

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**6:30 P.M. –REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** John Allendorfer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember D’Amico.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Quarker and Assistant City Clerk Crowder.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilmember Meister requested that Item 4.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.S. She also requested that Item 2.R. be moved to Excluded Consent for discussion.

Mayor Heilman requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.T.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to approve the May 7, 2018 agenda as amended, and unanimously approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Chau Au. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldier who died in Afghanistan: Army Specialist Gabriel D. Conde (22).

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ron Thomas and Terry Grand.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Heilman presented a Proclamation to Melaney Lubey in recognition of her work with *ImprovingBirth.org*.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

SHEILA KADISHA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.O.

MARK LEHMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.M.

KEVIN HOULIHAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding noise issues in his apartment building.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding noise issues and safety concerns in his building.

JOHN ALLENDORFER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Senior Month in West Hollywood and the events around the City.

ALI SHAHIDI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding not feeling safe in the City that he lives.

AMANDA GOODWIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding crime in the City.

MICHAEL KING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding an upcoming award and the honoree, Elizabeth Savage.

KAREN EYRES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Women's Leadership Conference and an event on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

ERIC JON SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming 2019 municipal election.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Mayor Heilman's term as Mayor.

WESLEY BRIDEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the West Hollywood's Renters Alliance on the City's seismic ordinance.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Meister reported that she attended the Southern California Association of Governments Conference Thursday and Friday, where transportation was a main topic of discussion. She also reported that she met with Los Angeles City Councilmember Koretz regarding to discuss strategies relating to Poinsettia Park and also discussed homelessness and public safety issues that both cities share. She also reported that she attended the recent Westside Urban Forum. She spoke regarding Item 2.M. and in support of the designation. She spoke briefly regarding Item 2.O., and

thanked councilmember D'Amico for co-sponsoring and her fellow Councilmembers for supporting the Item. She also thanked Mayor Pro tempore Duran for his co-sponsorship of Item 2.P. She announced that the City is hosting two dog events to celebrate all things canine with Pawsapalooza on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and World Dog Day on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Horvath announced the upcoming NextGen event on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and will be held the Chapel at the Abby. She mentioned that this week is Municipal Clerk's week, and mentioned that City Clerk Quarker was nominated for City Clerk of the Year through the City Clerks Association of California. She discussed the walk around the Eastside that she conducted and the various issues that she noted, including street lights being out. She disclosed her interactions with cannabis businesses including: Good Times Design, Essence Cannabis Store in Las Vegas, the owner of Oz Cannabis Store, owners of a new local restaurant, and a prospective restaurant owner. She also reported that Repeal Costa Hawkins Initiative has collected the required number of signatures and we will know sometime between June 11-24, whether it has qualified for the ballot. She congratulated Todd Hallman, Martin Gantman, Alan Bernstein, and Madonna Cacciatore, on their recent accomplishments, and also congratulated the honorees of the Stonewall Democratic Club. She reported that she represented the City at the Clean Power Alliance meeting, California Contract Cities Conference Elected Officials Meeting, California contract cities membership meeting, executive committee meeting and the legislative and regulation committee meeting. She also reported that she attended the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division meeting, the SCAG Regional Conference, and that she participated in the WHAM breakfast at Universal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran thanked Mr. Shahidi and acknowledged his concerns surrounding public safety and response times. He provided the direct phone line for the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and spoke regarding the ongoing homelessness issues in the City. He mentioned the annual Public Safety Awards on May 14<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned an "Evening with Richard A. McKay, Author of Patient Zero and the Making of the AIDS Epidemic, in Conversation with Poet and Educator Steven Reigns". He also mentioned the WeHo Arts Exhibit: Adelaide Drive, artwork of Wayne Shimabukuro and Don Bachardy. Finally, he commented on the rededication of the June Mazer Archives at the Werle Building.

Mayor Heilman reported that he attended the recent Los Angeles County City selection Committee meeting to nominate people for various regional and County commissions. He thanked everyone for their participation at yesterday's Commemoration of Victory in Europe Day Event. He thanked the Women's Advisory Board and staff for the Women's Leadership Conference. He gave direction to the City Manager on the new Housing Accountability Act to bring back an Item to help educate the Council and staff on the Act. Finally, he directed Captain Aloma to speak with Mr. Shahidi and report on the incident to the Council.

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

City Manager Arevalo commented on Mr. Shahidi's public comment, and stated that land-line and cell phone callers should use the 911 system for emergencies. He reported that Planning and Development Services is moving forward with the Parklet program, and also mentioned that that WeHo Pedals is now a part of the bike share program from WeHo to Santa Monica. He also spoke briefly regarding the ongoing City Hall Lobby project.

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

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$1,035,943 in expenditures, \$284,745 in potential revenue, and (\$550) in waived fees.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,S.,T. Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved, noting the "no" vote of Mayor Heilman on Item 2.G.**

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

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 7, 2018 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.*

**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 April 16, 2018. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

### **2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 824 [L. QUIJANO, K. BARENG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending April 27, 2018 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 824 and adopt Resolution No.18-5050, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 824." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

### **2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [D. WILSON, A. WARD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council is asked to deny claims filed against the City as an administrative step in claims processing.*

**ACTION: Deny the claim of Johann Cesar Davila and Veronica Sneed. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Public Safety Commission, Russian Advisory Board, and Women's Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.*

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

**2.F. UPDATE ON MICRO-PARK PROGRAM [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, G. SRAPYAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the pilot micro-park program.*

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

**2.G. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GEHL STUDIO FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE SUNSET BOULEVARD STREETScape PILOT PROJECTS [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, J. DAVIS, G. SRAPYAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with Gehl Studio, Inc. to analyze, design, and install streetscape pilot projects and create a future Streetlife Action Framework for Sunset Boulevard, focused on achieving more pedestrian oriented and active public spaces as well developing concepts for gateway features at the east and west ends of Sunset. The pilot projects include intersection and sidewalk treatments.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve an agreement for services with Gehl Studio, Inc. in the amount of \$355,000 to design and install streetscape pilot projects and a create a future Streetlife Action Framework for Sunset Boulevard; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; and 3) Approve the waiver of encroachment permit fees, and other associated fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the "no" vote of Mayor Heilman.**

**2.H. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Michael Baker International, Inc. for on-call construction management, inspection and material testing services to modify the scope of work and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 4 to the agreement for services with Michael Baker International, Inc. to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by \$58,622 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$958,622; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. AWARD OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH WAVEGUIDE, LLC [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Waveguide, LLC, for On-Call Professional Audiovisual Technology Consulting and Support Services.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Waveguide, LLC, for On-Call Professional Audiovisual Technology Consulting and Support Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the award of the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.J. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 73197 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 1030 KINGS ROAD [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Final Tract Map No. 73197, subdivision for a thirty (30) unit condominium development, located at 1030 Kings Road.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Make findings for the Final Tract Map as follows: a. That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, b. That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code, c. That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Tract Map No 73197; and 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Tract Map No. 73197 the certificate that embodies the approval of said map. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 69499 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 1125 N. KINGS ROAD [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Final Tract Map No. 69499, subdivision for a ten (10) unit condominium development, located at 1125 N. Kings Road.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Make findings for the Final Tract Map as follows: a. That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, b. That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any

specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code, c. That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Tract Map No 69499; and 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Tract Map No. 69499 the certificate that embodies the approval of said map. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 [L. QUIJANO, B. ROSEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution determining and imposing a street maintenance assessment within the 1996 Street Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The assessment rate is unchanged from 2017-2018.*

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 18-5051, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DETERMINING THE COST OF STREET MAINTENANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND DETERMINING AND IMPOSING A STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT WITHIN 1996 STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT ACT OF 1982, CHAPTER 6.4 OF PART 1 OF DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 5 OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF THE BERMAN/KOHNER BUILDING AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE [J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, J. MAYER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to approve a nomination to designate the Berman/Kohner building located at 9165-9169 Sunset Boulevard as a local cultural resource.*

**ACTION:** Staff recommends that the City Council uphold the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation, and adopt Resolution No. 18-5052 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF THE BERMAN/KOHNER BUILDING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. COSPONSORSHIP OF MOCA ART EVENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXHIBITION DÉCOR: BARBARA BLOOM, ANDREA FRASER,**

**LOUISE LAWLER ON JULY 15, 2018 [M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL, M. CHE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider cosponsoring a MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles) art event in conjunction with the exhibition Décor: Barbara Bloom, Andrea Fraser, Louise Lawler on Sunday, July 15, 2018.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the MOCA art event on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers; and 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.

**2.O. REDESIGN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENTS [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, J. DUCKWORTH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to redesign and replace the existing Neighborhood Watch street signs and to increase the funding allocation to each National Night Out community event. These steps are intended to increase the visibility of Neighborhood Watch Groups in West Hollywood and increase community participation and engagement.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to redesign the Neighborhood Watch street signs and to replace the existing signs throughout the City in order to make them more visible and readable; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$1,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with designing new signs; and 3) Direct staff to increase the allocation of funding to each Neighborhood Watch group and other participating community groups for the annual National Night Out events.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 2681 (NAZARIAN) SEISMIC SAFETY: POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE BUILDINGS [L. MEISTER, J. DURAN, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of AB 2681 (Nazarian) Seismic safety: potentially vulnerable buildings, a legislative initiative that will require local governments to develop an inventory of potentially seismically vulnerable buildings and report findings to the State's Office of Emergency Services (OES).*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5053 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB 2681 (NAZARIAN) SEISMIC SAFETY: POTENTIALLY VULNERABLE BUILDINGS"; and 2) Direct Community & Legislative Affairs Division staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Benjamin Allen, Assembly Members Richard Bloom and Adrin Nazarian, and other parties as deemed appropriate.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**



**2.Q. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018, A PROPOSED INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to a proposed ballot initiative that, if approved, will 1) require a two-thirds vote approval of any new local taxes and fees and some state taxes and fees and 2) will be retroactive to any local taxes and fees enacted on or after January 1, 2018. The proponents are currently in the process of gathering signatures to qualify the initiative for the November, 2018 ballot.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5054 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE TAX FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018, A PROPOSED INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Benjamin Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, the League of California Cities, the California Contract Cities Association, and other parties as deemed appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACCELERATING THE NORTHERN EXTENSION OF THE METRO CRENSHAW/LAX LINE [J. HEILMAN, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA, J. KEHO, J. HANKAMER, D. FENN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of accelerating the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line.*

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

**2.S. (4.A.) UPDATE ON RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES [L. QUIJANO, K. BARENG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Addendum #1 to the Request for Proposals for Banking Services.*

**ACTION:** Authorize Addendum #1 to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Banking Services to include that the Financial Institution be a Federal or State of California chartered banking institution and to amend certain dates in the Schedule of Events (Section 2.4) including the due date of the RFP to June 1, 2018. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.T. (5.A.) AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI, J. KEHO, J. HANKAMER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with Harris & Associates, Inc. for professional civil engineering design services for the Design District Streetscape Project for Beverly Boulevard.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve the Agreement for services Harris & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$514,921.00 for professional civil engineering design services for the Design District Streetscape Project for Beverly Boulevard; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3.A. REVIEW OF THE CITY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Collection and Disposal Service Charge rates for FY 2018-2019.*

City Clerk Quarker stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

City Engineer Hany Demitri provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 7, 2018.

Mayor Heilman opened the public hearing and no speakers came forward:

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran closed the Public Hearing.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Council made a finding that there was no majority protest by property owners within the assessment area and adopted the following Resolutions: Resolution No. 18-5056, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONFIRMING THE LEVYING OF AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 PURSUANT TO TITLE 15, CHAPTER 15.48 OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE"; and Resolution No. 18-5057, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CUSTOMERS (CPI-U) INCREASE TO RATES FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL AND MULTI UNIT (OVER FOUR UNITS) RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES." **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. UPDATE ON RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BANKING SERVICES [L. QUIJANO, K. BARENG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Addendum #1 to the Request for Proposals for Banking Services.*

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

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI, J. KEHO, J. HANKAMER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with Harris & Associates, Inc. for professional civil engineering design services for the Design District Streetscape Project for Beverly Boulevard.*

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

**5.B. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making direct appointments to the Rent Stabilization Commission and the Transgender Advisory Board.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Councilmember Horvath appointed Karen O'Keefe to the Rent Stabilization Commission; 2) Mayor Heilman appointed Madison Fairchild to the Transgender Advisory Board.

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.R. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACCELERATING THE NORTHERN EXTENSION OF THE METRO CRENSHAW/LAX LINE [J. HEILMAN, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA, J. KEHO, J. HANKAMER, D. FENN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of accelerating the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line.*

Principal Planner Joanna Hankamer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 7, 2018.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the request to approve an accelerated environmental review and the costs involved. She expressed her concern with the uncertainty of the alignment, the expedited environmental review and the additional \$70 to \$550 million that the City would be responsible for if the line were accelerated.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City's continued diligence to move forward with the metro extension.

DAN WENTZEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his support of the Item.

Councilmember Meister expressed concern with the Item, particularly the uncertainty of the alignment, the fact that Council is being asked to spend a lot of money and sign an MOU for streamlined planning and

environmental review without knowing the alignment. She expressed concern with the \$550 million price tag for acceleration and use of local returns for this effort, rather than expanding Cityline X and shuttles. She stated that when West Hollywood voters voted to support the Northern Extension, they likely thought the sales tax would cover the buildout and expressed doubt that voters were aware of the need for additional funding or that the City would be incurring additional debt. She spoke regarding the poll that was conducted by the City in 2016 and stated that the issue of acceleration of Metro's Northern Extension came in as #10 in terms of importance to residents. Lastly, she stated that since 2015, \$1.2 million has already been spent on this effort.

Councilmember Horvath thanked staff for their hard work on this issue. She expressed her support for the Item. She reported that the CEO of Metro is a proponent of bringing private funding to this project and that the City has the support of not only the Metro CEO; but also of Supervisor Kuehl.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in support of the item and asked the City Manager to set aside funding to do a study and polling on placing a tax on Cannabis. He stated that this funding could be used for this project. City Manager Arevalo stated that funding for this study in this next budget cycle.

Mayor Heilman commented on the percentage of residents that voted for Measure M., and that he believes that residents were aware of additional monetary commitments for this project. He stated that the City would not be responsible for the entire \$550 million, but the Item is asking to expedite the process of determining the alignment. He spoke about a public/private partnership to fund the expansion. He spoke in support of the item and thanked staff for their hard work.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5055, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF ACCELERATING THE NORTHERN EXTENSION OF THE METRO CRENSHAW/LAX LINE;" 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti, Metro Board First Vice Chair Sheila Kuehl, Metro Board Second Vice Chair James Butts, Members of the Metro Board, Metro CEO Phil Washington, State Senator Benjamin Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, and other parties as deemed appropriate; 3) Direct staff to initiate negotiations of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Los Angeles committing both cities to expedited processing of project-related permits and a streamlined planning and environmental review process not to exceed three (3) years; and return to City Council with a final MOU for approval; 4) Direct staff to issue Requests for Proposals for a Public Private Partnership (P3) Consultant to advise the City on strategies to attract and retain private

investment and a Financial Consultant to assess the revenue potential, logistics, and strategic options for a value capture mechanism such as an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD), bonding against the City's Measure M local return funds, and/or passing a local sales tax measure; and return to Council for contract approvals; and 5) Direct staff to submit comments on the Metro FY19 Budget consistent with the City Council's standing policy and goals. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved, noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Meister.**

**6. LEGISLATIVE:**

**6.A. RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT MODIFYING THE EXEMPTION FOR NEW ACCOMMODATIONS ON PROPERTIES WITHDRAWN FROM THE RENTAL MARKET USING THE ELLIS ACT [P. NOONAN, M. JENKINS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance to modify exceptions for certain rental accommodations constructed and offered for rent on properties where accommodations had been withdrawn in the prior five years from the rental market using the Ellis Act.*

Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Peter Noonan provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 7, 2018.

City Attorney Jenkins provided alternative language for **Section i.** in the proposed ordinance that Councilmember Meister requested. He read the revised language into the record as follows:

**i. If the new accommodations are located on a property where the accommodations were demolished after having been withdrawn from the rental market under Section 17.52.010(15) and are offered for rent or lease within five years of the date of withdrawal, the new accommodations shall not be exempt from this title. This title shall apply to all rental units constructed on the formerly withdrawn property, regardless of the number of rental units withdrawn, except under the following circumstances:**

- **Inclusionary Housing Units, Nonprofit Housing Accommodations, Institutional Facilities and Government Assisted or Owned Housing otherwise exempt under this Title shall be exempt.**
- **New accommodations for which a planning permit application was deemed complete prior to July 20, 2016 shall be exempt.**

Mayor Heilman inquired about new condo buildings would be exempt as well. Based on this discussion, the additional language, “and any other unit” was added as part of the first bullet point.

- **Inclusionary Housing Units, Nonprofit Housing Accommodations, Institutional Facilities and Government Assisted or Owned Housing, and any other unit otherwise exempt under this Title shall be exempt.**

Councilmember Horvath inquired about rehab facilities and if they are considered institutional facilities. City Attorney Jenkins stated that rehabilitation facilities would not be included in this ordinance.

**ACTIONS:** Council introduced on first reading a *revised* ORDINANCE 18-1030 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 17.24.010 (EXEMPT PROPERTY) OF CHAPTER 17.24 OF TITLE 17 (RENT STABILIZATION) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE EXCEPTION TO THE EXEMPTION FOR NEW ACCOMMODATIONS.” **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and approved.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

RICH COHEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding West Hollywood Elementary School and Los Angeles Unified School District and the matriculation of students from the elementary school. He spoke regarding the need for a middle and high school in the City.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Heilman commented on an award that the City’s Communications Department received.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m. in memory of Ron Thomas, Terry Grand, Chau Au, and Army Specialist Gabriel D. Conde to its Mayoral Installation Meeting, which will be on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at 1Oak, located at 9039 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.