

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2010 7:45 P.M.  
LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM, 1100 OXLEY STREET AND  
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM AND, 1115 EL CENTRO STREET**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Schneider convened the open session of the special meeting of the City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) at 7:45 p.m. in the Library Community Room for a budget study session. City Councilmembers/CRA Members present: Cacciotti (arriving at 7:53 p.m.), Putnam, and Sifuentes, and Mayor/CRA Chair Schneider. Members absent: Mayor Pro tem/CRA Vice Chair Ten. Other officials present: City Manager Davidson; Assistant City Manager Gonzalez; City Attorney/CRA Counsel Adams; Police Chief Watson; Fire Chief Wallace; Finance Director Thai; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Sweeney; Planning and Building Director Watkins; Assistant Finance Director Batt; Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa; and City Clerk Kilby.

Mayor Schneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Attorney Adams reported that Mayor Schneider called to order the Special Meeting of the City Council/Community Redevelopment Agency at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. He said a number of people came forward to comment on items on the Closed Session agenda. He said all members of the Council with the exception of Mayor Pro tem Ten were present. Following public comment, he said, the Council discussed items on the Closed Session agenda. He said the Council met with legal counsel on anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c). The Council was given a brief on the matter, he said, no final decision was made, and there is nothing further to report. The Council met with legal counsel on anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c) regarding property on Hanscom Drive, he said. He said he provided the Council with an update, no action was taken, and there is nothing further to report. They met on anticipated and pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) related to the City of South Pasadena vs. the Federal Highway

Administration. They were advised by Special Counsel Jan Chatten-Brown, he said, on this and on the following item, which was anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) related to the City of South Pasadena v. Metropolitan Transportation Authority. They discussed both items but took no final action on either one, he said. There is nothing further to report from Closed Session on any of these items, he said.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one from the public had submitted public comment cards.

#### **FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

7:49 p.m. City Manager Davidson explained that the presentation would be organized into three parts. First, he said, an overview of the General Fund budget will be presented. Secondly, department heads will make presentations. Lastly, he said, the major issues affecting the City will be discussed.

Finance Director Thai provided an overview of the City's financial status, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. He, City Manager Davidson, and Assistant City Manager Gonzalez responded to questions that followed. Department Heads then made presentations about department operations, using PowerPoint slides to describe their department scope, organization chart, accomplishments this year, steps they took to achieve the targeted 2% reduction, and supplemental requests they propose. Department heads responded to questions posed by the Councilmembers.

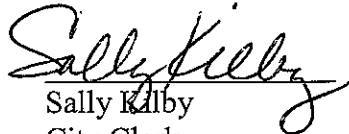
9:40 p.m. Assistant City Manager Gonzalez and Finance Director Thai provided an overview of major issues facing the City: infrastructure; Utility User's Tax expirations; retiree medical liability; Arroyo Seco Golf Course; Nature Park expansion/trail; Lot 117—Southwest Hills Park; General Plan update; Fremont traffic calming; Rogan Projects shortfall; CNG station Part II—fast fill upgrade; and the Public Works Yard use. They responded to questions.

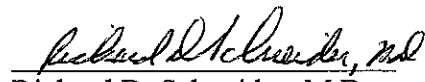
City Manager Davidson asked the Council for feedback to assist in preparing a draft budget for approval in April and May for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010. Discussion and questions followed. Finance Director Thai stated that with the 1% savings implemented by the

department heads and by allocating expenses to the water and sewer funds, the City can achieve a balanced budget for FY 2009-10. Councilmembers agreed that it is important to allocate General Fund monies to infrastructure. They agreed that further discussion on the proposed budget will take place at upcoming meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By consensus, City Council adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

  
Sally Kilby  
City Clerk  
CRA Secretary

  
Richard D. Schneider, M.D.  
Mayor  
Chair, CRA