



City Council Agenda Report

ITEM NO. 23

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SUBJECT: **DISCUSS A REQUEST FROM STAFF REGARDING A CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE RELATED TO THE CITY'S PREPARATION FOR THE 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES AND THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council:

- a. Discuss Staff's request to have a City Council ad hoc committee to develop recommendations for City Council consideration regarding the City's preparation for Olympic Games; and
- b. Discuss the ad hoc committee's scope of work.

Executive Summary

The 2028 Olympic Games are scheduled for July 14 through July 30, 2028, and the 2028 Paralympic Games for August 15 through August 27, 2028. Regional planning for the Games is underway through LA28, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Metro, Caltrans, the City of Los Angeles, and other local cities hosting events. Decisions being made through those processes on transportation demand management, spectator routing, security perimeters, and community activations will affect South Pasadena streets, businesses, public safety services, and residents.

The City does not currently have a designated body to receive that information, set priorities, and return recommendations to the City Council. To facilitate Staff's work in preparing for the Olympic Games, Staff is requesting that two members of the City Council volunteer to be on an ad hoc committee to develop local activations and programming during the Games, identify the City's interests and obligations related to the Games, coordinate with regional partners, and develop and return recommendations for City Council consideration. Such an ad hoc committee would be a temporary advisory committee not subject to the Brown Act, and as set forth in this report, the ad hoc committee would sunset upon the commencement of the 2028 Olympic Games.

Background

In September 2017, the International Olympic Committee awarded the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games to Los Angeles. LA28, the private organizing committee, is responsible for delivering the Games, with venues located across Los Angeles County and other Southern California jurisdictions.

SCAG established the LA28 Games Mobility Program and convenes the Games Mobility Executives committee, which includes LA28, the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, Metro, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Caltrans, Metrolink, and other agencies.

SCAG is developing a community hub activation toolkit expected in early 2027. LA28 has convened quarterly working groups on community business and procurement, local hire and workforce development, and sustainability, and opened Games-time volunteer recruitment in 2026.

To date, the City of South Pasadena has participated in Games-related planning primarily through elected official and staff attendance at regional forums hosted by SCAG, LA28, and other regional planning bodies.

Analysis

South Pasadena is strategically located within relatively close proximity to a number of Olympic venues, including Downtown Los Angeles, Rose Bowl Stadium, and Santa Anita Race Track. This provides an opportunity to leverage the Games and provide localized activations that benefit both residents and businesses. In an effort to begin planning for the impact of the Games and to maximize opportunities to participate, a City Council ad hoc committee could facilitate the planning process.

The proposed ad hoc committee is intended to provide a forum through which two members of the City Council alongside staff can review Games-related information as it is released, identify the City's interests, engage local and regional partners, and develop recommendations for City Council action in advance of the Games.

Staff has identified the following subject areas for the ad hoc committee's scope of work leading up the Olympic Games, in no particular order:

- Transportation and traffic management.
- Public safety and emergency management.
- Community engagement and events.
- Economic and business activity.
- Regional coordination.
- Funding and fiscal considerations.

The ad hoc committee would meet on a schedule set by its members, with staff support coordinated through the City Manager's Office. Staff anticipates involvement from the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Community Development, Community Services, and Finance, depending on the topic. The committee would provide periodic updates and action items to the City Council for consideration, as appropriate. The ad hoc committee would sunset upon the commencement of the 2028 Olympic Games.

The ad hoc committee would be temporary and solely advisory; all policy decisions, budget appropriations, and agreements would be presented to City Council for consideration.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with having an ad hoc committee. Staff support would be provided within existing FY 2026-27 work plan in the City Manager's Office,

Management Intern, and affected departments. Any recommendations developed by the ad hoc committee that involve expenditures, staffing, grant applications, or agreements would be brought to the City Council for separate consideration and, if approved, incorporated in the budget.