

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:30 P.M. –REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Duran called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Quarker indicated that staff requests that Item 3.A. be tabled to the City Council meeting of January 22, 2019, Item 3.B. be tabled to the City Council meeting of January 22, 2019, and that Item 4.B. be tabled to the City Council meeting of January 22, 2019.

Councilmember Horvath requested that Item 5.A. be tabled and reviewed by the Urban Design Studio. She also requested that Item 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.U. City Attorney Jenkins read the changes to the ordinance into the record.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico requested that Item 5.F. be Tabled.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman to approve the December 17, 2018 agenda as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Phyllis Dennis and Anna Kustanovich.

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Scotty Brumfield, Zevi Kenig, Roha Soleymanzadeh Aghaei, and Judge William Newsom. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following military

adjournments: Sergeant Jason Mitchell McClary (24) and Private 1st Class Joshua Mikeasky (19).

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Horvath presented a Proclamation to Adam Bouska and Jeff Parshley in honor of the 10th anniversary of the NOH8 Campaign.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

TIMOTHY FOY, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to Item 2.S.

DAVID REID, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Item 2.R. and tied to changing the name of San Vicente Blvd. to West Hollywood Way.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, read his holiday poem.

KAREEM YOUSSEF, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of Item 2.S.

ESTEE CHANDLER, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of Item 2.S.

ABDUL BARAKAT, MOORPARK, spoke in opposition of Item 2.S.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of Item 2.S.

AMANI BARAKAT, MOORPARK, spoke in opposition of Item 2.S.

VINCENT DORAZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the removal of the tree at 800 N. Kings Road.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Dial-A-Ride not being available on Saturday and Sunday.

YURIY SHAMAYEV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding issues with the apartment building where he lives.

ZINA ZINENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her hearing today with the Rent Stabilization Hearing examiner.

CHAD BLOUIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City as well as his appointment to the West Vector Control.

DAISY M. UY KIMPANG, SANTA ANA, spoke on behalf of Verizon Wireless requested that the ordinance not be introduced on first reading and that staff continue to work with the industry.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Horvath referenced several awards that were presented to the City at the recent League of California Cities Conference. She spoke regarding Item 2.R. and inquired if the City contacted the City of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles World Airports regarding the proposed Item. She indicated that she and Councilmember Meister will table Item 2.S. She reported that she attended a recent meeting with the MTA Southwest Sector. She also reported that she attended meetings with the Library Oversight Trust Fund to work with representatives from the Sheriff's Department on liability coverage. She reported that she also represented the City at the recent Sanitation District and Clean Power Alliance meetings, and mentioned an L.A. Times Article covering some of the work of the Clean Power Alliance. She also reported that she will be attending a meeting with the new County Sheriff through the California Contracts Association to talk about his work with each of the local stations. She stated that she and Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico will be meeting with our local Sheriff's station regarding public safety updates. She wished everyone a happy holiday season and reminded everyone to drive sober.

Councilmember Meister spoke regarding the recent launch of the Sunset Streetscape project and the opening of the parklet adjacent to Book Soup, and asked for public feedback on the test bulb outs. She reported on the Don't Drink and Drive coaster distribution, and asked that everyone be safe this holiday season. She also spoke regarding Item 2.I. - Aging in Place, and expressed concern with the report and asked if staff could supplement community survey for ask seniors about the Aging in Place program. She stated that there was too much emphasis on staff's opinions, and not enough from the residents. She spoke regarding specific Aging in Place efforts and suggested that under Facilities; staff look at Hart Park and ADA compliance. With regard to Planning, the report did not address Aging in Place at all, and suggested that Planning create residential development guidelines so that people can age in place, and related to Transit, she stated that the report did not specify what percentage of riders were older adults and also asked staff to look at the suggestion made during public comment regarding Dial-A-Ride on the weekend. She spoke regarding Item 2.M. and wanted to confirm that the agreement is as long as we need the person and that the City isn't tied into a two-year contract. She spoke regarding Item 2.P. and asked that under animal welfare, that staff work to get grooming regulations that were passed in WeHo, passed statewide. She also spoke regarding Item 2.R. and clarified that staff did not reach out to the City of Los Angeles, and that the item is a request not a demand.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding the two tenants that spoke during Public Comment. He requested that staff from the Rent Stabilization division speak with them and report back to the Council. Have staff prepare analysis for weekend Dial-A-Ride service. He wished everyone a happy holiday and New Year. He reported that he also travelled to Washington for the Victory Fund Conference – LGBT elected officials conference. He reported that the LGBT elected officials prepared a letter for the incoming Congress: passage of the equality act, addressing HIV issues, and bias in the transgender community. He also reported on his personal travels to Malawi, where he

works to opens schools and libraries. He stated that he met with the Mayor and Vice Mayor and a number of LGBT activists, and opened a library in a public school with 6,000 students where there are 600 to a class and three to a desk. He spoke regarding the poverty and great need there.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico spoke regarding Item 2.G. He also expressed concern with Item 2.I. – Aging in Place, and stated that comments regarding Dial-A-Ride, accessibility, and other issues that are not addressed. He also directed staff to look at the weekend service of the Dial A Ride program, and commented that he does not see actual quality of life increases based on the study submitted. He mentioned Item 2.J. and verbiage regarding what was not being considered or analyzed on (page 3) and indicated that he is voting “no” on the Item. He also provided his campaign donation disclosures, and reported that he was not able to attend the Victory Fund Conference due to illness.

Mayor Duran commented that he also attended the Victory Fund Conference. He mentioned Item 2.O. and indicated that he serves on the board of the Gay Men's' Chorus and provided his disclosures. He mentioned the #BOOM event on New Years' Eve and thanked Robert Gamboa and Jimmy Palmieri for their work on this item.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo announced that City Hal will be closed on December 25th and January 1st and the automated parking structure will be closed as well. He spoke regarding the renters who spoke under Public Comment and indicated that Peter Noonan will follow-up with the Council. He spoke regarding the delay of the screening of the “1948” film.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$300,293 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, and (\$19,500) 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.,R.,S.,T.,U. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved, noting the “no” vote of Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico on Item 2.J.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 17, 2018 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, December 12, 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 December 3, 2018. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 838 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending December 7, 2018 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 838 and adopt Resolution No.18-5137, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 838." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 18-1051 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL FOR ALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS UNDER 30,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE." [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1051, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow Planning and Development Services Director approval for all commercial projects under 30,000 square feet in size.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 18-1051, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL FOR ALL COMMERCIAL PROJECTS UNDER 30,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 18-1052 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.08.010 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.52.140 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DISCLOSURE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUYOUT AGREEMENTS." [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1052, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, amending Section 17.08.010 and adding a new section 17.52.140 to the West Hollywood Municipal Code relating to disclosure and filing requirements for buyout agreements.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 18-1052, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.08.010 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.52.140 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DISCLOSURE AND FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUYOUT AGREEMENTS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended October 2018 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Receive and file the October 2018 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. 2018 WESTSIDE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL SUMMARY [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, R. EASON, S. TAYLOR, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the accomplishments the City has made in its first year as a member of the Westside Energy Partnership.

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

2.H. 2019 RSO BUILDING BLOCKS EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS [C. SCHROEDER, P. NOONAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the 2019 RSO Building Block Educational Seminars Fliers and a summary of attendance in 2018.

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

2.I. "AGING IN PLACE, AGING IN COMMUNITY" YEAR TWO EVALUATION REPORT AND YEAR THREE UPDATE [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, D. KAHN-EPSTEIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file the "Aging in Place, Aging in Community" Year Two Evaluation Report and receive an update on the Aging in Place Initiative.

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

2.J. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) STREAMLINING [J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, A. GALLO, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA), a form of CEQA documentation that was established by SB 375 to provide streamlined environmental review for "Transit Priority Projects" that are consistent with either a sustainable communities strategy or an alternative planning strategy.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, with Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico voting No.**

2.K. AGREEMENT WITH OPEN COUNTER ENTERPRISES [M. LOUIE, J. ROCCO, B. BIRKELAND, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement with Open Counter Enterprises (dba OpenCounter) to develop, implement and maintain an online zoning and business portal application.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for services with Open Counter Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$51,000 for FY 18/19, \$37,500 for FY 19/20, and \$37,500 for FY 20/21; 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 THE MANAGEMENT OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MARKETING CORPORATION (D.B.A. WEST HOLLYWOOD TRAVEL & TOURISM BOARD) [M. LOUIE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement with the West Hollywood Marketing Corporation (d.b.a. West Hollywood Travel & Tourism Board) to administer a program of work for the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive and file the FY 2017-2018 Annual Report; 2) Approve an agreement for services with the West Hollywood Marketing Corporation (d.b.a. West Hollywood Travel & Tourism Board) through June 30, 2029 for ongoing management and administration of the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GWYNNE PUGH URBAN STUDIO [J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, D. GRAY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing an amendment to the agreement for services with Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio to increase the not-to-exceed amount and extend the expiration date to allow the Vendor to continue providing design review services to the Planning and Development Services Department and urban design and architectural design training for staff and the Planning Commission, as needed.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 4 to the agreement for services with Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio to increase the amount of the agreement by \$100,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$260,000 and extend the contract end date to December 31, 2019; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MAROON SOCIETY [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Amendment No. 2 to the existing Agreement for Services with Maroon Society for evaluation

of the HIV Zero Strategic Plan to modify the scope of services, increase the not-to-exceed amount, and extend the agreement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with Maroon Society, increasing the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement by \$110,585 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$234,643 and extend the agreement by 24 months from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. 2019 ARTS GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS – WEHO ARTS ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WEHO ARTS PROJECT GRANTS [M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL, P. BONDS]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider ratifying recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission for funding the City's 2019 WeHo Arts Organizational Development and WeHo Arts Project Grants.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award a WeHo Arts Organizational Development Grant totaling \$4,000 to one (1) arts organization and allocate the remaining balance of \$4,000 to the WeHo Arts Community Grant category as outlined in this staff report; 2) Approve recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award WeHo Arts Project Grants totaling \$86,000 at various funding amounts to twelve (12) nonprofit arts organizations as outlined in this staff report; 3) Approve the use of City venues and waive event permits and facility use fees for the West Hollywood Library Public Meeting Room (Council Chambers) and other City facilities for specific performances and presentations of grantees in fulfillment of their Arts Grant project as indicated in this staff report; 4) Authorize an additional hour of validated parking for event participants at the West Hollywood Public/Park 5-Story parking structure, for a total of 3 hours, for those grant funded events scheduled for the Council Chambers which exceed two hours; and 5) Allow grantees to charge admission or accept donations to offset production costs for performances or projects while using City facilities. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. FINAL 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND COMPREHENSIVE LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY PLAN [P. AREVALO, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the revised 2019-2020 legislative priorities and comprehensive lobbying and advocacy plan.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities; and 2) Approve the West Hollywood Comprehensive Lobbying and Advocacy plan. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. SUPPORT FOR WEST HOLLYWOOD TEAM PARTICIPATION IN UNITED WAY'S HOMEWALK EVENT [J. HEILMAN, L. MEISTER, C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supporting a West Hollywood team to participate in the May 18, 2019 United Way HomeWalk event, which raises funds to end homelessness throughout Los Angeles County.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the Strategic Initiatives Division to create a West Hollywood team – comprised of City staff and community members – to participate in the United Way's HomeWalk event on May 18, 2019; and 2) Direct Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools – including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media platforms -- to encourage community members to join the City's HomeWalk team. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BE RENAMED IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, S. LEE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution encouraging Los Angeles World Airports to consider renaming Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in honor of President Barack Obama.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5138, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REQUESTING LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS CONSIDER RENAMING LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA;" and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles World Airports Board of Airport Commissioners, and Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING AIRBNB'S DECISION TO REMOVE LISTINGS OF RENTALS IN ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK [L. MEISTER, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, Z. ATLAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution condemning Airbnb's decision to remove listings of rentals in Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

ACTIONS: This Item was Tabled.

2.T. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH KDC, INC., DBA DYNALECTRIC [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement with KDC, Inc., dba Dynalectric for completion of the Fountain Ave. Intersection Improvements Project, CIP 1807.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment 1 to the existing Construction Agreement with KDC, Inc., dba Dynalectric, to extend the time of performance for completion of the Fountain Ave. Intersection Improvements Project, CIP 1807; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or

designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. (6.A.) PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY [L. LANGER, O. DELGADO, L. QUIJANO, H. DEMITRI, E. TSIPIIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an amendment to Title 11 (Telecommunications Regulatory Ordinance) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code in response to the changing technology and changing Federal and State regulations related to facilitating the expansion of wireless infrastructure in the public right of way as well as the pending acquisition of light poles from Southern California Edison.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduce on first reading a revised Ordinance No. 18-1053, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; and 2) Direct staff to bring back a Master License Agreement for use of City infrastructure in the ROW and appropriate application fees to be approved at the January 22, 2019 meeting. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, INCLUDING REGULATIONS REGARDING WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING, BICYCLE PARKING AND FACILITIES, PUBLIC NOTICING, AND CLARIFICATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEES, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, R. DIMOND, R. EASON, J. HITTLEMAN, S. TAYLOR]:

ACTION: This Item was continued to January 22, 2019.

3.B. POLICIES TO ADDRESS RESIDENTIAL PARKING CONCERNS [S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: As part of the City's ongoing efforts to expand parking opportunities for residents, the City Council will consider authorizing the Parking Operations Division to offer West Hollywood residents a parking permit to park in the City's off-street parking facilities.

ACTION: This Item was continued to January 22, 2019.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. MANDATORY SEISMIC RETROFIT PROGRAM – UPDATE ON BUILDING AND SAFETY PLAN CHECK AND PERMIT FEES, AND ANNUAL RSO PROGRAM FEES [J. KEHO, B. GALAN, C. ZABALA, C. SCHROEDER, P. NOONAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the mandatory seismic retrofitting project, estimated Building and Safety plan check and permit fees, information on the Rent Stabilization annual program fee, and an update on Staff's progress securing outside funding to assist owners with costs of retrofitting.

Building and Safety Manager Ben Galan provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 17, 2018.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that since Council mandated this Item then the building and plan check fees should be waived.

Councilmember Horvath commented that she spoke with staff and if the fees are not charged, it could potentially cost the City millions of dollars.

Mayor Duran stated that he agreed with Councilmember Horvath. He expressed concern with the City absorbing these fees.

Councilmember Meister commented that she agreed with Councilmember Heilman that fees should be waived but was open to compromise.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico inquired if the fees are based on renovation construction or new construction or should the City create a new fee schedule for seismic retrofit construction. Mr. Galan responded to this inquiry. Councilmember Meister would be interested in a new fee schedule as well. Acting Director of Planning and Development Services John Keho provided further clarification regarding the cost of plan check and permit fees.

Mayor Duran requested that this Item be tabled, and requested that staff bring back an item that includes a breakdown of only the residential fees, permit costs, and possibly a different fee schedule for seismic retrofitting. Further, they asked staff to use a specific building as an example to help Council better understand the potential costs.

ACTION: Table the Item to a date uncertain. **Motion by Mayor Duran, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved.**

4.B. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH HR&A ADVISORS, INC. [P. AREVALO, D. WILSON, J. JIMENEZ, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with HR&A Advisors, Inc. (HR&A) to develop the City's Vision 2050 Strategic Plan.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

4.C. UPDATE ON THE CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE SCREENING APPLICATION PROCESS [P. AREVALO, J. LEONARD, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the cannabis business license screening application process, and consider directing staff to increase the number of adult-use retail cannabis business licenses permitted in the City.

JANINA WASHINGTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #2.

DENNIS LEWIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #2.

JASON BECK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #2.

WYATT NAUMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #2.

PATRICK MCMAHON, VENICE, spoke in support of Recommendation #2.

MARC VINSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #1.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #1.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Council for their thoroughness in the process.

MORGAN SOKOL, LOS ANGELES, spoke on behalf of MedMen in support of Recommendation #2.

JEFF SEYMOUR, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, spoke on behalf of MedMen in support of Recommendation #2.

DON DUNCAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Recommendation #2.

Mayor Duran provided additional background information on the Item.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico commented that currently the Council does not have enough information to deliberate on this Item, which is why he requested that the Item be Tabled. Further, he indicated there isn't a process for Council to decide which two (2) operators get the additional licenses.

Councilmember Meister inquired about extending the temporary licenses that were issued by the State. Mr. Leonard responded that the licenses will expire on December 27, 2018 and that the State will only extend temporary licenses an additional 90-days and that those will expire in March 2019. She stated that just because staff did not anticipate a scenario where the existing businesses did not make the cut, is not a reason to alter the process, and not fair or ethical to change the rules.

Councilmember Heilman commented that given West Hollywood's leadership on this issue that he tends to agree with recommendation #2. He further commented that there was no guarantee that the current operators would be one of the top eight that were issued a license.

Councilmember Horvath thanked staff and the application review committee. She recommended extending the applications in all categories.

Mayor Duran inquired about the next steps in the current process. Mr. Leonard reiterated the process and the length of the process which could be up to a year. Mayor Duran commented on the current four adult use operators in the City. He agrees with Councilmember Meister's comments regarding changing the rules at this point in the process. He indicated that the Council should move on recommendation #1 and defer a discussion on recommendation #2.

City Attorney Jenkins responded to Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico's inquiry regarding issuing a City license versus a State license.

Councilmember Heilman agreed with Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico's suggestion to issue a temporary license to the current four operators outside of the State licensing parameters, if possible.

ACTIONS: Receive and file an update on the cannabis business license screening application process; and 2) Defer discussion of whether to increase the number of adult-use retail cannabis licenses until the City Attorney receives information from the State. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. EVALUATION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING HEIGHT MEASUREMENT STANDARDS [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, G. SRAPYAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report in response to the City Council direction to evaluate how the City currently measures commercial building height.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled. Council gave direction that it be reviewed by the new Urban Design Studio Division before returning to Council.

5.B. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 [L. QUIJANO, J. NEMES, C. DUNCAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Program Planning Summary and budget for fiscal year 2019-20.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5139, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020;" 2) Approve the fiscal year 2019-20 CDBG program budget and instruct staff to submit the CDBG Program Planning Summary for approval to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, by February 1, 2019; 3) Authorize staff to adjust the fiscal-year 2019-20 program budget as necessary to take into account the final CDBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and any amounts remaining unspent at the close of the current fiscal year; and 4) Authorize the City Manager (or designee) to execute all documents necessary to receive the CDBG allocation. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Duran, and approved.**

5.C. GREEN SPACE REQUIREMENT FOR STREET FRONTAGE IN NEW COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS [L. MEISTER, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to draft an amendment to the Zoning Code to require new commercial and mixed-use projects to include a minimum percentage of green space along street frontage.

Councilmember Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 17, 2018.

EDWARD LEVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item in theory.

The following individuals did not wish to speak, but submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the recommendation: *Richard Karliss and Leslie Karliss.*

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico supports the Item but asked that there be clarification and that green space will be on the first level of the building only.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that he supports the idea, but he indicated that the direction to staff should be to explore how to include green space in these developments.

Mayor Duran indicated that the item is far too restrictive and cannot support it as presented. He spoke in support of allowing the architects and staff to determine what works best and return to Council with recommendations.

ACTION: Direct the Urban Art Design Studio Division staff to explore and return with recommendations to amend the Zoning Code to require new commercial and mixed-use projects to include green space on the street frontage. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.**

5.D. ADDRESSING ISSUES WITH VACANT PROPERTIES [J. D'AMICO, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to augment the existing procedures for addressing vacant properties that have become problematic for public safety and/or code compliance, specifically those properties that are currently in the development planning process.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

The following individuals did not wish to speak, but submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the recommendation: *Richard Karliss and Leslie Karliss.*

Councilmember Meister asked that staff also include vacant commercial properties as part of this item, and Council approved by consensus.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to draft an amendment to the City's Municipal Code to allow for the demolition of a problematic vacant buildings (including commercial) at the discretion of the Director of Planning Development Services if a new project has been entitled on the site and is actively moving through the City's development planning process; and 2) Direct staff to develop and return to City Council with additional recommendations to address problematic vacant buildings (including commercial), such as developing stricter requirements for boarding, fencing, and securing properties, requiring a 24-hour hotline for constituent calls, or creating a residential vacant property registration program. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico, and approved.**

5.E. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR ABATEMENT CONTROL DISTRICT [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making an appointment to the Los Angeles County West Vector Abatement Control District.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico requested that Mr. Blouin have a member of West Vector Control provide a presentation to the City Council prior to May 2019.

CHAD BLOUIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided a brief update on some of the work of the West Vector Control District.

ACTION: Re-appoint Chad Blouin to the Los Angeles West Vector Abatement Control District for a two-year term. **Motion by Mayor Duran, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico, and approved.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making direct appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY [L. LANGER, O. DELGADO, L. QUIJANO, H. DEMITRI, E. TSIPIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an amendment to Title 11 (Telecommunications Regulatory Ordinance) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code in response to the changing technology and changing Federal and State regulations related to facilitating the expansion of wireless infrastructure in the public right of way as well as the pending acquisition of light poles from Southern California Edison.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember D'Amico commented that Jeanne Dobrin is moving to a facility outside of the City of West Hollywood. He further commented that if anyone wants to well wishes to her, that they can contact him.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:11 p.m. in memory of Scotty Brumfield, Zevi Kenig, Roha Soleymanzadeh Aghaei, Judge William Newsom, Sergeant Jason Mitchell McClary, Private 1st Class Joshua Mikeasky, Phylis Dennis and Anna Kustanovich to an adjourned regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 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 22nd day of January, 2019 by the following vote:

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

JOHN J. DURAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK