

Councilmember Williams requested staff to provide the data for the Rose Bowl Operating Company's unfunded accrued liability, at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

On the order of the Chair and consensus of the Committee, the item was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Finance Committee was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor Victor Gordo, Chair
Finance Committee

Gloria Acevedo
Recording Secretary