

## M I N U T E S

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 6:30 P.M.

### CITY COMMISSION ACTING AS THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

MAYOR PENNY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS GAIL NEIDINGER, BEN THOMAS, LYNDIA THOMPSON, VICE MAYOR THOMAS REID, AND MAYOR ARTHUR PENNY. ALSO PRESENT: CITY CLERK CARLEY LEWIS, CITY ATTORNEY JULIA MANDELL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SHAWN SHIMKO, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR DAVID MIXSON, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR TERESA SULLIVAN, AND DEPUTY CITY CLERK MARY JO BOWMAN.

Mayor Penny stated that the City Commission is acting as the Planning & Zoning Board for the Special Commission Meeting.

### HEARING

1. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR 1477 PASADENA AVENUE SOUTH, SOUTH PASADENA, FL 33707.

Mayor Penny opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

City Attorney Mandell asked the City Commission to disclose all ex-parte communications regarding the pending case before the board. She informed the participants about the record of hearing process.

City Clerk Lewis administered the oath of testimony to those intending to give testimony.

City Attorney Mandell introduced the item.

Mayor Penny called for the staff report to be presented.

Luis Serna, Calvin, Giordano & Associates, LLC, presented the staff report (attached to Minutes as Exhibit A). He stated the applicant is requesting a variance from City Code Section 103-4(I) of the Land Development Code related to the construction of a fence at the new Fire Station 20. He further stated that the request is for a four-foot variance from the established six-foot maximum. He stated

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that the applicant wishes to construct a fence to enclose equipment from public view. He reviewed the appropriate criteria and reported that staff is recommending approval of the application for variance.

Mayor Penny invited the applicant to make a presentation.

Public Safety Director Mixson presented the application (attached to Minutes as Exhibit B). He stated that equipment including a generator, HVAC system, and fuel pumps are being installed at the new fire station. He explained that a six-foot fence in line with the City's maximum height restriction would cover approximately 70% of the equipment. He stated that the project is highly visible on Pasadena Avenue and fully enclosing the equipment would be more aesthetically pleasing. He noted that the proposed fencing would be designed to blend in with the project's color scheme.

Discussion ensued regarding the fence design and color.

Mayor Penny invited members of the public who wished to speak in favor of the application to address the Commission.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Penny invited members of the public who wished to speak against the application to address the Commission.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Penny announced that rebuttal was not needed.

In response to Mayor Penny, Mr. Serna declined to give a closing statement on behalf of staff.

In response to Mayor Penny, Chief Mixson declined to give a closing statement on behalf of the applicant.

Mayor Penny closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE MAYOR REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA FOR 1477 PASADENA AVENUE SOUTH, SOUTH PASADENA, FL 33707.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE

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COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
VICE MAYOR REID	AYE
MAYOR PENNY	AYE

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

*Arthur Penny*

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Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Carley Lewis*

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Carley Lewis, City Clerk  
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