

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:30 P.M. –REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor D’Amico called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alexis Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

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 6:00 p.m. He stated that there was no public comment. He stated that one item was added to the agenda relating to the pending litigation, City of West Hollywood v. AKA/Korman Communities. He stated that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Quarker indicated that Staff requested that Items 2.N. and 2.O. be tabled tonight and brought back to a future meeting. She also stated that Staff requested that Item 5.B. be tabled indefinitely.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 2.P. be moved to Excluded Consent. He also requested that Item 5.E. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.V.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Barbara Keller.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following military service personnel: Corporal Robert A. Hendriks, 25; Sergeant Benjamin S. Hines, 31; Staff Sergeant Christopher K.A. Slutman, 43.

Mayor D'Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the mother of City employee Beth Rosen. He also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Wes Ford.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor D'Amico unveiled the City's Census 2020 Poster.

Mayor D'Amico presented a Proclamation to the Public Facilities Commission in recognition of Arbor Day.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath presented a Proclamation to Wendy Dio and proclaimed April 10th as Wendy Dio Day in the City of West Hollywood.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding limiting rent increases for senior citizens to two percent.

MARQUITA THOMAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the City's Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board regarding Items 2.P. and 5.B.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R. and rent increases for senior citizens.

JOHN SESSA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.Q. and thanked the City for co-sponsoring the event.

EDEN ANAI LUNA, LOS ANGELES, on behalf of the LALGBT Center spoke in support of Item 5.E.

ALEX ILING, VAN NUYS, spoke in support of Item 5.E.

ALEXANDRA MAGALLON, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 5.E.

BELLA BATHORY, NORTHRIDGE, on behalf of SWOPLA spoke in support of Item 5.E.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember Duran.

JOSEPH BULTMAN, UNKNOWN, spoke regarding MedMen WeHo and the cannabis licensing process.

LAUREN BANUELOS, LA CRESCENTA, spoke regarding MedMen WeHo and the cannabis licensing process.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Adult Use Retailers of West Hollywood.

ALEXIS SANCHEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.C.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Heilman reported that he attended the Westside Cities Council of Government meeting, where transportation and homeless issues were discussed. He mentioned a few Items on the Consent Calendar. Finally, he mentioned the City's census outreach efforts and spoke in support of including collateral materials in other languages and publicized to employees in the area.

Councilmember Duran thanked his colleagues for supporting Item 5.E. He mentioned a movie called, "Blowing Up" relating to a prostitution diversion program and also spoke regarding the issues surrounding the City of Los Angeles' Prostitution Diversion Program. He also mentioned the mandatory HIV drug testing in the State. Finally, he spoke briefly about the sex workers' panel discussion, as well as establishing a partnership with the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Meister reported that she attended the Joint meeting of the SCAG Regional Council and Policy Committee. She wished Dan Morin a Happy 75th birthday. She mentioned several items on the Consent Calendar, and asked that staff remember to look at the trees in the City as it relates to Item 2.I. She spoke regarding Item 2.N. and requested that the City Manager to come back to Council with a long-term plan for City Hall as it relates to space needed for staff. She spoke regarding Item 5.E. and requested that staff get input from the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board on the Sex Workers' Panel Discussion. She mentioned Denim Day on April 24th, and the upcoming small business seminars. She commented that April is Earthquake Preparedness Month. Finally, she wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath reported that she attended the Clean Power Alliance Board Meeting and the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board and Oversight Committee. She also reported that she attended the LGBT centers campus opening of the Anita Mae Rosenstein Campus. She thanked everyone who was involved in the recent Kid's Fair Event. She spoke regarding the recent event to welcome of Ed Ramirez, the City's new Sherriff's Captain. She mentioned upcoming Passover events in the City. She spoke about various items on the Consent Calendar. She extended her thoughts and prayers to the people of France for the Notre Dame Cathedral. Finally, she indicated that tomorrow is the 10-year anniversary of Sal Guarriello's death, and encouraged everyone to remember his contributions to the City.

Mayor D'Amico requested that the City Manager provide an update on the cannabis licensing process. He also wished Dan Morin a Happy Birthday. He also commented on the City's census outreach campaign.

Mayor D'Amico requested that Item 5.C. be heard as the first Item on the Agenda; and Council approved this change to the Agenda by consensus.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo responded to a few inquiries from the City Council, and introduced Staff to provide their report for Item 5.C.

2.W. (5.C.) DISCUSSION OF DRUG USE AND HARM REDUCTION [P. AREVALO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, K. COOK, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file a report regarding drug use, specifically focusing on opioids such as fentanyl, and consider augmenting existing social services contracts to provide additional funding for prevention and harm reduction strategies.

West Hollywood Sheriff's Captain Ed Ramirez and Social Services Manager David Giugni provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 15, 2019. Staff requested contract amendments not to exceed \$15,000 for one contract and another for \$5,000.

Councilmember Horvath inquired about possession of fentanyl strips or NARCAN can implicate a person.

MIKE RIZZO, SHERMAN OAKS, spoke on behalf of the Los Angeles LGBT Center in support of the Item and fentanyl strips.

JIMMY PALMIERI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of The Tweakers Project in support of the Item and fentanyl strips.

KERRI BALBONE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

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

Councilmember Duran suggested an outreach campaign on Grinder and Scruff. He encouraged Communications to create a video. He spoke regarding possession of fentanyl strips. Finally, he inquired if law enforcement could test narcotics that are seized for fentanyl.

Councilmember Meister spoke in support of the Item. She spoke in supporting of ramping up outreach and providing these strips a few weeks before Pride. She mentioned a previous ad campaign done by Symblaze in 2017 that may be updated to push out to the various dating apps. She also mentioned creating an educational campaign that clarifies the danger of this drug.

Councilmember Heilman followed-up on the comments by Ms. Balbone. He asked staff to give further thought to reaching isolated individuals in the community that will not be reached by traditional outreach campaigns.

Councilmember Horvath indicated her support of the Items, including the recommendations by Councilmembers Duran and Heilman.

Mayor D'Amico requested that this Item be moved to the Consent Calendar for approval, and Council approved by consensus.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive and file a report from City staff regarding drug use, specifically focusing on opioid use, and the City's existing substance abuse treatment and prevention programming; and 2) Direct staff to augment existing social services contracts to provide \$20,000 in additional funding for a prevention education campaign and the purchase and distribution of fentanyl test strips. **This Item was moved and approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$582,917 in expenditures, \$450,000 in potential revenues, and (\$5,981) 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.,Q.,R.,S.,U.,V.,W. Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved as amended.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, April 15, 2019 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, April 10, 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 April 1, 2019. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 845 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending April 5, 2019 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 845 and adopt Resolution No.19-5162, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 845". **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 claims of Michael Holdaway, Samuel Dlugach c/o AAA and Daniel Ysiano. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 19-1066 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.48 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS FOR RENT ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS BY LANDLORDS BASED ON EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMING EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION AND SEISMIC STRENGTHENING" [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 19-1066, an ordinance amending Chapter 17.48 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code regarding substantive grounds for rent adjustment applications by landlords based on expenses incurred in performing earthquake hazard reduction and seismic strengthening.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 19-1066, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17.48 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS FOR RENT ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS BY LANDLORDS BASED ON EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMING EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION AND SEISMIC STRENGTHENING". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Transportation 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. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended February 2019 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Receive and file the February 2019 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG, C. ROSKIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive information on events and activities taking place during May in recognition of Senior Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive and file the list of special events for Senior Month 2019; and 2) Authorize the use of the City Council chambers on May 1, 2019 for the Short Film Series event, including set-up and logistics for the event and waiver of any parking fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN [J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, R. EASON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review a request from staff to authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for technical support to prepare a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. This will help the City achieve an aspirational, yet achievable guide path to further reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

ACTION: Authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite qualified firms to submit proposals for a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

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

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Assignment Agreement for a Proposition A local return fund exchange with the City of Malibu for \$337,500 in City of West Hollywood General Fund dollars in exchange for \$450,000 in City of Malibu 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 \$337,500 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.K. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH UNITY IN DIVERSITY ARTS FOUNDATION FOR VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY PRODUCTION SERVICES [K. COOK, B. SMITH, T. RODZINEK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider awarding an Agreement for the Victory in Europe Day Production Services to Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation and authorizing staff to coordinate Victory in Europe Day. This will include the official ceremony in Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park and WWII Veterans Memorial March on Santa Monica Boulevard on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for services with Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation for event production services in the amount not to exceed \$7,500.00; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to increase budgeted revenues in account 100-463007 and budgeted expenditures in account 100-1-01-18-534109 in the amount of sponsorships received; 3) Authorize staff to negotiate event sponsorship agreements in consultation with the Finance Department and/or City Attorney, and authorize the City Manager or assignee to execute documents incident to any event sponsorship agreements; 4) Authorize the City Manager or assignee to execute documents incident to the agreement; 5) Approve a closure of Santa Monica Boulevard between Plummer Park and Fairfax Avenue on Sunday, May 5, 2019 beginning at 9:30 a.m. for the WWII Veterans Memorial March to Plummer Park. Sheriff personnel have the authority to move the march to the sidewalk if the participant turnout is low. Staff will confer with Sheriff Personnel to plan and execute the march in a safe manner for all; and 6) Waive all city fees, including Plummer Park facility fees (approximately \$500).
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.L. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH VCA GROUP [C. SCHROEDER, S. SCHUMACHER, J. KEHO, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with VCA Group to provide recruitment services to assist with filling the Senior Plan Check Engineer vacancy.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement with VCA Code in the amount of \$6,500 for recruitment services to assist with filling the Senior Plan Check Engineer vacancy; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH KABBARA ENGINEERING [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Kabbara Engineering for professional civil engineering design services to modify the scope of work and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for services with Kabbara Engineering to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by \$192,907 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$660,266; 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 TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT AT 8916 SANTA MONICA BLVD WITH KOONTZ, LLC [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an amendment to Lease Agreement with Koontz Building, LLC to rent an additional 1,126

square feet of office space at 8916 Santa Monica Boulevard and extend the term of the lease agreement by 5 years.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

2.O. JOB TRAINING AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS [J. HEILMAN, L. MEISTER, C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, E. ANDERSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an evaluation of the job training services currently available to individuals experiencing homelessness, or at risk for homelessness. The City Council will consider staff recommendations to expand opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness in West Hollywood.

ACTION: Receive and file. This Item was Tabled.

2.P. LOS ANGELES COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL [L. HORVATH, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with Los Angeles County Counsel and the Los Angeles County Equity Oversight Panel to explore options for the City of West Hollywood to contract with the County to review and investigate equity claims as defined by the County Policy of Equity.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.Q. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WORLD DOG DAY 2019 [J. D'AMICO, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring World Dog Day to be hosted by The Vanderpump Dog Foundation on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 10 am to 4 pm at West Hollywood Park.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of World Dog Day 2019 and approve the use of West Hollywood Park on Saturday, May 18, 2019; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Waive the Special Event Permit fee, Encroachment fee, Building and Safety fees, and parking at the 5-story parking structure for event volunteers and vendors (estimated \$3,650); 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 WEHO CHEERLEADERS VARSITY AWARDS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, S. LEE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the WeHo Cheerleaders Varsity Awards, which aim to recognize and celebrate young leaders who inspire positive impacts in their communities with outstanding acts of kindness or community activism.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of WeHo Cheerleaders Varsity Awards; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on flyers, invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the Varsity Awards such as the City's website and social media tools; and 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LIVING WAGE RATE FOR FY 2019-20 OF \$13.28/ HR WITH HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS AND \$14.53 / HR WITHOUT HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS [L. QUIJANO, C. SAFRIET]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution that will increase the Living Wage Rate for fiscal year 2019-20 by the Consumer Price Index. The increase will become effective on July 1, 2019.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 19-5163 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING, PURSUANT TO WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.20.040, A LIVING WAGE RATE FOR FY 2019-20 OF \$13.28/HR WITH HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS OF AT LEAST \$1.25/HR AND \$14.53/HR WITHOUT HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS OF AT LEAST \$1.25/HR." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1435 (GARAMENDI, D-CA-3) THE SITES RESERVOIR PROJECT ACT [J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of H.R. 1435, which, if enacted, will designate the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) as the lead agency on the feasibility studies related to the Sites Reservoir Project (Sites Project). In addition, H.R. 1435 commits federal resources (technical know-how) towards the design and construction of the Sites Projects, and its integrated operation with the Central Valley Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 19-5164 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF H.R.1435 (GARAMENDI, D-CA-3) THE SITES RESERVOIR PROJECT ACT"; and 2) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to send copies of the adopted resolution to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, Congress Members Adam Schiff and John Garamendi, State Senator Benjamin Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, and other organizations and individuals as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S OPPOSITION TO THE ANTI-HOMOSEXUALITY AND ANTI-ABORTION PENAL CODE OF BRUNEI [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution reaffirming the City of West Hollywood opposition to the anti-homosexuality and anti-abortion penal code of Brunei, and calling for the boycott of The Dorchester Collection properties locally, which include the Beverly Hills Hotel and Bel-Air Hotel.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 19-5165, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REAFFIRMING ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE ANTI-HOMOSEXUALITY AND ANTI-ABORTION PENAL CODE OF BRUNEI"; and 2) Send copies of the signed resolution to President Donald J. Trump, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, Representative Adam Schiff, and to cities in Los Angeles County where Dorchester Collection properties are located.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.V. (5.E.) SPONSORSHIP OF A PANEL DISCUSSION ON SEX WORKERS [J. DURAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a panel discussion on sex workers in order to educate the community on the violence and abuse sex workers encounter, and provide local resources for further education and advocacy.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to organize a panel discussion on sex workers, focused on educating the community on the violence, abuse, and discrimination sex workers may encounter, and provide local resources for further education and advocacy; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Approve the use of City facilities and waive facility use fees and parking fees at the 5-story parking structure for attendees of the event (estimated \$791 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 \$1,500 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account: 100-1-01-00-531001, and increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount; and 6) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$1,500 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. PROPOSED FEE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 [L. QUIJANO, C. DUNCAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, and consider adopting a resolution establishing fees and charges for certain services provided by the City of West Hollywood for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Senior Financial Management Analyst Claudia Duncan and Director of Finance and Technology Services Lorena Quijano provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 15, 2019.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the parking lot rates; specifically the time allowed for meter parking at the Melrose lot. Parking Manager Vince Guarino provided clarification.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, and adopt Resolution No. 19-5166, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND REPEALING RESOLUTIONS NO. 18-5049, 18-5081, 19-5143, 19-5144, 19-5148 AND 19-5152." **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. METRO RAIL OUTREACH PLAN UPDATE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WITH THE ROBERT GROUP AND DAKOTA COMMUNICATIONS, AND AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH TRANPLAN LLC [O. DELGADO, J. HANKAMER, D. FENN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on Metro's community outreach for the Northern Extension of the Crenshaw/LAX Line; consider next steps for the City's community outreach and engagement plan for Metro rail; consider amendments to agreements with The Robert Group and Dakota Communications; and consider an agreement for services with TranPlan LLC.

Associate Planner Planner David Fenn and Principal Planner Joanna Hankamer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 15, 2019.

J.P. DUPREY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding community outreach and revenue suggestions, such as congestion pricing.

Councilmember Horvath commented that staff should continue to support and maintain existing regional outreach.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the level of knowledge the residents have regarding types of rail, alignments, costs, etc. and suggested that a survey be conducted. She also inquired as to whether the money that the City is investing toward the acceleration could be considered a loan to be paid back by Metro. Ms. Hankamer responded to the inquiry regarding the revenue expended for the acceleration, and

stated that those conversations will occur in the Fall and that requested repayment can be a part of that conversation.

Mayor D'Amico requested clarification on Recommendations 2 and 3. Ms. Hankamer responded to this inquiry. He also inquired about a resident survey. Ms. Hankamer responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember Heilman highlighted the accomplishments of City staff and the City's consultants to date. He commented briefly on congestion pricing as mentioned by the public speaker.

Councilmember Meister mentioned the importance of a statistically factual survey; mirroring the one conducted for the cannabis tax measure.

Mayor D'Amico requested that funding for a survey be included in the motion.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the complexities of the issue and how a three-minute survey may not garner the information needed to make a decision about next steps.

Councilmember Heilman supported a survey, but cautioned that we do not have all of the information; specifically regarding funding sources and that the survey could include questions relating to rail stops, underground versus above ground and other more community related questions.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update on Metro's Advanced Alternatives Screening Study, including outreach and technical studies; 2) Approve an outreach plan for City-led community outreach and engagement for the next 9-12 months, including staff's recommendation regarding the City Council's request for a Resident Task Force on Metro Rail; 3) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for services with the Robert Group to increase the amount of the agreement by \$91,250 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$171,250, and extend the term of the agreement by 6 months to June 30, 2020 for outreach support for the next phase of the Crenshaw/LAX Northern Extension project planning and pre-construction activities; 4) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for services with Dakota Communications to increase the amount of the agreement by \$78,750 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$138,000 and extend the term of the agreement by 6 months to June 30, 2020 for outreach support for the next phase of the Crenshaw/LAX Northern Extension project planning and pre-construction activities; 5) Approve an Agreement for Services with TranPlan LLC (Attachment 6) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000 to provide technical support to the City for the next phase of the Crenshaw/LAX Northern Extension project planning and pre-construction activities; 6) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreements; and 7) incorporate funding in the

amount of \$50,000 for a survey. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.**

4.B. AIDS MONUMENT OUTREACH AND DESIGN INTEGRATION UPDATE [O. DELGADO, J. HANKAMER, D. FENN, M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL, R. EHEMANN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an AIDS Monument project update from staff and the Foundation for the AIDS Monument (FAM) and consider approving the outreach and design integration strategy for the project.

Arts Manager Andrew Campbell provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 15, 2019. Executive Director of the Foundation for the AIDS Monument Tony Valenzuela provided a brief presentation on the elements of the monument.

Councilmember Heilman inquired about the content at the site and whether it would all be stagnant. Mr. Campbell responded to this inquiry, and stated that while the main structure and some pieces will be stagnant, FAM is looking at a changing educational component to the monument.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update from Staff and FAM on the AIDS Monument project; and 2) Approve FAM's and the AIDS Monument Artist Dan Tobin's strategy for integrating stakeholder feedback into the design. **Motion by Mayor D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath, and approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR EVENT COMMEMORATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY'S LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board for supplemental funding for an event commemorating, and celebrating, the board's 30th anniversary.

Councilmember Heilman inquired about the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board's initial request. Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath requested that there is a robust promotional piece to this celebration.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$10,000 from unallocated reserves for this one-time event at a local hotel; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute agreement with the event host and any documents incident to the

agreement; 3) Authorize use of City name and logo on invitations, social media and other collateral materials, and direct Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools in support of this event; and 4) Waive parking enforcement/fees at the City's 5-story structure not to exceed \$3,600.00, if needed. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath, and approved.**

5.B. PURCHASING RULE 20A ALLOCATIONS FROM THE CITY OF LYNWOOD FOR UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING PROJECTS [O. DELGADO, H. DEMITRI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the purchase of Rule 20A allocations from the City of Lynwood to be used for future utility undergrounding projects in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

5.C. DISCUSSION OF DRUG USE AND HARM REDUCTION [P. AREVALO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, K. COOK, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file a report regarding drug use, specifically focusing on opioids such as fentanyl, and consider augmenting existing social services contracts to provide additional funding for prevention and harm reduction strategies.

ACTIONS: This Item was heard during the City Manager's Report, and moved and approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

5.D. DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider modifying the role of the Planning Commission and creating a five-person Design Review Advisory Board separate from the Planning Commission. This item presents an alternative structure to design review and fosters unbiased review of projects at the Planning Commission level.

Councilmember Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 15, 2019.

IRENE OPPENHEIM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

RICHARD GIESBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

EDWARD LEVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Item.

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

MATT DUBIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

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: Stephanie Harker, Sepi Shyne, Ashley Shyne, Michael T. Carter, Kimberly Copeland, Polly Businger, Sara Jones, and Alana Roshay.

Councilmember Meister responded to some of the comments made by the Public Speakers.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that he does not support this Item and provided his reasons. He further commented that the City's new Urban Design Studio Division needs to be given an opportunity to work.

Councilmember Horvath indicated that she does not support this Item. She echoed Councilmember Heilman's comments about the City's Urban Design Studio Division.

Mayor D'Amico commented on development and design choices. He indicated that he does not support the Item at this time.

Councilmember Meister withdrew the Item since there was not support from the other Councilmembers.

5.E. SPONSORSHIP OF A PANEL DISCUSSION ON SEX WORKERS [J. DURAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a panel discussion on sex workers in order to educate the community on the violence and abuse sex workers encounter, and provide local resources for further education and advocacy.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making appointments to the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission, Public Facilities Commission, and the Public Safety Commission.

ACTIONS: This Item was Tabled.

5.G. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE, AND DISCUSSION OF TERMS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider electing the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and will discuss the annual terms going forward.

City Clerk Quarker provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 15, 2019.

Councilmember Meister stated that the terms should be extended by two months for the next few cycles to allow for the terms to end in January, right after the elections.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Change the terms of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore to end in May of each year. **Motion by Mayor D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath and approved, noting the NO vote by Councilmember Meister.**
- 2) Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath nominated John D'Amico to serve as Mayor. Council elected **John D'Amico** as Mayor; to be installed at the May 20, 2019 City Council Meeting.
- 3) Mayor D'Amico nominated Lindsey Horvath to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Duran nominated Lauren Meister to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

City Clerk Quarker called for a roll call vote with the following results: Lindsey Horvath received three votes (Heilman, Horvath and D'Amico) and Lauren Meister received two votes (Duran and Meister).

Council elected **Lindsey Horvath** to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore; to be installed at the May 20, 2019 City Council Meeting.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.P. LOS ANGELES COUNTY EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL [L. HORVATH, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with Los Angeles County Counsel and the Los Angeles County Equity Oversight Panel to explore options for the City of West Hollywood to contract with the County to review and investigate equity claims as defined by the County Policy of Equity.

Mayor D'Amico and Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 15, 2019.

Councilmember Heilman expressed his concerns and outlined some of the issues the County of Los Angeles is currently facing relating to its own personnel and stated that he did not think County oversight was appropriate for the City of West Hollywood.

Councilmember Duran concurred with Councilmember Heilman's comments, and stated this type of oversight can be handled at the local level.

Councilmember Meister inquired if we received input from County employees as to whether they have a good system.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath provided the reasons that she placed this Item on the agenda.

Councilmember Heilman proposed that staff work with a consultant to help us improve our processes.

Councilmember Meister provided suggestions such as annual surveys, 360 evaluations and exit interviews to better current practices. Mayor D'Amico provided the reasons that he supported this Item.

City Manager Arevalo spoke about the City's WeRWeHo Committee which was a product of a survey conducted by the City's Employee Union, WEHOME. He spoke about the systems that the City has in place and indicated that he is aware of some of deficiencies in the organization. Finally, he indicated that a memo could be provided to the Council outlining the work that WeRWeHo is doing to address these issues.

ACTION: No Action was taken on this Item. Staff will provide a report to City Council based on comments and suggestions expressed by Council.

LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANTHONY POUZIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding MedMen West Hollywood.


STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding design guidelines for the Eastside and Arbor Day.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m. in memory of Barbara Keller, Wes Ford, the following military service personnel, Corporal Robert A. Hendriks, Sergeant Benjamin S. Hines, and Staff Sergeant Christopher K.A. Slutman, and the mother of City employee Beth Rosen, to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

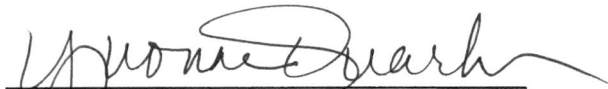
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 6th day of May, 2019 by the following vote:

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



JOHN D'AMICO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK