

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

5:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION: See attached Closed Session Agenda

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alexander Bazley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Delgado, City Attorney Langer, City Clerk Crowder, and Assistant City Clerk Poblador.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported that the Closed Session convened at 5:30 p.m. There were no members of the public that spoke on the posted agenda. She noted that the City Council spoke regarding the two items on the agenda and took no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Staff requested that Item 3.A. be Tabled to a Date Uncertain.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Items 2.E., 2.L., 2.O., and 2.S. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, to approve the October 4, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mireya Wharton.

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Al Cislowski.

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Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Marta Derewlaniuk.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Erickson presented a Proclamation to the editors of the Beverly Press, Karen Villalpando and Michael Villalpando, in recognition of the newspapers 75th anniversary.

Mayor Meister presented a Proclamation in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to members of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, Women's Advisory Board, and Transgender Advisory Board.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.U.

ALEXANDER BAZLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Chamber of Commerce.

ADAM KROLL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.N. and 2.O.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.P.

FRANK GERACI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to request a left-hand turn arrow eastbound on Sunset Boulevard at Miller Drive.

CHARLIE JASPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a Sheriff's kiosk on the corner of Santa Monica Blvd and San Vicente.

PATRICIA MURPHY, on behalf of the Doheny & Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association, spoke regarding a request a left-hand turn arrow eastbound on Sunset at Miller Drive.

ELLEN EVANS, on behalf of the Doheny & Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association, spoke regarding a request a left-hand turn arrow eastbound on Sunset at Miller Drive.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.J., 2.P., 2.Q., 2.R., and 2.U.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson reported on his attendance at the March for Reproductive Rights that took place in Downtown Los Angeles this past Saturday. He shared that the City is hosting a Tenants Basics teleconference meeting on October 5th. He mentioned that he attended one of CES' clinic workshops. He reported that he attended the Rise for Women and Girls of Afghanistan event. He is encouraged by the climate-forward

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agenda tonight. He expressed appreciation to those who came to Saturdays with John at Plummer Park. He acknowledged that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He reported his attendance at the League of California Cities Conference in Sacramento. He inquired about the status of the audit of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and made mention of the Los Angeles Times article. He thanked Mayor Meister for co-sponsoring Item 2.Q. Finally, he reported that he attended the Mobility Awards and Reproductive Rights Rally.

Councilmember D'Amico mentioned the public comments regarding a left-turn lane at Sunset and Miller. He mentioned a beautification plan for La Cienega Boulevard from several years ago between the cities of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, and West Hollywood and inquired if the City Council could receive an update from staff. He expressed concern with the oil spill in Orange County and asked for information on how to participate with cleanup. Finally, he promoted National Arts and Humanities Month.

Councilmember Horvath reported her attendance at the League of California Cities Conference. She reported that she also attended the Equality California Awards. She commented that she joined in the March for Reproductive Rights this past Saturday in Downtown Los Angeles. She further reported that she attended the Mobility 2021 Conference where they discussed the Metro expansion. She also joined the March in Solidarity with Women and Girls of Afghanistan. She expressed her gratitude for her colleague's support of Item 2.N. She is encouraged by the climate-forward agenda tonight and agreed with Councilmember D'Amico on providing clean-up help at the beaches effected by the recent oil spill.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne thanked Angela de Silva, Karina Samala, Luckie Alexander, Renee Sotile, and Robert Gamboa for representing their respective Advisory Boards in support of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month. She reported that she attended League of California Cities Conference in Sacramento and was elected to the Executive Board of the LGBT Caucus as Treasurer. She is also interested in participating in a beach clean-up for the recent oil spill. She announced that October is also Filipino-American History Month. She reported her attendance at the One Billion Rising-organized event for Women of Afghanistan on September 25th. She thanked Mayor Meister and Councilmember Erickson for Item 2.Q. and thanked Councilmembers Erickson and Horvath for their Resolution in support of Afghan women and refugees especially since LA County has the highest population of refugees from Afghanistan. She participated in the City Council Homelessness Subcommittee meeting, moderated the Human Rights Speaker Series on anti-LGBTQ policies in Iran, and spoke at the West Hollywood Rally for Reproductive Rights. She further reported her attendance at the Equality California Awards. She announced the launch of Sips with Sepi, an event where she will be available to meet with resident and hear about their concerns once a month at a different neighborhood coffee shop each month. The first one will be on October 19th from 9:00-11:00am at Miss Melbourne Café. She closed her comments inquiring about improvements to pedestrian safety requests and an update on e-scooters on City sidewalks.

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Mayor Meister mentioned the public comment requesting a Sheriff's kiosk and commented that the suggestion may be added to the Community Safety discussion at the November 18th City Council meeting. She thanked Councilmember D'Amico for bringing up the recent oil spill and shared that she wrote to Elected Officials To Protect America about it. She announced that October is also Disabilities Awareness Month and provided information on a flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Plummer Park. She mentioned that the City will take part in the Great Shake Out on October 21st. She mentioned the 23rd Annual Disability Service Awards via Zoom. She reported on her attendance at the virtual Conference of Mayors, the Homelessness Subcommittee meeting, the SCAG Summit, and Daring Cities 2021 for Local Governments for Sustainability. She thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne and Councilmember D'Amico for their help and participation at the WeHo Rally for Reproductive Rights. She mentioned Item 2.Q., noting AB 1482, and asked staff to explore the possibility to register all forms of dwellings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant City Manager Oscar Delgado reported that the WeHo Pickup will resume service on Friday, October 8th at 50% occupancy, masks will be required, and shuttle windows will remain open. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors extended the residential eviction moratorium. He announced that the City's Arts Division will host two unique virtual theaters in October. He shared that the City of West Hollywood was named as a finalist as the most business friendly City by the Los Angeles Economic. He noted that the commercial eviction moratorium ended on September 30th and that the Chamber of Commerce is offering mediation services to assist businesses. He indicated that Captain Ed Ramirez will speak during Item 2.S. and will address Councilmember Erickson's comments. In response to the public comments regarding a left-turn lane at Sunset Blvd./Miller Drive, he shared that the City's Engineering team is reviewing this intersection. Assistant City Manager Delgado invited Long Range Planning & Sustainability Manager Robyn Eason to respond to Council comments regarding dockless mobility safety. Ms. Eason stated that staff will bring an Item to the November 1st City Council meeting which will provide an update on the program per direction from the City Council in August.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items 2.E., 2.L., 2.O., and 2.S. is \$401,000 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$5,755) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,M.,N.,P.,Q.,R.,T.,U. Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, October 4, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, September 29, 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 September 20, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 894 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending September 24, 2021 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 894 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5445, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 894." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Public Safety Commission, Disabilities Advisory Board, Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, and the Russian Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.

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

2.E. UPDATE REGARDING RETURNING TO IN-PERSON HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS [D. WILSON, L. LANGER, Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on returning to in-person City Council meetings in a hybrid format based on feedback at the September 20, 2021 City Council meeting, and authorize the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings as required under AB 361.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.F. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR ROOFING SERVICES [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the use of a cooperative purchasing agreement with Garland/DBS, Inc. for roofing

supplies and services, waterproofing, and related products and services in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000.

ACTION: Authorize the Finance & Technology Services Department to issue Purchase Orders to Garland/DBS, Inc., pursuant to the Omnia Partners Cooperative Agreement, for roofing supplies and services, waterproofing, and related products and services in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE 917-929 HILLDALE AVENUE PROPERTY 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 single-family residence located at 917-929 Hilldale Avenue.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5446 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 917-929 HILLDALE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5446, 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.H. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE OGDEN DR FRONTAGE OF THE 944 OGDEN LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 944 OGDEN DR [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 Ogden Dr frontage of the 944 Ogden LLC development project, located at 944 Ogden Dr.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5447 "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 OGDEN DR IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5447, 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.I. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 77178 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 1227 FORMOSA AVE [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Final Tract Map No. 77178, a subdivision for a five (5) unit condominium development, located at 1227 Formosa Ave.

ACTION: 1) Make findings for the Final Tract Map as follows: a. That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474, 66474.1,

and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, b. That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code, c. That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Tract Map No. 77178; and 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Tract Map No. 77178 the certificate that embodies the approval of said map. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH 2021 [L. BELSANTI, R. EHEMANN, E. ANGELOFF, M. CHE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will recognize October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution 21-5448 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH"; and 2) Proclaim October as Nation Arts and Humanities Month. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AMFAR GALA AT THE PACIFIC DESIGN CENTER [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the amfAR Gala, on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Pacific Design Center on the Plaza.

ACTION: 1) Approve a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with amfAR; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the agreement; 3) Authorize the use of City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; and 4) Waive the Special Event Permit fees, Lane Closure fees, Encroachment fees, Building and Safety Permit fees, and Temporary Valet fees (estimated \$5,800). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL "#BOOM!" ALCOHOL- AND DRUG-FREE NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT [J. ERICKSON, S. SHYNE, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of #BOOM! Alcohol- and Drug-Free New Year's Eve Event, to be held virtually on December 31, 2021.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.M. SPONSORSHIP OF PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE NETFLIX FILM PRAY AWAY AS PART OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKERS SERIES [J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a virtual panel discussion of the Netflix documentary film Pray Away as part of the Human Rights Speakers Series.

ACTION: 1) Approve the sponsorship of a Human Rights Speakers Series virtual panel discussion of the Netflix documentary film Pray Away; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other materials; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.N. DIRECTION AND REQUEST FOR REGULAR UPDATES ON THE CITY'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INITIATIVES [L. HORVATH, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to provide regular updates to the City Council on the City's initiatives to expand electric vehicle ownership and infrastructure. The City will also consider directing staff to engage with Plug In America and organizations working to expand plug-in vehicle ownership to evaluate what other types of programs and partnerships may be available.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to provide regular six-month updates on the City's initiatives to expand electric vehicle ownership and infrastructure in West Hollywood; and 2) Direct staff to engage with Plug In America and other community partners to evaluate what other types of programs and partnerships may be available. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. BAN ON PLASTIC PRODUCTS IN FOOD SERVICE [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to draft an amendment to the City's Municipal Code to ban the use of non-marine-degradable disposable food service ware. This includes single-use plastic straws, utensils, containers, lids, lid plugs, cups, bowls, etc.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.P. ESTABLISH A BICYCLE & TRANSIT MICROMOBILITY WORKING GROUP [J. ERICKSON, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider establishing a bicycle and transit micromobility working group to provide focused feedback to staff on the improvement projects that are currently in development in West Hollywood.

ACTION: Direct staff to establish a bicycle and transit micromobility working group to provide focused feedback on the improvement projects

currently in development in West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RENTAL UNITS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to draft an amendment to the City's Municipal Code to require all rental units in West Hollywood to be registered and re-registered upon a new tenancy.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to draft an amendment to the City's Municipal Code to require all rental units in West Hollywood – not only rent stabilized units – to be registered and re-registered upon a new tenancy; 2) Direct staff to analyze and calculate a registration fee for non-rent-stabilized units and return to Council for approval of that fee; and 3) Direct the amendment to be reviewed by the Rent Stabilization Commission before it returns to City Council for further consideration. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY [L. HORVATH, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to support and participate in California Clean Air Day. This is a statewide initiative committed to uniting community stakeholders, including elected officials, agency staff, business leaders, and residents alike to lead their communities in clearing the air in California.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5449, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT FOR AND DECLARATION OF CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY"; 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to California Governor Gavin Newsom, CA State Senator Ben Allen, CA State Assembly Member Richard Bloom, and other parties as appropriate; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications channels, including the City's website and social media tools, to promote California Clean Air Day and encourage public participation. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS AND PERSONNEL FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to the use of public safety funds and personnel for political purposes.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.T. RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4 [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will adopt a Resolution appointing an alternate director to the Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 4.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21-5451, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AFGHAN REFUGEES [J. ERICKSON, L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of Afghan refugees.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5452, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AFGHAN REFUGEES"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the resolution to President Joe Biden, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Representative Adam Schiff, State Senator Ben Allen, State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and others as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. CONTINUATION TO A FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETING – A REQUEST FOR A NEW INTERNALLY LIT BILLBOARD AT 9009 SUNSET BOULEVARD (ROXY THEATRE) AND THE CONVERSION OF A STATIC BILLBOARD TO A NEW DIGITAL AND INTERNALLY LIT BILLBOARD AT 9015 SUNSET BOULEVARD (RAINBOW BAR & GRILL) [J. KEHO, B. ECK, J. DAVIS]:

SUBJECT: At the request of the applicant, staff is requesting that the City Council continue this item to a date uncertain.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled to a Date Uncertain.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION [J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing city staff and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board (LGAB) and Transgender Advisory Board (TAB) to explore the creation of a new Commission representing the LGBTQIA+ community. Staff will conduct research and provide various options and considerations to LGAB and TAB for feedback and return to the Council with recommendations within 120 days.

Councilmember D'Amico provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 4, 2021.

JACKIE STEELE, UNKNOWN, spoke on behalf of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board expressing the initial concerns when the item was originally brought forward on September 20th. She spoke with several Councilmembers regarding her concerns which have been addressed in this staff report and expressed her support of the revised item.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, UNKNOWN, spoke in support of the revised item and requested that more outreach is conducted with the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board to identify how the new Commission would function.

Councilmember Erickson indicated that he generally supports the item. He inquired about the expected number of Commissioners for the new Commission. Councilmember D'Amico responded that this should be part of the considerations by staff and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne agreed with Councilmember Erickson's comments. She noted that this Item should be discussed along with the item that she and Councilmember Erickson brought forward regarding the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board's name and purview. She recommended that the both the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board should provide input on the item. She mentioned written correspondence that inquired about the new acronym and suggested education with the community about the intricacies of the LGBTQIA+ community. Finally, she noted her support for the item.

Councilmember Horvath summarized the purpose of the City's advisory boards, how they differ from the City's commissions, and how each interact with the City Council. She shared her support of the item.

Mayor Meister would like the appointed bodies to exercise more focus and suggested that events be handled differently by utilizing city staff, whose job is community event-planning. She would like to see the feedback from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board and that they focus on purview.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to research and analyze the creation of a new Commission representing the entire LGBTQIA+ community, including the potential functions and purview of the new Commission; 2) Direct staff to agendize discussions of the topic at the next Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and Transgender Advisory Board, including various options and considerations for the Boards to discuss; 3) Direct staff to return to Council with feedback and recommendations as appropriate regarding a new Commission representing the LGBTQIA+ community within 30 days with the feedback from the Boards; 4) Return to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board for additional feedback before a final item is considered by the City

Council; and 5) Conduct educational outreach to the community on the intricacies of the LGBTQIA+ community. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. PRESENTATION FROM CALRECYCLE REGARDING THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 1383 CALIFORNIA'S SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS REDUCTION PLAN [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, M. MAGENER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a presentation from CalRecycle regarding the provisions of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). Staff will bring an amendment to the existing solid waste ordinance at a later date.

Director of Public Works Jackie Rocco provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 4, 2021.

The City Council received a presentation on Senate Bill 1383.

Councilmember Horvath thanked CalRecycle for the presentation. She commented that this is common sense legislation. She inquired about enforcement mechanisms at the local level. CalRecycle Branch Chief Cara Morgan responded to this inquiry.

Ms. Rocco commented that Athens Services will work with the City and CalRecycle to conduct outreach to the community and businesses. Subsequently, Code Compliance would conduct additional compliance outreach. The enforcement mechanisms will be included in the ordinance.

Mayor Meister inquired how other cities are addressing this legislation. Ms. Morgan responded.

Ms. Rocco noted that staff will return with a draft ordinance for City Council consideration.

ACTION: The City Council received the presentation and staff will return with a draft ordinance for City Council consideration.

The City Council took a recess at 7:58 p.m. and returned at 8:15 p.m.

5.B. DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN (WEHO CLIMATE ACTION) [J. KEHO, R. EASON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a draft version of 'WeHo Climate Action' — the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. WeHo Climate Action celebrates the City's significant achievements in reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions over the last decade by actively implementing actions outlined in the 2011 Climate Action Plan and

enacting sound environmental policies and programs. Most importantly, it builds upon this progress to chart a new path forward for carbon neutrality, adapts the City to current and future extreme climate conditions, and further champions the actions needed to meet the global and local challenges of a changing climate, including how to meet the needs of the community members most affected by climate change.

Long Range Planning & Sustainability Manager Robyn Eason provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 4, 2021. She introduced Chris Rhie of Buro Happold and Ari Simon of Inner and Outer Engagement who presented information on the City's Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. They shared that West Hollywood has the lowest per capita emissions of the westside cities. They also noted that this Plan spotlights resilience.

DIANE FORTE, on behalf of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, spoke in support of Item 5.B.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and made suggestions for inclusion in the Plan.

DANIEL REIF, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the item and made suggestions for inclusion in the Plan.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and would like to see a climate action item on every City Council agenda.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about carbon neutrality percentages. Mr. Rhie responded. She recommended that the City target 2030 to achieve carbon neutrality.

Councilmember Erickson recommended a land acknowledgment statement at the beginning of each City Council meeting. He spoke about reimagining green space and accelerating transportation emission reduction. He also supports accelerating the timelines for carbon neutrality.

Ms. Eason commented that the City exceeded the 2011 cap and prioritizing items around transportation and housing emissions would help reach carbon neutrality quicker. Mr. Rhie suggested looking at City operations as well. He warned about thinking carefully about the equity ramifications with accelerating actions.

Councilmember Erickson inquired about incentives that the City can provide to upgrade the City's existing housing stock.

Councilmember D'Amico commented on resilience in future years and that the Climate Action Plan acts as a time capsule for the City. He spoke about the City's 2008 plan and the creation of a Sustainability Planner. He mentioned all of the items that the City Council has brought forward over the years and would like those referenced in the Plan. He recommended that the Plan should include a goal that mandates that new developments have a smaller footprint than the original building. Finally, he commented that the City has mandated seismic retrofits and that mandating Net Zero retrofits is reasonable.

Councilmember Horvath asked about interplay with regional plans. She also inquired about actions that the City can take to address water resources. Mr. Rhie responded to this inquiry. She also inquired about the environmental impacts with the expansion of businesses outdoors. Ms. Eason responded to this inquiry. Finally, Councilmember Horvath thanked Ms. Eason for her work on the Plan.

Mayor Meister commented on the water-related items Council has brought forward, such as prohibiting potable water for construction mitigation. She stated she appreciates the connection to Tongva and non-Tongva Indigenous people and the focus on land use, nature, trees, and biodiversity. She also liked the connection to hazard mitigation and resiliency because these are also emergency management issues. Mayor Meister commented that while she appreciates the focus on transportation, she would like to see more focus on what actions the City can take at the local level, such as planting trees, green spaces, utilizing ground water, bioswales, making healthier living spaces and healthier working spaces. She spoke about land use and the City's Zoning Code as that is where the City has 100% control.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the Land Acknowledgement Statement begin at the October 18th City Council meeting.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired when the final Plan will return for final City Council approval. Ms. Eason indicated that staff plans to return in December.

Ms. Eason commented that she is working with Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor Andi Lovano on the Land Acknowledgement Policy.

ACTION: The City Council received the presentation and provided input on the Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.E. UPDATE REGARDING RETURNING TO IN-PERSON HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS [D. WILSON, L. LANGER, Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on returning to in-person City Council meetings in a hybrid format based on feedback at the September 20, 2021 City Council meeting and authorize the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings as required under AB 361.

Councilmember D'Amico indicated his reasons for placing this item on Excluded Consent.

City Clerk Melissa Crowder provided information on the hybrid meeting format.

Councilmember D'Amico expressed his general support of the item; however, he expressed concern with wearing masks at the dais for an entire City Council meeting.

ACTION: 1) Receive update; and 2) Allow for the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings for City Brown Act meetings (including all of the City's Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Task Forces) under AB 361 by finding that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.**

2.L. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL “#BOOM!” ALCOHOL- AND DRUG-FREE NEW YEAR’S EVE EVENT [J. ERICKSON, S. SHYNE, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of #BOOM! Alcohol- and Drug-Free New Year’s Eve Event, to be held virtually on December 31, 2021.

Councilmember D'Amico indicated his reasons for moving this item to Excluded Consent. He expressed concern with expending City funds for a virtual sober New Year's Eve party and proposed an in-person outdoor event at West Hollywood Park.

DEAN AMBROSINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

SARAH BLANCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne commented that the sober community has indicated that they need this event and that the item was brought forward in response to that need.

ACTION: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the Global Institute for Public Strategies' #BOOM! Alcohol- and Drug-Free New Year's Eve Event on December 31, 2021; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, such as the City's website and social media tools; 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the financial sponsorship agreement; and 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$15,000 from Fiscal Year 2021-22 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the virtual event. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved noting the "no" vote of Councilmember D'Amico.**

2.O. BAN ON PLASTIC PRODUCTS IN FOOD SERVICE [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to draft an amendment to the City's Municipal Code to ban the use of non-marine-degradable disposable food service ware. This includes single-use plastic straws, utensils, containers, lids, lid plugs, cups, bowls, etc.

Councilmember D'Amico indicated his reasons for moving this item to Excluded Consent. He raised concern with the implementation.

Mayor Meister requested that staff reach out to the business community to find out what challenges they may have in implementing this once the ban goes into effect; see if they have any recommendations on timing and the rationale behind their recommendations; and also, how the City can help make this transition as easy as possible for our businesses. She recommended that staff provide the availability of alternative products and information on costs. She requested outreach to a few Chambers of Commerce listed in the report to find out if there have been any issues, such as lack of availability, and see if they have any suggestions regarding roll-out. She inquired if 60 days is enough time for additional outreach and research.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne noted that implementation would occur six months after the second reading of the ordinance. She shared information that she received from the City of Santa Monica.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in strong support of this item and thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne and Councilmember Erickson for bringing this item forward.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in strong support of this item and thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne and Councilmember Erickson for bringing this item forward.

ERICK MATOS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item considering the climate emergency we are in currently.

BARBARA HENSLIEGH, SIERRA CLUB, spoke in support of this item and suggested certified compostable items as they are more readily abundant, and other municipalities including culver city has included in their ordinance.

CHELSEA BYERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to point out disrupting the status quo and how we live our daily lives that move us towards a more sustainable way of life and is in support of this item.

GENEVIEW MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in opposition of this item.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in strong support of this item and offered some ideas of sustainable items in City goody bags at future events.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to draft an amendment to the City's Municipal Code to prohibit food and beverage providers of prepared foods to provide single use non-marine-degradable and/or compostable disposable food service ware, including but not limited to single-use plastic straws, utensils, containers, lids, lid plugs, cups, bowls, etc. and provide the availability of alternative products and the cost; 2) Plastic lids/cups will have a 12-month implementation, lids by request only, City facilities included in the ordinance, outreach to businesses, waiver application; 3) Return to Council within 90 days with a draft ordinance for consideration and with recommendations for rolling out the ordinance to businesses and restaurants, including allowing a six-month grace period after the ordinance is in effect to allow businesses to use existing supply; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote this effort including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

2.S. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS AND PERSONNEL FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to the use of public safety funds and personnel for political purposes.

Councilmember D'Amico indicated his reasons for moving this item to Excluded Consent. He expressed concern with learning about this issue from the Los Angeles Times article.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank Councilmember Horvath and is in strong support of this item.

Mayor Meister commented about an article on the Metro whistleblower and commented that she believed a DA or judge would need to be involved with an investigation and warrants. Mayor Meister inquired about how Sheriff's Deputies are loaned out and if West Hollywood funds were used for this unit.

West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Captain Ed Ramirez responded to Mayor Meister's inquiry regarding how Sheriff's Deputies are loaned and indicated that no City funds are being used to fund this unit.

Councilmember Horvath spoke about the personnel process regarding whistleblowers and the challenges that the Inspector General has had with effectively doing the job that he's been charged. Further, she expressed concern with using public funds for political purposes and is one of the reasons that an audit was requested.

Mayor Meister inquired about the status of the audit. Councilmember Horvath responded that Contract Cities and the City have not received a response from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Erickson expressed concern that Sheriff Villanueva is using Sheriff's Deputies to retaliate against people perceived as political opponents. He also inquired about the status of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station audit.

ACTION: 1) Approve Resolution No. 21-5450 "A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING, AS WELL AS PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL, FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES;" 2) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to send copies of the adopted resolution and a letter to the Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, LA County CEO, Inspector General, and California Contract Cities Association (CCCA); and 3) Direct staff to follow up with LA County regarding a letter sent in response to Council direction requesting an audit of LASD contracts. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank City staff Helen Collins and the Facilities team for their prompt action regarding an issue at Plummer Park as

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well as Danny Rivas and Joe Torres of Code Compliance for assisting her neighbor with a habitability issue.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.S.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne wished City Engineer Hany Demitri success in his future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:50 p.m. in memory of Mireya Wharton, Al Cislowski, and Marta Derewlaniuk to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via a Hybrid Meeting Format (In-Person at Council Chambers and via teleconference).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 18th day of October, 2021 by the following vote:

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

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