

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Michael Cautillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember D’Amico, Councilmember Duran, Councilmember Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Quarker, and Administrative Specialist IV Poblador.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

City Attorney Jenkins reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. He further stated that no items were added to the Agenda, no public comments, there were no reportable actions, and the Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Meister requested that Item 4.C. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.T. She requested that Item 6A be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.U. She also requested that Item 2.H. be moved to Excluded Consent for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman requested that Item 4.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.S.

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 2.Q. be moved to Excluded Consent for further discussion.

Council approved by consensus to hear Item 2.Q. before Item 2.H. under Excluded Consent.

**Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor Meister to approve the February 21, 2017 agenda as amended, and unanimously approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of resident Norma Cook.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Meister presented a Proclamation to Russell Ybarra honoring Capitol Drugs 30-year Anniversary.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.G. and his gratefulness and support for affordable housing.

TAI SUNNANON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.H. and how he'd like to move his small business to West Hollywood. He spoke in support of Item 2.I. and his witnessing of the epidemic in the 80's, as well as support for Item 5.A.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.D. and 2.G.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.J. and the need to address the Board's purpose and intent. He also spoke regarding the ongoing vacancies in his building.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding 4.C. urging residents not to sign the petitions regarding Rainbow Bar and Grill.

AMANDA GOODWIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding traffic mitigation.

JAKE LEE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding sanctuary cities, and economic effect of undocumented immigrants.

ANDY REEDER, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding sanctuary cities, and undocumented immigrants.

JAKE STEVENS, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Rainbow billboard petitions, and urges residents not to sign them.

CHAD KROEGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a request to build a statue of Paul Walker in the center of The Grove.

LYN ETCELERO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his concerns.

ANTHONY DAVID, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding his support of Pride and CSW.

MICHAEL CAUTILLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding overdevelopment in the City.

TRACY WRIGHT, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding support for Pride.

COLE ETTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding opposition to Trump and the progressive nature of this City.

MARCO COLANTONIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the contributions of Deputy Dave Smith.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming current election.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember D'Amico thanked the Community Development Department for their hard work in Item 2.N. He thanked staff members Maribel Louie and Andrew Campbell for their work on Item 2.O. He spoke regarding his support for Item 4.A.; however he stated that he does not support the expenditure for supporting red light cameras in the City and believes that since they have been removed temporarily, accidents have decreased. He asked the City Manager to provide an update on this issue during his City Manager's report. He disclosed that he has received donations from the medical marijuana community. He spoke regarding a recent Council and discussion regarding the City's need to move forward with trying to repeal the Ellis Act and shared that Assemblymember Richard Bloom recently introduced a Bill to do just that, and thanked Dan Morin for continuously bring this issue before Council.

Councilmember Horvath responded to public comments made regarding immigrants and stated that "people are not illegal." She spoke regarding Item 2.N. and requested that staff ensure that our options remain open so that we have control over where our energy comes from. She thanked that Mayor for bringing Item 2.R. forward; which reflects the City's values. She spoke in support of Item 4.C., but expressed that she would like staff to ensure that we are not making it too difficult for small non-profits and advocacy groups to hold events in the City. She also spoke regarding the bill introduced from Assemblymember Bloom, AB 1506 to repeal the Costa Hawkins Rental Act, and urged support for this effort.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked the staff involved with the recent Valentine's Day event.

Mayor Meister reported that she attended L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's recent HouseLA and outreach event, where landlords learned of incentives and programs that are available to them. She further stated that the Housing Division will be providing that information to West Hollywood landlords as well. She reported that she attended the recent L.A. County Sanitation District meeting. She spoke regarding Item 2.I. and thanked the Social Services Division for their work on this issue and the goals that are spelled out in the item. She spoke regarding Item 4.A. and noted that a decrease in revenue from parking fines is a positive thing. She also spoke regarding the \$500,000 budget for consulting services to complete various studies and the backlog of zone text

amendments, and suggested that staff remember to look at the recent Matrix Consulting Report regarding Planning and Building and Safety to see what efficiencies we can glean from those reports. She spoke regarding Item 4.C. and directed staff to request 990's for events that the City is sponsoring or co-sponsoring and to ensure that this request becomes a part of the City's event policy. She also requested that Council receive an annual report outline events held; which should include the number of seats, attendance totals, total cost for the event, and the cost per attendee. She stated that this will allow the City to determine which events are working and which are not.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Arevalo provided a brief overview of Item 4.A., an update of the City's 2016-2017 operating budgeted and accomplishments. He noted that there is a typo on Attachment A and stated for the record that the project revenues should be \$88 million, not \$8 million and spoke regarding one-time revenue and expenditure adjustments to the overall budget. He spoke regarding upcoming programs, and stated that the overall budget continues to be strong.

He spoke briefly regarding the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program, and confirmed for Councilmember D'Amico that accidents in the major intersections have actually decreased; however from a public safety standpoint, the benefits outweigh the costs.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$263,875 in expenditures, \$38,400 in potential revenue, and (\$0) in waived fees.

#### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,R.,S.,T.,U. Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

##### **2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:**

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2017 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.*

**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 February 6, 2017. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

##### **2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 797 [D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall approve or reject the Demand Register for period ending February 10, 2017 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Approve Demand Register No. 797 and adopt Resolution No.17-4913, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 797". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 17-999 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT CORPORATE RENTALS OF DWELLING UNITS, CITYWIDE" [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 17-999 amending Title 19 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to prohibit corporate rentals of dwelling units, Citywide.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 17-999, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT CORPORATE RENTALS OF DWELLING UNITS, CITYWIDE". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016 [D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 2016 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Receive and file the December 2016 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 [D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO, K. BARENG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.*

**ACTION:** Receive and file the City of West Hollywood's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and related documents for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION SECOND QUARTER REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 [E. SAVAGE, P. NOONAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation Administrative Contract Report for the Second Quarter of 2016-17.*

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

- 2.H. SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD'S NEW URBANISM – INTERIM REPORT [M. LOUIE, J. ROCCO]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file a report on the Council directive to research policies and planning tools that will help attract independent, small businesses to West Hollywood and keep our existing small business community intact by making operating small businesses in our city more economically feasible.*  
**ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.**
- 2.I. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE STRATEGIC PLAN [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, D. MURRAY, C. ROSKIN]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the HIV Zero Initiative Strategic Plan.*  
**ACTION: Receive and approve the HIV Zero Strategic Plan. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS FOR THE DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING LOCATION [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting revised by-laws for the Disabilities Advisory Board; amending their meeting location to Plummer Park – Community Rooms 5 & 6.*  
**ACTION: Adopt revised by-laws for the Disabilities Advisory Board; amending Section 2.1 regarding the location of regular meetings. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. VALET PARKING CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH KING VALET PARKING, INC TO OPERATE CITY PUBLIC VALET [O. DELGADO, R. MARQUEZ, D. NORTE]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a Valet Parking Concession Agreement with King Valet Parking to operate City public valet.*  
**ACTIONS: 1) Approve a valet parking concession agreement with King Valet Parking, Inc. effective March 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL FOR SEWER DESIGN SERVICES [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an Agreement for Services with Brown and Caldwell to prepare construction documents for rehabilitation of sewers in Melrose Ave and Robertson Blvd.*  
**ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Brown and Caldwell in an amount not-to-exceed \$49,875 to prepare construction documents for sewer rehabilitation in Melrose Ave. and Robertson Blvd.; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the**

documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. UPDATE ON POLICY AND PRACTICES REVIEW OF HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION AND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH TRAAEN & ASSOCIATES, LLC [C. SCHROEDER, S. SCHUMACHER]:**

*SUBJECT: Update of City Council directive to solicit proposals for consulting services for review of current policies and practices of the Human Resources Division. The City Council will consider amending the Agreement with Traaen & Associates, LLC to increase both the time of performance and the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement for Human Resources Consulting services.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Services with Traaen & Associates, LLC, to increase the time of performance by 24 months and to increase the amount of the agreement by \$100,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$124,000 in order to provide additional Human Resources consulting services; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the first amendment to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. UPDATE REGARDING REGIONAL COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY PROGRAMS [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, R. EASON]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the status of regional community choice energy programs.*

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

**2.O. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH PUBLIC FICTION [M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Public Fiction, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, to create, curate and present a public art project to take place in West Hollywood between July 2017 and February 2018.*

**ACTION:** Approve an Agreement for Services with Public Fiction in the amount of \$30,000, to create and present an art exhibition in West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. COSPONSORSHIP OF OUTFEST FUSION FILM SCREENING [M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL, M. CHE, M. MARQUEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider cosponsoring an Outfest Fusion Film Screening on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 and allow alcoholic beverages to be served and consumed within the lobby of the West Hollywood City Council Chambers for the duration of the event.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the Outfest Fusion Film Screening on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers; 2) Authorize use of the City name and logo on promotional and collateral materials and the promotion of the event through the City's website, calendar, and social media network; 3) Allow

alcoholic beverages to be served and consumed within the lobby of the West Hollywood City Council Chambers for the duration of the event; and 4) Approvals are conditional upon the execution of an Event Co-sponsorship Agreement with the Event Organizer per the attached agreement (Attachment A). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN ANTICIPATION OF LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA [L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop an education campaign in light of the upcoming legalization of recreational marijuana in California in 2018, which will focus on health and safety of children and pets.*

**ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.**

**2.R. RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO ONCE AGAIN PUBLISH ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTION REPORTS [L. MEISTER, H. MOLINA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution urging the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to once again publish animal welfare inspection reports, which were removed by the newly installed administration appointed by President Donald Trump.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 17- 4914 "A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO ONCE AGAIN PUBLISH ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTION REPORTS"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, U.S. Representative Adam Schiff, State Senator Benjamin Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (SPCALA), the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), and other community partners as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. (4.A.) UPDATE OF THE 2016-17 OPERATING BUDGET & ACCOMPLISHMENTS [P. AREVALO, D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO, J. LEONARD, C. SAFRIET]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the mid-year update of the City's 2016-17 Operating Budget, as well as receive an update on work program accomplishments. The mid-year adjustment proposes: \$2,519,374 in additional General Fund revenues and \$1,567,591 in General Fund Expenditures; \$30,000 in Proposition A Fund expenditures; and \$100,000 in Gas Tax Fund expenditures.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve budget adjustments identified in the attached "Proposed Mid-Year Changes to the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget" (Attachment A); and 2) Receive and file the attached Mid-Year Financial Report (Attachment B) and Vision 2020 Work Plan Accomplishments (Attachment C). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**



**2.T. (4.C.) CITY EVENT POLICY UPDATE [S. DEWOLFE, C. SMITH, M. GERLE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on work to review and revise policies and procedures related to Event Services.*

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

**2.U. (6.A.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 1.40 TO TITLE 1 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 17.44.010 AND 17.44.020 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS [C. SCHROEDER, A. REGAN, J. HOLUB]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider introduction on first reading of an ordinance adding a new chapter to Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Municipal Code that will codify the procedures, consistent with state law, for the issuance of subpoenas in administrative proceedings and amending Sections 17.44.010 and 17.44.020 for consistency.*

**ACTION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 17-1000, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 1.40 TO AND AMENDING SECTIONS 17.44.010 AND 17.44.020 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. UPDATE OF THE 2016-17 OPERATING BUDGET & ACCOMPLISHMENTS [P. AREVALO, D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO, J. LEONARD, C. SAFRIET]:**

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**ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.**

**4.B. L.A. PRIDE 2017 PLANNING UPDATE [S. DEWOLFE, C. SMITH, M. REATH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update related to the planning and programming of the 2017 L.A. Pride event. The City Council is also being asked to approve a footprint for the L.A. Pride Festival, which will take place on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2017.*

*Event Services Technician Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 21, 2017. Social Services Manager David Giugni provided additional information on the Dyke March.*

JEFF CONSOLETTI, REPRESENTING CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST, spoke regarding the upcoming plans for Pride 2017 and stated that he looks forward to working with the City on this event.

MANNY RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes the positioning of Pride near residential areas.

MIKE RIZZO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, believes in expanding the footprint of Pride to further support Sizzle and other such programs.

SARAH BLANCH, VENICE, thanked Council for the continued support of Sizzle.

HEATHER BLANCHARD, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of a large enough of an event to accommodate all the LGBTQ youth who look to Pride as a beacon of hope.

PETER CRUZ, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Transgender and Lesbian representation, as well as affordability of tickets.

BRANDON ANTHONY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about maintaining the hip hop stage at this year's Pride.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, voiced opposition regarding the use of City's facilities until 2019, and also supports March rather than a parade.

GABRIEL MASS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports what Pride represents, but opposes street closures by residential neighborhoods.

MIDGE BARNETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Melrose portion expansion.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed expansion.

RICHARD GIESBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns with the inclusion of Melrose and Rosewood.

ADRIEL RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City for the continued support of Sizzle and Pride.

AMANDA GOODWIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of expansion into the West Hollywood West area.

**The following individuals did not wish to speak, but submitted a Citizen Position Slip expressing their opposition to Staff's recommendation:** *Debby Trufnik, Anton Vogt, Garrett Yoshida, Marjorie Pollack, Sanford Pollack, Richard Karliss, and Leslie Karliss.*

Councilmember Duran thanked all the speakers and the Mayor and Councilmember D'Amico for their efforts as the Council's sub-committee for this event. He spoke about Council looking at the MTA site as well as the PDC to accommodate the needs for the event instead of expanding to the Melrose area. He spoke in strong support of CSW, and the proposed three-year City commitment. He spoke about the history of CSW and the need to continue to have the Festival and parade in West Hollywood. He also spoke regarding the proposed March scheduled for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and stated that it could possibly bring hundreds of thousands of people into the City and that residents should be prepared for this as well.

Mayor Meister inquired about moving the stage to the north side of San Vicente and Santa Monica Blvd. Staff stated that they can look at this option; however it may require additional closures. Mayor Meister stated that she could not support a three-year commitment with CSW. She requested confirmation from CSW that the Friday nights Transgender events were still in place and free to the public. Chris Clausen confirmed that the events for Friday would remain the same. Finally, she spoke in support of increasing the budget to accommodate costs for renting additional space for the event while the Park is under construction. She cited its economic value to the City as well as its social value.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked staff for their hard work on this event each year. He spoke regarding the need to continue to have the Pride event in West Hollywood, but also stated that the City needs to protect the residents as well, and stated that could not support moving the event into the Melrose area. He spoke in support of using the MTA lot, and requested that staff keep the port-o-potties in place through the entire weekend.

Councilmember D'Amico expressed concern with the size of the event, and hopes the City can utilize the Pacific Design Center and the MTA lot, and hopes that small businesses will see more traffic from the event as well. He spoke in support of a three-year commitment, if there is also a three-year commitment from the County and the PDC to utilize their respective spaces each year, while the Park is under construction. He expressed concern, from a safety standpoint, with having a stage at both ends of San Vicente. He suggested that during the March on Sunday, the Economic Development Department and Arts Division look at providing

some sort of programming to encourage people to stay in the area and utilize the restaurants, bars and possibly attend an event at Plummer Park.

Councilmember Horvath thanked everyone who came out to speak. She believes strongly that Pride should remain in West Hollywood, and is fully supportive of the March portion. She supports three-year commitment with CSW, she acknowledges that Pride costs half the amount that Halloween Carnival, yet brings in the most revenue to our City businesses.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the City Manager to reach out to Charles Cohen regarding the use of the Pacific Design Center; 2) Affirm the City's commitment to allow Christopher Street West (CSW) to use City property and facilities through the 2019 L.A. Pride event and obtain a letter of commitment from CSW for the same, providing we receive the same three-year commitment from the MTA; 2) Receive this progress report related to the planning and programming of the 2017 event, including the additional input provided by Council; 3) Approve a footprint for the L.A. Pride Festival to be held on Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2017 that does not include use of Melrose, but explore Metro and PDC sites, as well as other locations such as La Peer; 4) Authorize staff to work with Christopher Street West leadership on the inclusion of a March and Rally into L.A. Pride 2017 programming on Sunday, June 11; and 5) Direct staff to come back with additional budget requests as warranted, including funding for additional Public Safety. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

**4.C. CITY EVENT POLICY UPDATE [S. DEWOLFE, C. SMITH, M. GERLE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on work to review and revise policies and procedures related to Event Services.*

**ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. CALL FOR WEST HOLLYWOOD TO PROHIBIT DOING BUSINESS WITH BUSINESSES PROVIDING FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES [L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The President of the United States continues to take actions that contradict the core values of West Hollywood, refuses to release his taxes, and continues to benefit from business interests, thereby potentially violating the Emoluments Clause. The City Council will consider prohibiting the City of West Hollywood from providing financial or public benefit to any person holding the office of President of the United States or any entity in which the President or his revocable trust holds*

*investments, particularly, any financial institution, hotel, real estate company, investor or direct affiliate. The City Council will also consider re-evaluating its relationship with Wells Fargo based on the financial institution's connection to the President and the Dakota Access Pipeline.*

Mayor Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 21, 2017. She clarified that the recommendation was to create a policy to be followed by City Hall, not an ordinance. She stated that the Item was consistent with the City's mission statement, core values and other policies and initiatives that Council has put forth. With regard to financial institutions' connection to the Dakota Access Pipeline, she noted that a number of cities had committed to pulling money from Wells Fargo Bank including Seattle, WA, Davis, CA and most recently Santa Monica, CA.

MICHAEL DONATO, REPRESENTING WELLS FARGO BANK, spoke in opposition to the City divesting from Wells Fargo and spoke regarding their long history and the relationship with the West Hollywood community.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of divesting from Wells Fargo, and all the institutions involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline.

JONATHAN WEEDMAN, ALTADENA, spoke in opposition of divesting from Wells Fargo.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of divesting from Wells Fargo.

MICHAEL WOSTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Council looking at issues here in West Hollywood and not Washington.

SHERI LIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item, except for the recommendation regarding Wells Fargo.

RORY BARISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

CANDACE CAMPER spoke in support of the item.

**The following individuals did not wish to speak, but submitted a Citizen Position Slip expressing their support for Staff's recommendation: *Stephanie Harker, Cathy Blaivas***

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in support of staff compiling a list as directed in recommendation #1; but cautioned that the list may be larger than we think. He spoke regarding the recommendation relating to Wells Fargo and its relationship to the President and the Dakota Access

Pipeline issue, and stated that he needs more information before decided to divest from Wells Fargo. He reminded Council that the City changed banks due to the illegal activity of the previous bank, and stated that it may be difficult to find an institution that is without issues.

Councilmember Duran stated that if the item called for a boycott of Trump businesses or properties, he could support it, but stated that he could not support a secondary boycott; which could have unforeseen consequences for individuals or entities that have nothing to do with the current Presidents ideals. He spoke regarding the 30 years of support Wells Fargo has given the City, and he does not support the item as presented.

Mayor Meister acknowledged that Wells Fargo Bank contributes to GMCLA, and responded to Councilmember Duran's comments regarding the Sioux Tribe being opposed to same sex marriage by noting that the Dakota Pipeline is also an environmental issue.

Councilmember Horvath expressed her strong opposition to Trump administration actions, and her desire to hold true to the City's core values. She asks for a list of all businesses Trump is profiting from, and believes an intersectional analysis/socially conscious banking policy should be put into place to assist the City with decided who to bank with.

Councilmember D'Amico agreed with Councilmember Horvath, and thinks that a policy should be put into place first to help the City decide what Bank best fits our values. He also expressed his concern with continuing to Bank with Wells Fargo.

**ACTIONS:**

1) Direct the Finance & Technology Services Department to compile a list of financial institutions, hotels, real estate-related companies, investors, and direct affiliates, in which the President of the United States or his revocable trust has a financial stake. **Motion by Mayor Meister, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and approved.**

2) Direct Staff to develop socially conscious banking policies based on the City's principles and core values, and bring an Item to Council which includes the evaluation of Wells Fargo, based on these policies. **Motion by Mayor Meister, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.Q. PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN ANTICIPATION OF LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA [L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop an education campaign in light of the upcoming legalization of recreational marijuana in California in 2018, which will focus on health and safety of children and pets.*

Councilmember Duran stated that he pulled the item for discussion because he could not support it as presented. He stated that it buys into the “reefer madness” issues of the past and that he could not support a fear campaign. He also stated that he was opposed to having the Public Safety Division and the Code Compliance Division develop an education campaign and stated that this should be handled by the Human Services Division.

Mayor Meister spoke regarding the Item and stated that it was meant to be a public awareness campaign, not unlike the City’s “Don’t Leave Kids and Pets in Cars on Hot Days”, “Drink and Drive” and safe sex campaigns. She requested that an additional recommendation be added to include the Cannabis community in the developing the campaign.

AMANDA SMASH HYDE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

JASON BECK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item, as it perpetuates hysteria.

DANA WORKMAN, LOS ANGELES, in opposition to the Item and offered assistance with educating the public through her organization CannaKids,

JEFFREY RABER, PASADENA, spoke regarding the Item and his support of proper education for adult use.

JACKIE SUBECK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item, but believes in education.

HAL LEWIS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the Item, but would like to aid in education of cannabis.

AUSTIN CYR, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Item 2.Q. and the stigma attached to cannabis.

RICHARD W. EASTMAN, HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.Q. and its benefits medically.

SCOTT IMLER, VALLEY GLEN, spoke about the negative slant of speaking about marijuana up to this point.

CANDACE CAMPER spoke in support of medical usage of marijuana as opposed to man-made pharmaceuticals.

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

**The following individuals did not wish to speak, but submitted a Citizen Position Slip expressing their opposition to Staff's recommendation:** *Jay Fuentes, Katherine Sears, Michael Dolan, Daniel Collins, Mark Saffian, Brandon Millan.*

Councilmember D'Amico thanked all the speakers who came out and educated the public during their comments. He spoke in support of the effort to educate residents, but stated that this is a bigger issue for the City and asked the City Manager how the City proposes to regulate, educate, support, etc. and stated that this conversation should happen first.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked all the speakers who came out to speak on this important issue. He stated that he was not supportive of the Item as presented and agrees with Councilmember D'Amico that a broader discussion should be had regarding what this new law means to West Hollywood, the Zoning Ordinance and how we will regulate it.

Councilmember Horvath believes education is important, in terms of businesses and legislation, but stated that if City resources are going to be used to educate on drug abuse, it should be focusing on an educational campaign relating to Meth, not marijuana. She spoke in support of a broader discussing that includes a policy discussion.

City Attorney Jenkins provided clarification that the City has the option to do nothing, regulate or prohibit, and stated that any changes to the Zoning Code would require that Ordinances be approved and in effect by the end of the year.

City Manager Arevalo stated that Staff is prepared to come back this fiscal year with an item to Council with policy recommendations and options for Council to discuss and approve.

**ACTION:** Council agreed by consensus to direct Staff to come back with a report that includes options based on the Council discussion and information the City currently has as it relates to medical marijuana; which can then be brought to Council for direction on the development of a community outreach program and an Ordinance, that will go before the Planning Commission for review and approval before returning to Council for final approval.

**2.H. SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD'S NEW URBANISM – INTERIM REPORT [M. LOUIE, J. ROCCO]:**



*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file a report on the Council directive to research policies and planning tools that will help attract independent, small businesses to West Hollywood and keep our existing small business community intact by making operating small businesses in our city more economically feasible.*

Jackie Rocco provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 21, 2017.

Councilmember D'Amico would like to increase the citation fines on businesses that do not maintain their properties. He also requested that a vacant properties list be developed so that they can be monitored.

Mayor Meister agrees that fines should be higher, but also spoke in support of a maintenance fee instead of issuing a citation.

CANDACE CAMPER spoke regarding small businesses and minorities.

**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

**6. LEGISLATIVE:**

**6.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 1.40 TO TITLE 1 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 17.44.010 AND 17.44.020 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS [C. SCHROEDER, A. REGAN, J. HOLUB]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider introduction on first reading of an ordinance adding a new chapter to Title 1 (General Provisions) of the Municipal Code that will codify the procedures, consistent with state law, for the issuance of subpoenas in administrative proceedings and amending Sections 17.44.010 and 17.44.020 for consistency.*

**ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** Mayor Meister encouraged everyone to join her for the "Coffee with the Captain" event scheduled for tomorrow, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8am.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 10:34 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 6, 2017 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 by the following vote:

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

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LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK