

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021  
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Horvath 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 Wilson, City Attorney Langer, City Clerk Crowder, and Administrative Specialist IV Poblador.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

City Clerk Crowder stated that staff is requesting that Item 2.N. be Tabled to a date uncertain.

Mayor Horvath requested that Item 4.C. be Tabled.

**Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, to approve the July 21, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS: None.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

A farewell presentation for retired City Manager Paul Arevalo was conducted. He was also presented with a Proclamation and Key to the City.

Fernando Morales presented a Proclamation to Paul Arevalo on behalf of Board of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked City staff for their assistance regarding public works issues on the Eastside.

LUCIAN TUDOR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.C. and requested that staff look at regulations regarding amplified sound as part of the City’s Out Zone program.

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DANIEL REIF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Council's actions to protect hotel workers. He also spoke regarding divesting from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as well ways to invest in community services and affordable housing.

ENOCH MILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on the lack of social services funding and divestment from policing.

SANDRA PELLECCER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the hotel worker protection ordinance. *(Janet Jimenez assisted with translation.)*

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City's recently approved budget and reduced funding for public safety.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Erickson shared a public service announcement (PSA) reminding everyone not to leave their dogs in vehicles on hot days and asked Communications to send another blast about this. He thanked Sheriff's Deputy Quinones and Deputy Kim for apprehending a mail thief on the Eastside. Finally, he encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and inquired about a vaccination mandate, similar to the City of Pasadena.

Councilmember Shyne requested that the City Attorney research the possibility of a vaccine mandate.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister agreed with Councilmember's Erickson's PSA regarding leaving dogs and children in cars. She commented that she's inquired with Assistant City Manager Oscar Delgado regarding the possibility of installing signs in private lots similar to the ones at City-owned parking areas. Finally, she responded to some of the public comments regarding the policing study and noted that the delay is due to the lack of availability of the consultant.

Mayor Horvath clarified that the \$2 million dollar allocation for public safety was not approved as part of the budget at the June 21<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting. She also clarified that the funding was for additional public safety as it related to a future West Hollywood Pride event.

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

City Manager Wilson congratulated Paul Arevalo on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service and leadership. He confirmed that the Center for Policing and Equity had some availability issues, as mentioned by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister. He spoke about vaccinations and shared how to find a vaccination site. He reminded everyone that City Hall will re-open by appointment only on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. He noted that appointments can be made on the City's website or via the WeHo App. He further shared that appointments will be available for Parking, Rent Stabilization and Housing, Cashier, the City Clerk's Office, Planning and Development Services, and

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Public Works. Finally, he stated that staff will do outreach regarding leaving children and dogs in cars.

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

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 2.N. is \$973,532 in expenditures, \$12,000 in potential revenues, (\$15,288) in waived fees.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Shyne, and approved.**

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

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, July 21, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.*

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

### **2.B. UPDATE ON THE VACATION (SHORT-TERM) RENTAL ORDINANCE AND HOME SHARING BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, Y. BENITEZ, J. JONES, P. PORTWOOD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the City's vacation (short-term) rental ordinance and Home Sharing Business License program.*

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

### **2.C. POST-PANDEMIC ACTION ITEMS [J. KEHO, J. ROCCO, J. ALKIRE, R. EASON, H. DEMITRI, T. WORDEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The COVID-19 Pandemic caused the City to react quickly to address the resulting economic crisis. As part of the response, the City took numerous temporary actions related to land use to mitigate the effects of the economic downturn on local businesses. Actions included allowing the expansion of private business uses onto the City's public rights-of-way, approval of certain structures as temporary to accelerate the approval process, and changes to various operating restrictions. This report will confirm the City's vision for the public realm, discuss possible permanent changes to certain land use regulations, and identify next steps to make permanent some of the temporary measures allowed during the pandemic and making recommendations for other actions that could enhance the economic well-being of the City throughout the post-pandemic recovery.*

**ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Council receive this staff report and continue the item to the August 2, 2021 meeting for discussion. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH CHARGEPOINT, INC FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE FAST-CHARGING FIXTURES FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD AND TESLA SUPERCHARGER STATION AT CITY'S SUNSET PARKING LOT (8775 SUNSET BOULEVARD) [O. DELGADO, F. CONTRERAS, K. KIGONGO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the use of a Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with ChargePoint, Inc. for the procurement, installation, software subscription, support, and warranty of City-operated electric vehicle fast-charging fixtures at the City's parking lot at 8775 Sunset Boulevard. These fixtures will be part of the West Hollywood and Tesla Supercharger Station approved by Council in December 2020.*

**ACTION:** 1) Authorize the Finance & Technology Services Department to issue Purchase Orders to ChargePoint, Inc. pursuant to the Sourcewell Agreement, for the installation of electric vehicle charging equipment and related services for in an amount not to exceed \$275,800 (Capital Improvement Project No. 40-02) and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute documents incident to the agreement; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to act on the City's behalf in approving the design and plans for the West Hollywood and Tesla Supercharger Station project, including any alterations or modifications of the design and plans for the project, in compliance with Government Code Section 830.6 (Design Immunity). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, F. GOMEZ, L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ]:**

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

**ACTION:** 1) Approve an Assignment Agreement for a Proposition A local return fund exchange with the City of Hermosa Beach for \$490,000 City of West Hollywood General Fund dollars in exchange for \$700,000 City of Hermosa Beach Proposition A Funds, and authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the Agreement; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$490,000 from reserves committed for Proposition A purchases in the General Fund to the Expenditure for Traded Funds account (100-1-03-31-531016). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. AMENDMENT TO VALET CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH KING VALET PARKING, INC. [J. ROCCO, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Valet Parking*



*Concession Agreement with King Valet to provide public valet parking in the Library Plinth Parking Structure.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 8 to the valet concession agreement with King Valet to provide public valet parking in the Library Plinth Parking Structure during evening hours and all-day Sunday; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. APPROVE AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY POLES AND AERIAL WIRES/EQUIPMENT WITH UNDERGROUND FACILITIES [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of two agreements with Southern California Edison (SCE) for the replacement of utility poles and aerial wires/equipment with underground distribution facilities as part of the Design District Rule 20B Utilities Undergrounding Projects on Almont Dr. and LaPeer Dr.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve an agreement with SCE for replacement of overhead utilities with underground distribution facilities in the amount of \$45,248.09 as part of the Design District Rule 20B Project on Almont Drive; 2) Approve an agreement with SCE for replacement of overhead utilities with underground distribution facilities in the amount of \$155,984.33 as part of the Design District Rule 20B Project on La Peer Drive; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.H. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE 909 OGDEN DRIVE FRONTAGE [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, M.SOLOGUB]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement for street and sidewalk purposes along the frontage of the condominium apartment building located at 909 Ogden Dr.*

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5424 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 909 OGDEN DRIVE"; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5424, as well as the Easement Document 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.I. ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE 1250 FAIRFAX AVE FRONTAGE [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, M. SOLOGUB]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement for street and sidewalk purposes along the frontage of the apartment building located at 1250 Fairfax Ave.*

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5425 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 1250 FAIRFAX AVE. IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD”; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5425, 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.J. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE SIERRA BONITA AVE FRONTAGE OF THE 1011 SIERRA BONITA LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the Sierra Bonita Ave frontage of the 1011 Sierra Bonita LLC development project, located at 1011 Sierra Bonita Ave.*

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5426 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 1011 SIERRA BONITA AVE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD”; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5426, 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.K. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE ROMAINE ST AND GARDNER ST FRONTAGES OF THE 1000 GARDNER ST DEVELOPMENT PROJECT [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the Romaine St and Gardner St frontages of the 1000 Gardner, LLC development project, located at 1000 Gardner St.*

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5427 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 1000 GARDNER IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD”; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5427, 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.L. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 1809, OFF-STREET ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 1809, Off-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, by International Line Builders.*

**ACTION:** Accept the work and authorize the following: a. File the Notice of Completion by the City Clerk with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office, b. Issue the final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35-day lien period, c. Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, and d. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices from material suppliers or subcontractors.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 2101, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM– PHASE X CDBG PROJECT NO. 602187-20 [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, M. SOLOGUB]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 2101, Concrete Repair Program– Phase X, CDBG Project No. 602187-20 by FS CONTRACTORS.*

**ACTION:** Accept the work and authorize the following: a. Filing the Notice of Completion by the City Clerk, b. Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, c. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices from vendors or subcontractors, and d. Final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35-day lien period. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO KORDICH CONSTRUCTION FOR THE WESTBOURNE WATER SEEPAGE MITIGATION PROJECT [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a construction contract with Kordich Construction to construct CIP 2105, Westbourne Water Seepage Mitigation Project.*

**ACTION: This Item was Tabled.**

**2.O. RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS (LHTF) MATCHING GRANT FOR CREATION, REHABILITATION OR PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING [O. DELGADO, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the submittal of an application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the Local Housing Trust Fund Program.*

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5428 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUND PROGRAM FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,148,333;" and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to apply for and execute the

Agreement and all necessary contracts, payment requests, and amendments for the purposes of securing the grant funds. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR VARIOUS GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITYWIDE FIBEROPTICS PROJECT [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a resolution that will allow staff to apply for grant funding opportunities for the City's Fiber optics Project.*

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution 21-5429 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR VARIOUS GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITYWIDE FIBEROPTICS PROJECT". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. COMMEMORATION OF IVY BOTTINI DAY [J. LEONARD, L. FOOKS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a commemoration of "Ivy Bottini Day" to honor the late West Hollywood icon and LGBTQ/feminist activist Ivy Bottini.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve a commemoration of "Ivy Bottini Day" this year to be held virtually on Wednesday, August 18, 2021; 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City's commemoration of "Ivy Bottini Day" via social media platforms and distribution of information; and 3) Direct the City Council Event Subcommittee to discuss whether an annual event or commemoration should be held on an ongoing basis. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2021 [J. LEONARD, L. FOOKS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of programming for the City's annual Women's Equality Day commemoration.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve programming recommendations from the Women's Advisory Board for the Women's Equality Day 2021 commemoration; 2) Direct the Public Works Department to light City Hall and the City's lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard in the colors purple and yellow/gold to recognize Women's Equality Day from August 20 – August 29, 2021; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City's commemoration of Women's Equality Day via social media platforms and distribution of information. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 30TH ANNUAL ELIZABETH TAYLOR AIDS FOUNDATION "BALL TO END AIDS" EVENT [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor the 30TH annual Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation "Ball to End AIDS" event*

*on Friday, September 17, 2021, in West Hollywood Park, which includes a request to close San Vicente Boulevard., between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, for event arrivals.*

**ACTION:** 1) Approve a co-sponsorship of The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation “Ball to End AIDS” event, to be held in West Hollywood Park on Friday, September 17, 2021; 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship agreement, including a Permit to Use City Property agreement that defines facility uses, street closures and the terms of the relationship between the City and The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation Ball to End AIDS Event; 3) Approve the street closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard from 4:30 P.M. to Midnight. on Friday, September 17, 2021; 4) Approve intermittent lane closures for event load-in and load-out; such lane closures will be managed to mitigate traffic impacts as much as possible; 5) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate additional requests with The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation; and 6) Approve the waiver of Building and Safety Permit Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, Filming Permit Fees, Intermittent Traffic Control Fees, Parking Meter Fees, Post Event Inspection Fees, Special Event Permit Fee, Street Closure Fees, Temporary Lane Closure Fees, and Temporary Valet Fees for 2021 event.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.T. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WORLD DOG DAY 2021 [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, C. SMITH, M. REATH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring World Dog Day to be hosted by The Vanderpump Dog Foundation on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in West Hollywood Park.*

**ACTION:** 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of World Dog Day on August 7, 2021, and approve the use of West Hollywood Park; 2) Approve a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with The Vanderpump Dog Foundation for World Dog Day 2021; 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the agreement; 4) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 5) Waive the Special Event Permit fee, Encroachment fee, Building and Safety fees, and parking at the 5-story parking structure for event volunteers and vendors (estimated \$3,650); and 6) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City’s website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.U. AMEND THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER LIST OF PRE-APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS/EVENTS TO INCLUDE EQUALITY CALIFORNIA [J. ERICKSON, S. SHYNE, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the City Councilmember list of pre-approved organizations and events to include conferences and events organized by Equality California.*

**ACTION:** Approve the addition of Equality California to the list of pre-approved organizations and events that members of the City Council are permitted to attend each year. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.V. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC BENEFITS POLICY [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to provide information and data regarding the Public Benefits Policy. Based on Council direction, staff will report back to the City Council within 60 days, at which time the Council will have a further discussion regarding the City's Public Benefits Policy.*

**ACTION:** 1) Direct staff and the City Attorney to return to Council in 60 days with an analysis and review of the Public Benefits Policy, including:  
a. A review of recently approved development projects that would have been subject to the Public Benefits Policy had it been in place at the time of their approval as well as a review of and comparison to development projects that were approved with Development Agreements, b. Examples of the Public Input Memos required by the Public Benefits Policy, c. Examples of the Annual Monitoring Report required by the Public Benefits Policy utilizing the recently approved development projects, d. A report on re-opened entitlements and the process for increasing the public benefit requirements when amendments to a project are proposed or the value of a project increases, e. Clarification regarding applicability of the Public Benefits Policy. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.W. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR NEA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) GRANT [L. BELSANTI, R. EHEMANN, E. ANGELOFF]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a resolution that will allow staff to apply for grant funding opportunity for the Arts Grant Program in the City's Arts Division.*

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution 21-5430 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FOR THE ARTS GRANT PROGRAM IN THE ARTS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CAYETANO FERRER [L. BELSANTI, R. EHEMANN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with Cayetano Ferrer, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural*



*Affairs Commission, for the urban artwork, Extraction, as an integrated component of the West Hollywood Design District Streetscape Master Plan project.*

Senior Planner Rachel Dimond provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 21, 2021.

LESLIE KARLISS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her concerns with the quality of the art as well as hesitations on the gathering space.

Councilmember Erickson asked for clarification on the outreach that was done for this project. Senior Planner Dimond responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister commented on the January 2020 community meeting and the concerns raised during that meeting. She shared that she attended the pop-ups in 2014 and 2015 regarding the neighborhood friendly gathering spaces. Ms. Dimond indicated that in January 2020 a community meeting was conducted with approximately 40 participants. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired if it was presented to the Public Facilities Commission. Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann and Ms. Dimond responded to this inquiry. Ms. Dimond also clarified that the City's Streetscape Plan isn't subject to review and approval by the Public Facilities Commission.

**ACTION:** 1) Approve an agreement for services with Cayetano Ferrer in an amount not-to-exceed \$135,300 to provide an urban artwork for the Melrose Norwich Gathering Space as part of the West Hollywood Design District Streetscape Master Plan project; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$67,600 from unallocated reserves in the Public Art & Beautification Fund to account number 209-1-09-12-531005 for services with Cayetano Ferrer; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to this agreement.

**Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved noting the "no" vote of Mayor Pro Tempore Meister.**

**4.B. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD WEEKEND CLOSURE PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE AND EVALUATION [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, O. DELGADO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT, J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update and evaluation on the Robertson Boulevard weekend closure pilot program and provide further direction.*

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 21, 2021.



MEL GREENWALT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to continuing Out on Robertson.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to continuing Out on Robertson.

CHARLIE JASPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to continuing Out on Robertson.

MARTHA ORELLANA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to continuing Out on Robertson.

MANNIE RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Option 4 to conclude the Out on Robertson pilot program.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about outreach to the businesses on Robertson, specifically those that expressed interest in the program. Event Services Supervisor Reath responded to this inquiry. Councilmember D'Amico inquired about creating an OutZone along Robertson similar to other OutZones in the City. Assistant to the City Manager Janet Jimenez responded to this inquiry noting that it would require a smaller footprint. Councilmember D'Amico recommended that the City Council consider continuing the program for two weeks (the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup>) and have staff explore the possibility of an OutZone with a smaller footprint.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired about the alley space that The Abbey was previously utilizing as part of the City's OutZone program. Ms. Jimenez responded to this inquiry. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister commented that The Abbey could use the alley OutZone through December and recommends approving Option 4.

Councilmember Shyne described the intent behind the Out on Robertson Pilot Program. She inquired if staff could look into the impediments that kept other businesses from participating in the program.

Mayor Horvath spoke about the vision for the Out on Robertson Pilot Program. She noted that she is open to exploring an OutZone at The Abbey. She recommends concluding the pilot program and asked Councilmember D'Amico to restate his motion.

Councilmember D'Amico recommended that staff provide notice to The Abbey, continue the program for two weeks (the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup>), direct staff to explore the possibility of an OutZone with a smaller footprint. He also noted that staff does not need to return with a follow-up item to the Council.

Councilmember Erickson provided clarification in response to some of the public comments.

Councilmember Shyne asked for a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor to cut the public safety budget by 50%. Councilmember D'Amico accepted the friendly amendment.

**ACTION:** The City Council directed staff to provide notice to The Abbey, continue the program for two weeks (the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup>), and explore the possibility of an OutZone with a smaller footprint for The Abbey. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

**4.C. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: Mayor Horvath will make her direct appointment to the Public Safety Commission. Councilmember D'Amico will make his direct appointment to the Public Facilities Commission. The City Council will make an at-large appointment to the Transgender Advisory Board.*

**ACTION: This Item was Tabled.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. UPDATE ON THE APPROVED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH HOTEL, RESTAURANT, RETAIL, NIGHT CLUB, AND DESIGN SHOWROOM LOCATED AT 645-681 ROBERTSON BLVD., 648-654 N. LA PEER DR., 8954 SANTA MONICA BLVD., AND 685 N. ROBERTSON BLVD. (ROBERTSON LANE AND TREEHOUSE PROJECT) [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, L. YELTON]:**

*SUBJECT: At the request of the City Council, staff will provide an informational update on the status of the Robertson Lane Project.*

City Attorney Langer reminded the public and the City Council that this Item is an update on the project. She noted that analysis by Planning and Development Services staff needs to occur. Once the project amendments have been reviewed, staff will return for formal City Council review.

Associate Planner Laurie Yelton provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 21, 2021.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the proposed reduction of hotel rooms and the impacts to the City's transient occupancy tax. Community & Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard responded to this inquiry noting that a 50% reduction in transient occupancy tax is anticipated due to this reduction in hotel rooms. Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the community and cultural spaces as proposed in the project. He

expressed concern because this project was originally presented as an extension of the cultural changes in this area of West Hollywood. He asked for clarification from staff on the cultural experiences this project hopes to create. Planning Manager Jennifer Alkire stated that this is part of the analysis that staff needs to conduct before making a recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister asked what “commercial condo purposes” references in the documents included with the staff report. Ms. Alkire responded that this is a device used to separate different components of the project usually common with mixed use projects. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired about the paseos.

Councilmember Erickson mentioned the La Peer project. Ms. Alkire responded to this inquiry. He inquired about a surge in the need for office space and requested that staff look at the market to ensure that office space is needed. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister noted that the SCAG CEHD Committee has received presentations that indicate a 10% drop in the need for office space and that low to midscale office space is most desirable.

Councilmember Shyne expressed a desire for cultural elements and housing. Ms. Yelton responded that there are two towers, one hotel and one for office space.

DJ Moore of Latham and Watkins representing the applicant noted that the hotel tower is nine stories, and the office tower is the same height with fewer stories.

Mayor Horvath inquired about connecting pathways, the Tree House modification, and if the amendments will go to Design Review. Ms. Yelton responded to this inquiry.

**ACTION:** The City Council received an update on the project and took no reportable action.

**5.B. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AS DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCES AND TO CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider appointments as delegates and alternates to various organizations, committees and conferences. In addition, the City Council will consider appointments to the various City Council Sub-Committees.*

Councilmember D’Amico requested an update on which of the approved City Council conferences are virtual, in-person, or hybrid. City Clerk

Crowder indicated that she would provide the update to the City Council via email.

Councilmember Shyne inquired about aligning these appointments with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore rotation. City Clerk Crowder agreed and will adjust the timing of this Item accordingly in the future.

**ACTION:** 1) The City Council made the following appointments: A) Sanitation District No. 4 – Alternate Director – **Staff will return in October requesting that the City Council adopt a Resolution appointing Mayor Pro Tempore Meister (Appointee) and Councilmember Shyne (Alternate)**

B) California Contract Cities Association – Voting Delegate/Alternate – **Mayor Horvath (Delegate) / Councilmember Shyne (Alternate)**

C) Clean Power Alliance - Director/1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd Alternate Directors – **Mayor Horvath (Director) / Councilmember Erickson (1<sup>st</sup> Alternate) / Robyn Eason (2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate)**

D) League of California Cities – Delegate/Alternate Delegate – **Councilmember Erickson (Delegate) / Councilmember D’Amico (Alternate Delegate)**

E) Los Angeles County City Selection Committee – Delegate (Mayor)/Alternate – **Mayor Horvath / Councilmember Meister (Alternate)**

F) National League of Cities – Delegate/Alternate Delegate – **Councilmember D’Amico (Delegate) / Councilmember Erickson (Alternate Delegate)**

G) California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) – Delegate/2 Alternates – **Mayor Pro Tempore Meister (Delegate) / Director of Administrative Services Yvonne Quarker and Risk Management Officer Aileen Ward (Alternates)**

H) Santa Monica Bay Watershed Council – Delegate/Alternate – **Councilmember D’Amico / City Manager Staff Person**

I) Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); Delegate/Alternate – **Mayor Pro Tempore Meister (Delegate) / Councilmember Erickson (Alternate)**

J) Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) – Delegate/Alternate – **Councilmember Shyne (Delegate) / Mayor Pro Tempore Meister (Alternate)**

2) Appoint City Councilmembers as Subcommittee Members to the following: A) Budget and Finance Subcommittee (Standing) – **Mayor Horvath/ Mayor Pro Tempore Meister**

B) Metro Liaison – **Mayor Horvath**

C) Homelessness Subcommittee (Standing) – **Mayor Pro Tempore Meister / Councilmember Shyne**

D) West Hollywood Pride Subcommittee (Standing) – **Councilmember D’Amico / Councilmember Shyne**

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**E) Events Subcommittee (Ad Hoc) – Councilmember Shyne/  
Councilmember Erickson**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.**

**6. LEGISLATIVE: None.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Erickson stated that Uber and Lyft drivers are striking in response to Prop 22.

Mayor Horvath mentioned that aging in place facilities are accommodated in the community.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via Teleconference.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 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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