

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020  
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:** Elyse Eisenberg 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 and that there were no reportable actions. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman to approve the February 3, 2020 Agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath, and approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

The City Council adjourned in memory of Jeanne Dobrin. Planning Commissioner John Altschul spoke regarding the long-time resident and community activist.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory Daniel Joseph Matikosh.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following military adjournments: Specialist Antonio I. Moore (22), Captain Ryan S. Phaneuf (30), and Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. Voss (46).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor D’Amico presented a Proclamation to Hollywood NOW and the Women’s Advisory Board in honor of the annual V-Day Commemoration.

Jeff Klein from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk presented information on the upcoming 2020 Elections and the new Voting System (VSAP).

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Jeanne Dobrin.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.F. and Jeanne Dobrin.

TRACEY BENSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Jeanne Dobrin.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the new voting machines and various other items.

ELYSE EISENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Jeanne Dobrin.

MICHELLE KANGISZER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the West Hollywood Lions Club regarding the Log Cabin.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding Jeanne Dobrin. He mentioned that the City is hosting a Town Hall meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> regarding Chemsex.

Councilmember Meister spoke regarding Jeanne Dobrin. She thanked everyone who participated in the Homeless Count, the Roe at 47 event and the Hart Park Pop-up. She spoke on Item 2.F. and inquired about including conference space to determine if West Hollywood is a potential destination for conferences.

Councilmember Heilman noted that the Senior Valentine event will be on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Plummer Park. He spoke briefly about Jeanne Dobrin.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath mentioned Jeanne Dobrin. She gave a shout out to Nick Rimedio, the LaPeer Hotel General Manager, on being selected as a member of the 2020-2021 Forbes Travel Guide Standards Advisory Committee. She spoke regarding the new ballot marking devices and stated that California Contract Cities; which the City is a member, has weighed in on the concerns regarding the device and encouraged everyone to provide feedback to the County after the March Election. She mentioned Item 2.D. and asked the City Manager to report back on various aspects of the licensing process for short-term rentals. She reported that she attended the National League of Cities Women in Municipal Government Board meeting as well as the Human Development Board meeting. Thanked everyone for their participation in the homeless count.

Mayor D'Amico indicated his "no" vote on Item 2.F. he requested that staff report back on all the traffic mitigations put into place along Fountain Ave. He spoke regarding the

high-rise fire in Brentwood and inquired about buildings in the City. He mentioned Black History Month. Finally, he spoke briefly about Jeanne Dobrin.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

City Manager Arevalo noted that the City is hosting the Elton John event on Sunday. The City is also hosting a community active shooter training. He also provided an update on voting in the March Primary. He responded to Councilmember comments and questions. Finally, he spoke about Jeanne Dobrin.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$241,000 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$561) in waived fees.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.A.,B.,C.,D.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved noting the “no” vote by Mayor D’Amico on Item 2.F.**

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

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, February 3, 2020 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff’s Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.*

**ACTION:** Receive and file.

**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 21, 2020. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 859 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending January 24, 2020 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Approve Demand Register NO. 859 and adopt Resolution No.20-5252, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 859.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 20-1098 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 5.66.110 (SUNSET CLAUSE) OF CHAPTER 5.66 (HOME SHARING) OF THE**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE HOME SHARING BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS.” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 19-1098, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 5.66.110 (SUNSET CLAUSE) OF CHAPTER 5.66 (HOME SHARING) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE HOME SHARING BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS.”*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 19-1098, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 5.66.110 (SUNSET CLAUSE) OF CHAPTER 5.66 (HOME SHARING) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE HOME SHARING BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Public Safety Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, and the Transgender Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.*

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

**2.F. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH JONES LANG LASALLE [L. QUIJANO, C. SAFRIET]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an Agreement for Services with Jones Lang LaSalle Americas to perform an analysis of the City’s hotel market capacity and transient occupancy tax projections.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Jones Lang LaSalle Americas in the amount of \$99,000 to perform an analysis of the City’s hotel market capacity and transient occupancy tax projections; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, with Mayor D’Amico voting No.**

**2.G. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH SDI PRESENCE LLC [L. QUIJANO, E. TSIPIS, R. FOZONMEHR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with SDI Presence LLC for Development of an Information Technology Strategic Plan.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with SDI Presence LLC for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$85,000 to develop an Information Technology Strategic Plan; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.H. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MAJESTIC FIRE PROTECTION, INC. [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, D. GONZALEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Amendment to the Agreement with Majestic Fire Protection, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount for preventative maintenance, repairs and installation of fire alarms, fire sprinklers and other related fire and life safety systems and equipment located in City facilities.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with Majestic Fire Protection, Inc. by: increasing the total amount by \$50,000 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CITYWIDE WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES WITH CALIFORNIA WATERS, LLC [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, D. GONZALEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Citywide Water Feature Maintenance and Repair Services with California Waters, LLC.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Services with California Waters, LLC to increase the amount of the Agreement by \$7,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$149,580; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the Amendment to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.J. ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE 9037 DICKS STREET FRONTAGE [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement for street and sidewalk purposes along the frontage of the single-family residence located at 9037 Dicks Street.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 20-5253 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 9037 DICKS STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 20-5253, as well as the Easement for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARTS-TUNE UP PRESENTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURE [J. D'AMICO, F. CONTRERAS, A. CAMPBELL, E. ANGELOFF, J. TRIBBLE, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring a session of the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture's "Arts Tune-Up," a free networking and learning session providing information and resources in a roundtable setting for individual artists and arts organizations on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the "Arts Tune-Up" event with the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at the West Hollywood Park Auditorium; 2) Approve the use of the West Hollywood Park Auditorium and approve the waiver of facilities use and parking fees for the event; 3) Authorize use of the City name and logo on promotional and collateral materials; 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools for the promotion of the event such as the City's website, calendar, and social media networks; and 5) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

#### **3.A. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL TO DEMOLISH TWO DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS, AND CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A THREE-STORY CHILD DAY CARE CENTER (PRESCHOOL) AT 972 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, A. CASTILLO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an appeal filed by Annette Kazmerski regarding the Planning Commission's adoption of Resolution No. PC 19-1314, approving the redevelopment of the entire site to construct and operate a child day care center (preschool).*

Councilmember Duran recused himself due to the proximity of the proposed project to his residence.

Council provided their disclosures.

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

Senior Planner Antonio Castillo provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 3, 2020.

Mayor D'Amico opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward.

ANNETTE KAZMERSKI, APPELLANT, provided the reasons that she appealed this proposed redevelopment of the site to a child day care center.

NASIM KABLAN, APPLICANT, spoke regarding her development of this project over the past four years and provided her reasons that the daycare center is needed in the community.

DIANA SKIDMORE, APPLICANT CONSULTANT WITH KRAIN AND ASSOCIATES, spoke regarding the traffic analysis for this proposed project.

JEROME CLEARY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed project.

MIKIE FRIEDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed project.

ANTHONY REED DVGENIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed project.

URSULA ORTIZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed project.

SHAJEDA KHAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed project.

JACOB SHELLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed project.

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed project.

MIGUEL PADILLA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed project.

ELYSE EISENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed project.

ANNIE NEAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed project.

HOLLY EKANEJ, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed project.

DANA MORGAN, MALIBU, spoke in support of the proposed project.

FRANCESCA PADILLA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed project.

ANDY GOMBINER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed project.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed project.

JON VISCOTT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed project.

JASON SMILOVIC, HIGHLAND PARK, spoke in support of the proposed project.

ROBYNN NICHOLS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed project.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, MARINA DEL REY, spoke on behalf of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and in support of the proposed project.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed project.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the benefits to West Hollywood families at the facility.

ANNETTE KAZMERSKI, APPELLANT, provided rebuttal to some of the public comments and some of the Applicant's assertions.

NASIM KABLAN, APPLICANT, provided rebuttal to some of the public comments and the Appellant's arguments outlined in the appeal or during tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the traffic study. She inquired about the traffic impacts of the proposed project versus an 11-unit residential building. She inquired about the procedures for drop-off and pick-up. She inquired if the traffic study was based on the maximum number of students. Ms. Kablan and Ms. Skidmore responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath inquired about a duplicate signature on the appeal form.

Mayor D'Amico inquired about the approved land use for this site. Planning Manager Jennifer Alkire responded to this inquiry. He indicated his support for the project.

Councilmember Meister indicated her support of the Appeal and provided her reasons including traffic concerns surrounding pick-up and drop-off,



lack of adequate parking, and safety concerns regarding its location on that part of San Vicente Boulevard.

Councilmember Heilman spoke about the alternative to this redevelopment, including housing. He did note, however, that this use is allowed in this residential zone. He indicated that the appeal points weren't consistent. He did agree with the point of an increase in traffic. Finally, he stated that this is about a feminist agenda and quality of life in the City. He indicated his support for the project.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath spoke about the queuing solution and indicated that she was glad that there is a three, six, and nine-month review; whereby changes can be made if needed. She spoke about other schools in the City that manage to handle the impacts. She noted her support of the project.

Mayor D'Amico closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Adopt 1) Resolution No. 20-5254: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING AN APPEAL FILED BY ANNETTE KAZMERSKI AND AFFIRMING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A DEMOLITION PERMIT, DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF TWO DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS, AND CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 8,346-SQUARE-FOOT, THREE-STORY, CHILD DAY CARE CENTER (PRESCHOOL) LOCATED AT 972 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor D'Amico, and approved noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Meister and the "recusal" of Councilmember Duran.**

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### 4.A. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST'S 50TH ANNUAL L.A. PRIDE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [F. CONTRERAS, C. SMITH, M. REATH, J. HEREDIA, K. COOK, J. LEONARD]:

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a review and analysis of L.A. Pride financials from previous years, as well as a planning update for the 2020 L.A. Pride in West Hollywood event. The City Council will also consider the Co-Sponsorship requests of Christopher Street West (CSW) and the City's financial contribution to the 2020 event.*

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 3, 2020. Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard spoke about the financial analysis of CSW and the co-sponsorship requests.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item. He suggested that a member of the City of West Hollywood staff serve on the CSW Board given the large financial contribution by the City.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, MARINA DEL REY, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce in support of the Item.

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

TRACY PAASO, WEST HOLLYWOOD and LA Pride Board member, spoke in support of the Item.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath spoke regarding the City paying for the public safety costs. She noted that the design of this year's event is in response to community comments and suggestions and noted her support of the Item.

Councilmember Duran spoke about the history of the LGBT community and the sense of pride in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the uniqueness of LA Pride. He spoke about the proposed impacts on the side streets in the City and request a more robust program to inform residents that will be impacted on the west side and noted that Alta Loma needs to be included in the noticing. Finally, he mentioned continuing Pride on the Boulevard and thanked the CSW Board for their hard work.

Councilmember Meister provided feedback to staff and spoke in support of Items 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7i being paid by the City of West Hollywood. She noted that the City of West Hollywood logo be included in all collateral materials. She noted that she was open to discussing the other items, as well as the possibility of CSW reimbursing the City a certain percentage on any revenue generated, to help fund the City's One City One Pride events.

Councilmember Heilman thanked staff and the CSW team. He spoke in support of approving Items 7a, 7b, 7f, but stated that he is reluctant to have the City be involved with the programming. He indicated that he feels the City should be responsible for the public amenities, but the programming aspects should be covered by CSW.

Mayor D'Amico indicated that he does not support the item as written. He stated that spending \$3,000,000 on an event with other issues facing the City makes him uncomfortable. Finally, he noted the if the City provides

the increase in funding that it should be the lead sponsor of the event. He indicated his desire for the motion to include the City as a lead sponsor.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Receive Review and Analysis of L.A. Pride Financials; 2) Receive an update on 2020 L.A. Pride planning; 3) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve operational plans and enter into or update existing agreements related to the 2020 L.A. Pride Festival, Parade and Pride on the Boulevard, including use of La Peer Dr., following CSW's discussions with West Hollywood West Residents Association and use of private parking lots along Santa Monica Blvd., following CSW's execution of lease agreements with the private property owners; 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements; 5) Approve a \$10,000 City sponsorship of the Mayor's Kick-Off Event (currently budgeted); 6) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$128,000 from unallocated General Fund Reserves for the following City costs related to park construction and the expanded footprint: a. \$15,000 for emergency egress construction mitigation in West Hollywood Park, b. \$12,000 for basic Los Angeles County Fire Department site plan review fees related to Pride weekend activations at businesses along Santa Monica Boulevard, c. \$101,000 in additional Facilities costs, a portion of which will be reimbursed by CSW post-event; 8) Direct the City Manager or designee to negotiate an agreement for services with JJLA in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for services to supply and build a medical care center inside the L.A. Pride Festival, emergency exit balloons and surveillance cameras and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. This contract is included in the public safety amount above; and 9) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for services with JCL Traffic Services to increase the amount of the agreement by \$140,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of the agreement of \$540,000, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. This amount is included in the traffic control services amount above. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

**ACTION RELATING TO RECOMMENDATION #7** - Council provided feedback and direction regarding the subsidy requests from CSW and authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate unallocated General Fund Reserves in the amount necessary to cover unbudgeted costs related to the following Items only: a. Public Safety costs in an amount of approximately \$2,437,576, b. Traffic Control Services costs in an amount of approximately \$200,000, c. Costs related to Pride on the Boulevard Production in an amount of \$200,000, d. Costs related to Christopher Street West's use of the Pacific Design Center in an amount of \$115,000, e. Costs related to distribution of a Citywide Community Mailer in an amount of approximately \$30,000, and f. Costs related to additional Parking Enforcement in an amount of approximately

\$30,000. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved noting the “no” vote of Mayor D’Amico.

- 4.B. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making at-large appointments to City Advisory Boards.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Council appointed Timothea Tway to the Women’s Advisory Board; and 2) Council Tabled the appointment to the Disabilities Advisory Board.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 5.A. ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO GOVERNMENT ETHICS, CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ENFORCEMENT, AND CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO LOBBYIST ORDINANCE [C. SCHROEDER, Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, M. JENKINS, L. LANGER]:**

*SUBJECT: The Ethics Reform Task Force (Task Force) was created by the City Council to evaluate the City’s laws and regulations pertaining to government ethics, lobbyist regulations, campaign finance, and enforcement, and recommend revisions, if needed. This report summarizes most of the Task Force’s recommendations to the City Council for the period from May 2018 through July 2019 and provides an opportunity for the City Council to consider an ordinance to prohibit campaign consultants from serving as lobbyists (discussion continued from October 7, 2019).*

Assistant City Clerk Melissa Crowder provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 3, 2020.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the campaign contribution increase and the amount of money needed for campaigns in West Hollywood and throughout the United States.

MARQUITA THOMAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #4.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of Recommendation #4.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the right time to implement the recommendations and spoke in opposition to Councilmember who are candidates voting on recommendation 4.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, MARINA DEL REY, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the definition of lobbyist and thanked for additional time. She indicated that the Chamber supports the other recommendations.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on various recommendations.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Council received the recommendation report from the Ethics Reform Task Force, and provided direction on each recommendation as follows:

Recommendation #1 – Filing of Campaign Communications. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor D’Amico, and approved noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Heilman.**

Recommendation #2 – Fair Political Practices Commission Enforcement of West Hollywood Campaign Finance and Government Ethics Laws. **Council provided additional direction relating to this item including obtaining additional information relating to costs. Council further stated that the FPPC should only investigate/prosecute on referral from the City Clerk; which will protect against excess costs and to avoid prosecution of minor offenses that can be resolved by the City Clerk. They directed staff to return with an item and proposed contract for approval.**

Recommendation #3 – Lobbyist Reporting. **The Ethics Reform Task Force will bring this item back to Council for discussion at a future meeting.**

Recommendation #4 – Campaign Contributions. **Council directed staff to prepare an Ordinance to increase the campaign contribution limit to \$1,000. Approved by consensus, noting the No vote of Councilmember Meister.**

Recommendation #5 – Public Financing System. **Council agreed that this topic can be considered as a future Ethics Reform Task Force topic.**

Recommendation #6 – Code of Conduct for City Contracts. **Council approved by Consensus to direct staff to include the Institute of Management Consultants USA Code of Ethics into City contracts.**

Recommendation #7 – Elected and Appointed Officials Serving on Boards of Directors for Non-Profit Organizations. **Council approved by Consensus to a) require that positions held by elected and appointed officials on Boards of Directors for Non-Profits be reported to the**

**City through the Schedule C “Non-Profit Business Position” on their annual Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest filing as “No Income – Business Position Only, and b) Include language in the City’s Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials regarding the City’s current practice of Councilmembers recusing themselves from votes that involve City funded grants to non-profit organizations in which they serve on the Board.**

Recommendation #8 – Restrictions on Campaign Officials Serving as Lobbyists. **The Ethics Reform Task Force will bring this item back to Council for discussion at a future meeting to discuss with recommendation #3.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath also requested that the Ethics Reform Task Force look into the topic of limiting developer contributions and bring recommendations back to Council for consideration. **Approved by Consensus.**

**5.B. CELEBRATING MULTICULTURAL WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to look at celebrating our cultural diversity by developing promotional material which includes our existing cultural celebrations. The Council will also consider directing staff to look at additional culturally significant dates to determine whether it is appropriate to add to our existing list of activities.*

Councilmember Meister spoke regarding the number of cultural holidays on the list and asked whether staff would be categorizing each holiday and determining how best to recognize it; whether it be an official event, supporting another event or recognition via a social media post, etc.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath confirmed that the recommendations in the report directs staff to review the list and develop a plan to recognize each holiday.

Mayor D’Amico requested that National Donut Day and National Social Media Day be added to the list.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to develop the “Multicultural West Hollywood” series, which will include developing promotional materials in recognition of cultural holidays annually celebrated in West Hollywood. Recognitions may include social media posts, presentations at City Council meetings, press conferences, community events/discussions, and other ways to educate the community and engage in diverse cultural celebrations and important recognitions; 2) Direct staff to evaluate the list of cultural holidays provided in Attachment A to determine which dates should be added to the list of annual recognitions and what type of recognition is

appropriate, if any; 3) Direct staff to return to City Council with a report back on the holidays to be included in the Multicultural West Hollywood series, including a request for funding for additional programming if needed; and 4) direct staff to add "National Donut Day" and "National Social Media Day" to the list of cultural holidays provided in Attachment A.  
**Approved by Consensus.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.**

**6. LEGISLATIVE:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

GEORGE BUJARSKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the issue of dust from construction sites.

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding tonight's City Council meeting.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Meister stated for the record that she wasn't responsible for the left and right turn signals at San Vicente and Sunset, as indicated during public comment and credit belongs to the Public Works Department.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 11:15 p.m. in memory of Jeanne Dobrin, Daniel Joseph Matikosh, Specialist Antonio I. Moore, Captain Ryan S. Phaneuf, and Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. Voss to its next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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 February, 2020 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.



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JOHN D'AMICO, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK