CITY OF PASADENA
MEETING OF THE FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES
PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER S249
FEBRUARY 23, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING Chair Gordo called the special Meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Victor M. Gordo (Chair)
Councilmember Rick Cole
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (Absent)
Councilmember Gene Masuda

Staff: Miguel Márquez, City Manager
Karin Schnaider, Director of Finance
Arnold Lee, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Alex Souto, Deputy City Manager
Tim Park, Budget Administrator
Byanca Banaga, Senior Administrative Analyst
Jonathan Paul, Principal Administrative Analyst
Lynne Chaimowitz, Assistant General Manager, Water and Power
Michael Go, Financial Rate Analyst
Chad Augustin, Fire Chief
Stephanie Chang, Management Analyst V
Kimberly Siemen, Management Analyst V
Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Alex Hernandez, Assistant to the City Manager
Greg de Vinck, Director of Public Works
Brent Maue, City Engineer
Gloria Acevedo, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve the December 8, 2025, Special Meeting of the Finance Committee meeting minutes and the December 22, 2025, cancellation notice. (Motion Unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

OLD BUSINESS: **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RE-ADOPT WITHOUT CHANGES A POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES FOR OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AS MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES**

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Alex Souto, Deputy City Manager, provided a brief PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Masuda, asked if the existing telecommunications and cellular allowance had been eliminated? Mr. Souto responded that it was incorporated into the new office operations set up and security allowance.

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve staff's recommendation and forward the item to the City Council for consideration. (Motion Unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

INFORMATION ONLY: **FY 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – SECOND QUARTER MONITORING REPORT**

Chair Gordo introduced the item.

Councilmember Cole provided a comment on the following items:

- Municipal Buildings and Facilities
    - Item 1 - Fire Stations Renovation and Improvements: Explain the Design for Fire station 32. Brent Mau, City Engineer, shared that the redesign is for existing facility sleeping quarters, staff will provide a follow up with the specifics.
    - Item 15 - Roof replacement at City Facilities: look for solar opportunities while replacing roofs.
- Streets and Streetscapes
    - Item 6 – Colorado Street Bridge Barrier Enhancements – Design Phase: prolonging the design phase is very costly, a decision needs to be made.
    - Item 7 – Miscellaneous Sidewalk Repair Program: establish equitable policy on when residents pay for sidewalk repairs.
- Street Lightning and Electric Undergrounding
    - Items 1 and 2- Raymond Avenue (Raymond) and Mountain Street (Mountain) Electrical System Undergrounding: is the

City's high voltage undergrounding in fire zones taking up funding away from residential undergrounding program, are the Raymond and Mountain undergrounding projects moving forward. Lynne Chaimowitz, Assistant General Manager, Water and Power, confirmed the funding for the City's high voltage undergrounding in the fire zones will come from the Power Fund and the Raymond and Mountain projects will continue as scheduled.

- Traffic Operations, Traffic Signals, and ITS
  - Item 32 – Installation of Traffic Signal and Curb Extensions at Sierra Bonita Avenue and Orange Grove Boulevard: confirm project duration.
- Transit
  - Item 44 – Purchase of Replacement Transit Vehicles and Expansion Fixed - Route Transit Vehicles: Provide terminology clarification on fuel cell versus hydrogen buses.

Following a discussion, on the order of the Chair and consensus of the Finance Committee, the item was received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2026 ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET

Chair Gordo introduced the item.

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve staff's recommendation and forward the item to the City Council for consideration. (Motion Unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $218,505 IN MEASURE A FUNDS FOR THE HOMELESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM; AMEND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET BY RECOGNIZING THE SAME AMOUNT IN REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION

Chair Gordo introduced the item.

Councilmember Cole recommended a comprehensive review of all funding sources for homelessness, he suggested the new Housing, Homelessness and Planning Committee as the best place to have these discussions.

It was moved by Councilmember Cole, with the stipulation that the topic be brought to the Housing, Homelessness and Planning Committee, seconded by Councilmember Masuda, to approve staff's recommendation and forward the item to the City Council for consideration. (Motion Unanimously carried) (Absent: Councilmember Hampton)

ADJOURNMENT: On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the meeting of the Finance Committee was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo,
Chair Finance Committee

Gloria Acevedo
Recording Secretary