




## MEMORANDUM

TO: City of South Pasadena  
Mayor and City Commission

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SUBJECT: City Commission Workshop  
May 17, 2016  
Review of Plan and Code Amendment Ordinances and  
Authorization for Public Hearings

DATE: May 12, 2016

In follow-up to our March 29<sup>th</sup> review of the draft of Plan and Code amendments, we have placed the proposed amendments in ordinance form for the Commission's review and authorization to advertise for public hearing(s).

Initial hearings are to include consideration by the Commission sitting as the Planning and Zoning Board/Local Planning Agency; and separately as the City Commission.

Following the first reading of the ordinances by the Commission, the Plan amendment ordinance will be transmitted to the PPC/MPO, the State Department of Economic Opportunity and other required municipalities/agencies for review and comment.

Following the outside review process, both ordinances will be brought back for advertisement, public hearing and adoption at the second reading - likely in August or September.

Note: In addition to review and authorization to proceed to public hearing, we need to arrange for the Mayor and Clerk's signatures to be affixed to the original of the updated Zoning Map prepared for the City by the PPC in order that both paper and electronic copies can be made available.

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## A City of South Pasadena, Florida 'Green Bench' Resolution

- WHEREAS: The rich history of Green Benches was initiated by St. Petersburg Mayor Al Lang in 1916 by stating that: 'all benches in St. Pete should be uniform and painted blue'; And,
- WHEREAS: They did not have enough blue paint in the city for all the benches, so they were painted 'green' instead, and placed in front of the businesses in the downtown area and other places where tourists gathered ; And,
- WHEREAS: The “World Famous St. Pete Green Bench” reached there greatest numbers from the 1920's to 1950's, peaking at around 3,500 in one of those years, and their reputation as an icon, and special treasure, is still very popular in the Tampa Bay area today ; And,
- WHEREAS: Prior to Dick Holmes becoming a South Pasadena Commissioner and Mayor he was President of the South Pinellas Senior Citizens Club and instrumental in founding the 'Green Bench Celebration Garden', at the Sunshine Center in downtown St. Petersburg , following the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Green Benches in 1991; And,
- WHEREAS: 25 years later Green Bench booster Dick Holmes is now involved with a committee planning events to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the World Famous St. Pete Green Bench with a goal of placing at least '100'- '21<sup>st</sup> Century, Recycled Plastic, Forever, Green Benches' in the area and he would personally like to help South Pasadena become the 2nd city to officially authorize displaying one ; And,
- WHEREAS: The only thing the first 1916 wood Green Benches has in common with the 2016 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, environmentally friendly, Green Bench, is shape, comfort, and color, with the first notable difference being an embossed wood grain appearance in the finish that adds a noticeable touch of class ; And,
- WHEREAS: Innovative extrusion technology is used to combine a mineral-fill compound with high density polyethylene plastic, ( 800 recycled gallon plastic jugs make one green bench ), and, the formula allows solid nonporous dimensional profiles that are extremely durable and the plastic lumber boards will not rot,crack, splinter, or in anyway decompose with scratches having no effect because of consistency of color throughout the lumber that even if it fades so slightly you will probably never notice a color change ; And,
- WHEREAS: Only a limited number of the 2016, Centennial, “21<sup>st</sup> Century, Recycled plastic, Forever, Green Benches”, with a Commemorative Bronze Plaque, are to be crafted and built by 'Green Benches & More', in Clearwater, FL, with a limited lifetime warranty guarantee that they will remain tough, and still look stunning, fifty years from now ; So,

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Pasadena City Commission - Consider accepting a donated Green Bench, as described above, from the City's 10th Mayor, and placed across the street from city hall, along the Boca Ciega Bay walkway, by the shade trees, and that a sign be erected nearby, reading: “Centennial Green Bench Walkway”, and a cement slab poured as a foundation for the bench.