

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**6:30 P.M. –REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tom Demille led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Quarker reported the Mayor Duran stated that he would not be attending the meeting due to health reasons, and that he would be relinquishing his duties as Mayor.

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Duran.

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

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

City Attorney Jenkins reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated that there was no public comment. He reported that two items were added to the agenda one matter of pending litigation, BPREP v. City of West Hollywood and one matter of threatened litigation. He stated that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

City Clerk Quarker commented that on Item 2.L. there was a typographical error in Recommendation #1 and stated for the record that the dollar amount should be \$18,684.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 2.O. be moved to Excluded Consent.

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of David Mitchell and Irv Krane.

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Clark "Ziggy" Luthern and Molly Schroeder.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Charles Kingsley.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

CYNTHIA CHAVEZ, LONG BEACH, spoke regarding Item 2.L. on behalf of Safe Refuge.

ROBERT MORRISON, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Item 2.L. on behalf of Housing Works.

KEITH STAR, TARZANA, spoke regarding Item 2.L. on behalf of Tarzana Treatment Center.

SAMANTHA RENTERIA, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Item 2.L. on behalf of Disabilities Community Resource Center.

DIANE SCHNEIDER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.L. on behalf of JFS Nutrition.

LIKA LITT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.L. on behalf of JFS Comprehensive Services Center.

GARRY BOWIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.J. on behalf of Being Alive.

BECKY HARDIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.J. on behalf of Being Alive.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.I.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election.

ERIC JON SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City and the March 5<sup>th</sup> election.

ROBERT OLIVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Mayor Duran.

WILL HACKNER, LOS ANGELES (CEO/FOUNDER OF VARSITY GAY LEAGUE), spoke regarding Mayor Duran.

BOBBIE EDRICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election and in support Measure B in favor of the Arts Club.

CHRISTOPHER BOWEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Measure B in favor of the Arts Club.

JAMES LITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Measure B in favor of the Arts Club.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election in opposition of Measure B in opposition of the Arts Club.

AMANDA GOODWIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election. She also spoke regarding Mayor Duran.

MARCO COLANTONIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election.

KEITH KAPLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election and in support of Measure B in favor of the Arts Club.

JEROME KITCHEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election. He also spoke regarding Mayor Duran and Ed Buck.

ROSALIND JONES, LOS ANGELES ON BEHALF OF THE #METOO SURVIVORS MOVEMENT, spoke regarding Mayor Duran. She also spoke regarding Ed Buck.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March 5<sup>th</sup> election in support of the incumbents.

MIKEL GERLE, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Mayor Duran.

DENNIS GLEASON, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Mayor Duran.

ACTING CAPTAIN MOULDER provided a brief update regarding the deaths of Gemmel Moore and Timothy Dean.

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

Councilmember Heilman thanked everyone who came to speak, especially those that were speaking in support of social services funding. He stated that March 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote in the election tomorrow. He stated that if there are questions regarding polling locations or any other election questions to call the City Clerk's Office. He also spoke in support of public comment regarding painting the bike lines green, and asked that the City Manager look into this and report back to Council.

Councilmember Horvath thanked all of the representatives from the Service Providers for coming out to speak and thanked Staff for their hard work. She spoke regarding Item 2.G. and stated that she has additional thoughts and acknowledged that she has received comments on this item; but clarified that the item will be coming back as a Public Hearing for full discussion. She reported that she represented the City at the recent meetings of the Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee and Claims Board and the Clean Power Alliance Executive Committee. She thanked City Hall Staff for the recent *Soul Food Café* Black History Month Event. She spoke regarding the recent International Women's Day event and thanked the Russian Advisory Board for the help with this celebration, and also reminded everyone that this month is Women's History Month and encouraged the community to attend the various events in March. Finally, she spoke regarding a recent press conference by District Attorney Jackie Lacey.

Councilmember Meister responded to Mr. Kitchen's comments regarding campaign donations from Ed Buck., and stated that she did not return the donation to Mr. Buck but instead gave donations to several charities. She noted her "no" vote on Item 2.E., and also indicated that she has heard from many residents regarding Item 2.G., and stated that the residents do not feel that they are being heard and asked Staff to reach out again before the public hearing. She also spoke regarding the very successful International Women's Day Event.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico spoke regarding Item 2.I. and requested that the public hearing on the funding process include a presentation on historic funding levels compared to the City budget over the last twenty years to determine if Human Services funding has matched the increase in revenue. He also responded to Mr. Kitchen's comments regarding Ed Buck and the donations received, and stated that he also did not return the money to Mr. Buck, but instead gave to various charities that benefit the City. He spoke regarding Mayor Duran's resignation as Mayor and indicated that this matter would be further discussed under Item 5.C.

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

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding the Fountain crosswalks. He mentioned that Long Range Planning and Mobility is hosting some community discussions for Sunset. Finally, he spoke about Election Day and provided information on where residents could find election results and other important information.

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

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$1,101,553 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, and (\$5,381) 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.,P.,Q.,R.,S. Motion by Councilmember

Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Meister on Item 2.E.

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

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, March 4, 2019 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.*

**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 19, 2019. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 842 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending February 22, 2019 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Approve Demand Register NO. 842 and adopt Resolution No.19-5149, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 842.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

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

**ACTION:** Deny the claim of Garrett Rifkin. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 19-1062 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 17-1016 RELATED TO TEMPORARY CANNABIS USES” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 19-1062, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, amending Ordinance No. 17-1016 related to temporary cannabis uses.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 19-1062, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 17-1016 RELATED TO TEMPORARY CANNABIS USES”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting Councilmember Meister “no” vote.**

- 2.F. 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 Transgender Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.*  
**ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.G. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT AND SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT TO MODIFY STANDARDS FOR OFF-SITE SIGNAGE IN THE SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN AREA [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, B. ECK, S. LEJEUNE]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an Initial Study/Negative Declaration, and draft Sunset Specific Plan Amendment and Zone Text Amendment, to update the City's off-site signage policy and adopt new standards for billboards on Sunset Boulevard. The purpose of transmitting the documents at this time is to provide the report and draft ordinance with additional time for Council and public review. The City Council will hold a public hearing for this item on March 18, 2019 to make a determination on the policy.*  
**ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.H. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.*  
**ACTION: Receive and file the City of West Hollywood's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and related documents for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.I. 2019 SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING PROCESS AND SCHEDULE [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will review and consider approval of the 2019-2022 Social Services Request for Proposal (RFP) process and calendar.*  
**ACTION: Approve the 2019-2022 Social Services RFP schedule. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. REPROGRAMMING 2017-18 CONTRACT SAVINGS [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recommendations for the expenditure of \$50,581.75 in contract savings from the 2017-18 Social Services programs.*  
**ACTIONS: 1) Approve the re-programming of \$50,681.75 in contract savings to Social Services contracts; 2) Approve Amendment # 3 to the Disability Community Resource Center contract in the amount of \$1,500;**

3) Approve Amendment #3 to the JFS Comprehensive Services Center contract in the amount of \$8,505.54; 4) Approve Amendment #3 to JFS Nutrition Contract in the amount of 3,746.21; 5) Approve Amendment #4 to the Being Alive contract in the amount of \$7,430; 6) Approve Amendment #5 to the Housing Works contract in the amount of \$28,000; 7) Approve Amendment #3 to the St. Thomas the Apostle Church contract in the amount of \$1,500; and 8) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the amendments. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. WORKSHOPS FOR OLDER ADULTS LIVING WITH HIV [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, D. MURRAY]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider collaborating with APLA Health to present psychoeducational workshops for older adults living with HIV.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations and other collateral materials; 2) Authorize APLA Health to use the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room on the third Thursday of the month for six consecutive months; 3) Waive \$900 in parking fees at the 5-story parking structure; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING AUGMENTATIONS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider staff recommendations for using unspent funds from the 2017-18 Substance Abuse Treatment Pool of Funds to amend the Safe Refuge and Tarzana Treatment Center contracts for increased substance abuse treatment services for West Hollywood community members.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment #3 to the Safe Refuge contract in the amount of \$18,864; 2) Approve Amendment #3 to the Tarzana Treatment Center contract in the amount of \$45,437; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the amendments. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [L. QUIJANO, J. NEMES, C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, P. SLOANE GOODMAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a General Fund trade agreement for Proposition A Local Return Funds with the City of Lakewood.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve an Assignment Agreement for a Proposition A local return fund exchange with the City of Lakewood for \$750,000 in City of West Hollywood General Fund dollars in exchange for \$1,000,000 in City

of Lakewood Proposition A Funds and authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the Agreement; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$750,000 from reserves committed for Proposition A purchases in the General Fund, to the Expenditure for Traded Funds account (100-1-03-31-531016).  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 1901, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM – PHASE VIII CDBG PROJECT NO. 601984-18 [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider award of a construction contract to CEM Construction Corp. for CIP 1901, Concrete Repair Program – Phase VIII, CDBG Project No. 601984-18.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Accept the Bid dated February 5, 2019, submitted by CEM Construction Corp.; 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a construction contract with CEM Construction Corp. in the amount of \$205,475 for the construction of CIP 1901, Concrete Repair Program – Phase VIII, CDBG Project No. 60194-18; 3) Authorize the City Engineer to manage change orders to the construction contract for services in an amount not to exceed 15% (\$30,825) of the contract amount; 4) Adopt Resolution No. 19-5150, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 1901, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM – PHASE VIII, CDBG PROJECT NO. 601984-18, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT;” and 5) Make a finding that pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resources Code, Section 21084 et. Seq.), CIP 1901, Concrete Repair Program – Phase VIII, CDBG Project No. 601984-18, meets the requirements for a categorical exemption in compliance with Article 19, Section 15301, (Class 1 – Existing Facilities).  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FOR BLOCK BY BLOCK SECURITY AMBASSADORS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with the Public Safety Commission to develop informational materials for Block by Block Security Ambassadors to distribute when they witness community members committing infractions that could potentially warrant a citation, such as illegally parked cars, riding a scooter on the sidewalk, or jaywalking.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the Public Safety Department to work with the Public Safety Commission to develop information materials for Block by Block Security Ambassadors to distribute when they witness community members committing minor infractions that could potentially warrant a citation from a Sheriff's Deputy; and 2) Return to City Council with a



request for funding once staff has determined the estimated costs for designing and printing the materials. **Item moved to Excluded Consent.**

**2.P. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE CAPITOL DRUGS HEALTH FAIR AND SAMPLE SATURDAY EVENT [J. DURAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the Capitol Drugs Health Fair and Sample Sale on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 8578 Santa Monica Boulevard.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of the Capitol Drugs Health Fair and Sample Saturday event on Saturday, March 23, 2019; 2) Approve fee waivers in an amount not to exceed \$1,600, which includes the waiver of Special Event Permit fees (\$1,000), Encroachment Permit fees (\$100) and Parking Meter fees (\$500); 3) Authorize the use of the City of West Hollywood name and official city logo in event-related invitations, programs, and associated materials with review and approval from City staff; and 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PAWSAPALOOZA 2019 [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, Z. ATLAS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring PAWSAPALOOZA to be hosted by PAWS/LA on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at West Hollywood Park.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of PAWSAPALOOZA 2019 and approve the use of West Hollywood Park on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 7am to 5pm (including setup/strike down); 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Waive the Special Event permit fee and encroachment fee, and parking at the 5-story parking structure for event volunteers and vendors (estimated \$1,850); 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools; and 5) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF NOWRUZ CELEBRATION [J. HEILMAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, S. LEE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the National Iranian American Council's Nowruz Celebration in the City Council Chambers to celebrate the Persian New Year on March 16, 2019.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of the National Iranian American Council's Nowruz Celebration on Saturday, March 16, 2019 in the City Council Chambers; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, promotional items, and other collateral materials; 3) Approve the use of City facilities and waive facility use fees and parking fees for all day parking at the 5-story parking structure for attendees of the event

(estimated \$1,031 in waived fees); 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$450 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with providing technical support (Waveguide) for the event; and 6) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 355 (PORTANTINO) JOINT POWERS AGENCIES: MEETINGS [J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of SB 355, a bill introduced by Senator Anthony Portantino, (D-La Cañada Flintridge), which seeks to modify state law to allow designated alternates who are not members of a city's legislative body to participate in closed sessions of Joint Power Authorities (JPAs).*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 19-5151, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB 355 (PORTANTINO) JOINT POWERS AGENCIES: MEETINGS"; and 2) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division staff to send letters to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Benjamin Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, the Clean Power Alliance (CPA), and other organizations and individuals as deemed appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3.A. AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S MASTER FEE RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION NO. 18-5049) BY ADDING A NEW SHARED MOBILITY DEVICE STORAGE FEE TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION [O. DELGADO, D. MICK, Y. BENITEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amendments to the City's Master Fee Schedule, adding a Shared Mobility Device storage fee to the Code Compliance Fee Schedule.*

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

Acting Code Enforcement Manager Dan Mick provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 4, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico opened the public hearing and no speakers came forward.

***The following individual did not wish to speak, but submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the recommended item: Manny Rodriguez***

Councilmember Horvath inquired about whether the scooter companies will pick up the scooters. Mr. Mick responded to this inquiry indicating that if they don't pick up the scooters they are still required to pay the fine.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No 19-5152, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE MASTER FEE RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION NO. 18-5049) BY ADDING A NEW SHARED MOBILITY DEVICE STORAGE FEE TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION." **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.**

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

5.A. **RESIDENTS TASK FORCE ON METRO RAIL [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the establishment of a Residents Task Force on Metro Rail. The purpose of the Residents Task Force is to elicit opinions and gather feedback from West Hollywood residents on the planned light rail extension through West Hollywood, including but not limited to, potential alignments, type of rail, environmental impacts, estimated costs, timing and financing.*

Councilmember Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 4, 2018. Each Councilmember would each pick three residents from each area of the City to participate in the task force.

Councilmember Heilman expressed concern with this overlapping the current work being performed by the West Hollywood Advocates for Metro (WHAM) group, as well as the City's Transportation Commission.

Councilmember Horvath agreed with Councilmember Heilman's concerns, and stated between the Transportation Commission, WHAM, the All on Board coalition, the Westside Cities COG and Metro meetings, there is opportunity for input. She further stated that although community participation is important and needed, that maybe a Task Force could be formed at a later date.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico indicated that this effort could be led by the Transportation Commission; but stated that a resident's task force would help garner insight and opinions from the residents regarding something that will directly affect them.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a joint study session between the City Council and the Transportation Commission to discuss this issue.

Councilmember Heilman suggested that staff and the consultant provide recommendations for engaging the community more. Councilmember Horvath suggested that the businesses be engaged as well.

Councilmember Meister commented that the purpose of creating a resident's task force is because the residents will vote on transportation issues and pay for the cost of rail through the City.

**ACTION:** Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to return with recommendations to further engage the community.

**5.B. NEIGHBORHOOD-FRIENDLY MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND STANDARDS – R2/R3/R4 ZONING DISTRICTS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to identify opportunities and develop design criteria and land use options that will advance the neighborhood-friendly planning policies described in this report with the intent of addressing community concerns about neighborhood livability and out-of-scale residential development, and reducing impacts of new residential projects on adjacent properties and neighborhoods. By balancing the latest building requirements and construction practices with a more tailored local policy, resulting impacts can be minimized and new developments can better enhance neighborhood livability and maintain the integrity of the City's existing residential zones.*

Councilmember Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 4, 2018.

SUSANA LAGUDIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding multi-unit developments not equating to more affordable housing.

AMANDA GOODWIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding too many large developments in the City. She also spoke regarding micro-units to address housing shortages.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need to look at how a project impacts a neighborhood.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding creating water permeable spaces and trees. He spoke about vacant units, units removed as rentals, and loss of rent controlled units.

CATHY BLAIVAS, 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 recommended item: Carlos DeMenezes and Matt Dubin*

*The following individual did not wish to speak, but submitted a Citizen Position Slip in opposition to the recommended item: Michael Dolan*

Councilmember Horvath thanked Councilmember Meister for bringing this Item forward.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in opposition of this Item. He indicated that Council provided direction to the Planning and Development Services staff to develop design guidelines in the R2, R3, and R4 zones. He also commented that this appears to be micro-managing the process. Finally, he spoke to the community survey and perception versus reality.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico commented that this Item is a friendly amendment to the previous direction provided to staff. He further commented on the many housing bills with the State legislature that could affect development in West Hollywood.

Councilmember Horvath requested that the item allow for other options to be looked at as well. Councilmember Meister stated that the language in the recommendation outlining the directions given to staff to be revised to state "including but not limited to."

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the Urban Design and Architecture Studio to lead the development of alternatives and then collaborate with the Long Range Planning Division to recommend updates and revisions to existing policies and zoning, including but not limited to the following, in residential zones R2, R3 and R4: a. Revise and/or establish more performance-based, site-specific green space requirements and work with the City's sustainability planner to coordinate landscaping goals for new projects, b. Evaluate options for increasing permeable land required in new residential developments in conjunction with environmental and storm water policies, c. Explore additional, flexible options for neighborhood-scaled massing, taking into consideration three dimensional relationships, modulation, character, and interest, and develop best practices for the design of new residential projects to address front, side and rear yard adjacent

conditions, d. Develop specific design criteria and related zoning standards for new residential projects that propose to exceed height limitations prescribed in the City's General Plan and adopted Zoning Code. Consideration should be given to developing a range of and flexibility in massing options and may include strategies such as reduced upper level floor plate coverage, roof deck size and locations, and building projections, etc., e. Review and identify options to update current parking design standards including locations and configurations (i.e. requiring minimum habitable space for projects that park on grade) to better reflect current and projected lifestyle needs and use patterns; and 2) Conduct community outreach and present zone text amendments to Planning Commission for a public hearing before bringing back to City Council.  
**Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico, and approved noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Heilman.**

**5.C. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES DIRECTED AT MAYOR JOHN DURAN [M. JENKINS]:**

*SUBJECT: As directed by the City Council during the Council Comment period at its adjourned regular meeting of February 19, 2019, the City Council will consider taking specified actions pertaining to Mayor John Duran.*

City Attorney Jenkins provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 4, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico stated that since the Mayor has agreed to step down, part of Option #1 has been completed. He inquired if the Council will also need to elect a new Mayor Pro Tempore. City Attorney Jenkins clarified the procedure and stated that it would depend on who was elected as Mayor.

ALAN STRASBURG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of rebuking Mayor Duran.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of adopting all of the recommendations presented by the City Attorney.

COLE ETTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of adopting all of the recommendations presented by the City Attorney.

AMANDA GOODWIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Mayor Duran stepping down from the City Council.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding getting back to the business of the City. He also spoke regarding registering his Airbnb unit with the City.

MARCO COLANTONIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding putting the City of West Hollywood first.

ESTEVAN MONTEMAYOR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of censure.

JOHN FITZGERALD KEITEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of censure.

JACK CLINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of censure.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico inquired as to whether the City Attorney would be bringing back an item relating to potential liability and ethics issues. City Attorney Jenkins requested, and Council provided further clarification and direction relating to this request.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding Mayor Duran's health. He spoke regarding Mayor Duran's responses to the allegation and commented that he appreciates that Mayor Duran has stepped down as Mayor. He indicated that he is interested in what is best for the City of West Hollywood, and spoke in support of Mayor Duran's travel being restricted. He also requested that two additional items be added to the list of possible measures; 1) that the City Manager or his designee is present at any meeting between John Duran and other City staff, and 2) that the City Manager or his designee monitor John Duran's emails. He also stated that by adopting these measures and the fact that Councilmembers have publicly spoken out about the Mayor's behavior, that a resolution for censure may not be needed.

Councilmember Meister agrees with Councilmember Heilman, that the Mayor's travel be restricted, and agrees that the resolution of censure is not necessary. She stated that because work needs to continue in the City, she does not feel that he should be removed from the sub-committees; but does agree with the additional restrictions outlined by Councilmember Heilman relating to the Mayor's interactions at City Hall. She also provided more information on her recommendation regarding enlisting the assistance of someone well versed in Ethics.

Councilmember Horvath spoke regarding Yes means Yes. She also spoke in support of leaving censure as an option, since there are ongoing investigations.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico mentioned his comments of March 16, 2016 to Mayor Duran. He spoke in support of a resolution of censure, and recommended replacing Mayor Duran on the CSW/PRIDE Council sub-committee.

City Attorney Jenkins observed that the resolution should be based on verifiable fact and not allegations or innuendo.

**ACTION:** 1) Deny John Duran the privilege of travel on City business at City expense for one year; 2) Remove John Duran from the CSW/Pride Council Sub-Committee; 3) Deny John Duran expense reimbursements for City-related business for one year; 4) Direct preparation of a Resolution of Censure; 5) Require that the City Manager or his designee monitor John Duran's email; and 6) Require that the City Manager or his designee be present for any meetings between John Duran and City Staff. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and unanimously approved.**

**ACTION:** Council elected **John D'Amico** as the new Mayor and **Lindsey Horvath** as the new Mayor Pro Tempore for the remainder of the current term. The election of a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore is scheduled for April 15, 2019.

#### **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

##### **2.0. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FOR BLOCK BY BLOCK SECURITY AMBASSADORS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with the Public Safety Commission to develop informational materials for Block by Block Security Ambassadors to distribute when they witness community members committing infractions that could potentially warrant a citation, such as illegally parked cars, riding a scooter on the sidewalk, or jaywalking.*

Councilmember Heilman provided his reasons for pulling this Item. He expressed concern with Block by Block focusing on jaywalking and not their primary focus, which are more serious issues.

Councilmember Meister clarified that this item would not take them away from their important duties, but is just a way to provide education on the infractions listed in the report when feasible.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the Public Safety Department to work with the Public Safety Commission to develop information materials for Block by Block Security Ambassadors to distribute when they witness community members committing minor infractions that could potentially warrant a citation from a Sheriff's Deputy; and 2) Return to City Council with a request for funding once staff has determined the estimated costs for designing and printing the materials. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.**



6. **LEGISLATIVE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Heilman reminded everyone about the Persian New Year event on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 9:31 p.m. in memory of David Mitchell, Irv Krane, Michael Clark "Ziggy" Luthern, Molly Schroeder, and Charles Kingsley to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 by the following vote:

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



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JOHN D'AMICO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK