

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Prang called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ray Vizcarra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT: Councilmember D’Amico, Councilmember Duran,
Councilmember Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Land and
Mayor Prang**

ABSENT: City Manager Arevalo

**ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Baxter, City Attorney Jenkins, City
Clerk Schaffer and Assistant City Clerk Quarker**

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins reported that the closed session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that there was no public comment. He reported that there were no additional items added to the Agenda. He stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:28 p.m. with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Prang stated that two Urgency Items were submitted to the City Clerk’s Office.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land asked that the Urgency Item regarding West Hollywood Responds be added to the Agenda as Consent Calendar Item 2.T.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land asked that the Urgency Item regarding the World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil be added to the Agenda as Consent Calendar Item 2.U.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land requested that Items 5.A. and 5.D. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.V. and 2.W.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 5.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman to approve the November 5, 2012 agenda as amended. The agenda was unanimously approved, noting Councilmember D’Amico’s NO vote on Item 2.Q. and Mayor Prang’s NO vote on Item 5.A. (2.V.)

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gay Rights Advocate Lou Rispoli.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of longtime West Hollywood resident Molly Young. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Maximo Tatlonghari, the father of resident and business owner Maxine Tatlonghari. She asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gay Rights Advocate Lou Rispoli. She asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Mayor Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting: Private 1st Class, Shane G Wilson, 20, Chief Warrant Officer, Michael S Duskin, 42, Sergeant, Clinton K. Ruiz, 22, Staff Sergeant, Kashif M Memon, 31, Corporal, Alex F. Domion, 21, and Petty Officer 2nd Class, Matthew G. Kantor, 22.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

MARC HAUPERT, BURBANK, spoke in support of Item 2.I.

DEWAYNE JONES, spoke in support of Item 5.D.

CRAIG CHARLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.D.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of televising the Transportation Commission meetings. He also spoke regarding the State Measures on the ballot for the upcoming Presidential Election on November 6, 2012.

COCO LACHINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked City Council for designating November as Transgender Awareness Month. She also spoke regarding the upcoming televised Transgender Advisory Board Meeting and the Transgender Day of Remembrance Event.

KEITH KAPLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.M.

SAM BORELLI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked City Council for taking action to help those on the East Coast. He also spoke regarding emergency preparedness.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in opposition to Item 2.M.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the importance of the upcoming Presidential Election on November 6, 2012.

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 5.A. (2.V.) and the number of events held in the City.

STEPHEN MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.P. He also spoke regarding various Measures on the ballot for the upcoming Presidential Election on November 6, 2012.

STEPHANIE J. HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of webcasting all Commission meetings. She also spoke regarding broken street lights in the City. She thanked City Staff for repairing the lights inside of Plummer Park and requested that the timers be changed.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that the City provide an update on the Plummer Park Master Plan. She also encouraged everyone to vote in the Presidential Election on November 6, 2012.

CARLOS SOSA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.H. and thanked City Council for their support.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, encouraged everyone to vote in the Presidential Election on November 6, 2012. She also spoke regarding Item 4.A. and asked that City Council carefully review the proposed changes.

TRACI DINWIDDIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.U.

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.M.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the upcoming Veterans' Day event to be held on November 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. He also spoke regarding an Election watch event at the Abbey tomorrow night, and spoke regarding the marriage equality initiatives that are on ballots in various states. He thanked the public speaker who spoke in support of Item 5.A. (2.V.) He spoke regarding his participation each year in the AIDS Lifecycle event, and encouraged others to join. He also thanked his fellow City Councilmembers for supporting Item 5.D. (2.W.)

Councilmember D'Amico registered his NO vote on Item 2.Q. He requested that when the City Manager's Office brings back an Item to analyze the 2012 Book Fair, that Staff include suggestions for re-formatting the event with price tags for each suggestion. He spoke regarding the upcoming Veterans' Day event and encouraged everyone to attend. He spoke regarding the recent Go-Go Dancer Appreciation Day in the City and thanked everyone who participated. He thanked everyone who helped organize the

Halloween Events in the City. He also spoke regarding the upcoming Sunset Strip Farmer's Market and Lesbian Discussion Group on November 8, 2012. He also spoke regarding an upcoming discussion on HIV scheduled for November 15, 2012.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding the recent Halloween Carnaval event and thanked City Staff for their hard work and the residents for being very accommodating. He also spoke regarding the importance of voting in the Presidential Election on November 6, 2012. He spoke in support of Item 2.T., and spoke regarding Operation U.S.A., a fundraising organization for disaster relief. He stated that Operation U.S.A. will be holding an event scheduled for December and encouraged those interested to call his office for information. He spoke regarding Item 2.Q. and stated that he is working with Staff to address various concerns as it relates to Building Codes. He also spoke regarding typographical errors in Item 2.N. and asked that those errors be corrected in the final document.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land spoke regarding the success of the Halloween events in the City and thanked Staff for their hard work. She also spoke regarding her absence at the upcoming Veterans' Day event as she will be speaking at an NCJW event. She spoke regarding Item 2.T. and encouraged everyone to participate in any way they can to help. She spoke regarding the recent reception hosted by the Disabilities Advisory Board in honor of Disabilities Awareness Month. She also spoke regarding a letter she received from Larchmont Elementary School and their organization called PAPAA (People Against People Against Animals). She asked Acting City Manager Sam Baxter to provide information on response issues from Edison regarding broken lights in the City, as well as the ability to adjust the lights in the Park as it gets darker. She also encouraged everyone to vote in the Presidential Election on November 6, 2012, and encouraged people to make three calls to people they know and encourage them to vote as well.

Mayor Prang spoke regarding public comments surrounding street light issues and asked that the Code Enforcement Officers go out and inspect the lights as well. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding televising board and commission meetings, and spoke in support of boards and commissions requesting Staff to televise meetings that have matters on the agenda of particular substance. He also spoke regarding public comment surrounding an update on Plummer Park and requested Staff to provide additional information at a future Council Meeting. He also spoke regarding the success of the West Hollywood Halloween Carnaval and thanked everyone who coordinated and participated during the event. He also encouraged everyone to vote in the Presidential Election on November 6, 2012.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding Item 5.A., and asked that the additional direction be added to the Item to request that staff provide information on the costs associated with closing the tip of Larrabee Street.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting City Manager Sam Baxter reported that he will be following up with Southern California Edison regarding the issues with their response time for broken street lights. He also stated that Staff will investigate the issue of adjusting lighting at the Parks. He also spoke regarding the lighting and sound enhancement renovations to the Council Chambers which should be completed in December. He asked the City Clerk to provide an update on the Eastside Task Force.

City Clerk Schaffer provided an update on the formation of the Eastside Task Force. He encouraged all that are interested to apply by submitting an application to the City Clerk's office. He stated that applications are available online, at City Hall and at every City Council meeting. He stated that appointments will be made at an upcoming Council Meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the following individual expressed support for Item 2.P. but did not wish to speak: CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$110,599 in expenditures and \$-3,856 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Land and approved, noting the NO vote of Councilmember D'Amico on Item 2.Q. and the NO vote of Mayor Prang on Item 5.A. (2.V.)**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, November 5, 2012 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of the prior Council meeting.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of October 15, 2012. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 709, RESOLUTION NO. 12-4373:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 709 and adopt Resolution No. 12-4373, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 709". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

SUBJECT: The City Council is asked to deny Claims filed against the City, as a routine administrative step in claims processing.

ACTION: Deny the claims of Marc A. Capalbo, Kristina Rogers, State Farm Insurance and Nair Haile and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, Public Safety Commission, Transportation Commission, Disabilities Advisory Board, Russian Advisory Board and Senior Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meetings.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR CITY COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the attendance reports for City Commission and Advisory Board meetings convened between May 2011 - May 2012 and August 2011 – August 2012.

ACTION: Receive and file the attendance reports. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2012 [D. WILSON, N. CORONADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Report for the month ended July 2012 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Receive and File. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF C.I.T.Y. X1 THANKSGIVING EVENT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH [S. BAXTER, J. BOOK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the 2012 C.I.T.Y. x1 Thanksgiving event for LGBTQ youth, and authorizing an expenditure for it.

ACTION: Approve co-sponsorship of 2012 C.I.T.Y. x1 Thanksgiving celebration for LGBTQ youth, and authorize reimbursement of up to \$500 for purchase of food for the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.I. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY FUND STATUS REPORT [P. AREVALO, J. HUFFER]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file a status report by the West Hollywood Library Fund Board (WHLF) on the fundraising campaign for the West Hollywood Library and its organizational status and plans.
ACTION: Receive and file report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES FOR PEDESTRIANS, CIP 1205 [S. PERLSTEIN, O. DELGADO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for Traffic Signal Upgrades for Pedestrians, CIP 1205.
ACTION: Accept the work and authorize the following: a) Filing a Notice of Completion by the City Engineer; b) Final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35 day lien period; c) Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion; and d) Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 1305, TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AT SAN VICENTE BLVD/CYNTHIA STREET [S. PERLSTEIN, O. DELGADO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider awarding a construction contract for CIP 1305, Traffic Signal Modifications at San Vicente Blvd./Cynthia Street.
ACTIONS: 1) Accept the bid dated October 17, 2012, submitted by KDC Inc. dba. Dynalectric; 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with KDC Inc. dba. Dynalectric in the amount of \$37,660 for the construction of CIP 1305, Traffic Signal Modifications at San Vicente Blvd./Cynthia Street; 3) Authorize the City Engineer to manage Change Orders for work on the construction contract in an amount not to exceed 15% of the contract amount; and 4) Approve Resolution 12-4374, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 1305, TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AT SAN VICENTE BLVD./CYNTHIA STREET, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 1307, EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS AT MELROSE AVE/SAN VICENTE BLVD [S. PERLSTEIN, O. DELGADO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider awarding a construction contract for CIP 1307.

ACTIONS: 1) Accept the written quote dated October 8, 2012, submitted by Garcia Juarez Construction Inc.; 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$39,000 for the construction of CIP 1307, Emergency Sewer Repairs at Melrose Ave/San Vicente Blvd.; 3) Authorize the City Engineer to manage Change Orders for work on the construction contract in an amount not to exceed 20% of the contract amount; and 4) Approve Resolution 12-4375, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 1307, EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS AT MELROSE AVE/SAN VICENTE BLVD, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. RESULTS OF AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FUR APPAREL PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, J. HUFFER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report on the results of an economic impact study of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of fur apparel products within the city approved at a regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 7, 2011.

ACTIONS: Receive and file the report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. CONDEMNATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS GLOBALLY [A. LAND, K. HASHMI, J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution condemning discrimination against transgender individuals globally.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 12-4376, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDEMNING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS GLOBALLY"; and 2) Send copies of the signed resolutions to Boris Dittirch, Advocacy Director for LGBT Rights, Human Rights Watch; Jessica Stern, Executive Director, International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission; Suzanne Nossel, Executive Director, Amnesty International USA; and Hillary Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. SUPPORT OF TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE [K. COOK, B. SMITH, D. ESCOBEDO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supporting the Transgender Day of Remembrance to be held on November 20, 2012 co-sponsored by the West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to work with the West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board to support the Transgender Day of Remembrance ceremony to be held November 20, 2012; 2) Waive parking fees for use of

the West Hollywood - 5 story parking lot from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on November 20, 2012; 3) Approve the closure of the West Hollywood Library auto court from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on November 20, 2012; and 4) Waive special event permit fees of \$800. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. CREATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNER TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES DEMONSTRATING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND TO PROVIDE A BUSINESS PLAN IF THE PROPERTY IS TO BE CONVERTED FROM RESIDENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, J. HARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider creating an amendment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance requiring property owners to provide financial disclosures of debt service costs, estimates of various improvements and other expenses demonstrating economic hardship. Additionally, a business plan would be required if the property is being converted from residential to commercial.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Attorney and Community Development Department Staff to draft language for an amendment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance requiring financial disclosures demonstrating economic hardship and to provide a business plan if the property is to be converted from residential to commercial; and 2) Return to the City Council within 60 days with a draft ordinance. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. CREATING AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MOTION-DETECTING LIGHTS IN STAIRWELLS OF ALL NEWLY ERECTED OR MODIFIED HOTELS, RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, J. HARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider establishing guidelines requiring motion-detecting lights in stairwells of all newly erected or modified hotels, residential buildings, and commercial buildings and permitting existing buildings to install motion-detecting lights in such stairwells.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Attorney and Community Development Department Staff to draft language for an ordinance requiring motion-detecting lights in stairwells of all newly erected or modified hotels, residential buildings, and commercial buildings; and 2) Return to the City Council within 60 days with a draft ordinance. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting Councilmember D'Amico's NO vote.**

2.R. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL TOY BOX HOLIDAY CHARITY FUNDRAISER [J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH, A. LAND, K. HASHMI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the 17th Annual Toy Box Party, hosted by Frontiers IN LA, the Abbey, HERE Lounge and the all volunteer Toy Box Committee. Toys will be distributed

for free to families affected by HIV/AIDS. This is the 17th annual community centered grass roots event to be held on Saturday, December 8, 2012.

ACTION: Authorize co-sponsorship of the Toy Box Party, which includes: a) Authorize the use and closure of the City Parking Lot on El Tovar between 12 p.m. – 11 p.m. Saturday, December 8, 2012, for the 2012 Toy Box Party; b) Authorize the waiver of all applicable City of West Hollywood Special Event Permit, Encroachment Fees, and use of the El Tovar parking lot; and c) Authorize event producer use of the City logo as a co-sponsor, and additionally direct City's PIO to assist with the promotion of the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTO SHOW 2012 [J. DURAN, I. OWENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the co-sponsorship of the West Hollywood Auto Show 2012 in conjunction with Frontiers Media.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the City of West Hollywood's co-sponsorship of the Auto Show; authorizing the use of the City logo on printed materials advertising the event; 2) Approve waiver of special event permit fees in the amount of \$354; and 3) Direct the Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media outlets. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. (URGENCY) WEST HOLLYWOOD RESPONDS: DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY [J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH, A. LAND, K. HASHMI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider reaffirming their commitment to the 2005 Disaster Relief program called, "West Hollywood Responds" to encourage the West Hollywood community to respond and donate to disaster relief efforts when catastrophes occur.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the reinstatement of the 2005 program, "West Hollywood Responds;" and 2) Direct Public Information Office to promote the program, through news releases, the City's website, social media and other media, as a mechanism for the West Hollywood community to quickly and effortlessly contribute to the relief efforts when catastrophes occur throughout the world through various approved charities such as American Red Cross and Operation USA. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. (URGENCY) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AIDS LIFECYCLE'S WORLD AIDS DAY CANDLE VIGIL [J. DURAN, I. OWENS, J. D'AMICO, M. REX]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the AIDS Lifecycle Candle Light Vigil on World AIDS Day, December 1st, 2012.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the AIDS Lifecycle Candle Light Vigil on World AIDS Day, December 1st, 2012 and authorize the use of

the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 2) Approve the use of West Hollywood Park for the event and a waiver of event permits, parking validations and associated fees.; 3) Direct the Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; and 4) Authorize the City Manager to sign all required documents relating to this item. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. (5.A.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S "END OF THE WORLD" CELEBRATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES [J. DURAN, I. OWENS, J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring West Hollywood's "End of the World" Celebration in conjunction with local businesses around the City.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the co-sponsorship of the "End of the World" Celebration to be held on Friday December 21st, 2012 in collaboration with local businesses and authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 2) Approve in-kind support in the form of a waiver of special event permit fees and other City-related fees for the "End of the World" Celebration; 3) Direct the Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; 4) Authorize the Economic Development, Public Safety, Public Information, and Recreation Services Divisions to work with the event producers to discuss logistics and mitigations, organize, and publicize the event; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance to allocate \$7,500 from unallocated General Fund Reserves in Fiscal year 2012-13 to account number 100-1-01-00-531001, Special Council Programs, for expenditure related to West Hollywood's "End of the World" Celebration; and 6) Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute any documents or forms that may be necessary for the successful implementation of this event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting Mayor Prang's NO vote.**

2.W. (5.D.) GRANT FOR REPAIRS AT VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE [J. DURAN, I. OWENS, A. LAND, K. HAMSHI, D. DENNIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making a \$10,000 grant to Van Ness Recovery House for plumbing repairs to its residential drug and alcohol treatment facility in exchange for that value in services for West Hollywood community members.

ACTION: 1) Approve a \$10,000 grant to Van Ness Recovery House for repairs to plumbing at its residential drug and alcohol treatment facility; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance to allocate \$10,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves in fiscal year 2012-13 to Social Services contracts; and 3) Authorize staff to negotiate a scope of services which provides that

amount in service to West Hollywood community members. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. (5.B.) DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 AND SCHEDULING DATES FOR ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR 2013: [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2013, canceling or rescheduling several meetings throughout the year that conflict with holidays, and scheduling the dates for the election and installation of the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore in 2013.

ACTIONS: 1) Cancel the meeting of January 7, 2013; 2) Reschedule the meeting of January 21, 2013 to January 22, 2013; 3) Reschedule the meeting of February 18, 2013 to February 19, 2013; 4) Reschedule the meeting of September 2, 2013 to September 3, 2013; 5) Schedule the election of the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore for March 18, 2013; 6) Schedule the installation of the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore for April 15, 2013; and 7) Approve the City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2013. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE DESIGN OF BANKS ALONG SUNSET BLVD. [J. KEHO, M. ANTOL, B. SIEGL]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Sunset Specific Plan (SSP) and Zoning Ordinance to limit the frontage width and require pedestrian-friendly design for ground-floor banks and ATMs along Sunset Boulevard.

This Item was noticed as required by law.

Bianca Siegl, Senior Planner, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated November 5, 2012.

Councilmember Heilman requested clarification from staff on the proposed cap on the number of ground-floor banks on Sunset, which was removed during the Planning Commission review of the Item. Staff responded that the cap was previously set at six ground-floor banks.

Mayor Prang opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward:

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, expressed concerns regarding the Item and spoke in support of a more comprehensive study of the issue.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Prang closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Duran spoke in support of having the cap of six ground-floor banks in this area, to ensure that the diversity of usage remains intact on Sunset.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land spoke in support of having a cap of six ground-floor banks in this area. She spoke in support of addressing the issue again during the revision of the Sunset Strip Specific Plan.

Councilmember Heilman requested clarification from staff whether a currently proposed development with a possible bank as a tenant would be impacted if the cap is put back into place. Staff stated that anything already under construction or approved would be grandfathered in, and the cap of six would mean that three would have to close before another one could be considered.

Councilmember D'Amico requested clarification from staff regarding the original choice of limiting the number of street-facing banks to six and requested clarification as to whether the intention was to spread the banks out along Sunset Boulevard. Staff provided clarification about the selection of a cap of six banks and the possibility of redistributing banks along the boulevard using the restriction on the proximity of banks to one another. Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding the Planning Commission's reasons for removing the cap from the Item and staff provided clarification that the Planning Commission expressed concerns regarding restricting businesses to particular land uses.

Mayor Prang requested clarification regarding the origination of the Item. Staff stated that it was brought to City Staff by the Sunset Strip BID. Mayor Prang spoke in support of remanding the Item back to the Planning Commission to discuss the concerns raised by the City Council.

Councilmember Duran spoke in support of moving the Item with the inclusion of the cap of six street-facing banks.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding the possibility of including an amendment to allow existing banks to move their location.

ACTIONS: Staff recommends that the City Council hold the public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, and adopt on first reading the following: 1) Resolution No. 12-4377, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN

AMENDMENT AND ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT RELATING TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ON SUNSET BOULEVARD.” (ATTACHMENT A); 2) Ordinance No. 12-903, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2012-007 RELATING TO THE DESIGN OF BANKS ALONG SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” (ATTACHMENT B); with the following amendments: a) remove the paragraph titled “Discontinued Use” in SECTION 9; b) add Paragraph B in SECTION 9 to read, “*Limitation on the Number of Banks and Financial Services.* No More than six (6) banks or financial service institutions shall be permitted to operate within the Sunset Specific Plan area at any time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a bank or financial service institution that was: (1) approved or open and in operation on [insert the effective date of ordinance] at the same location; and (2) does not meet the location and dimension requirements of this section, shall be allowed to continue operation in accordance with the regulations for nonconforming land uses in Section 19.72.050. Notwithstanding the requirements in 19.72.050.C, any bank or financial service institution that does not meet the requirements of this section and is discontinued or has ceased operations for 180 days or more shall not be re-established on the site and any further use of the site shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Municipal Code. Any bank covered by the provisions of this section would be permitted to move or relocate to any location in the Sunset Specific Plan area that otherwise meets the requirements of this Zoning Ordinance.”; and 3) Ordinance No. 12-904, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT 2012-002 RELATING TO THE DESIGN OF BANKS ALONG SUNSET BOULEVARD.” (ATTACHMENT C) **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico and unanimously approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITYLINE SHUTTLE SERVICE [S. BAXTER, D. DENNIS, M. ANTOL, P. SLOANE]:

SUBJECT: Staff will present an overview of proposed improvements to the Cityline shuttle service.

Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated November 5, 2012.

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the following individuals expressed support of the Item but did not wish to speak: CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, and STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land spoke regarding the hard work by Staff to look into this issue. She requested clarification from staff regarding what marketing efforts the City would take regarding the changes. She spoke regarding service to the Farmers' Market and expressed concerns regarding starting the service in January when it is colder and darker out. She spoke regarding the possibility of delaying the pilot project until later in the year.

Staff reported they are working with a designer on signage and collateral materials to promote the new changes to the Cityline. Staff also spoke regarding working with the City's Public Information Office to help promote a big kick-off event, as well as working with businesses to help promote the CityLine.

Councilmember Heilman thanked Staff for their work on this Item. He expressed concerns with the readability of the map and suggested that the actual stops be listed in order on the map so that it is easily understood by riders. He also expressed concerns with providing a nighttime line for the Sunset Strip Farmers' Market, and spoke regarding the possibility of trying to create different nighttime routes to encourage different types of ridership. He spoke regarding the possibility of looking for ways to connect West Hollywood to the Metro Red Line and requested that staff continue to look into this issue. He spoke regarding the possibility of scheduling special trips that will take seniors and low-income residents directly to and from grocery stores in the City.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding the possibility of requesting staff to return with a revised item to incorporate the changes and concerns raised by Council.

ACTION: 1) Approve the proposed route changes; 2) Direct staff to return to Council with additional information and options regarding the use of an additional \$10,000 of current Prop A budget funds, including a possible pilot project for evening services; 3) Discontinue the 25 cent fare for Cityline; and 4) Convert meter space #SM 8525 on Santa Monica Boulevard near West Knoll to a Cityline stop. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico and unanimously approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S "END OF THE WORLD" CELEBRATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES [J. DURAN, I. OWENS, J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring West Hollywood's "End of the World" Celebration in conjunction with local businesses around the City.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013 AND SCHEDULING DATES FOR ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR 2013: [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2013, canceling or rescheduling several meetings throughout the year that conflict with holidays, and scheduling the dates for the election and installation of the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore in 2013.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.C. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS [C. SCHAFFER, Y QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making direct and at-large appointments to the Disabilities Advisory Board.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Mayor Pro Tempore Land made a direct appointment to the Disabilities Advisory Board: **Ann Semonco.**
- 2) City Council made an at-large appointment to the Disabilities Advisory Board: **TABLED.**

5.D. GRANT FOR REPAIRS AT VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE [J. DURAN, I. OWENS, A. LAND, K. HAMSHI, D. DENNIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making a \$10,000 grant to Van Ness Recovery House for plumbing repairs to its residential drug and alcohol treatment facility in exchange for that value in services for West Hollywood community members.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:29 p.m. in memory of Lou Rispoli, Molly Young, Maximo Tatlonghari, the victims of Hurricane Sandy, and all the soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting. The City Council adjourned to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, November 19, 2012

at 6:30 P.M. in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers,
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 19th day of November, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Duran, Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Land and Mayor Prang.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	D'Amico.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

JEFFREY PRANG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

COREY SCHAFFER, CITY CLERK