

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

6:30 P.M. – *REGULAR MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor D’Amico called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor D’Amico 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, Assistant City Attorney Langer, City Clerk Quarker, and Assistant City Clerk Crowder.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

Assistant City Attorney Langer reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. She stated that there was no public comment and that there were no reportable actions. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Manager Arevalo indicated that staff is requesting that Item 4.C. be Tabled to May 18th.

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.Q.

Mayor D’Amico requested that Items 2.I. and 2.P. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Motion by Councilmember Duran to approve the May 4, 2020 Agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Nick Sanderson, Keith Stanisiewski, Martin Evert Lewis, and Nancy Bloch.

Mayor D’Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of his mother, Patricia D’Amico.

PRESENTATIONS:

California State Assemblymember Richard Bloom provided an update on the State's COVID-19 response.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANN GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding second-hand smoke in apartment buildings.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the smoke free housing ordinance.

SEPI SHYNE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a workers' recall right ordinance.

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various Consent Calendar items and requested that some of the community events be revisited once the City re-opens. He also spoke on Item 5.A.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding re-opening the City.

JOSHUA WHITE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding dog grooming as an essential business.

ESTHER SCHILLER, Executive Director of the non-profit organization Smoke Free Air For Everyone (S.A.F.E.), spoke regarding smoke free housing ordinance.

WILLIAM SEEGMILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.P.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the re-opening of the City and he asked for patience during this difficult time.

Councilmember Heilman mentioned Item 2.Q. and encouraged staff to work with apartment owners and condo associations to install EV charging stations. He spoke regarding the potential closure of West Hollywood Park to complete the construction quickly and requested that staff reach out to the groups that use the park. He mentioned the impact of second-hand smoke and supports having the Item return for Council consideration.

Councilmember Meister encouraged people to continue staying home. She mentioned several items on the Consent Calendar. She requested that the City Manager address the community survey during his comments.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath offered her condolences to Mayor D'Amico on the death of his mother. She reported that she represented the City at the Clean Power Alliance, Sanitation District, National League of Cities, and California Contract Cities meetings. She thanked City staff for Denim Day which was accomplished via Zoom. She thanked Visit West Hollywood and the Chamber of Commerce for their hospitality assistance. She mentioned that all voters will receive a Vote by Mail ballot for the November election. She mentioned the Cannabis Café and City fees. On Wednesday, May 6 the City will honor and recognize National Nurses' Day.

Mayor D'Amico inquired about providing masks to the homeless. He inquired with the City Manager about allowing pet grooming. He also asked about opening the City's public spaces, including parks. He also inquired about the smoke-free housing ordinance. He recommended that the Boards and Commissions start meeting again. Finally, he mentioned a Drag Show Mother's Day #fromWeHowithlove.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo spoke about the smoke-free housing ordinance. He noted that the City will augment our contracts with our service providers to provide masks to the City's homeless population. He responded to the inquiry about reopening the parks. He indicated that some of the Commissions will begin meeting in June via teleconference. He also responded to the inquiry about EV charging stations in apartment and condo buildings. He discussed the community survey that FM3 is conducting on behalf of the City. He spoke about re-opening City Hall and staff working remotely as well as providing City services online. He mentioned an award that Planning and Development Services recently received from the American Planning Association. He also spoke regarding the upcoming May 5 at 2:00 COVID-19 Webinar series on depression, anxiety and loneliness and people can register on the City's website. Finally, he noted that temporary curbside pick-up signs are available.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$9,378,376 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$0) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,Q. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 4, 2020 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Sheriff's Station on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

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 20, 2020. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 865 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 865 and adopt Resolution No.20-5274, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 865". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. DIRECTION TO LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS STAFF TO AMEND ADVOCACY WORK PLAN TO ADVOCATE FOR MORTGAGE AND RENT RELIEF [J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing the City's Legislative Affairs team to amend the advocacy work plan and advocate for relief of homeowners' mortgage payments and tenants' rent payments during the state of emergency and after it is lifted to help residents weather the economic fallout from COVID-19.

ACTION: Direct Community & Legislative Affairs Division staff and the City's Sacramento-based lobbying firm of Helyne Meshar & Associates (HMA) to advocate for legislative, administrative or executive actions that would establish a statewide comprehensive rent and mortgage relief program for Californians impacted by COVID-19. In addition, pursue legislative or administrative actions that would provide temporary mortgage payment relief for landlords who agree to temporarily suspend rent payments for rental properties during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 emergency. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. CONSOLIDATED EXTENSION OF CITY CONTRACTS [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider approving the extension of routine City contracts to ensure that vital services can continue to be delivered during the Coronavirus emergency.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve extending the term and revising the contract values as follows: a. Extend the agreement term of contracts in Appendix A to 12/31/2020 with a total increase of \$379,726 in contracted value, b. Extend the agreement term of contracts in Appendix B to 6/30/2021 with a total increase of \$7,895,920 in contracted value, c. Extend the agreement term of contracts in Appendix C as described therein with a total increase of \$604,500 in contracted value; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or

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

2.F. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH SHARESQUARED, INC. [L. QUIJANO, E. TSIPIS, R. FOZOOMMEHR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with ShareSquared, Inc. for the migration and upgrade of the City's SharePoint Intranet platform to SharePoint Online.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with ShareSquared, Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$39,765 to upgrade and migrate the City's existing SharePoint intranet to SharePoint Online; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement; and 3) Authorize the Director of the Finance and Technology Services Department to approve change orders of an additional amount not to exceed \$60,000 for professional services and customizations related to SharePoint Online. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATORY SIGN INSTALLATION SERVICES [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the award of an Agreement to WGJ Enterprises, Inc. dba PCI for a two-year term to provide Parking and Traffic Regulatory Sign Installation Services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement with WGJ Enterprises, Inc. dba PCI to provide Parking and Traffic Regulatory Sign Installation Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$306,675 for a two-year term expiring on June 30, 2022; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute documents incident to the award of the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED AND RE-ADVERTISE FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider rejecting all bids received to provide Elevator Maintenance Services and authorizing staff to reissue and re-advertise the bid.

ACTIONS: 1) Reject all bids to provide Elevator Maintenance Services, as submitted on March 24, 2020 and return the associated bid bond; and 2) Authorize staff to reissue and re-advertise the bid solicitation for Elevator Maintenance Services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. IMPACT OF COVID-19 CRISIS ON CITY EVENTS [D. WILSON, K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive information related to planned City events that have or may be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.J. EXPANSION OF ONLINE EVENTS PROGRAMMING [L. MEISTER, J. DURAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to expand the online events and experiences provided for community members during the coronavirus emergency, including providing arts programming and other events virtually when possible.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to expand the online experiences available for community members during the coronavirus emergency, including providing arts programming, symposiums, and other community events virtually when possible; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to continue to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote these online experiences such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. ENCOURAGING TELECOMMUTING IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate ways to encourage ongoing telecommuting and reduced auto traffic as businesses in the City reopen after the coronavirus pandemic.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to evaluate ways to encourage ongoing telecommuting and reduced auto traffic as businesses in the City reopen, including: a. Explore how the City can incentivize or encourage businesses to allow more employees to telecommute, b. Explore what types of businesses the City should be encouraging/targeting to come to West Hollywood based on ability to allow telecommuting, c. Determine if there are changes the City can make to its zoning code to allow more people to be able to telecommute without having impacts on neighbors and neighborhoods; 2) Encourage neighboring cities to adopt similar policies that promote telecommuting in order to reduce emissions from auto traffic throughout the region; and 3) Expedite the Economic Development Study approved by the City Council in January 2020 to evaluate the current economic conditions in light of the coronavirus pandemic and to provide an analysis of potential gaps and/or opportunities moving forward. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. LOCAL HOSPITALITY INCENTIVES FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with our community partners – Visit West Hollywood and the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce – to develop and promote a campaign for frontline workers, such as medical professionals and first responders, to enjoy the City's hospitality industry. This campaign, which may include special hotel packages or other business incentives, is meant to provide an option for those who may be looking for a place to rest and recharge during this crisis and in the coming months, and to highlight West Hollywood as a welcoming and thankful community for those working on the frontlines.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to work with the City's community partners – Visit West Hollywood and the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce – to develop a campaign to encourage frontline workers, such as medical professionals and first responders, to visit West Hollywood; and 2) Direct the City's Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the program such as the City's website and social media channels. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NURSES DAY [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of National Nurses Day on May 6, 2020. The City's participation in National Nurses Day will also include lighting City Hall and the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard in blue, coordinating with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (West Hollywood Station) to conduct a law enforcement motorcade along Santa Monica Boulevard, and encouraging community members to participate.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Resolution No. 20-5275, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NURSES DAY"; 2) Direct the Facilities and Field Services Division to use special blue lighting at City Hall and turn the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard blue in recognition of National Nurses Week; 3) Direct the Public Safety Department to coordinate with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, West Hollywood Station, and law enforcement partners in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles to conduct a law enforcement motorcade along Santa Monica Boulevard on Wednesday, May 6, 2020; 4) Direct the Communications Department to create graphics and messaging in honor of National Nurses Day, and to share this content through all appropriate communication tools, such as the City's website and social media channels; and 5) Direct staff to ask community members to participate in the National Nurses Day recognition in creative ways that allow for continued adherence to Safer-at-Home orders and social distancing requirements, such as making signs and banners, posting on social media, participating in a daily applause for healthcare workers, and donating to organizations that are working to support nurses and healthcare workers on the frontline. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. VOTE BY MAIL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to advocate for Los Angeles County to expand mail-in voting for the November 2020 election by sending every resident of Los Angeles County a vote-by-mail ballot.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to advocate for Los Angeles County to expand mail-in voting for the November 2020 election by sending every resident of Los Angeles County a vote-by-mail ballot; and 2) If this is not adopted for

all of Los Angeles County, direct staff to work with Los Angeles County to develop a local program in West Hollywood to send each registered voter a vote-by-mail ballot and/or to expand the City's communication about vote-by-mail options before the November 2020 elections. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROVIDE MEDIATION SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL TENANTS AND LANDLORDS IMPACTED BY COVID-19 [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to provide mediation services for commercial tenants and landlords impacted by COVID-19.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for services with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the provision of information, counseling, conciliation and mediation services for dispute resolution between commercial tenants and landlords that have been impacted by COVID-19, and the Temporary Moratorium on Evictions for Non-Payment of Rent by Commercial Tenants Impacted by the COVID-19 Crisis Ordinance; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to approve changes to the agreement for services in an amount not to exceed 50% (\$25,000) of the total agreement amount. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. SPONSORSHIP OF A PANEL DISCUSSION ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE AIDS EPIDEMIC [J. DURAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a panel discussion about lessons learned from the AIDS epidemic and what can be applicable today in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.Q. (5.A.) AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CHARGEPOINT, INC. [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with ChargePoint, Inc. for purchase of Nine (9) Electric Vehicle (EV) charging units, to modify the existing scope, and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for services with ChargePoint, Inc., to modify the scope and increase the amount of the agreement by \$41,790 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$81,985.50, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$41,790 from unallocated reserves in the Parking Improvement Fund to account number 213-4-08-84-707060 for EV charging equipment and services and related costs. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND OTHER COVID-19 RESPONSE MEASURES [M. JENKINS, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider extending its temporary moratorium on residential and commercial evictions due to non-payment of rent by tenants impacted by COVID-19 and existence of unauthorized tenants through June 30, 2020. The Urgency ordinance requires four-fifths vote of the city council and if approved, will take effect immediately. The City Council will also provide additional direction to staff on other COVID-19 issues and response measures.

Assistant City Attorney Lauren Langer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 4, 2020. She also read into the record a in Section 2 of the Ordinance to read as follows: change the verbiage “until June 30, 2020 to read “through June 30, 2020”

Councilmember Heilman also clarified that Council can return prior to June 30th and adjust the date, if needed.

SEPI SHYNE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

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

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

Mayor D’Amico inquired about tenant’s ability to modify their lease. Ms. Langer noted that this language continues to be part of the ordinance.

Councilmember Duran spoke about evictions. He suggested a 90-day extension of the City’s moratorium.

Councilmember Meister spoke in support of a longer moratorium period than 30 days.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of the Item.

After further Council discussion, Council agreed to extend the temporary moratorium through July 31st and to revise Section 2 of the Ordinance accordingly.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 20-1105U, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS DURING THE COVID-19

PANDEMIC AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY” **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

4.B. UPDATE ON PENDING STATE LEGISLATION ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE [J. KEHO, R. EASON, B. ECK, J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report on the state of pending state legislation related to housing/land use and direct staff to continue to work with state-level bill authors and sponsors on City priorities.

Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard and Senior Planner Bryan Eck provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 4, 2020.

CHARLIE JASPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to CEQA streamlining.

MARTHA ORELLANA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to CEQA streamlining.

FARHAD YUSUPOV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to CEQA streamlining.

[THOMAS SOVEG spoke regarding this item during public comments for Item 5.B.]

Councilmember Meister suggested that staff remove the bullet point regarding CEQA streamlining because an environmentally conscious City should be opposing CEQA. She suggested adding a bullet point that the City supports legislation that protects rent stabilized housing.

Councilmember Horvath spoke in support of local control and the City's progressive environmental fundamentals.

Councilmember Meister responded that the City has local control because it can overrule CEQA with a statement of overriding considerations.

Mayor D'Amico commented that per the discussion with Assemblymember Bloom, that most of these bills will not be heard by the legislature.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to continue to work with the authors and sponsors of the highlighted bills to incorporate City priorities; 2) Approve the priorities in the report with the exception of the CEQA Streamlining (remove bullet) and add support for legislation that protects rent stabilized

units.” **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and unanimously approved.**

4.C. CONSIDER CLOSURE OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK TO FACILITATE AN ACCELERATED PROJECT SCHEDULE [S. CAMPBELL, O. DELGADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider closing West Hollywood Park in an effort to accelerate the scheduled completion of the Master Plan Phase II Implementation Project.

RECOMMENDATION: This Item was Tabled.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CHARGEPOINT, INC. [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with ChargePoint, Inc. for purchase of Nine (9) Electric Vehicle (EV) charging units, to modify the existing scope, and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. INITIATIVE MEASURE PROPOSING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MODIFYING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CANNABIS ORDINANCE [C. SCHROEDER, Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will certify the sufficiency of an initiative petition regarding an ordinance modifying the West Hollywood Cannabis Ordinance by consolidating license categories and authorizing adult use and medical use cannabis businesses to sell cannabis for both medical and adult use, and authorizing all licensed cannabis consumption businesses to be licensed for all types of cannabis consumption, and amending licensing and operating requirements, and will take action regarding the initiative pursuant to the California Elections Code.

City Clerk Quarker provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 4, 2020.

SARA ARMSTRONG, LAPGC spoke in support of the approving the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Duran made a motion that Council request that a report be provided regarding the initiative measure within 30 days.

Councilmember Horvath requested that as part of the report that the City addresses aggressive tactics utilized by signature gatherers.

Councilmember Meister inquired as to whether Council could also discuss the other initiative measure that was unable to gather signatures on a petition due to COVID-19. Assistant City Attorney Langer noted that this could be brought back for discussion at the June 1 meeting.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding reaching consensus with the initiative proponents.

Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard noted that staff will return with a cannabis update as well.

ACTION: 1) Order a report pursuant to Section 9212 of the California Elections Code, to be presented at the City Council meeting of June 1, 2020 including information relating to aggressive tactics utilized by signature gatherers; and 2) Bring back an additional item to discuss the other cannabis related Notice of Intent to Circulate a petition that was submitted to the City, but did not move forward due to COVID-19 per the submitted correspondence. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor D'Amico and approved.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.I. IMPACT OF COVID-19 CRISIS ON CITY EVENTS [D. WILSON, K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive information related to planned City events that have or may be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

City Manager Arevalo provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 4, 2020.

Mayor D'Amico noted his reasons for requesting that this item be moved to Excluded Consent.

City Manager spoke specifically about LA Pride and the Halloween Carnival and the costs as well as the safety of the attendees.

Councilmember Heilman commented on the continued social distancing in the fall and the probability of cancelling major events.

Councilmember Meister agreed with cancelling the major events through the end of 2020.

Mayor D'Amico commented that he concurred with cancelling major events through the end of 2020.

ACTION: 1) Receive and file information related to planned City events that have or may be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis; and 2) Direct the

City Manager to look at defunding the major events scheduled through December 31st and to include that information in the upcoming Budget that will be brought to Council for approval at its June meeting. **Council approved this direction by consensus.**

2.P. SPONSORSHIP OF A PANEL DISCUSSION ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE AIDS EPIDEMIC [J. DURAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a panel discussion about lessons learned from the AIDS epidemic and what can be applicable today in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor D'Amico provided his reasons for pulling the item, specifically that there aren't any panelists with AIDS and/or COVID-19. He requested that panelists be added that include people with HIV and COVID-19 who can speak to their experience.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the item and stated that it was not meant to be the first and only panel discussion. He stated that this event was created to bring notable panelists from multiple disciplines who went through the AIDS epidemic to be able to speak to lessons learned as it relates to the current pandemic.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath requested clarification as to whether the discussion would include COVID-19. Councilmember Duran stated that it would be a part of the discussion, but not the overall discussion.

Councilmember Meister noted her support of the Item.

Councilmember Heilman supports the Item as well as adding additional panelists as indicated by Mayor D'Amico.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve sponsorship of a virtual panel discussion about lessons learned from the AIDS epidemic that could be applicable today in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; 2) Include additional panelists that have experienced HIV/AIDS and the Coronavirus; 3) Direct the Communications Department to record the virtual panel and broadcast the recorded panel on WeHoTV and the City's communications channels; and 3) Authorize the use of the City name on marketing materials associated with the event. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved noting the "no" vote of Mayor D'Amico.**

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Meister announced that May is Older American's Month and May 15th is National Senior Fraud Awareness Day.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath noted the donation by WEHOME to Project Angel Food. She also acknowledged the firefighters who saved someone who was choking.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding "WeHo Nights" a platform created to raise money for bartenders, servers, valets, and those that work in the bars and nightclubs in West Hollywood. He reported that they have raised \$25,000 so far to help assist these workers during the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:30 p.m. in memory of Nick Sanderson, Keith Stanisiewski, Martin Evert Lewis, Nancy Bloch, and Patricia D'Amico to the Mayoral Installation meeting, which will be on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. *via teleconference.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 18th day of May, 2020 by the following vote:

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

LINDSEY P. HORVATH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK