

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**5:30 P.M. – SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND STUDY SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tyler Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**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 5:00 p.m. He stated that there was one public comment. He reported that there were no items added to the agenda and that the Closed Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 4.A. be moved to Consent be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.W.

Councilmember Meister requested that Item 2.G. be moved to Excluded Consent for further discussion.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico, to approve the February 5, 2018 agenda as amended, and unanimously approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Activist Dennis Peron.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and Councilmember D’Amico expressed kind words regarding Activist Dennis Peron.

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kimberly Blackman, the General Manager of the Standard.

Mayor Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of former Los Angeles County Assessor Kenneth Hahn and Blaze Bernstein.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

KAREN EYRES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R. and promoted the upcoming performance of the Vagina Monologues.

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R. and the “Me Too” movement.

MELANEY LUBEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R.

GED KENSLEA, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.V. and Costa Hawkins.

KAREN O’KEEFE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.V.

JEFF BAILEY, APLA HEALTH, spoke regarding Item 2.L.

CAROL KRAVETZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a left-turn light at Fountain and Fairfax.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding 1264 N. Harper Drive and the assistance of Code Enforcement.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a petition to change the Council meeting day from Monday to Wednesday.

TYLER HARRIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various items.

**The following individual did not wish to speak, but expressed their support for the following Consent Calendar Item:** *John Erickson (2.R.)*

**The following individuals did not wish to speak, but expressed their support for the following Consent Calendar Item:** *Sian Leong (2.V.) and Jason Simpson (2.V.)*

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Horvath congratulated everyone who participated in the recent Women’s March. She acknowledged Black History Month. She spoke regarding Item 2.E. and stated that she thinks that the City needs experts to assist the City understand

what more can be done in the area and spoke in support of an ongoing study and outreach to the community. She thanked staff for their hard work on Item 2.K. She spoke regarding Item 2.N., and asked that staff also accelerate the completion of the citywide traffic study requested by Council. She reported that she represented the City at the Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund Oversight Committee, the Clean Power Alliance (*formerly LACCE*), the California Leagues of Cities Transportation Communication and Public Works Policy Committee and the California Contract Cities Legislative Committee.

Councilmember Meister reported that she represented the City at the recent West Side Cities Council of Governments meeting. She also reported that she participated in this year's Homeless Count and thanked all of the volunteers. She reported that she attended a tour with Councilmember D'Amico of the new hotel on La Peer. She commented that February is Black History Month and commented on various events taking place. She spoke regarding Item 2.E., and stated that it's a first step, but the City needs to continue to look at design standards and ways to mitigate height and mass, and also look at underground garages and height averaging, compatibility, and the creation of a task force of local architects. She requested an update on how many individuals have utilized the beds KLEAN designated for West Hollywood residents. She spoke regarding Item 2.N., and requested information from staff on how to get more individuals involved in gathering signatures for petitions. She mentioned the lack of ADA compliance on Fountain Avenue sidewalks and curbs and asked the budget sub-committee to look at appropriating funds to bring it into compliance.

Councilmember D'Amico commented that he is happy that the City is moving forward with the Fountain Avenue traffic mitigation. He agreed with Councilmember Meister's comments regarding appropriating funds to bring it into ADA compliance. He thanked Councilmember Horvath for Item 2.R. He spoke about the agreement for services with Global Green USA to update the City's Green Building Program.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran thanked John Erickson for his hard work on the Women's March. He asked the City Manager to provide a report on whether all City facilities are open to "all" no matter of their immigration status. He thanked staff for their help with Matt Palazzolo's memorial on Sunday.

Mayor Heilman commented on Item 2.N. and noted a typo on page 13. He also spoke regarding Item 4.A. and spoke about the proposed crosswalks. He also spoke regarding the ADA ramps and asked the City Manager to look into the issue.

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

City Manager Arevalo responded to Council's inquiries during Councilmember comments. He commented that next week in Los Angeles is the NBA All Star weekend and that many of the events will occur in West Hollywood.

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

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$1,143,031 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenue, and (\$0) in waived fees.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

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

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, February 5, 2018 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, January 31, 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 January 16, 2018. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

### **2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 818 [D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending January 26, 2018 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 818 and adopt Resolution No.18-5017, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 818." 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 claims of Denise Braxton Butler, Jeffrey Calhoun, Mercury Insurance as agent for Roman Makushev, Raisa Kilimnik, and Jason Simpson. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

### **2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 18-1020 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, TO AMEND THE 90% DENSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR R3 AND R4 DISTRICTS; TO AMEND THE DENSITY BONUS CONCESSION MENU; AND TO AMEND THE**

**APPLICABLE REVIEWING BODIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1020 approving a Zone Text Amendment amending portions of Title 19, Zoning Ordinance, to amend the 90% density requirements for R3 and R4 districts; to amend the density bonus concession menu; and to amend the applicable reviewing bodies in the development review process, West Hollywood, California.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1020, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, TO AMEND THE 90% DENSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR R3 AND R4 DISTRICTS; TO AMEND THE DENSITY BONUS CONCESSION MENU; AND TO AMEND THE APPLICABLE REVIEWING BODIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 18-1021 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE (TITLE 19) TO PROVIDE FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES IN CONFORMANCE WITH STATE LAW.” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1021 approving amendments to the West Hollywood Zoning Ordinance (Title 19) to provide for accessory dwelling units in single family residential zones in conformance with State law.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1021, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD ZONING ORDINANCE (TITLE 19) TO PROVIDE FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES IN CONFORMANCE WITH STATE LAW.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. ORDINANCE NO. 18-1022 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO STANDARDS FOR THE R4B-C AND R3C-C ZONING DISTRICTS, AND A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT UPDATING THE ZONING MAP, TO CONFORM WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN 2035, SELECTED ZONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1022 amending Title 19 of the West Hollywood*

*Municipal Code related to standards for the R4B-C and R3C-C zoning districts, and a zone map amendment updating the zoning map, to conform with the West Hollywood General Plan 2035, selected zones, West Hollywood, California.*

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

- 2.H. ORDINANCE NO. 18-1023 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PARKLET STANDARDS, CITYWIDE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [Y. QUARKER, MELISSA CROWDER]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1023 amending Tilt 11 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code related to parklet standards, Citywide, West Hollywood, California.*  
**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1023, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 11 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO PARKLET STANDARDS, CITYWIDE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.I. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Public Safety Commission, Transportation Commission, Russian Advisory Board, and the Transgender Advisory regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.*  
**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR CITY COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the attendance reports for City Commission, and Advisory Board meetings convened between November 2016 and November 2017.*  
**ACTION:** Receive and file the attendance reports. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 1705, PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS PROJECT ON SANTA MONICA BLVD BETWEEN LA CIENEGA BLVD AND PALM AVE [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 1705, Pedestrian Signals Project on Santa Monica Blvd. between La Cienega Blvd. and Palm Ave. by Sully-Miller Contracting Company.*  
**ACTION:** Accept the work and authorize the following: a. Filing the Notice of Completion by the City Clerk, b. Final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35 day lien period, c. Release of the Performance Bond on the

date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, and d. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. REPROGRAMMING 2016-17 SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT SAVINGS [D. GIUGNI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a recommendation that \$80,276.60 in Social Services contract savings from 2016-17 be reprogrammed, and that \$43,259.60 of those funds be used for a contract amendment with AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and \$37,017 augment the Social Services Substance Abuse Treatment Pool of Funds.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve the reprogramming of \$80,276.60 in contract savings to Social Services contracts; 2) Approve an amendment to the AIDS Project Los Angeles West Hollywood Community Support contract in the amount of \$43,259.60; 3) Approve an augmentation to the Social Services Substance Abuse Treatment Pool of Funds in the amount of \$37,017; and 4) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Social Services contract amendment. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. HYBRID VEHICLE PURCHASE [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, K. TRUDEAU]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the purchase of six hybrid vehicles and the removal of seven vehicles from the City's existing fleet.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to issue a Purchase Order to Downtown Ford of Sacramento, California, pursuant to the California Multiple Awards Schedule, in the amount of \$219,868.52 for the purchase of four new Ford Super Duty F250 Super-cab full sized pick-up trucks with the XLHybrid factory option; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to issue a Purchase Order to Freeway Toyota of Hanford, California, pursuant to the California Multiple Awards Schedule, in the amount of \$62,876.28 for the purchase of two Toyota RAV4 Hybrid LE. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. MID-CITY NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC STUDY AND HAYWORTH AVENUE SPEED LUMPS [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, W. DAVIS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will review the Mid-City Neighborhood Traffic Study regarding proposed traffic calming improvements and consider the installation of test speed lumps on the 1300 and 1400 block of Hayworth Avenue.*

**ACTION:** 1) Receive and file the Mid-City Neighborhood Traffic Study; and 2) Recommend the installation of test speed lumps on the 1300 and 1400 block of Hayworth Avenue. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the correction to the typo on page 13.**

**2.O. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GLOBAL GREEN USA TO UPDATE THE GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, R. EASON, S. TAYLOR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement with Global Green USA to provide technical expertise to update West Hollywood's Green Building Program.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve an agreement for services with Global Green USA in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 to update West Hollywood's Green Building Program; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH AMANDA CARLSON FOR CULTURAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS [M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No 1 to the agreement between the City and Amanda Carlson to modify the scope of consulting services to assist the Arts Division and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission in implementation of priorities and recommendations of the City's cultural plan.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for services with Amanda Carlson to modify the scope of services to assist the Arts Division and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission in implementation of priorities and recommendations of the City's cultural plan, and to increase the amount of the agreement by an additional \$26,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH KABBARA ENGINEERING [S. CAMPBELL, H. DEMITRI, J. KEHO, J. HANKAMER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with Kabbara Engineering for professional civil engineering design services for the Design District Streetscape Project for Melrose Avenue.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve the Agreement for services with Kabbara Engineering in the amount of \$467,359 for professional civil engineering design services for the Design District Streetscape Project for Melrose Avenue; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. PAID FAMILY LEAVE POLICY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, S. BERGER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to research paid family leave policies and develop recommendations for the City to consider adopting a local program.*



**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to research paid family leave ordinances and evaluate options for establishing a local ordinance in West Hollywood; and 2) Perform community outreach with residents, the business community, and the City's Women's Advisory Board before reporting back to City Council with recommendations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 1796 (MURATSUCHI) TO REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS TO THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS [J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of AB 1796 (Muratsuchi), which will eliminate an exemption for dwellings under rent stabilization ordinances from existing law that allows tenants to install electric vehicle charging stations on rental properties.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5018 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB 1796 (MURATSUCHI), RENTAL PROPERTY: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS;" and 2) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to send copies of the adopted resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Benjamin Allen, State Assembly Members Richard Bloom and Al Muratsuchi, and other partners as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.T. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTESTS IN IRAN [J. HEILMAN, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of the recent protests in Iran, which focused on issues of economic hardship and criticism of widespread government corruption.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5019 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTESTS IN IRAN;" and 2) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to send copies of the adopted resolution to President Donald Trump, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, Congressman Adam Schiff, and other partners as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.U. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BAN ON NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING, FRACKING, AND OTHER WELL STIMULATION [J. HEILMAN, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling, fracking, and other well stimulation and in opposition to the Department of the Interior's proposal to open the U.S. outer continental shelf for potential oil and gas lease sales for new offshore drilling.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5020 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF A BAN ON NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING, FRACKING, AND OTHER WELL STIMULATION;” and 2) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to send copies of the adopted resolution to President Donald Trump, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, Congressman Adam Schiff, Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Ben Allen, State Assembly Member Richard Bloom, the Sierra Club, and other partners as appropriate.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.V. SB 827 (WIENER) TRANSIT-RICH HOUSING BONUS, RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED [J. D'AMICO, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to oppose (unless amended) SB 827 (Wiener), which would authorize developments with housing to receive a “transit-rich” housing bonus without consideration of existing city zoning or any meaningful local input.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18-5021 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO OPPOSE SB 827 (WIENER) UNLESS AMENDED;” and 2) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to send copies of the adopted resolution to Governor Jerry Brown, State Senators Ben Allen and Scott Wiener, State Assembly Member Richard Bloom, and other partners as appropriate.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.W. (4.A.) FOUNTAIN AVENUE TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, W. DAVIS, S. CAMPBELL, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the Fountain Avenue Traffic Safety Study with short-term, medium-term and long-term recommendations to improve safety and comfort for people who drive, walk and bike.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Receive and file report; and 2) Recommend the implementation of the priority Fountain Avenue test safety enhancements at designated intersections. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. FOUNTAIN AVENUE TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, W. DAVIS, S. CAMPBELL, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the Fountain Avenue Traffic Safety Study with short-term, medium-term and long-term*

*recommendations to improve safety and comfort for people who drive, walk and bike.*

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

**4.B. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to research programs in other jurisdictions aimed at incentivizing the construction of accessory dwelling units for affordable housing and to develop a program for West Hollywood.*

Mayor Heilman requested clarification on how this Item is different than the previous Item Council approved as it relates to this issue.

Councilmember Meister commented on the reasons that she brought the item forward. She responded to Mayor Heilman's inquiries regarding how this differs from the incentives offered by the State, in that they can provide additional incentives such as grants, or low-cost loans, and can provide the avenue for much needed affordable housing in the City.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to research best practices for policies and programs to incentivize the construction of accessory dwelling units as affordable housing for lower income households; and 2) Direct staff to return to City Council with recommendations for developing such a program in West Hollywood. **Motion by Mayor Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and approved.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. CONTACT BETWEEN CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICANTS AND CITY OFFICIALS/APPOINTEES [P. AREVALO, J. LEONARD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will provide direction to staff regarding contact between cannabis business license applicants and the members of the Cannabis Application Evaluation Committee, Business License Commissioners, and City Councilmembers.*

Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2018.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding adding the provision of not allowing the solicitation of campaign funds and charitable fundraising from applicants.

Councilmember Horvath commented that as elected officials they need to meet with members of the public, and expressed her concern over not allowing any contact with Councilmembers. She stated that those that

speak with applicants should disclose that interaction during the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran agreed with Councilmember Horvath's comments, and stated that disclosures can be cited during Commission meetings, just as they are during Council meetings.

Councilmember Meister inquired with Mr. Leonard on the process and he explained in detail the steps relating to the application process and approval. She spoke in support of contact between the Business License Commission, after the evaluation committee has selected the final applications for each category.

Councilmember D'Amico suggested that the City Clerk's office conduct training with the Business License Commission on disclosures and the City's gift policy. He also stated that there should be no contact between Council and the evaluation committee members, and no contact between Councilmembers and the Commission.

Mayor Heilman commented that the goal is to ensure that this process is objective and expressed concern with allowing applicants to meet with the committee or Commission during the process. He also spoke in support of contact with Councilmembers only if there is an Appeal hearing, and in support of not soliciting campaign contributions from applicants as well.

City Manager Arevalo commented that there are 3-tiers of communication: the panel, the Commission, and the Council.

City Attorney Jenkins commented that there are currently no applicants. However, there has been a lot of discussion between the elected officials and potential applicants. Mr. Jenkins expressed concern with lobbying of the Cannabis Application Evaluation Committee. He also commented that he does not have concerns with the applicants lobbying the Council since they have experience with these issues, whereas the Business License Commissioners; who have met very infrequently until now, have not.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt a practice that prohibits all contact between cannabis business license applicants (or their representatives) and members of the Cannabis Application Evaluation Committee or Business License Commissioners; and establish that any violation of this practice will result in dismissal of the applicant's application; 2) Adopt a practice that prohibits City Councilmembers or Business License Commissioners from contacting the Cannabis Application Evaluation Committee; and 3) Schedule a Study Session of the Business License Commission to include subject-matter experts to provide education and additional information to the applicants, the Commission and the public. **Motion by**

**Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and approved.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 2.G. ORDINANCE NO. 18-1022 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO STANDARDS FOR THE R4B-C AND R3C-C ZONING DISTRICTS, AND A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT UPDATING THE ZONING MAP, TO CONFORM WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN 2035, SELECTED ZONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1022 amending Title 19 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code related to standards for the R4B-C and R3C-C zoning districts, and a zone map amendment updating the zoning map, to conform with the West Hollywood General Plan 2035, selected zones, West Hollywood, California.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 18-1022, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO STANDARDS FOR THE R4B-C AND R3C-C ZONING DISTRICTS, AND A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT UPDATING THE ZONING MAP, TO CONFORM WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN 2035, SELECTED ZONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **The Item was tabled to the February 20, 2018 meeting.**

- 6. LEGISLATIVE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

EDWARD LEVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.E.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** None.

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AT 7:30 PM. TO A STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS HOMELESSNESS.***

**STUDY SESSION**

**STUDY SESSION ON HOMELESSNESS [C. PLANCK]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a study session on homelessness, which will include a panel of experts in homeless outreach, social service delivery, law enforcement, legal issues, public policy and advocacy, Los Angeles County Measure H funding and more.*

## **1) Introduction and overview of the City's Homeless Initiative**

Director of Communication Lisa Belsanti introduced a video that provided an overview of the City's homeless issues and outreach.

Homeless Initiative Project Manager Corri Planck provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2018.

## **2) Remarks from Expert Panel**

Jen Kim, Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, provided a presentation on the County's efforts to address homelessness in the County.

Molly Rysman, Housing and Homeless Deputy from Supervisor Kuehl's office, spoke regarding Supervisory Kuehl's priorities with homelessness: evaluating the homeless system, housing options, tenant protections, and extending treatment with severe mental illness.

Colleen Murphy, Supervisor, Outreach Coordinator - Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), provided an overview of LAHSA's work in West Hollywood and Los Angeles County.

Natalie Komuro, Ascencia, spoke regarding their partnership with the City in providing outreach workers and shelter beds in Glendale.

Simon Costello, Director - Children, Youth and Family Services at Los Angeles LGBT Center, spoke regarding their partnership with the City in providing support to LGBT youth who are experiencing homelessness.

Captain Sergio Aloma, Los Angeles County Sheriff, provided an overview of the training and initiatives his department is undertaking to effectively communicate and handle homeless individuals in the community.

Lt. Ed Ramirez, Los Angeles County Sheriff, discussed finding a healthy balance between homeless individuals and the rest of the community.

Lt. Geoffrey Deedrick, Los Angeles County Sheriff, discussed the Community Oriented Policing Bureau in West Hollywood and their outreach efforts.

Shayla Meyers, attorney with Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, spoke regarding protecting the constitutional rights of homeless individuals.

Tod Lipka, CEO Step Up on Second, spoke regarding their partnership with the City in providing mental health services to homeless individuals and creating homes with supportive services.

**3) Public Comment:**

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need for more studio units in West Hollywood, and housing for Veterans on the West Los Angeles property.

KAREN O'KEEFE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various topics brought up by the panelists.

CLIFFORD ROBERTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding meeting people where they're at with compassion, as a beginning to this discussion.

MATT GILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY MANAGER, spoke regarding the services that are provided at the Library.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the steering committee of his neighborhood watch group about car break-ins, defecating on yards, theft, and other safety concerns.

DAVID DICKERSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the impact of homelessness on small businesses. He stated that he appreciates the support he's received from the City.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke regarding the selfless work being done by all of these outreach programs. She provided an overview of the efforts by the Chamber of Commerce to assist in addressing homelessness in the community.

**4) Q & A with City Council and Panel**

Councilmember Horvath thanked everyone for attending. She inquired about the 11 individuals placed in permanent housing through Step Up on Second. Mr. Lipka responded that housing 11 individuals that were homeless for a long-period of time is a very positive number. She inquired with all of the providers as to what more our City could be doing to address homelessness in the community. Ms. Ryman, Ms. Komuro, Ms. Murphy, and Mr. Lipka provided suggestions, which included affordable housing, emergency shelters,, looking at sites for much needed rapid re-housing and other services, engaging landlords to set-aside units for homeless individuals who need a safe place to stay during their transition from homelessness. Councilmember Horvath also commented that the community is frustrated and that there is a need for responsiveness; she asked each provider what responsive looks like when a community members calls regarding an issue with a homeless individual. Mr. Costello commented that there are ongoing issues with the eastside of the community. He further addressed the LGBT homeless youth and feels that there has been some successes. He indicated that they educate them that they are members

of the community and need to act accordingly. Ms. Planck further addressed the steps the City is taking to respond to these issues.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding those homeless that are suffering from mental illness and addiction. He commented on the need for a homeless diversion program rather than cycling people in and out of the criminal justice system. Ms. Rysman responded to Councilmember Duran's inquiry with the work that the County is doing to address this issue. Lt. Deedrick also provided information from the law enforcement side. Ms. Murphy indicated that they provide AB 109 beds for homeless individuals recently released from prison. Ms. Meyers expressed concern with the use of law enforcement for homeless outreach.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the goals of Measure H as it relates to how many individuals will be housed and how many units will be created. He further suggested using the Metro lot on San Vicente as a temporary cold /wet shelter. Ms. Rysman provided information on the goals set for Measure H funds; which include 35,000 homeless individuals housed and 35,000 individuals kept from becoming homeless. She spoke about where people go after they have received drug and/or alcohol treatment. Ms. Kim provided further information on the goals of Measure H.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the homeless count numbers versus the arrest numbers for homeless individuals. Both Ms. Rysman and Lt. Aloma responded to this inquiry, and explained that the count is a point-in-time count and that those individuals arrested are not always individuals who spend the night in West Hollywood. Councilmember Meister mentioned some of the solutions that other cities are implementing. Ms. Murphy discussed LA Hop which is a portal that routes a request for services, that's currently in the beta testing phase. She commented that many of Councilmember Meister's suggestions are all tools in the toolbox that they are using. Ms. Rysman also mentioned land use regulations in assisting with supportive housing.

Mayor Heilman thanked everyone for the work that they do. He spoke about compassion for the entire community. He expressed concern with the lack of responsiveness that has been reported by the Sheriff's department. Capt. Aloma commented that if a crime occurs the Sheriff's will respond, and that he will address any issues with Staffing at the Station if residents are being told that there is nothing the department can do. Mayor Heilman expressed concern with the lack of inclusionary housing plans at the County level, and the current exemption in place for new construction. Ms. Rysman spoke regarding various Ordinances that are being drafted, including an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance. He commented that there was a permanent shelter that was taken by the City of Los Angeles, and clarified that the City does have current housing services including an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, and permanent affordable housing through our non-profit organizations with some units targeted for those who were recently homeless. He mentioned the "siting" issues and the need for



legal action against those cities that do not understand that this is a County issue and no one City should bear all the responsibility. He also spoke regarding the need for more assertive work with those that are profoundly mentally ill.

Ms. Planck further commented that in the last 11 months, the City has provided permanent housing to 34 people who were formerly homeless. She thanked everyone for attending and participating in the Study Session.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 9:29 p.m. in memory of Dennis Peron, Kimberly Blackman, Kenneth Hahn, and Blaze Bernstein, to its next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 by the following vote:

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

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JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK