

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
CONVENED THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 1998, 7:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1424 MISSION STREET**

**ROLL CALL**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council convened at 7:30 p.m. Council Members present: Cohen; Knapp; Saeta; Mayor pro tem Emory and Mayor Zee. Councilmembers not present: None. City Officials present: City Manager Joyce; Fire Chief Eisele; City Attorney Leal; City Librarian Maguire; Public Works Director Van Winkle; Police Chief Berkow; Finance Director Yeomans; Transportation Manager Perez and City Clerk Gregory.

**CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Attorney made the following Closed Session announcements. Three items were discussed: Existing Litigation - South Pasadena v. CA Department of Transportation - Caltrans surplus properties; South Pasadena v. CA Department of Transportation - 710 freeway extension and Pending Litigation- Claims of Bartl, Brown, Payne, Thierry and Wheelless.

**OATH OF OFFICE  
Albert Lasko**

The Oath of Office was administered to Albert Lasko appointed to the Animal Commission.

**PROCLAMATION  
"NATIONAL ARBOR  
WEEK"**

The Mayor proclaimed March 7-14, 1998 as "National Arbor Week" and presented the proclamation to Norma Le Valley and Ricki de Kramer of South Pasadena Beautiful.

**PROCLAMATION  
"LIBRARY VOLUNTEER  
RECOGNITION DAY"**

The Mayor proclaimed March 6, 1998 "Library Volunteer Recognition Day" and presented the proclamation to Terri Maguire, City Librarian and Jane Cavenagh, President of the Library Board of Trustees.

**CERTIFICATES OF  
RECOGNITION TO  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
VOLUNTEERS AND  
AUXILIARY**

Mayor Paul Zee and Fire Chief William Eisele presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Fire Department Auxiliaries and Volunteers in appreciation of their contribution to the City. Auxiliary Firefighters: Jesse Gutierrez; Thomas Trujillo; Tim Maples; Eusebio Branom; Larry Hannison; Ara Hagopian; Chris Szenczi; Scott Gibson; Eric Zanteson and Dave Caneva. Volunteer Firefighters: Scott Buck; Steve Carels; Sam Kang; Fernando Harada; Harvey Paxton; Joe Angiuli; Mike Hannibal and Dick Watson.

**COUNCIL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Zee and Transportation Manager Perez urged all residents to participate in the No 710 March and Rally to be held on Saturday, March 7, 1998.

**COUNCIL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(CONT.)**

Mayor pro tem Emory congratulated Police Clerk Linda Lundgren who this month celebrated her 30 year anniversary with the City of South Pasadena.

**ITEMS REMOVED  
FROM THE CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

Items No. 9 (Warrants) and No. 11 (2 hour parking limit at 119 Pasadena Avenue) were removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

By roll call vote (5 ayes) minutes of the regular meeting of 2/18/98 were approved.

(Knapp, Saeta)

**EXCUSED ABSENCE  
Rosser**

An excused absence for Kay Rosser from the Library Board meeting of 2/25/98 was approved by roll call vote (5 ayes)

(Knapp, Saeta)

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Bob Cook, 5063 Collis Avenue asked about the purchase of rain gear for Police personnel in the amount of \$7,900 and inquired as to whether or not crossing guards were outfitted in rain gear. The Police Chief responded in the affirmative. General City Warrants Nos. P18009 through P18038 and 18051 through 18214 in the amount of \$590,433.25 were approved by roll call vote (5 ayes).

(Cohen, Emory)

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE  
2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT  
AT 119 PASADENA AVE.**

Bob Cook, 5063 Collis Avenue requested this item be removed from the Consent Calendar. He wanted to know if the surrounding business owners were notified of the proposed parking limit change and if they objected. Public Works Director Van Winkle stated the nearby businesses were informed and were not opposed to the change.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2053  
ESTABLISHING A  
2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT  
AT 119 PASADENA AVE.**

Ordinance No. 2053, entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A 2 HOUR PARKING RESTRICTION AT 119 PASADENA AVENUE was adopted by roll call vote (5 ayes).

(Cohen, Knapp)

**COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
UPGRADES AND  
SYNCHRONIZATION  
ON FREMONT AVE.  
DISCUSSED**

Action on the traffic signal upgrades and synchronization on Fremont Avenue was continued to this meeting to notify residents of the proposed changes. Public Works Director Van Winkle sent notices to all affected residents and property owners. Charles Fornelli, 2046 Fremont Avenue spoke against the merge lane modifications and complained the changes would eliminate parking in front of his house. Mr. Fornelli asked the County representatives to utilize speed bumps rather than painted arrows to direct vehicles to merge left. The County representative stated they would look at improving signage but recommended against the speed bumps, however, the County will implement a number of treatments on Fremont Avenue including striping.

**LA COUNTY CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT ON  
FREMONT AVENUE  
APPROVED**

The Los Angeles County Capital Improvement Project for traffic signal upgrades and synchronization on Fremont Avenue was approved by roll call vote (5 ayes).

(Saeta, Emory)

**CALTRANS HOME  
PURCHASE/  
REHABILITATION PLAN  
APPROVED**

Assistant City Manager McIntosh presented the amended Caltrans Home Purchase/Rehabilitation Plan. Staff met with Caltrans' representatives and received feedback which has been incorporated into the Plan. Consultant John Trauth was present at the meeting to answer questions. Staff recommended the City Council approve the Plan and authorize staff to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to contractors and developers who specialize in affordable housing to identify partnerships that will allow the City to bid on the houses. Councilmember Saeta reiterated that the Plan puts a process in place without committing any funds for future purchases. Bob Siev, 414 Fairview Avenue, thanked the Council for moving forward on a housing plan. By unanimous vote (5 ayes) the Home Purchase Rehabilitation Plan was approved.

(Emory, Saeta)

**CITY HALL SIGNAGE  
AND LIGHTING  
DESIGNS**

Public Works Director Van Winkle presented design and lighting concepts to improve signage for City Hall. Graphic Designer Lawrence Man and Greg Clanton, owner of Southland Signs provided aesthetic and architectural assistance. The improvements included: adding lettering above City Hall portals; three ancillary lights; a free standing illuminated kiosk; directional signage on the building at Mission Street and Mound Avenue and off-site metal signs directing visitors to City Hall. Council made recommendations and directed staff to bring back a revised proposal for final approval. Councilmember Saeta asked that the City seal and fonts used be consistent.

**PRESENTATION ON  
ELECTRIC INDUSTRY  
DEREGULATION**

Finance Director Yeomans made a presentation on the electric industry deregulation. Electric rates were reduced by 10%. Deregulation allows other Electric Service Providers (ESP) to sell electric power directly to end-users. The City will experience a revenue reduction of approximately \$40,000 annually. The Finance Director outlined options available to the City: purchasing City power from a new ESP; restructuring City electric accounts; or establishing a municipal utility. Staff will continue to monitor developing issues over the coming months. Ken Chawkins, Region Manager for the Edison Co. was in attendance and answered questions.

**URGENCY ITEM ADDED  
TO AGENDA**

Mayor Zee asked the Council to add an item to the agenda. By roll call vote (5 ayes) formation of the Ad Hoc Bicycle Path Committee was added to the agenda.

(Zee, Emory)

**FORMATION OF  
AD HOC  
BICYCLE PATH  
COMMITTEE  
APPROVED**

By unanimous vote (5 ayes), an Ad Hoc Bicycle Path Committee was formed to hold public meetings to review and revise the Draft Bikeway Master Plan. Eileen Garcia, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce recommended the Council add a representative from the business community to the Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of seven members: one business representative; two representatives from the Transportation Commission; one representative from the South Pasadena Unified School District; the Transportation Manager; a Police Department representative (Captain Richard Kowaltschuk) and one Youth Commission representative. Mayor pro tem Emory was appointed to serve as the Council liaison.

(Cohen, Emory)

**COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Saeta asked the City Manager to have the Code Enforcement Officer look into having going out of business signs removed after 30 days. Specifically, the sign on the vacant building on Fair Oaks Avenue north of Mission Street. The City Manager stated Code Enforcement Officer Dale will be presenting a staff report to the Council on his activities during his first six months and the new areas he will focus on including business license enforcement and signage enforcement in the business district.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Liaison Reports were made on the following meetings:

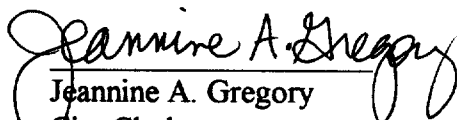
- Planning Commission - Knapp
- Natural Resources Commission - Saeta
- Youth Commission - Saeta
- Telecommunications Task Force - Cohen
- Assembly Speaker Swearing-In Ceremony - Cohen
- School District V.I.P. Breakfast - Cohen
- Transportation Commission - Emory
- Cultural Heritage Commission - Emory

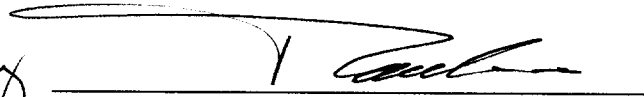
**MAYOR'S  
APPOINTMENT**

Mayor Zee, with Council concurrence, re-appointed Gary Penn 2065 Oak Street to the Design Review Board for a full term to November 1, 2000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

  
Jeannine A. Gregory  
City Clerk

  
Paul Zee, Mayor  
City of South Pasadena

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**ROLL CALL**

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**CLOSED SESSION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The City Attorney announced by unanimous vote (5 ayes) the Council instructed the City Manager to pursue further negotiations with Caltrans on the sale of the Bridewell property and purchase of 2002 Berkshire Avenue. Status reports were provided on City of South Pasadena v. Department of Transportation [Superior Court CV 533468] - proposed 710 freeway extension; South Pasadena v. Department of Transportation (Case No. BC 176140) - sale of surplus Caltrans' properties.

**TREE CITY U.S.A.  
PRESENTATION**

Mayor Zee announced the City of South Pasadena was named a 1997 Tree City USA. Kevin Johnson, deputy forester for the Department of Forestry representing the Arbor Day Foundation presented the Tree City U.S.A. flag to Norma LeValley of South Pasadena Beautiful.

**CERTIFICATES OF  
APPRECIATION  
PRESENTED TO  
NO 710 MARCH & RALLY  
EVENT COMMITTEE  
VOLUNTEERS**

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Event Committee volunteers for their assistance in coordinating the No 710 march and rally held on Saturday, March 7, 1998. Those receiving certificates were: Sam Burgess; Tom Bryce; David Czamanske; Debbie Fox; John Galetzka; Eileen Garcia; Larry Goren; Alice Harris; Gus Hyland; Clarice Knapp; Joanne Nuckols; Mary Ann Parada; Amedee Richards, Jr.; Kris Sharp; Beatrice Siev and youth volunteers: Jonathan Smith; Blake Diekmann; Joshua Lee Sharp; Leann Sharp; Josh Williams and Andy Maltun.

**MAYOR ZEE'S  
OUTGOING REMARKS**

Mayor Zee read a prepared statement acknowledging the accomplishments of the City during the past year. Mayor pro tem Emory presented Mayor Zee with a gavel and thanked him for his dedicated service to the City during his tenure as Mayor.

**NOMINATIONS FOR  
MAYOR OPENED**

The City Manager opened nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Saeta nominated Mayor pro tem Emory. A motion to close nominations was moved and seconded.

(Zee, Saeta)

**WALLACE N. EMORY  
ELECTED MAYOR**

By roll call vote (3 ayes - Saeta, Emory and Zee, 1 abstention - Knapp and 1 no - Cohen) Wallace N. Emory was elected Mayor for 1998-99.

**NOMINATIONS FOR  
MAYOR PRO TEM**

Nominations were opened for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Zee nominated Councilmember Saeta as Mayor pro tem. Nominations were closed.

(Emory, Zee)

**DAVID SAETA  
ELECTED  
MAYOR PRO TEM**

By roll call vote (5 ayes) David Saeta was elected Mayor Pro Tem for 1998-99.

**COUNCIL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Cohen announced the Community Services Department was sponsoring a Parents Night Out to be held at the Senior Center on Friday, March 20, 1998 and April 24, 1998. Supervision, entertainment and snacks are included in the \$12.00 cost per child.

**GAY FORBES  
INTRODUCED**

The City Manager introduced Gay Forbes, newly hired Community Development Director to the audience and welcomed her to the City.

**ITEMS REMOVED  
FROM THE CONSENT  
CALENDAR**

Item No. 9 (Warrants) was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

By roll call vote (5 ayes) minutes of the regular meeting of 3/4/98 were approved.

(Knapp, Cohen)

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL  
REPORT FOR  
FEBRUARY 1998**

The monthly financial report for February 1998 was received and filed by roll call vote (5 ayes).

(Knapp, Cohen)

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Mayor pro tem Saeta inquired about the warrant payment to the Pasadena Humane Society in the amount of \$2,934.42 for emergency animal shelter. Police Chief Berkow stated the City was billed for these services monthly per our agreement with the Humane Society. General City Warrants Nos. P18215 through P18250 and 18380 through 18565 in the amount of \$939,746.77 were approved by roll call vote (5 ayes).

(Cohen, Zee)

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Beverly Biber congratulated the Council on the City's receiving of the Tree City USA designation.

Bob Siev, 414 Fairview, thanked Councilmember Zee for his leadership as Mayor for the past 12 months.

**PUBLIC HEARING URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Public Works Director Van Winkle presented the update of the Urban Water Management Plan in compliance with the 1984 Act to achieve conservation and efficient use of urban water supplies. Mayor Emory opened the public hearing on the Urban Water Management Plan. There was no public participation. The public hearing was closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6518 RE: URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 1995-1999**

Resolution No. 6518 entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA ADOPTING THE URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 1995-1999 was adopted by roll call vote (5 ayes).

(Cohen, Knapp)

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE PERMISSIBLE SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION HOURS**

City Manager Sean Joyce reviewed the proposed ordinance to limit Sunday Construction hours by prohibiting contractors from beginning work before 10:00 a.m. Bob Cook, 5063 Collis Avenue, who had requested the change, presented a survey of 20 cities. Some cities banned construction on Sundays and holidays. The Council opposed a complete ban and did not support limiting construction on holidays. The amended Sunday hours would address construction activity that requires a building permit. By consensus, the City Manager was directed to clarify language in the proposed ordinance and return with another draft for a first reading.

**GENERAL PLAN STATUS REPORT**

Community Development Director Forbes presented a report on the General Plan. The Planning Commission had completed its public hearings and recommended the Plan be forwarded to the City Council for adoption. A presentation of the General Plan was scheduled for April 15, 1998.



**GENERAL PLAN  
PUBLIC HEARINGS  
SCHEDULED  
(CONT.)**

Public hearing dates (as needed) were set for 4/22/98; 4/29/98; 5/6/98 and 5/13/98. Certification of the EIR and adoption of the 1998 General Plan was scheduled for June 3, 1998. The City Clerk was directed to publish the hearing dates in the form of a quarter page advertisement in addition to any other legal noticing requirements.

**COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Knapp asked the City Manager to report on the water rates that were increased 54% in 1992 for special projects that were to occur in five years. Residents were told rates would be lowered to a maintenance level after the projects were completed. The City Manager will report on the water rates during the budget process.

Mayor pro tem Saeta asked that an item be added to the next Closed Session Agenda to discuss the claims process and risk management of litigation cases.

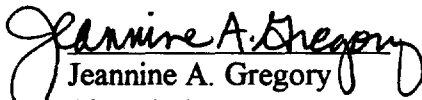
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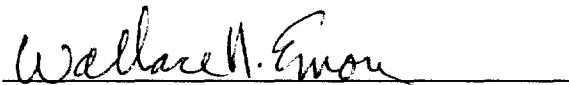
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Public Safety Commission - Knapp  
Library Board of Trustees - Cohen  
Telecommunications Task Force - Cohen  
Parks and Recreation Commission - Cohen  
Senior Citizen Commission - Zee  
Youth Forum Subcommittee - Saeta  
Independent Cities Association - Emory

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

  
Jeannine A. Gregory  
City Clerk

  
Wallace N. Emory, Mayor  
City of South Pasadena