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ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP  
SOUTH PASADENA, FLORIDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 9:00 A.M.

Vice Mayor Reid called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. All participated in the pledge to the flag.

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

The topics scheduled for discussion were Impact of Proposed Property Tax Reform, Charter Review Process Introduction, and 2026 Spring Events.

The first topic for discussion was Impact of Proposed Property Tax Reform.

Finance Director Guadagnoli spoke regarding property tax reform and reviewed a presentation (attached to Minutes as Exhibit A). She stated that several legislative bills are being considered and may be on the ballot in November. She added that the bills have been filed, and the legislators are now reviewing them and there will be changes as they move forward. She discussed the financial impact to the City of each proposed item.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed property tax reform.

The next topic for discussion was Charter Review Process Introduction.

City Clerk Lewis spoke regarding the Charter Review Committee process. She explained that the City was scheduled to do review process in 2025 but the Commission agreed to wait one year based on the severity of the 2024 storm season. She explained the membership, meeting process, and tentative timeline. She noted that an item will come before the Commission in February to establish this year's process.

Discussion ensued regarding the Charter Review Committee process.

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City Clerk Lewis stated that once the process is established the City Commission may need to help encourage members of the public to participate.

The next topic for discussion was 2026 Spring Events.

City Clerk Lewis spoke regarding this year's Block Party. She requested approval to set the date for March 7, 2026. She stated that the event will feature a touch a truck event instead of a car show as the City's prior vendor has retired. She explained that staff is hoping to reformat the event to better accommodate families with concession-style food and more activities for children.

Discussion ensued regarding the 2026 Block Party.

The consensus of the Commission was to schedule the Block Party for March 7, 2026.

City Clerk Lewis informed the Commission that the South Pasadena Community Band is planning to dissolve due to a decrease in membership after the past hurricanes. She requested approval for the band to hold a farewell concert on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and for the City to provide refreshments.

The consensus of the Commission was to move forward with the March 22 farewell band concert.

In response to Vice Mayor Reid, Community Improvement Director Sullivan gave an update regarding local business development.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 A.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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