

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Land called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Altschul led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: **None**

ALSO PRESENT: **City Manager Arevalo, 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 one public comment and one Item of potential litigation added to the agenda. He stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Land stated that an Urgency Item was submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Land asked that the Urgency Item regarding the use of public resources for campaign activities be added to the Agenda as Consent Calendar Item 2.S. **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and unanimously approved.**

Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, to approve the amended Agenda, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Edward Beck, husband of the Director of the Sunset Strip Music Festival Carmen Beck. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of World War Veteran Jose Sarria, who was the first openly gay man to run for political office in the United States. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of longtime resident John Stout.

Councilmember Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of his cousin, Mary Jane Prang Williams. He also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the last City Council Meeting: Specialist Nickolas S. Welch, 26, Staff Sergeant Octavio Herrera, 26, Specialist Keith E. Grace Jr., 26, and Sergeant Jamar A. Hicks, 22.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of film composer Damon Intrabartolo.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Heilman presented a proclamation to Rabbi Denise I. Eger in recognition of her 21st Anniversary as a Rabbi.

The City Council presented plaques to outgoing Advisory Board and Commission Members.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

REINA MARTINEZ, LOS ANGELES, expressed her thanks to City Council for allowing her to serve on the Women's Advisory Board.

NORMAN CHRAMOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed his thanks to City Council for allowing him to serve on the Public Facilities Commission.

JIM CHUD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that Council fund the food program of the organization Chicken Soup.

A. LEE WALKUP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the 35th season of the Gay Men's Chorus and their upcoming performances.

COCO LACHINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the late Jose Sarria.

JOHN ALLENDORFER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding traffic issues on Larrabee.

MARC HAUPERT, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY FOUNDATION, spoke in support of Items 2.M, 2.Q., and 2.R.

EVGENY BATISHCHEV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a foundation to assist disabled individuals and asked the City for assistance with funding.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Councilmember Heilman for assistance with the replacement of bus furniture on the Eastside. She also spoke regarding National Night Out and thanked the Russian Advisory Board for their efforts during the event. She spoke regarding issues surrounding the proposed changes to Plummer Park.

VIRGINIA GILLICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming changes to parking meter hours in the City.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.R. She also thanked the City for the sound system and the assisted listening devices in the Council Chambers. She also spoke regarding the upcoming Women's Equality Day event.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding the City's ban on plastic bags going into effect for smaller retailers beginning August 20, 2013. He spoke regarding National Night Out and thanked the Community and Staff for their work on the events. He expressed birthday wishes to Jeanne Dobrin and offered his condolences to the friends and family of Jose Sarria. He spoke regarding public comments surrounding the need for speed bumps on Larrabee and expressed concerns with speed bumps on a street with a steep grade and spoke in favor of other possible traffic calming solutions.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding public comments surrounding traffic issues on Larrabee and asked Staff to speak with staff at the London Hotel to try to determine if the issues might be related to valet parking associated with events at the hotel. He also directed Staff to follow up on the public comment surrounding pot holes in the same area. He requested the City Manager to bring an Item before the Council to discuss the red light photo enforcement program, particularly in relation to the closing of the Beverly Hills Courthouse and the possible lack of enforcement. He spoke regarding the opening of the night-time trolley, "The Pick-Up Line" and stated that it is a pilot program and can be adjusted after the initial six-month period. He spoke regarding the recent Buff 'n' Cut event and thanked Staff for their work on this event. He spoke regarding an upcoming trip with Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico on September 7, 2013 to New Orleans for the National Conference on AIDS. He spoke regarding information from the City's Community Survey and stated that deaths reported of people with HIV/AIDS have drastically decreased. He expressed concern with various plaques and other items that are currently in the lobby of City Hall and spoke in favor of replacing these Items with photos of what life is like in West Hollywood. He asked the City Manager to report back on this issue.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding National Night Out and thanked everyone for participating. He spoke regarding public comments surrounding the program for disabled individuals and asked Staff to meet with the constituent regarding his request. He spoke regarding the Resolution approved by City Council condemning Russia's actions toward the LGBT community and spoke regarding recent meetings Council has held with various organizations and how they intend to move forward on this issue.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico spoke regarding National Night Out and thanked his neighbors and neighborhood food establishments for helping to make the event a success. He spoke regarding the recent Buff 'n' Cut event in the City. He spoke regarding public comments surrounding traffic issues on Larrabee and requested that the City also look at issues on Palm Avenue. He spoke regarding the issues being faced by the LGBT community in Russia and his upcoming attendance at the Russian Advisory Board meeting to try to foster dialogue between the Russian and LGBT

communities in the City. He spoke regarding the upcoming TRIBE Gay Men's discussion group.

Mayor Land spoke regarding National Night Out and thanked everyone involved. She spoke regarding the night time trolley, "The Pick-Up Line," and reiterated that it is a pilot program and encouraged everyone to spread the word and take advantage of the trolley. She spoke regarding the upcoming Making Strides against Breast Cancer event scheduled for August 25, 2013. She spoke regarding an upcoming Install Weho event, scheduled for August 22, 2013. She spoke regarding the upcoming Women's Equality Day event scheduled for August 26 from 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers. She asked Councilmember D'Amico and Councilmember Duran to report back on the National Conference on AIDS during the September 16, 2013 Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding Council's requests and stated that he will report back on each of them. He also spoke regarding developing a committee to discuss proposed changes to the City Hall Lobby.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$113,487 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenue, and (\$4,312) in waived fees.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and unanimously approved.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,G.,H.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,R.,S. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and unanimously approved.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, August 19, 2013 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, August 15, 2013.

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 August 5, 2013. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 727, RESOLUTION NO. 13-4487:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 727 and adopt Resolution No. 13-4487, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 727". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. LIABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 [D. WILSON, T. THOMSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file the liability claims report for fiscal year 2012-2013.

ACTION: Receive and file the liability insurance claims report for fiscal year 2012-2013. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 13-919 (2ND READING) REVISING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.56, STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL, TO IMPLEMENT GREEN STREETS INFRASTRUCTURE ON TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 13-919, revising West Hollywood Municipal Code Chapter 15.56, Storm Water and Urban Runoff Pollution Control, to implement Green Streets Infrastructure on transportation corridor projects to improve water quality.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 13-919, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REVISING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.56, STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL, TO IMPLEMENT GREEN STREETS INFRASTRUCTURE ON TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. 1317 N. CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD – IRANIAN AMERICAN JEWISH CENTER – VACATION OF DECISION APPROVING PARKING STRUCTURE IN COMPLIANCE WITH WRIT OF MANDATE ISSUED BY SUPERIOR COURT [M. JENKINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will approve Resolution No. 13-4488, setting aside and vacating Resolution No. 12-4269 in order to comply with the writ of mandate issued in the case entitled Ptashkin v. City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 136314.

ACTION: It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 13-4488, setting aside and vacating Resolution No 12-4269 in order to comply with the writ of mandate issued in the case entitled Ptashkin v. City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS136314, thereby rescinding Development Permit 2010-004 and Conditional Use Permit No. 2010-001 to approve a parking structure and bring a nonconforming use into compliance relative to property located at 1317 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA) (Iranian American Jewish Center). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from the Disabilities Advisory Board and the Senior Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.H. CONCLUSION OF INTERIM PARKING REGULATIONS ON DOHENY ROAD AND SUNSET HILLS ROAD [O. DELGADO, J. ROCCO, D. NORTE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall consider a recommendation to make the interim two hour time limit on the south side of Doheny Road and the east and west sides of Sunset Hills Road between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. permanent.

ACTION: Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 13-922, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.08.200 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDING PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF DOHENY ROAD AND THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF SUNSET HILLS ROAD AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FOURTH QUARTER REPORT FOR 2012-2013 [E. SAVAGE, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Fourth Quarter Report of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC) for fiscal year 2012-2013.

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

2.J. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014 [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an agreement with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to provide a range of business development programs and services in Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for fiscal year 2013-14 to provide a range of business development programs and services; 2) Authorize the Acting Manager of Economic Development to approve on a case by case basis the sponsorship of Chamber activities in an amount not to exceed \$7,000; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the agreement and approve any minor modifications to scope throughout the fiscal year. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR AND HACHETTE BOOK GROUP (HBG) [E. SAVAGE, O. WALKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a partnership with Hachette Book Group to provide an added feature to the 2013 West Hollywood Book Fair.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve partnership with Hachette Book Group as an expanded component of the West Hollywood Book Fair; 2) Allow wine to be served as part of the event; and 3) Authorize ticket sales for the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 1301, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 1301, Concrete Repair Program by Ruiz Engineering Co.

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.M. ART/AIDS/AMERICA [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider endorsing and providing special funding support of \$50,000 for Art/AIDS/America, a major art exhibition which explores the impact of AIDS on American art during the last 30 years, currently in consideration to take place in West Hollywood in 2015.

ACTIONS: 1) Endorse the exhibit Art/AIDS/America; and 2) Consider budgeting special funding of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. APPROVAL OF A THREE YEAR CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR THE ANNUAL ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION OSCAR EVENT AND APPROVAL OF STREET/LANE CLOSURES FOR OTHER 2014 OSCAR RELATED EVENTS [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the request to co-sponsor the Elton John AIDS Foundation Oscar Viewing Event for 2014 through 2016, approving an associated road closure on San Vicente Boulevard and approve a partial lane closure on Sunset Boulevard for the Vanity Fair Oscar Event.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of Elton John AIDS Foundation Oscar Viewing Event for 2014 through 2016 to be held in West Hollywood Park. The 2014 date is, Sunday, March 2, 2014; 2) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a multi-year use agreement with the Elton John AIDS Foundation for use of facilities including a portion of West Hollywood Park as identified in Attachment A and use of the 5 Story Parking Structure, Plinth Parking Garage, El Tovar Parking Lot and the West Hollywood Park North Lot and the fees associated with these uses; 3) In relation to the Elton John AIDS Foundation Oscar Viewing Event, approve the closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Santa Monica

Boulevard and Melrose Avenue between the approximate hours of 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 2, and 5:00 a.m., Monday, March 3, with the specific hours being adjusted dependent on public safety requirements; 4) In relation to the Elton John AIDS Foundation Oscar Viewing Event approve the waiver of related fees totaling \$2,812, comprised of the not-for-profit Special Event Permit Fee \$1,200, Encroachment Permit Fee \$100, Parking Meter Fees \$700, Street Closure Fee \$350, Building Permit Fee \$178 and Generator Fee \$284; and 5) In relation to the Vanity Fair Event approve a partial lane closure at 8358 Sunset Boulevard starting at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 2 until 3:00 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2014. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. HOME BOX OFFICE (HBO) 2013 EMMY EVENT REQUEST TO CLOSE SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of requests from Home Box Office (HBO) for the 2013 Emmy's Event scheduled for Sunday, September 22, 2013.

ACTIONS: 1) Provide the HBO production team with exclusive use of four parking spaces in the Five Story Parking Structure from Saturday, September 14 through Wednesday, September 25, 2013; 2) Approve the closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard from 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2013 to 3:00 a.m. on Monday, September 23, 2013; and 3) Provide the first floor of the Five Story Parking Structure and the El Tovar Parking Lot for HBO event parking on Sunday, September 22 and September 23. The first floor of the Five Story Parking Structure and the El Tovar Parking Lot will be closed to the public from 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 22 through 3:00 a.m. Monday, September 23, 2013. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. SPONSORSHIP OF NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY 2013 COMMUNITY VIDEO PROJECT [J. D'AMICO, M. REX]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsorship of a Community Video Project for National Coming Out Day 2013.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve sponsorship of National Coming Out Day 2013 Community Video Project and authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 2) Approve the use of City venues for such events and a waiver of event permits, parking validations and associated fees; 3) Direct the Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to produce and promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; 4) Direct staff to include components that are low-cost, low-impact and incorporate digital, social media and other emerging technologies into future City events; and 5) Authorize the City Manager to sign all required documents relating to this item. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. WEHO READS 2013 [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL, M. CHE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the use of the West Hollywood Library Public Meeting Room (Council Chambers) and waiving associated fees for the City's WeHo Reads Program.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the use of the West Hollywood Library Public Meeting Room (Council Chambers) for WeHo Reads events as outlined in this report and waive associated fees not to exceed \$1,500; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign and execute any necessary documents or forms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CONGREGATION KOL AMI TOWN HALL EVENT [J. D'AMICO, M. REX]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the Congregation Kol Ami Town Hall event on October 10, 2013.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the City of West Hollywood's participation as a co-sponsor of the Congregation Kol Ami Town Hall event and authorize the use of the City's name and logo on printed materials advertising the event; and 2) Direct staff to assist with the promotion of the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. (URGENCY) RESOLUTION OPPOSING SB 594 (HILL) USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES [J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH, H. MOLINA, J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON]

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution opposing SB 594 (HILL), which, if adopted, will place unnecessary burdens on advocacy by non-profit associations that work to protect the interests of California residents.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 13-4489, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING SB 594 (HILL) USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES FOR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Assembly members Richard Bloom, Senators Ted Lieu and Jerry Hill, the League of California Cities and other key partners. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. AMEND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND TERM AND ELIMINATE PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION AND CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR PROJECT LOCATED AT 9001 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD [S. DE WOLFE, J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE]:

SUBJECT: The applicant is requesting an amendment to Development Agreement 2006-003 to extend the term of the agreement by four (4) years; extend the time period to commence construction by two (2) years; eliminate phases of project construction; and consent to assignment of the property to a new owner.

The Item was noticed as required by law.

Councilmember Heilman disclosed that he visited the site.

Mayor Land disclosed that she has communication with the applicant and visited the site.

Jennifer Alkire, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 19, 2013.

Mayor Land opened the public hearing and no speakers came forward.

Mayor Land closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, and conditionally approve the proposed amendment subject to the following draft ordinance: Introduce on First Reading Draft Ordinance No. 13-923, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE REQUEST TO AMEND A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PHASING; EXTEND TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY FOUR (4) YEARS; EXTEND TIME PERIOD TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION BY TWO (2) YEARS; AND CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. (EXHIBIT A)." **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and unanimously approved.**

3.B. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN FINANCING DOCUMENTS AND DIRECTING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS [D. WILSON, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting the attached resolution approving the issuance and sale of up to \$20.5 million of Lease Revenue Bonds by the West Hollywood Public Finance Authority. The total bond issue of up to \$20.5 million will provide financing for the acquisition and construction of public improvements constituting the City Hall automated parking garage, community plaza, and related improvements, as well as acquisition and construction of public improvements to the Werle Building.

The Item was noticed as required by law.

David Wilson, Director of Finance & Technology, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 19, 2013.

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

LYNDIA LOWY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Bonds and expressed concerns with the automated parking garage and the removal of the proposed meeting rooms from the original concept for the parking garage.

VIRGINIA GILLICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concerns with the City issuing Bonds.

STEPHANIE J. HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concerns with the amount of Bonds that are being issued.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided clarification on the City's financial rating. She spoke regarding the income of the City and complimented the City Manager and Staff for their stewardship of the City's funds.

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding the City's ongoing, long-term financial plan to allow the City to invest in infrastructure in the City. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding the loss of community rooms and the changes to the original plan, and clarified that the plan called for community service centers, which were going to be offices with public counters, such as parking and permit counters and not community meeting rooms. He reported that after looking at the site, the concept of offices and parking did not mix, so through the planning process it was determined that a parking garage was more feasible.

Councilmember Heilman requested clarification from Staff on the bonds that currently have been issued in the City. Staff provided clarification of the current bonds issued in the City, along with the bonds issued by the Redevelopment Agency. Councilmember Heilman requested clarification of the plan to repay the bonds issued associated with this project. Staff provided clarification that the repayment of bonds would be through increases in General Fund revenue. Councilmember Heilman requested clarification from Staff regarding the current General Fund reserves and Staff provided clarification.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico expressed his concerns that documentation of various costs were not included in the current report, but expressed his support for the Item. He spoke regarding the costs associated with the project, but the heavy need for parking in this area of the City. He spoke in support of the Council receiving verified construction cost estimates prior to moving forward with construction.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the costs of the listed projects and spoke regarding the automated parking garage being a capital improvement; which will provide parking for businesses in the area as well as generate revenue for the City. He spoke regarding the issue of space

when looking at where parking structures can be built. He also spoke regarding the City's reserves and how the City has been setting aside these funds for quite some time. He spoke regarding taxes paid to the City and how those funds are used for capital improvements. He expressed his support for the Item.

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico's concerns and provided clarification of construction estimates and the sequence of events of when Items will come before the Council. He spoke regarding the timing of the Item to capitalize on historically low interest rates.

Mayor Land closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 13-4490, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN FINANCING DOCUMENTS AND DIRECTING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS"; and 2) Authorize the City Manager and/or Director of Finance and Technology Services to execute any documents necessary to issue the bonds, provided the bond size does not exceed \$20.5 million. **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS AND RECONVENE AS THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY:

The Public Financing Authority approved the minutes from the March 4, 2013 meeting, and adopted a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds in connection with financing certain public capital improvements.

The actions are more fully described in the West Hollywood Public Financing Authority minutes.

THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY WILL RECESS AND RECONVENE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

The Successor Agency to the West Hollywood Community Development Commission approved the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting, and adopted a resolution approving a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule and Administrative Budget for the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

The actions are more fully described in the minutes of the Successor Agency to the West Hollywood Community Development Commission.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WILL RECESS AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL:

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. 2013-16 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMMING [E. SAVAGE, D. DENNIS. D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recommendations from the Human Services Commission and staff for social services programs for the October 1, 2013-September 30, 2016 grant cycle.

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 19, 2013.

HILARY SELVIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and thanked City Council, Social Services Staff, and the Human Services Commission.

BRIAN HARDIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and thanked the City Council.

RUTH CISLOWSKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and thanked the City Council, City Staff, and all of the social services agencies that assist residents.

JOEL ROBERTS, LONG BEACH, thanked City Council for their years of support.

MARINA BERKMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and thanked City Council, City Staff, and the Human Services Commission.

CATHY RUSCH, SANTA CLARITA, spoke in support of the Item and thanked the Human Services Commission.

LELAND KEEL, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the Item and objected to the process by which agencies were selected for funding.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her decision to move to what is now West Hollywood, and thanked the City for its services.

Councilmember Duran requested clarification from Staff regarding the Tarzana Treatment Center and how West Hollywood residents can receive treatment from this agency. Staff provided clarification of the process for allowing residents to utilize this facility as well as the billing process, and provided clarification on the choice to include these types of facilities in the funding recommendations. Councilmember Duran

requested Staff to include outreach to the Public Defender's Office as part of the outreach and marketing for these programs.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding the possibility of attracting a facility like the Tarzana Treatment Center closer to West Hollywood. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding the choice not to fund a particular agency and spoke in support of the staff and commission recommendations.

Mayor Land spoke regarding the need for several Councilmembers to recuse themselves during the voting on funding for specific agencies due to conflicts of interest.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico recused himself on the vote for the funding of Project Angel Food.

Councilmember Duran recused himself on the vote for the funding for AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA). He also stated that he formerly was a co-owner of Frontiers, but no longer has a conflict of interest for this agency.

Mayor Land stated that she is no longer the Executive Director of the Saban Free Clinic, and therefore no longer has a conflict of interest for this agency.

ACTION: 1) Approve \$4,250,674 for social services program funding recommendations as indicated in the attached chart; 2) Authorize staff to negotiate scopes of work and budgets, and authorize the City Manager to sign contract agreements; and 3) Approve one-year contracts to begin October 1, 2013 which are renewable twice, contingent upon program performance, continued community need for the program, and availability of City funds. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Prang, to approve the funding for Project Angel Food, and approved with Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico being recused. Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, to approve the funding for APLA, and approved with Councilmember Duran being recused. Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico, to approve the remaining social services funding recommendations, and unanimously approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making direct appointments to the Human Services Commission and the Women's Advisory Board.

ACTIONS: 1) Councilmember Prang made the following direct appointment – Human Services Commission: Rob Bergstein; and 2)

**Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico made the following direct appointment
– Women's Advisory Board: TABLED.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m. in memory of Edward Beck, Jose Sarria, Mary Jane Prang Williams, John Stout, Damon Intrabartolo, and all the soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting. The City Council will adjourn to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 16th day of September, 2013 by the following vote:

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

ABBE LAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

COREY SCHAFFER, CITY CLERK