CITY OF PASADENA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
PASADENA CITY HALL
100 NORTH GARFIELD AVENUE
COUNCIL CHAMBER – ROOM S249
MAY 28, 2026
SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING

Vice Mayor Rivas called the special meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Mayor Jess Rivas, Chair
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember Justin Jones
Councilmember Steve Madison (Absent)

Staff:

Manuel Carmona, Director of Public Health
Eugene Harris, Police Chief
Koko Panossian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Karin Schnaider, Director of Finance
Kimberly Siemen, Management Analyst V
Nicholas Rodriguez, Assistant City Manager
Danielle St. Clair, Assistant City Attorney
Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

NEW BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE PASADENA HUMANE SOCIETY TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL SERVICES FOR FIVE YEARS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED $10,473,183

Manuel Carmona, Director of Public Health, summarized the agenda report as part of the PowerPoint presentation on the item, including providing information on contractual services, proposed scope changes, volume, and cost of services, and responded to questions.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to provide information on the previous contract awarded to the Pasadena Humane Society (PHS), specifically financial data in the staff report.

In response to Councilmember Hampton's inquiry regarding call incident categories, Captain Jerry Mai from Pasadena Humane Society provided a brief overview of different call priority levels and responded to questions.

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary, reported that one letter was received by the City Clerk's Office, which was distributed to the Committee, posted online, and made part of the record for this item.

Following discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Hampton, seconded by Councilmember Jones, to approve the staff recommended budget and forward the item to the City Council for consideration and further discussion. (Motion unanimously approved) (Absent: Councilmember Madison)

BUDGET WORKSHOP – FY 2027 RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT

B. PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Eugene Harris, Police Chief, and Kimberly Siemen, Management Analyst, jointly presented a PowerPoint presentation on the item, including providing information on Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 accomplishments, changes from FY 2026 adopted budget, overview of funds, FY 2027 work plan, and key performance indicators (KPIs); with both responding to questions.

Councilmember Jones requested additional information regarding nighttime patrol staffing levels.

The following individuals expressed concerns for unhouse individuals, surveillance technology and data privacy issues, law enforcement technology purchases, and/or provided other related comments on the matter:

Sonja Berndt, Pasadena
Yadi, Pasadena resident
Humaira, Pasadena resident

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary, reported that three letters were received by the City Clerk's Office, which were distributed to the Committee, posted online, and made part of the record for this item.

The Committee recessed at 6:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

Koko Panossian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, presented the PowerPoint presentation on the item, including providing information on FY 2026 accomplishments, City priorities, appropriations by category, revenue history, cost recovery plan, program fees, potential revenue opportunities, KPIs, FY 2027 ongoing goals, and responded to questions.

In response to Vice Mayor Rivas' inquiries regarding proposed fee increases, Karin Schnaider, Director of Finance, clarified that staff is seeking feedback on fee adjustment options and that the matter would be considered as part of the City Council's budget discussions.

Councilmember Jones thanked staff for their hard work and expressed appreciation for the department's efforts to maintain active and engaging park programs for the community.

He voiced concerns regarding the impact of proposed fee increases on working families and emphasized the need for such families to maintain access to recreational programs.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to provide additional information comparing program participation levels before and after the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged staff to explore alternative revenue opportunities.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On the order of Chair, the special meeting of the Public Safety Committee was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Jess Rivas, Chair
Public Safety Committee

ATTEST:

Betty Gao
Recording Secretary