CITY OF PASADENA
JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND/OR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER S249
APRIL 24, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING Chair Gordo called the special meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 2:49 p.m. A joint meeting with the City Council was not held due to a lack of quorum of the City Council.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Victor M. Gordo (Chair)
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Vice Mayor Felicia Williams (Absent)

Staff:
Miguel Márquez, City Manager
David Reyes, Assistant City Manager
Brenda Harvey-Williams, Assistant City Manger
Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney
Matthew Hawkesworth, Director of Finance
Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works
Phyllis Hallowell, Management Analyst V
Vic Erganian, Deputy Director of Finance/City Treasurer
Lola Osborne, Acting Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Director of Transportation
Sebastian Hernandez, Principal Planner
Phillip LeClair, Chief Information Officer Information Technology
Richard Yee, Principal Engineer
Nadar Asmar, Principal Engineer
Brent Maue, Assistant City Engineer
Gloria Acevedo, Recording Secretary

Guests:
Michael Ross, Chief Executive Officer, Pasadena Center Operating Company
Jens Weiden, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager, Rose Bowl Operating Company
Jenessa Castillo, Chief Operations Officer, Rose Bowl Operating Company
Mo Salama, Chief Financial Officer, Rose Bowl Operating Company

NEW BUSINESS

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2028 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

PUBLIC WORKS

Tony Olmos, Director of Public Works, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Chair Gordo suggested for staff to prioritize the following:

- Adding sport field improvements at all parks to future Capital Improvement Project forecasting and suggested to seek out grant opportunities and possible partnerships with the Pasadena Unified School District.
- Set up a joint meeting with the Los Angeles County director of sanitation to seek out funding opportunities for the storm drain repairs.
- Examine the condition of the truncated domes specifically the one in the Playhouse District that seems to have caved-in. Mr. Olmos committed staff to the repairs at that location and to the inspection of truncated domes throughout the City.
- Seek work/partnership and Measure W funding opportunities with entities that have rights to the water basin.
- Reach out to the Rose Bowl Operating Company about considering storm water capture and storage at the golf course.

Councilmember Hampton thanked staff for their report and for their efforts. He continued to echo Chair Gordo's request for the prioritization of repairs to park sports facilities. Councilmember Hampton would also like to see fitness equipment added to City parks, in particular at La Pintoresca Park and Victory Park, as those parks have high attendance. Lastly, Councilmember Hampton mentioned there are no basketball courts at Brookside Park and expressed concern for accessibility at City Parks, he stated that City parks should have apparatus that is accessible to all who want to use the facilities.

DEPARATMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Phillip LeClair, Chief Information Officer Information Technology, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton thanked Mr. Leclair for the work being done in Parks related to free Wi-Fi availability and asked if there were plans to expand free Wi-Fi service to the business districts. Mr. Leclair shared that Free Wi-Fi is available in the Old Pasadena Business District as part of an agreement with AT&T; however, AT&T seems to be fading out these types of agreements. The department is assessing the

feasibility to provide broadband services to under-served and unserved businesses in and around the City's business districts. Councilmember Hampton asked for staff to research the feasibility of offering free Wi-Fi service on buses.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Director of Transportation, and Nader Asmar, Principal Engineer, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Chair Gordo requested for staff to provide the Finance Committee with the planning schedule of projects that are in the queue and emphasized the importance of outreach efforts to residents and businesses.

Councilmember Hampton advocated for improvements at the intersection of Rosemont Avenue and Seco Street as there is no sidewalk or cross walk at that location. He requested clarification of the impact the proposed project may have at Pasadena Avenue and St. John Street to the future redevelopment of the 710 stub. Staff committed to conducting a study of the intersection on Rosemont Avenue and Seco Street and assured Councilmember Hampton that the work being done at Pasadena Avenue and St. John Street are legacy projects that will have zero impact on the future redevelopment of the 710 stub.

Councilmember Hampton suggested for staff to reach out to neighboring cities about interest in collaborating on the hydrogen fuel cell project and stated that it is important to have a fleet with a mix of electric and hydrogen fuel cells to improve reliability.

PASADENA WATER AND POWER

The presentation was moved to the April 24, 2023 City Council Meeting.

PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY IMPROVEMENTS

Michael Ross, Chief Executive Officer, Pasadena Center Operating Company, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton thanked staff for their efforts and considered the increase in the Tourism Business Improvement District as a benefit to the City.

Chair Gordo recommended for the Rose Bowl Operating Company and the Pasadena Center Operating Company to engage with the City regarding the feasibility of private loans from the City to fund income generating opportunities associated with site improvements. Councilmember Hampton echoed Chair Gordo's recommendation.

ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY IMPROVEMENTS

Jens Weiden, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager, Rose Bowl Operating Company, provided an outline of the agenda item and responded to questions. Jenessa Castillo, Chief Operations Officer, Rose Bowl Operating Company, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Gordo emphasized that the infrastructure improvements being proposed are precisely an example of projects that lend themselves for loans from the City and that strategic planning should be used to reduce the impact to the public.

Councilmember Hampton thanked Mr. Weiden for the work being done at the Rose Bowl Operating Company (RBOC) and asked if the popular field trip to the field program will start any time soon. Mr. Weiden commented that the RBOC staff is working on finding a sponsor to bring back the program. Chair Gordo echoed Councilmember Hampton's suggestion to bring back the field trip to the field program.

Following a brief discussion, 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 4:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor Victor Gordo, Chair
Finance Committee

Gloria Acevedo
Recording Secretary