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 20, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING Chair Gordo called the special Meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 2:18 p.m. and the special meeting Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and/or City Council at 3:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Victor M. Gordo (Chair)
Councilmember Rick Cole
Councilmember Justin Jones (Absent)
Councilmember Jason Lyon (Absent)
Councilmember Steve Madison (Arrived at 3:07 p.m.)
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Tyron Hampton (Arrived at 3:20 p.m.)
Councilmember Jessica Rivas (Arrived at 2:39 p.m.)

Staff

Arnold Lee, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Michele Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor
Matthew Hawkesworth, Interim City Manager
Brenda Harvey-Williams, Assistant City Manager
Karin Schnaider, Director of Finance
Tim Park, Budget Administrator
Byanca Banaga, Senior Budget Analyst
Greg de Vinck, Director of Public Works
Brent Maue, City Engineer
Joaquin Siques, Director of Transportation
Phillip LeClair, Acting Assistant City Manager
Dan Augustyn, Management Analyst V
Phyllis Hallowell, Public Works Administrator
Ozzie Aranda, Management Analyst II
Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
Sandra Campos, Acting Recording Secretary

Guests:

Michael Ross, Chief Executive Officer, Pasadena Center Operating Company
Naz Sabripour, Executive Director, Pasadena Center Operating Company
Jens Weiden, Chief Executive Officer, Rose Bowl Operating Company
Derek Doolittle, General Manager, Rose Bowl Operating Company
Steve Haderlein, President, Rose Bowl Operating Company
Mo Salama, Chief Financial Offer, Rose Bowl Operating Company

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2027-2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

CIP OVERVIEW

Matthew Hawkesworth, Interim City Manager, provided an opening statement and described the approach taken in compiling this year's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

Chair Gordo introduced Greg de Vinck, Director of Public Works, who provided a brief overview of the CIP budget and how the department presentations will follow.

The following individuals provided a comment/suggestion on the matter.

The following individuals spoke against real-time crime centers in Pasadena and the lack of public discussion on many of the projects

Humaira
Yati

The following individuals advocated for turf installations

Samantha Martinez, Ten Cate
Chris Cordova
Beverly Bogar, West Pasadena Little League
Pete Escalera
Robert Miller, West Pasadena Little League

The following individuals advocated solar and battery installations

Cynthia Cannady, Pasadena 100
Diane Morgan
James Spencer, Pasadena 100

Councilmember Cole suggested a chart listing the realistic funding for each project alongside the actual need and stressed the need to develop long-term strategies for prioritizing projects, growing the economy, and improving efficiency.

Acting Recording Secretary Sandra Campos noted eight letters of correspondence were received for the item that were shared with the Committee, posted online, and made part of the public record for this item.

ROSE BOWL OPERATING COMPANY IMPROVEMENTS

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Derek Doolittle, General Manager, Rose Bowl Operating Company, presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Masuda commented on the south end improvement project progress and is looking forward to its completion.

Councilmember Cole suggested it would be helpful if all presentations addressed the projects that were not funded.

Chair Gordo commented that project priorities are addressed in public meetings and in partnership with the City.

Councilmember Madison praised the Rose Bowl Operating Company for their many accomplishments during the past 18 months, which kept the stadium competitive. Chair Gordo echoed Councilmember Madison's comment.

PASADENA CENTER OPERATING COMPANY IMPROVEMENTS

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Naz Sabripour, Executive Director, Pasadena Center Operating Company, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Cole asked about the sustainability level of commitment to these projects as related to reserves and if reserves are at a stable level. Michael Ross, Chief Executive Officer, Pasadena Center Operating Company, confirmed the Pasadena Center Operating Company (PCOC) has enough reserves to fund its projects. The PCOC was able to build its reserves due to reimbursements from the COVID - 19 pandemic and from the Eaton Fire.

Councilmember Madison inquired about the return of conventions. Mr. Ross confirmed that there has been an increase over the past two years.

Councilmember Hampton thanked the PCOC staff for their efforts, shared that the board is continuously looking at their vision plan, and recommended that councilmembers attend a convection.

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – TECHNOLOGY SECTION

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Phillip LeClair, Acting Assistant City Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Cole inquired about expanding broadband services to small businesses and real data to various City departments that could benefit from having the data in a centralized location.

Councilmember Hampton asked about the scheduling of public internet services for the 16 parks and suggested incentivizing free Wi-Fi in certain sections of the City.

Councilmember Masuda asked about the feasibility to install broadband services to parks in the remote sections of the City. Staff shared the limitations.

Chair Gordo stressed that in preparation for the Olympics, staff should look at putting in place an active investigation center and asking LA 28 to take part in the funding.

Councilmember Madison suggested for staff to establish a clear AI policy.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS & FACILITIES
- STREETS & STREETSCAPES
- SEWERS & STORM DRAINS
- STREET LIGHTING

Chair Gordo introduced the item and Greg de Vinck, Director of Public Works, provided a brief introduction and asked Brent Maue, City Engineer, to provide a PowerPoint presentation and respond to questions.

Councilmember Hampton inquired about the organic waste program and asked that a clear benefit to residents be presented along with providing information to the City Council.

Councilmember Cole asked for the status of the Colorado Street Bridge project, including costs up to now and if sufficient funding was available for its completion. He also asked for an explanation for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding versus general fund use for projects. Staff provided a breakdown of funds spent up to date and remaining funds available to complete the Colorado Street Bridge project and explained how CDBG funds are spent.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- TRANSPORTATION
- PARKING

Chair Gordo introduced Joaquin Siques, Director of Transportation, who provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions.

Councilmember Cole congratulated Mr. Siques and his staff for their efforts in securing a high number of grants.

The remaining agenda items along with questions for the Transportation presentation will continue May 4, 2026, at the City Council meeting.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- PARK & LANDSCAPING
- ARROYO PROJECTS

PASADENA WATER AND POWER

- WATER SYSTEMS
- ELECTRIC SYSTEMS
- STREET LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUNDING

ADJOURNMENT: On the order of the Chair, the special meeting of the Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee And/or City Council was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Victor M. Gordo

Mayor Victor Gordo, Chair
Finance Committee/City Council

Gloria Acevedo

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Recording Secretary