

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

6:00 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember D’Amico, Councilmember Erickson, Councilmember Shyne, Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and Mayor Horvath.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, Assistant City Attorney Langer, Acting City Clerk Melissa Crowder, and Administrative Specialist IV Alyssa Poblador.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Erickson requested that Item 2.D. be moved to Excluded Consent and would like to move Item 4.C. and Item 5.A. to Consent Calendar as Items 2.U. and 2.V., respectively.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 2.J. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Councilmember Shyne to approve the February 16, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Rob Matteson.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of James Hightower as well as Barbara Bisserup.

Councilmember Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Flora Sarian.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Fifty Bandz.

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Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Miguel Martinez and Russ Thyret.

PRESENTATIONS:

A Proclamation for the film “Breaking Fast” was presented by Councilmember Erickson to Mike Mosallam.

V-Day was presented by Mayor Horvath along with representatives Angela de Silva, Vice Chair of the Women’s Advisory Board and Lindsey Deaton, Board Member of the Transgender Advisory Board.

A presentation on the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), a national network of governments working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all, by City staff members Erin Hamant and Robyn Eason.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

DANNY ROMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his plant exchange in the community as well as his excitement on the Monarch Butterfly Pledge.

ARTHUR BERNSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for Item 5.B. as well as commented on Item 2.J.

RAPHAEL CHINES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.J. and the report on the record.

CALLI GOLDSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R. and the advocacy group formed by community members to promote green spaces in West Hollywood.

DR. MARIELLE REATAZA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding support for Item 2.E.

MCKENNA JENKINS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding support for Item 2.E.

JESICA RYZENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.J. and the misrepresentation of the information in the report as well as expressing support for Item 5.B.

ARNOLD ABRAMYAN, ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL HOOKAH ASSOCIATION, thanked the Council for excluding hookah in the ordinance for Item 2.E.

RIMA KHOURY, ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL HOOKAH ASSOCIATION, spoke in support of Item 2.E.

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STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding ASL or closed captioning for our hearing-impaired community in viewing the meetings, and thanked the Council for Item 5.A.

GISELLA LASSEN, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding parental concerns regarding teen nicotine use.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.A., accessibility at City Commission and Advisory Board meetings, and several Consent Calendar items.

AHMED ABDEL KADER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding hookah and its tradition and significance and thanked the Council for its exclusion in the ordinance for Item 2.E.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson thanked the public speakers and loves the active participation in our meetings. He congratulated Councilmember Shyne for her election on ADem for the California Democratic Party, and to the Grassroots Slate. He also congratulated the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley and the new Stonewall Young Democrats board. He shared an event entitled "You Got Talent" will be taking place on Zoom this Thursday hosted by Alexis Sanchez. He wished a Happy Birthday to Silvia Salguero and his friend Amy Wiwuga. He thanked the callers that supported Item 2.M. He thanked the Boardmember De Silva and Boardmember Deaton for presenting on V-Day and he shared that he stands in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence and abuse. He inquired about the number of monarch butterflies in West Hollywood and inquired about locations for the monarch butterfly preserves in West Hollywood. Finally, he asked that everyone pray for his Aunt who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Councilmember Shyne wished Caroline Torosis a Happy Birthday. She spoke about social media bullying, shared her personal experience, and conflict resolution. She encouraged BIPOC individuals to apply to the Social Justice Task Force. She mentioned the Small Business Round Table meeting this Friday. She noted that the Small Business Grant application is live and encouraged people to apply. Finally, she reported that she attended the California Contract Cities, Westside Urban Forum of Mayors, and the Creating Jobs and Addressing Racial Equity in Entrepreneurship panel with US Conference of Mayors.

Councilmember D'Amico reported that he also attended the Westside Urban Forum and praised Mayor Horvath on handling the challenging conversations on racial equity and policing in local government. He also commented on Items 2.I. and 2.M. on the Consent Calendar and thanked staff for their work on these issues. He mentioned the Melrose Triangle Project and requested that the City Manager and City Attorney provide an update on that project at the next City Council meeting. Finally, he spoke about the housing crisis in Los Angeles County and expressed frustration with placing people in housing.

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Mayor Pro Tempore Meister reported that she attended SCAG CEHD Committee meeting, Westside Urban Forum of Mayors, Westside Cities Council of Governments, and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board where she swore in new Boardmember Renee Sotile. She thanked Mayor Horvath for initiating the LASD MET units in the City several years ago and asked if she could bring this discussion to Contract Cities. She stated she would like to see a greater number of MET teams in the County and suggested discussing this during the Homeless Subcommittee meeting. She mentioned Item 2.M., encouraged staff to continue to update it, and thanked staff for the report. She thanked Mayor Horvath for co-sponsoring Item 2.R. and asked staff to complete the Pledge for the Mayor's signature. Finally, she thanked Councilmember D'Amico for co-sponsoring Item 5.A. for the preservation of the City's historic resources within our City.

Mayor Horvath echoed the comments of her colleagues on Item 2.I. and the MET Team. She thanked the City Manager and City staff for getting us through the national emergency and provided highlights from the COVID Retrospective Report. She spoke about a vacant property at Lexington and Detroit. She mentioned Items 2.O. and 2.P. and Women's History Month. She inquired with the City Attorney regarding a potential conflict of interest on Item 5.A. She asked the City Manager for an update on the Melrose Triangle Project from the City Manager. She commented on a couple of upcoming events in the City, including WeHo Reads, Senior Scam Stopper, and the COVID-19 Vaccine Panel. She asked for a Public Safety update regarding body cam program and the incident on Melrose last Friday. Finally, she wished Silvia Salguero and Drew Barrymore a Happy Birthday.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo spoke about upcoming events including the Business Roundtable, the Small Business Grants, and the COVID-19 Vaccine Panel. He commented the vacant property at Lexington and Detroit. He indicated that staff will provide an update on the Melrose Triangle Project at the next City Council meeting. Finally, he responded to the inquiry regarding body cam program and reported that the training and program are running smoothly.

LASD Captain Ed Ramirez provided an update on the February 12th incident which occurred at the corner of Melrose and La Cienega. He reported that three individuals involved in the death have been arrested for murder and will be arraigned tomorrow. He asked the community to please call the investigation bureau at (323) 890-5500 if they have any witness or video cell phone footage.

City Manager Arevalo also reported on the challenges with difficult patrons at local businesses that Code Compliance and Sheriff's personnel are experiencing.

City Attorney Langer commented that all of the Councilmembers can participate on Item 5.A.

Mayor Horvath thanked Captain Ramirez and his staff for implementing the body cam program.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Acting City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items 2.D. and 2.J. and the addition of Items 4.C. and 5.A. is \$17,500 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$4,100) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,K.,L.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, February 16, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Sheriff's Station on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of the prior Council meeting.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of February 1, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 881 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending February 5, 2021 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 881 and adopt Resolution No.21-5371, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 881." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1134 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PROHIBITING SMOKING IN COMMON AREAS AND NEW UNITS LOCATED IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS BY ADDING CHAPTER 7.10 (SMOKING IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS) TO TITLE 7 (HEALTH) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) TO MAKE VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 7.10 SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROCEDURES." [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1134, "An Ordinance of the City of West Hollywood

prohibiting smoking in common areas and new units located in multi-family dwellings by adding Chapter 7.10 (Smoking in multi-family dwellings) to Title 7 (Health) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code and Amending Chapter 1.08 (General Penalty Provisions) to make violations of Chapter 7.10 subject to administrative penalty procedures.”

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

- 2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1136 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 5.114 (TOBACCO RETAILERS) OF TITLE 5 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND THE USE OF TOBACCO COUPONS AND DISCOUNTS.” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1136, “An Ordinance of the City of West Hollywood Amending Chapter 5.114 (Tobacco Retailers) of Title 5 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products and the Use of Tobacco Coupons and Discounts.”

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1136, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 5.114 (TOBACCO RETAILERS) OF TITLE 5 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND THE USE OF TOBACCO COUPONS AND DISCOUNTS.” **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 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, Human Services Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, Disabilities 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 DECEMBER 2020 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer’s Reports for the month ended December 2020 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Receive and file the December 2020 Treasurer’s Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.H. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMS UPDATE [D. WILSON, A. WARD]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file an update on the City’s General Liability Claims Program.

ACTION: Receive and file an update on the General Liability Claims Program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, D. KAHN-EPSTEIN, E. ANDERSON, K. EGAN, K. COOK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report on the West Hollywood Mental Health Evaluation Team's (MET) second year (fiscal year 2019-2020) of service delivery and impact on the community.

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

2.J. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT MID-YEAR REPORT [J. HOLUB, A. BARTLE, J. HERRERA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the semi-annual report for the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation Administrative Contract, FY 2020-2021.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.K. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

ACTION: Receive and file the City of West Hollywood's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and related documents for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. UPDATE ON WEST HOLLYWOOD VACANT PROPERTIES PROGRAM [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, D. MICK]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will receive and file an update on the progress of the West Hollywood Vacant Properties Program.

ACTION: Receive and file an update on the status and progress of the West Hollywood Vacant Properties Program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. WEST HOLLYWOOD COVID-19 RETROSPECTIVE REPORT [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, R. EASON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file an update on the comprehensive actions taken by City of West Hollywood to foster business continuity, meet the needs of the community, and implement ongoing safety measures throughout 2020, as dictated by COVID-19 trends.

ACTION: Receive and file an update on the comprehensive actions taken by City of West Hollywood to foster business continuity, meet the needs of the community, and implement ongoing safety measures throughout 2020,

as dictated by COVID-19 trends. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND PARKWAY PURPOSES ALONG THE FRONTAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 8497 SUNSET BLVD [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement for parkway and sidewalk purposes along the Sunset Blvd frontage of the United El Segundo, Inc. development project, located at 8497 Sunset Blvd.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5372 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PARKWAY AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 8497 SUNSET BLVD IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD”; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5372, as well as the Easement in Attachment B for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH 2021 [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, L. FOOKS, J. IVANOVA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of programming in celebration of National Women's History Month 2021.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve programming for National Women's History Month 2021 and direct the appropriate City staff to coordinate the production and promotion of Women's History Month activities; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Public Works Department to light the City’s lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard in the colors purple and gold from March 15 – March 21, 2021 to recognize National Women’s History Month and the birthday of the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City’s celebration of National Women’s History Month via social media platforms and distribution of information. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. UPDATE ON MAJOR EVENTS IN THE CITY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider cancelling the City’s annual Halloween Carnival in light of the COVID-19 pandemic health and budgetary constraints. The City Council will also receive updated information and recommendations related to other private, high profile, events in the City for the second half of calendar year 2021.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive the following planning updates to legacy events in the City that may be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate agreements with private

events between July 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 based on the criteria detailed in this report; and 3) Cancel the City's annual Halloween Carnival event in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and budgetary constraints. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON THE U.S. CONGRESS, GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IMPACTED BY COVID-19 [J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting two resolutions. The first resolution calls on the U.S. Congressional leadership to include in the stimulus package that is currently being debated funds to provide financial relief to local governments, particularly small cities like West Hollywood. The second resolution urges California Governor Gavin Newsom and the leaders of the California Legislature to appropriate funds to assist local governments mitigate the impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had on them.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5373 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CALLING ON GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE \$2 BILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5374 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MITIGATE THE NEGATIVE FISCAL IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"; and 3) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolutions to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, U.S. Representative Adam Schiff, Governor Gavin Newsom, California Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins, (D-San Diego), California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, (D-Los Angeles), State Senator Ben Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, and other parties as deemed appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE [L. MEISTER, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider signing on to the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educate residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the City to sign on to the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and take actions to commit to monarch and pollinator conservation; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote this effort including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY [J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a free food giveaway event in partnership with Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve sponsorship of a free food giveaway event in West Hollywood in partnership with Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank; 2) Approve the closure of a southbound lane on San Vicente Boulevard between Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue for the event; 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on promotional materials; 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, such as the City's website and social media tools; and 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$2,500 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.**

2.T. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE L-PROJECT'S WOMEN'S FREEDOM FESTIVAL [L. HORVATH, S. SHYNE, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the L-Project's Women's Freedom Festival, a virtual event celebrating the power of women in arts to be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the L-Project's Women's Freedom Festival, a virtual event to be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021; 2) Approve the waiver of fees for Event Permits, Encroachment Permits, Building and Safety Permits, and Film Permits (estimated not to exceed amount of \$4,100); 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication 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.U. (4.C.) REGULATING THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SERVICE FEES [P. AREVALO, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an amendment to the Urgency Ordinance limiting the fees a third-party delivery service may charge a retail food service establishment during the COVID-19 emergency and for 90 days after the expiration of the local emergency.

ACTION: Staff recommends City Council: 1) Adopt Ordinance No. 21-1140U: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO AMEND THE CAP ON COMMISSION RATES FOR FOOD DELIVERY AND NON-DELIVERY RELATED SERVICE FEES FOR BUSINESS, DURING A STATE OF DECLARED LOCAL

EMERGENCY, AND FOR 90-DAYS AFTER, TO ASSIST IN THE REOPENING OF BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY. Adoption of the Urgency Ordinance requires 4/5 vote of the City Council and if adopted, it will go into effect immediately. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. (5.A.) PLUMMER PARK UPGRADES [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to confirm the estimated costs for proposed upgrades at Plummer Park using former redevelopment bond proceeds and return to Council for further direction.

ACTION: Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO MODIFY AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND INCENTIVES, AND OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, TITLE 19, ZONING REGULATIONS, TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, AND TO CLARIFY REPLACEMENT UNIT REQUIREMENTS, INCREASE DENSITY BONUS TO 50%, AMEND THRESHOLDS FOR INCENTIVES, AND REDUCE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON SITE AND UTILIZE DENSITY BONUSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, AND TO AMEND THE THRESHOLD FOR CONCESSIONS FOR MODERATE INCOME UNITS TO MATCH THE NEW STATE REGULATIONS FOR LOW INCOME UNITS, CITYWIDE, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. KEHO, R. DIMOND, C. SCHROEDER, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a Zone Text Amendment to amend the affordable housing requirements and incentives chapter of the West Hollywood Municipal Code. While most changes to regulations are in response to changes to state law the city is required to comply with, there are also new regulations included that go beyond state law requirements. The regulations being amended in compliance with state law include new regulations on 100% affordable housing projects, amendments to density bonus regulations, including parking requirements, thresholds for concessions and the percentage of density bonus allowed (going from 35% to 50% maximum). In addition to regulations required by state law, staff recommends an amendment to the concessions chart to align threshold for concessions for moderate income units to match the amended state requirements for low-income units.

Acting City Clerk Crowder reported that this Item was noticed as required by law.

Acting Long Range Planning Manager Rachel Dimond provided background information as outlined in the February 16, 2021 staff report.

Mayor Horvath opened the public hearing, and the following speaker came forward:

JONATHAN STRAUSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Planning staff and commented on the City's goal on affordable housing and planet-friendly actions.

Councilmember Erickson clarified that this is specifically related to State law. He made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and closing the Public Hearing.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the parking policy as it relates to affordable housing developments such as those developments that have community rooms and requiring parking. He seconded Councilmember Erickson's motion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister suggested that applicants provide a brief narrative of the number of parking spaces proposed for the development and how they arrived at that number on their development application. She also inquired about AB 2556 and SB 330 and when the City will address those pieces of legislation. Ms. Dimond responded to this inquiry. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister noted that the Planning Commission needs to discuss these pieces of legislation as soon as possible as they have an effect on the city's ability to preserve existing rent stabilized housing.

Councilmember Shyne highlighted the need for affordable housing in the City and is hopeful that our City will think of creative ways to work within the State law. She expressed concern with neighborhood livability if there is no parking provided for these types of development. She also promoted Metro in the City and expanding other types of transportation in the City. She inquired about the Deed Restrictions on the properties and how staff arrived at the number of years for the Deed Restrictions. Ms. Dimond responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Horvath inquired about the distribution of very low, low, and moderate income housing. Ms. Dimond responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired if Mayor Pro Tempore's recommendation that applicants provide the number of parking spaces proposed for the development and how they arrived at that number on their application. Councilmember Erickson accepted the amendment to the Motion.

City Attorney Langer commented on the intent of the parking requirements for affordable housing and noted that she does not see an issue with asking applicants about parking information on their application.

Councilmember Erickson accepted the amendment to the Motion that applicants provide the number of parking spaces proposed for the development and how they arrived at that number on their application.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: Introduce on first reading: 1) ORDINANCE 21-1137: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, TO MODIFY AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS AND INCENTIVES, AND OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, TITLE 19, ZONING REGULATIONS, TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, INCREASE DENSITY BONUS TO 50%, AMEND THRESHOLDS FOR INCENTIVES, AND REDUCE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON SITE AND UTILIZE DENSITY BONUSES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, AND TO AMEND THE THRESHOLD FOR CONCESSIONS FOR MODERATE INCOME UNITS TO MATCH THE NEW STATE REGULATIONS FOR LOW INCOME UNITS, CITYWIDE, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD and 2) Direct staff to include on the application for these types of developments the number of proposed parking spaces and how they arrived at this number. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.**

3.B. HEARING AND DECISION REGARDING ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE AT ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 4337-011-062 (AND COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS 739 WESTBOURNE DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069) [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, J. ECKART]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider declaring a public nuisance at the property identified by Assessor Parcel Number 4337-011-062 (and commonly described as 739 Westbourne Drive, West Hollywood, California 90069) in West Hollywood resulting from the property owner's failure to adhere to the City's vacant property regulations and the owner's failure to abate conditions on the property that endanger the health, safety, and/or welfare of the general public.

Acting City Clerk Crowder reported that this Item was noticed as required by law.

Code Compliance Manager Danny Rivas provided background information as outlined in the February 16, 2021 staff report.

Mayor Horvath opened the public hearing, and the following speakers came forward:

ANTONIO GIMENEZ-PALAZON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the declaring this property a nuisance.

JONATHAN STRAUSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the declaring this property a nuisance.

ROBERT STELOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the declaring this property a nuisance.

ANDI STELOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of declaring this property a public nuisance.

DAWNE ZEEMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of declaring this property a public nuisance.

ALEX GERSTENZANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the declaring this property a nuisance.

RICHARD KRAFT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the declaring this property a nuisance.

Councilmember Shyne commented that she supports declaring this property a nuisance and inquired why the owner is not present at for the Public Hearing. Mr. Rivas responded to this inquiry. She recommended providing an additional 90 days for security (up to 6 months) of the property, as well as the cost associated with it (adding \$60,000).

Councilmember D'Amico asked about recovery of funds. Mr. Rivas and City Prosecutor James Eckart responded to this inquiry. Councilmember D'Amico inquired about adding a fee for abatement public hearings noticing requirements. He agreed with Councilmember Shyne's recommendation to add 90 days and additional funds for security at the property.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired about eminent domain. City Attorney Langer and City Prosecutor James Eckart responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember Erickson thanked the members of the public who came out to speak and as well as the Code Compliance and Public Safety teams.

Mayor Horvath also thanked everyone who spoke. She made a motion to approve staff's recommendations and close the public hearing. Councilmember D'Amico seconded the motion.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5375, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING THE CONDITIONS OF AND THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 4337-011-062 (AND COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS 739 WESTBOURNE DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069) A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF SUCH NUISANCE; 2) Direct the City Clerk to notify all owners and possessors of the subject property of the decision of the City Council, and file with the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder a Declaration of Substandard Property or Notice of Violation declaring that by resolution of the City Council the conditions on the property constitute a public nuisance and must be abated; 3) Direct City staff to abate the public nuisance conditions as prescribed in Resolution No. 21-5375; 4) Provide the following additional authorization in the event that the public nuisance is declared and if the property owner does not abate the nuisance in accordance with the adopted Resolution: a) An expenditure of up to \$210,000 for any and all services required to abate the nuisance at the property located at Assessor Parcel Number 4337-011-062 (and commonly described as 739 Westbourne Drive, West Hollywood, California 90069) for up to six months of security at the property is authorized, b) The City Manager or designee thereof is authorized to execute any agreements required to abate the nuisance at the property located at Assessor Parcel Number 4337-011-062 (and commonly described as 739 Westbourne Drive, West Hollywood, California 90069) using the City's existing and vetted vendors or other service providers, c) Find that through this authorization, the agreements in 4.b entered into for the purposes of the immediate abatement of the subject nuisance are exempt from the City's procurement requirements and contract value limitations requiring subsequent City Council approval; and d) Direct City Staff and the City Attorney/Prosecutor's Office to pursue recovery of all expenditures for services required to abate the nuisance at the property located at Assessor Parcel Number 4337-011-062 (and commonly described as 739 Westbourne Drive, West Hollywood, California 90069) through the nuisance abatement process. **Motion by Mayor Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved.**

*****The City Council took a recess at 9:04 p.m. and returned at 9:15 p.m.*****

3.C. URGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING PREMIUM PAY AND ASSOCIATED LABOR PROTECTIONS FOR GROCERY

WORKERS WORKING IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. HORVATH, J. ERICKSON, L. LANGER, P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an urgency and non-urgency ordinance establishing requirements for premium pay and associated labor protections for grocery workers in West Hollywood.

Acting City Clerk Crowder reported that this Item was noticed as required by law.

Mayor Horvath opened the public hearing, and the following speakers came forward:

RACHEL TORRES, ON BEHALF OF LOCAL 770, spoke in support of the Item.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in opposition to the Item.

NICK RIMEDIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, in opposition to the Item.

AMARDEEP GILL, GROCERY WORKERS FOR LANE, spoke in support of the Item.

ALICE JUAREZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD RALPHS, spoke in support of the Item.

DAN HALDEN, STONEWALL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, spoke in support of the Item.

WILLIAM SEEGMILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Erickson thanked the members of the public who spoke. He recommended clarifying the definition of “employer” as defined in the City of Los Angeles’ ordinances. He commented that this is a social justice issue.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister asked about sales tax revenues. Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard responded. She also suggested making testing mandatory like the film industry does, granting more paid sick days, and providing paid time off to get vaccinated. Assistant City Attorney Langer responded to this inquiry. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired about outreach to businesses. Business Development Analyst Tara Worden responded to this inquiry. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister suggested that the Urgency Ordinance be a 30-day ordinance.

Councilmember Shyne spoke in support of the item, and how she the 2500 infected grocery store workers are mainly BIPOC, so she believes this is a social justice issue. She would like to give a credit to the grocery stores that have already instituted a pay increase such as Trader Joe's. In recognizing this, she suggested amending the ordinance that they only need to increase the hazard pay by \$1 as opposed to \$5.

Councilmember D'Amico asked why Target is not on the list. City Attorney Langer responded that they didn't meet the threshold as prescribed in the ordinance.

Mayor Horvath provided the reasons that she supports this Item. She spoke about the challenges facing frontline workers, and the workers that this Item is intended to assist. She supports the recommendations of her colleagues. She spoke about changing the 120 days. She noted that she is prepared to make a motion that incorporates the language change recommendations by Councilmember Erickson. Councilmember Erickson seconded her Motion.

The City Council agreed to give credit to those businesses that are currently paying hazard pay.

City Attorney Langer requested that staff return with a new ordinance to incorporate all of the proposed language changes recommended by the City Council.

Councilmember D'Amico made a Motion to move forward with staff's recommendations, direct staff to return with information for drug stores and other large retailers with 300+ employees, clean up ordinance language, and bring back a supplemental report at next meeting. He also recommended that the City conduct outreach to Target, Rite Aid, Best Buy, and other businesses not originally included in the ordinance.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt an URGENCY ORDINANCE 21-1138U OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING PREMIUM PAY AND ASSOCIATED LABOR PROTECTIONS FOR GROCERY WORKERS WORKING IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY; 2) Direct staff to return with a change to the definition of employer to include businesses like Target, CVS, and Rite Aid similar to the City of Los Angeles' Ordinance; 3) Include language to address businesses already paying hazard pay; and 4) Provide outreach to businesses that were not originally included in the ordinance. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. UPDATE OF THE 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET, WORK PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND APPROVAL OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REDUCING CERTAIN ANNUAL BUSINESS TAX AND BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE FEES BY 50% FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BILLING CYCLE AS APPLIED TO CALENDAR YEAR 2020 BUSINESS TAX PAYMENTS, AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY [P. AREVALO, D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a mid-year update on the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget including the impact of COVID-19, proposed mid-year budget adjustments, and updates on work plan accomplishments and capital projects.

City Manager Arevalo provided background information as outlined in the February 16, 2021 staff report.

Mayor Horvath thanked staff for the budget.

Councilmember Erickson thanked the City Manager and expressed appreciation for his creative rearrangement of staff positions so that the City did not experience layoffs.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update on the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget and file: a. Vision 2020 Work Plan Accomplishments, and b. Capital Projects Report; 2) Adopt Urgency Ordinance 21-1139U: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REDUCING CERTAIN ANNUAL BUSINESS TAX AND BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE FEES BY 50% FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BILLING CYCLE AS APPLIED TO CALENDAR YEAR 2020 BUSINESS TAX PAYMENTS, AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY; and 3) Approve budget adjustments identified in the attached "Proposed Mid-Year Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget" including reductions in transient occupancy tax of \$8.9 million, parking meter revenues of \$1.4 million, and business tax certificate fees of \$1.5 million. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Horvath, and approved.**

4.B. NAMING POLICY UPDATES [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending its Naming Policy for facilities, buildings, parks, and other public places to allow the City Council the ability to waive the 2-year waiting period after a deceased person's name may be used, and additional updates to the language of the policy.

Facilities and Field Services Division Manager Helen Collins provided background information as outlined in the February 16, 2021 staff report.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister recommended that Item B of Attachment C return to the original language.

Councilmember Shyne agreed with Mayor Pro Tempore Meister's recommendations. She recommended that Items F and H be combined and add language that "written stipulation as a condition of donation".

Councilmember Erickson inquired about Items C & G in Attachment C and expressed concern with the subjective nature of the language. City Attorney Langer responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Horvath inquired about Item D under Procedures and asked for clarification if members of the public are notified. She also inquired which Commissions will consider the naming of City facilities. Field and Facilities Manager Helen Collins responded to this inquiry.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21-5376, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood Adopting an Updated Naming Policy for the Naming of City Assets" with the changes to Item B (return to original language), combining Items F and H, and including "written stipulation as a condition of donation" in the resolution. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved noting the "no" votes of Councilmember Erickson and Mayor Horvath.**

4.C. REGULATING THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SERVICE FEES [P. AREVALO, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an amendment to the Urgency Ordinance limiting the fees a third-party delivery service may charge a retail food service establishment during the COVID-19 emergency and for 90 days after the expiration of the local emergency.

ACTION: This Item was moved To Consent Calendar.

4.D. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S PURVIEW [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, K. COOK]:

SUBJECT: As a follow-up to the February 1, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council will make Direct Appointments to the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards. The City Council will also discuss updating the Public Safety Commission's purview.

Acting City Clerk Crowder provided background information as outlined in the February 16, 2021 staff report.

Councilmember Shyne suggested that the Public Safety Commission meeting be televised. She noted that she would like Neighborhood Watch Groups return to the Commission. She discussed including public safety issues as they relate to facilities and transportation. She commented that Code Compliance staff attend all Commission meetings to provide updates on building safety and vacant properties. She mentioned that the Commission should have the ability to host more Town Hall meetings that address specific public safety issues. She proposed the following changes:

A) Analyze the level of law enforcement needs which can include reimagining public safety through alternate community-based systems and mechanisms that are needed to achieve safety for all West Hollywood community members.

D) Add "Analyze" and add BIPOC community and change LGBT to the LGBTQ+ community.

F) Including making recommendations for changes.

Add an item evaluate any specialized deputy training that effects the BIPOC, LGBTQ+, Russian, Senior communities.

Councilmember D'Amico commented that he would like the Commission to speak about safety and not just a recitation of the crime report. He provided examples such as abandoned building safety, bike and pedestrian safety, and nighttime safety. He also suggested that they meet on an Ad Hoc basis rather than monthly. Finally, he agreed with televising the meeting.

Councilmember Erickson recommended adding domestic violence and sexual assaults and develop a working plan. He concurred with the other comments, noted that they should continue to meet monthly, and that they should be televised.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister would like to add emergency management and emergency preparedness. She agreed with including Neighborhood Watch in their purview. Finally, she commented that homelessness issues should be under their purview as well.

Mayor Horvath agrees that the Public Safety Commission should delve into more issues. However, she cautioned that the Commission does not have the same authority as the Los Angeles Police Commission and recognize our relationship with the County of Los Angeles for law enforcement services.

Acting City Clerk Crowder summarized the recommendations and noted that staff will return in 30-60 days with an ordinance for Council consideration.

ACTIONS: 1) Councilmember Erickson made the following direct appointments: Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission - **Lindsey Deaton**; Business License Commission - **Eric Matosh**; Historic Preservation Commission - **Jacob Sotski**; Planning Commission - **Rogério Carvalho**; Public Facilities Commission - **Andrew Solomon**; Public Safety Commission - **Tod Hallman**; Rent Stabilization Commission – **Karen Eyres**; Transportation Commission - **Adam Kroll**; Disabilities Advisory Board – **Danny Gomez**; Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board - **Jackie Steele and Jason Frazier**; Russian Advisory Board – **Gabriela Gershfeld**; Senior Advisory Board - **William McNeeley**; Women’s Advisory Board - **Tina Moore**; 2) Mayor Pro Tempore Meister made a direct appointment to the Transgender Advisory Board - **Lucky Alexander Fuller**; 3) Changes to the municipal code to include the following a) Analyze the level of law enforcement needs which can include reimagining public safety through alternate community-based systems and mechanisms that are needed to achieve safety for all West Hollywood community members; c) Add Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management; d) Add “Analyze” and add BIPOC community and change LGBT to the LGBTQ+ community; f) Including making recommendations for changes; Add an item evaluate any specialized deputy training that effects the BIPOC, LGBTQ+, Russian, Senior communities; and 4) Explore televising the Commission meetings. **Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. PLUMMER PARK UPGRADES [L. MEISTER, J. D’AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to confirm the estimated costs for proposed upgrades at Plummer Park using former redevelopment bond proceeds and return to Council for further direction.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. RESIDENTIAL OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS [L. MEISTER, S. SHYNE, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate the current common and private open space requirements for residential multi-family dwellings to determine what changes can be made to encourage more open space and better utilization of open space.

CHARLES JASPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 16, 2021.

Councilmember Erickson asked the City Attorney if this Item conflicts with State law. She responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember Shyne provided her reasons for co-sponsoring the Item.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to evaluate the current residential common and private open space requirements for multi-family dwellings; and 2) Return to City Council with recommendations for adjusting the requirements to encourage more open space and better utilization of open space, taking into consideration state law. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved noting the “no” vote of Mayor Horvath.**

**5.C. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD WEEKEND CLOSURE PILOT PROGRAM
[J. ERICKSON, J. D’AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to implement a vehicular closure of Robertson Boulevard south of Santa Monica Boulevard as a pilot program to activate the street for pedestrians, bicyclists, outdoor dining, and other activities. As proposed, the closure will begin at 6pm on Saturdays and continue through 2am on Mondays. Staff will return to City Council with an evaluation of this pilot program to determine if it should be continued and if staff should make changes to the hours or area of the closure.

JONATHAN SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the pilot program.

JONATHAN STRAUSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the pilot program.

DAVID COOLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and asked that it include Friday evenings.

MANNY RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and would like feedback from Fire, Sheriffs, and Traffic analysts.

STEVE DEBRO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke regarding the outreach they conducted and the feedback that they received.

MIDGE BARNETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

ERICK MATOS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

AUSTIN CYR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

JIM BANKS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

JANET HILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item on behalf of the Norma Triangle Association.

Councilmember D'Amico commented that he first proposed this in 2012. He spoke about the work that the City has done to ensure safety in this area.

Councilmember Erickson spoke on his commitment to develop limitless opportunities for this program in regards to activating people outside, business growth, and socialization.

Councilmember Shyne thanked those who submitted comments and spoke on the Item. She mentioned some challenges and possible solutions. She inquired about specific businesses and parking. Assistant City Manager Delgado responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister commented that she would be more comfortable when the parking garage is open and would like to do more outreach to the businesses on Robertson as well as the West Hollywood West and Norma Triangle neighborhoods, and find out the impacts of map/driving apps.

Mayor Horvath asked for Councilmembers Erickson and D'Amico to clarify the details of the pilot program. She inquired about public safety impacts. Public Safety Director Cook responded to this inquiry.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to implement a vehicular closure of Robertson Boulevard south of Santa Monica Boulevard as a pilot program to activate the street for pedestrians, bicyclists, outdoor dining, and other activities from 6pm on Saturdays to 2am on Mondays; 2) Direct staff to determine if the space can be used by local businesses as part of the OUT zone program, in line with relevant Los Angeles County Health Orders; 3) Direct staff to return to City Council three months after implementation with an evaluation of the program and recommendations for Council consideration; and 3) Provide outreach to the businesses, Norma Triangle residential area, and West Hollywood West residential area before the launch of the pilot project and make adjustments as needed. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by D'Amico, and approved.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1134 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PROHIBITING SMOKING IN COMMON AREAS AND NEW UNITS LOCATED IN MULTI-FAMILY**

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DWELLINGS BY ADDING CHAPTER 7.10 (SMOKING IN MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS) TO TITLE 7 (HEALTH) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) TO MAKE VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 7.10 SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROCEDURES.” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1134, “An Ordinance of the City of West Hollywood prohibiting smoking in common areas and new units located in multi-family dwellings by adding Chapter 7.10 (Smoking in multi-family dwellings) to Title 7 (Health) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code and Amending Chapter 1.08 (General Penalty Provisions) to make violations of Chapter 7.10 subject to administrative penalty procedures.”

ACTION: This Item was Tabled to the March 1, 2021 meeting.

2.J. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT MID-YEAR REPORT [J. HOLUB, A. BARTLE, J. HERRERA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the semi-annual report for the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation Administrative Contract, FY 2020-2021.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled to the March 1, 2021 meeting.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MICHAEL FISK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.J.

REBECCA DAMAVANTI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 5.B. and thanked the Councilmembers on thoughtful planning of our city.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding public comment and West Hollywood core values.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Horvath thanked her fellow Councilmembers for their support at the Westside Urban Forum.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 12:38 a.m. in memory of Rob Matteson, Miguel Martinez, James Hightower, Barbara Bisserup, Flora Sarian, Fifty Bandz, and Russ Thyret to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. *via teleconference.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 1st day of March, 2021 by the following vote:

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

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