

M I N U T E S

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024
COMMISSION CHAMBERS 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PENNY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M. THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER REID. ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

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

REPORTS

Vice Mayor Neidinger reported on Thanksgiving fire safety on behalf of the Public Safety Department. She reviewed cooking and holiday décor safety tips.

Commissioner Thomas spoke regarding Finance Department activities and reported on meetings with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with regard to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. He reviewed City financials.

Commissioner Thompson reported on Community Improvement Department activities including damage assessments, substantial damage determination letters, and permitting activity.

Commissioner Reid spoke regarding Public Works Department activities including storm debris cleanup, the Bay View Park pavilion project, and storm damage repairs to City Hall.

Mayor Penny reported on Administration Department activities including hurricane recovery, City events, Hibiscus Hall closures, the March 2025 election, and the closure of City offices in observance of Thanksgiving.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

Resident Robert Calvillo, 14th Avenue South, spoke regarding permit fees and requested that the Commission waive permit fees in response to the recent storms.

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Mayor Penny stated that the Commission will discuss permit fees at a future meeting. He spoke regarding City financials and said that reducing or waiving fees could be difficult for the City. He suggested that Mr. Calvillo speak with staff about any permit application questions he has.

Resident Terrie Lynch, 1375 Pasadena Avenue, questioned the permitting process and timeframe in order to start home repairs after the recent storms.

Mayor Penny advised Ms. Lynch to speak with the Community Improvement Department for information on the process of repairing her mobile home.

AGENDA COMMENT

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09 - AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 90, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SECTION 1 - AUTHORITY OF INCIDENT COMMANDER, SUBSECTION (A); PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF THE INCIDENT COMMANDER'S \$50,000 EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE LIMIT; PROVIDING FOR EXPIRATION OF THIS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - FIRST AND FINAL READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2024-09 by title and approved it as to form and content.

City Clerk Lewis spoke regarding the emergency ordinance. She explained to the Commission that the City Code gives emergency purchasing authority to the Incident Commander but it currently includes a \$50,000 limit, which was established in 1998. She stated that staff does not feel that the \$50,000 limit is appropriate by today's standards. She said that the emergency ordinance temporarily waives the spending limit. She noted that staff will likely recommend a permanent change in the future.

Mayor Penny opened the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. There being no public comment, Mayor Penny closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REID, TO PASS AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09 ON FIRST AND FINAL READING.

VOTE:	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 15, 2024; AND SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2024.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS THE ENTIRE CONSENT AGENDA.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

NEW BUSINESS

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX CHAPTER A198 FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR SEWAGE USAGE; TO INCREASE THE BASE MINIMUM MONTHLY SEWER RATES AND SEWER FLOW CHARGE RATE BY 8%; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - FIRST READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2024-06 by title and approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER REID, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 ON FIRST READING.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE

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COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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4. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA, AMENDING APPENDIX CHAPTER A198 FEES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR RECLAIMED WATER; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM MONTHLY RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE CHARGE FOR SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS TO \$10.87 AND TO INCREASE COMMERCIAL AND MUNICIPAL USER SERVICE CHARGES TO \$310.58 PER PERVIOUS ACRE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE - FIRST READING.

City Attorney Gray read Ordinance No. 2024-07 by title and approved it as to form and content.

MOTION WAS MADE BY VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07 ON FIRST READING.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE
	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	MAYOR PENNY	AYE

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5. MOTION - TO APPROVE REQUEST BY WASTE CONNECTIONS OF FLORIDA, INC. FOR A 6.8% INCREASE AS A PASS THROUGH DISPOSAL FEE INCREASE FROM PINELLAS COUNTY AND A 2.5% CPI INCREASE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2024.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REID, TO APPROVE REQUEST BY WASTE CONNECTIONS OF FLORIDA, INC. FOR A 6.8% INCREASE AS A PASS THROUGH DISPOSAL FEE INCREASE FROM PINELLAS COUNTY AND A 2.5% CPI INCREASE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2024.

VOTE:	COMMISSIONER REID	AYE
	VICE MAYOR NEIDINGER	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMAS	AYE
	COMMISSIONER THOMPSON	AYE

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MAYOR PENNY

AYE

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There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at
7:28 p.m.

Arthur Penny

Arthur Penny, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carley Lewis

Carley Lewis, City Clerk
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