

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Meister called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Meister led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Horvath.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Crowder requested that Items 4.A., 4.B., 4.C., and 4.D. be heard together as one Item. Additionally, she requested that Item 2.I. be Tabled to the December 6th City Council meeting.

Councilmember Erickson requested that Items 5.A. and 5.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar, as Items 2.P. and 2.Q. respectively.

Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, to approve the November 15, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bryan Matthew Pruter.

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dr. Roger Allen Hoopingarner and P-Squared, dog of resident Michael Wojtkielewicz.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Erickson presented a Proclamation to Karen Ocamb of the Blade in recognition of her award as 2021 Journalist of the Year.

Mayor Meister presented a Proclamation to Transgender Advisory Board Chair Luckie Alexander in recognition of this year’s Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

BRETT LATTERI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke with regarding the concerns he presented if Item 2.G. is approved.

ERROLL RUSSELL, KITCHEN24 WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G., specifically paid time off.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in opposition to some aspects of Item 2.G.

WALTER SCHILD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G.

DAVID WOOD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G.

LEE MAEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G. since it is not a living wage.

MICHAEL ILLIC, ON BEHALF OF CATCH, spoke in support of a living wage but expressed disappointment with the lack of understanding of total compensation in the restaurant industry.

ALEXANDRA STAFFORD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G.

CHRISTINA OVERGARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G.

PHILIP CUMMINS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.A.

ITALY BROWN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G. and the lack of safety they feel in the community.

KARLA LEIVA, LOS ANGELES, spoke of the lack of safety for BIPOC queer people as well as the proposed Behavioral Health Crisis Response unit.

DANIEL REIF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G. since it is not a living wage.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne thanked the public for their comments. She referenced Councilmember D'Amico's request from the last meeting for the female Councilmembers to wear ties at tonight's meeting and thanked Richard Maggio for helping her with her outfit. She also thanked Mayor Meister for joining her in the

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challenge. She challenged the male Councilmembers to wear a blouse or dress at the next meeting. She thanked the 16 people who attended her latest Sips with Sepi event at Blackwood Coffee over the weekend. She expressed support for our Pickleball community and noted that about 100 residents are part of an online group. She requested an update for pickleball spaces at our parks to provide them an opportunity to play. She spoke about the LA County Economic Development Commission (EDC) Eddy Awards Ceremony, and she thanked City staff and her colleagues for West Hollywood's win as 2021's Most Business Friendly City. She reported that she attended the Events Subcommittee, the LA EDC Annual Eddy Awards, and the National League of Cities Virtual Annual City Summit. She requested a report from staff at a future meeting on ADA parking spaces at the 5-story parking garage adjacent to the West Hollywood Library. Lastly, she asked for information on the draft congressional redistricting maps, the letter the City Manager sent contesting the draft map, and how the public can comment on the proposed maps.

Councilmember Erickson attended Sips with Sepi, the Events Subcommittee meeting, National League of Cities Virtual Annual City Summit, and the Imperial Court of Los Angeles Coronation where he presented a proclamation. He also attended the Stonewall Awards and congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne on receiving the Trailblazer Award as well as Karen Eyres for receiving the Member of the Year Award along with Unite Here 11. He reported that he met with Spin and Link to discuss scooters in the City and thanked resident Mikie Friedman for her continued advocacy on the issue. He joined the Emerald Village board meeting and went with Mayor Meister and Councilmember Horvath to the grand opening of the Gym Sports Bar & Grill. He also attended the LA EDC Annual Eddy Awards and recognized the work done to receive this award by the prior City Council. He wished the community an early Hannukah, acknowledged the Veterans Day events, and reminded everyone that World Aids Day events will occur soon. He requested an update from staff on the re-opening of West Hollywood Park, specifically the playground. He commented on the minimum wage conversation, the public comments on it this evening, and acknowledged that there is more work to do. He touched upon a question on Item 5.B. and provided direction on surveillance.

Councilmember D'Amico accepted Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne's challenge for a blouse or dress at the next meeting. He reported that he attended the 2021 Biennale Architettura. He commented on the minimum wage ordinance and requested that staff analyze each point identified by the business community in the City Manager's memo and return with an Item to the City Council. He further commented that the conversation isn't over, and he thanked the speakers for all that he has learned through this process. He referenced his long experience on the City Council and spoke about the initial Seismic Retrofit ordinance that required modifications after its passage. He shared his experience when the City announced that it would be the first fur free City. Lastly, he congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne on her Stoney award.

Mayor Meister inquired about Councilmember Erickson's concerns for Item 5.B. He expressed concern with possible surveillance and how it is implemented. She addressed his concerns. Mayor Meister reported that she attended the ribbon cutting

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for Gym Sports Bar & Grill as well as the LA EDC Annual Eddy Awards, and thanked staff for their work during the pandemic. She requested a wage analysis for Item 2.G. and asked the City Manager and City Attorney to look into a highly-compensated employee exclusion and how that could co-exist with a Citywide minimum wage on compensated sick leave hours. She agrees with Councilmember D'Amico's recommendation to have staff analyze each of the points brought up by the business community and return with an Item outlining their findings. She expressed her excitement to have a minimum wage that works toward a livable wage and noted that it is important to her that this is done right. She also requested that staff define small and large businesses for full-time and part-time employees. For Item 5.B., she would like staff to coordinate with the Public Safety Commission regarding a rebate program and commercial neighborhood watch model. She reminded the community that December 1st is World AIDS Day and AIDS Watch events are viewable on WeHoTV November 20th thru December 2nd.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant City Manager Delgado announced that the rental assistance program is still available and encouraged interested residents to visit [HousingIsKey](#). He addressed Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne's inquiry regarding ADA spaces at the 5-Story Parking Garage.

He introduced Recreation Services Manager Stephanie Martinez to provide a Pickleball update. She shared that currently the City is resurfacing the courts at Plummer Park, and that staff is working on a pickleball schedule. She also addressed an inquiry from Councilmember Erickson regarding the City's tennis vendor, Tenacity.

Community & Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard responded to Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne's request about the draft congressional redistricting maps. Mr. Leonard explained that every 10 years are re-drawn based on the latest census data. Typically, maps are re-drawn by citizen committees. The latest draft map will split West Hollywood into two congressional districts. The City Manager sent a letter today opposing the current draft map for West Hollywood. Interested members of the community may visit wedrawthelinesca.org to submit public comment to the re-districting commission.

Lastly, Director of Facilities & Recreation Steve Campbell provided an update on West Hollywood Park. He commented that the playground requires additional inspections before it can be opened to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 2.I. and the addition of Items 5.A. and 5.B. is \$1,406,000 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, and (\$0) in waived fees.

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2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, November 15, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, November 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 November 3, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 897 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 897 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5462, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 897." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. AB 361 - ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR CITY BROWN ACT MEETINGS [L. LANGER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will authorize the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings for the City's Brown Act meetings as required under AB 361.

ACTION: 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. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1166 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE PARLORS AND MASSAGE TECHNICIANS AND RENAMING CHAPTER 5.72 (MASSAGE PARLORS AND TECHNICIANS) IN TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES,

REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND TECHNICIANS.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1166, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE PARLORS AND MASSAGE TECHNICIANS AND RENAMING CHAPTER 5.72 (MASSAGE PARLORS AND TECHNICIANS) IN TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND TECHNICIANS.”

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1166, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE PARLORS AND MASSAGE TECHNICIANS AND RENAMING CHAPTER 5.72 (MASSAGE PARLORS AND TECHNICIANS) IN TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND TECHNICIANS.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1167 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY TWENTY (20) MONTHS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001-9017 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1167, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY TWENTY (20) MONTHS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001-9017 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.”

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1167, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY TWENTY (20) MONTHS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001-9017 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.G. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1168 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.130 MINIMUM WAGE AND ARTICLE 5 MINIMUM WAGE TO TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A CITY-WIDE MINIMUM WAGE.”
[M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1168, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.130 MINIMUM WAGE AND ARTICLE 5 MINIMUM WAGE TO TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A CITY-WIDE MINIMUM WAGE.”

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1168, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 5.130 MINIMUM WAGE AND ARTICLE 5 MINIMUM WAGE TO TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A CITY-WIDE MINIMUM WAGE.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1169 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 15 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLES AND ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1169, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 15 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLES AND ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION.”

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1169, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 15 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLES AND ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1170 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.28 TO TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN A RESIDENCE.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1170, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 9.28 TO TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY) OF THE WEST

HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN A RESIDENCE.”

ACTION: This Item was Tabled to December 6, 2021.

2.J. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

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

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

2.K. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended September 2021 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Receive and file the September 2021 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE VISTA STREET FRONTAGE OF THE GINADAN CAPITAL LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 1035 VISTA STREET [J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND, L. THU]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the Vista Street frontage of the Ginadan Capital LLC development project, located at 1035 Vista Street.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5463 "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 1035 VISTA STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of the Resolution as well as the Easement Description and Plan for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

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

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Assignment Agreement for a Proposition A local return fund exchange with the City of Lakewood for \$1,400,000 in City of West Hollywood General Fund dollars in exchange for \$2,000,000 in City of Lakewood 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 \$1,400,000 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.N. STATE GRANT RESOLUTION [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City to submit a future grant application under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 Per Capita Grant Program.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5464, "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING APPLICATION(S) FOR PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee as the authority to conduct all negotiations, execute, sign, and submit all documents, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests necessary for the completion of grant funded project(s). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. ACKNOWLEDGE DECEMBER 1, 2021 AS "WORLD AIDS DAY", APPROVE CITY PARTICIPATION AND SPONSORSHIP OF RELATED EVENTS [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, D. MURRAY, D. SAUNDERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will acknowledge December 1, 2021, as World AIDS Day and approve City participation and sponsorship of related programming.

ACTIONS: 1) The City Council of the City of West Hollywood will proclaim December 1, 2021, as World AIDS Day and approve City participation and sponsorship of related programming; 2) Direct staff to work with the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the programming including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media platforms; and 3) Authorize the use of the City of West Hollywood logo on materials associated with related programming. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. (5.A.) EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RESTROOMS [L. MEISTER, S. SHYNE, C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a request from the Council Subcommittee on Homelessness to direct staff to explore increased access to public restrooms through additional and alternative facilities.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to conduct a multi-departmental effort to explore options to safely increase access to public restrooms throughout the City

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through additional and alternative facilities; 2) Direct staff to seek input from the City's Public Facilities Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Public Safety Commission, the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, West Hollywood community members currently experiencing homelessness and other stakeholders as appropriate; 3) Direct staff to explore state and county funding opportunities for the implementation and ongoing operations; and 4) Return to Council with analysis and recommendations, including potential sites, opportunities and challenges, and fiscal impacts. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. (5.B.) MEASURES TO INCREASE COMMUNITY SAFETY ON COMMERCIAL STREETS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with the Public Safety Commission and the business community to develop measures to increase community safety on commercial streets, including but not limited to, developing a commercial public safety camera rebate program and gathering feedback on a Neighborhood Watch model for commercial areas.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to work with the Public Safety Commission and the business community to increase community safety on commercial streets, including: a. Develop a commercial public safety camera rebate program to increase the number of cameras on commercial corridors, b. Gather feedback from businesses on a Neighborhood Watch model for commercial areas; and 2) Return to City Council with recommendations for moving forward with these ideas and other possible options for increasing community safety on commercial streets. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EDUCATION, SIGNAGE, AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SERVE ALCOHOL FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEE SCHEDULE [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, K. COOK, E. RAMIREZ, B. MOULDER, C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ordinance amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to require posting of signage and training concerning the safety and awareness of patrons at business establishments that serve alcohol for on-site consumption; develop a public educational campaign to promote this effort; amending Chapter 1.08 in Title 1 by adding violations of the new chapter to the list of municipal code chapters and sections that are subject to administrative penalty procedures; and amending the Master Fee Resolution to make

adjustments to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and adding violations of new Chapter 9.13 in Title 9 to the Administrative Citation Fee Schedule.

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Crowder reported that the public hearing was noticed in the West Hollywood Independent, and the City's legally-required posting locations as required by law.

Code Compliance Manager Danny Rivas provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 15, 2021.

DAVID JUAREZ, DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, spoke on behalf of the California Restaurant Association requesting that restaurants be exempt from this training. He also noted that the April 1, 2022 deadline is concerning for its members.

WALTER SCHILD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the existing state requirements that already mandate certain types of training.

Mayor Meister requested that Mr. Rivas address the concerns expressed under public testimony.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired if managers and security guards working at these establishments are subject to the training as well. Code Compliance Manager Rivas responded to her inquiry.

Mayor Meister closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 21-1171: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 9.13 (BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS – POSTING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS) OF TITLE 9 (PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY) TO REQUIRE POSTING OF SIGNAGE AND TRAINING RELATED TO PATRON SAFETY AND AWARENESS AT BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SERVE ALCOHOL FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION; AMENDING TITLE 5 FOR REFERENCE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) TO MAKE VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES;" 2) Adopt Resolution 21-5465: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE MASTER FEE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 TO MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT TO CHAPTER 17.30 (TENANT PROTECTION DURING CONSTRUCTION) AND ADDING VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 9.13 (BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS – POSTING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS), SECTIONS 17.28.060 (POSTING), 17.52.110

(TEMPORARY REPOSSESSION FOR AUTHORIZED CORRECTIONS), 17.56.010.H.3 (POSTING OF REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS), AND 17.56.010.H.4 (EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS) TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEE SCHEDULE;" and 3) 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 Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*****Items 4.A., 4.B., 4.C., and 4.D. were heard together as one Item*****

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DIRECTION TO STAFF, CONSIDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH BLOCK BY BLOCK FOR SECURITY AMBASSADOR SERVICES TO STAFF AN EASTSIDE KIOSK, RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT TO SERVE THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY, DISCUSS GOALS REGARDING COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING, AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND FUNDING STRATEGIES THAT ARE ALIGNED WITH ARTICULATED PRIORITIES.

City Manager David Wilson introduced the presentation. He shared the goals for the discussion. He noted that the discussion should include community and Council priorities, safety and well-being, racial and social equity, and cumulative financial impact. He stated that Los Angeles County Acting Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) – West Hollywood Station Captain Ed Ramirez will provide the Public Safety Update, followed by Richard Bernard of FM3 who will present the results of the resident survey, and conclude with a presentation by staff regarding Community Safety & Well-Being as well as the proposed Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit and fiscal impacts.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Drew Smith and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) – West Hollywood Station Captain Ed Ramirez provided background information as outlined in the staff report for item 4.A. dated November 15, 2021.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about rapes and sexual assaults. He also inquired about the homicide on October 28, 2021 at Avalon West Hollywood. Captain Ramirez was unable to provide additional information on the crime since it is still under investigation by homicide detectives.

Councilmember D'Amico expressed frustration with the vague responses from the Sheriff's Department. He also requested information on the time spent by Sheriff's Deputies on non-violent calls versus Part I and Part II crimes.

Mayor Meister noted complaints about Sheriff's deputies not wanting to take reports and asked about administrative reports being taken by other staff so sworn personnel could be out in the field. Captain Ramirez responded. Mayor Meister thanked the station volunteers for their 1259 donated hours valued at \$33,829.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne asked about the number of LASD personnel assigned to the West Hollywood Station. Public Safety Director Kristin Cook responded.

Councilmember Erickson inquired about dispatch operations. Captain Ramirez responded.

Richard Bernard, of FM3 Research, presented the results of the community safety survey his firm conducted on behalf of the City.

The City Council took a recess at 8:48 p.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m.

Councilmember Erickson inquired about how the survey was conducted. Mayor Meister asked about the soundness of forced choice questions. She also noted some contradictory results. Mr. Bernard responded. Mr. Bernard responded.

Budget Officer Christine Safriet and Public Safety Director Kristin Cook provided background information as outlined in the staff report items 4.B. and 4.D. dated November 15, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne asked for clarification on West Hollywood Station staffing numbers and their shift schedules. Public Safety Director Cook and LASD Captain Ramirez responded.

Councilmember Erickson inquired about the use of Measure E and billboard funds. City Manager David Wilson responded to this inquiry.

Social Services Manager David Giugni, Social Services Program Administrator Derek Murray provided background information as outlined in the staff report item 4.D. dated November 15, 2021.

Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck, and Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator Elizabeth Anderson provided background information as outlined in the staff report item 4.C. dated November 15, 2021.

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CHELSEA BYERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit.

MICHAEL WOJKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of prevention to assist community members.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to funding law enforcement, working to prevent crime, and addressing systemic racism.

DANIEL REIF, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to LASD and the harm done by law enforcement.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of the City's public safety.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about phasing out the LASD contract for a better and safer West Hollywood.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the social services care units and does not support removing the Sheriff's contract.

JOHN VARGAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of additional public restrooms, additional MET Teams, and a Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the lack of safety in the community and the lack of communication to residents regarding recent crimes.

JESS STEEVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of MET teams, in opposition to the kiosk, and opposition to the LASD.

Mayor Meister provided an outline for the City Council discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne supports fully funding the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit. She requested a discussion on Block by Block and requested that they are a referral for the City's service providers as opposed to LASD. She supports the Public Safety Commission's recommendation to conduct community outreach about Block by Block and diverting non-criminal calls from LASD to Block by Block. She asked that staff work to reimagine community safety that diverts funds to social services that do not require an armed police response and supports a feasibility study for a City police department. She inquired if parking enforcement can issue citations as opposed to Sheriff's Deputies.

Councilmember D'Amico shared that he researched state and local expenditures for public safety noting that it averages \$527 per capita as of 2019 which aligns with the City's current costs. He commented that he'd like to craft a Public Safety Strategic Plan which outlines all of the services provided and associated costs that would allow a robust and informed discussion by the City Council. He spoke about the City's Public Safety Department and recommended a more robust department.

Mayor Meister shared her perspective on law enforcement as a former Public Safety Commissioner. She is looking forward to seeing the results of the Center for Policing Equity (CPE) report. She does not support decreasing the number of Sheriff's Deputies but would rather see them freed up to focus on law enforcement. She is open to a feasibility study for a West Hollywood Police Department; however, she noted the additional expenses City's incur as a full-service City. She highlighted that when we have big events that the County provides personnel. She noted she is in favor of pursuing the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit pilot but as it may cost \$5 million dollars, City Council needs to consider the budget and what items it may need to cut in the future. She also mentioned that one of the metrics of the pilot must be to track if calls to police and fire decrease. She commented that she is in favor of additional Block by Block support; however, a kiosk may not help since she sees security at the Gateway currently with no noticeable difference.

Councilmember Erickson supports staff returning with an update regarding Item 4.D. and the effectiveness of the Eastside kiosk at 30, 60, 90-day intervals. He suggested an education campaign for the businesses on the Eastside, so they know who to call for service. He thanked the members of the public spoke this evening and appreciated the detail provided by staff in the presentations. He emphasized that the City is not done and that the work will continue in crafting community safety. He would also like to see a feasibility study but also to reimagine community safety as Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne recommended. He would like to holistically audit the LASD contract to help the Council understand and communicate information to residents. He commented on his concerns with LASD Sheriff Villanueva, and his views on unhoused members of the community, law and order, and vaccinations for Sheriff's personnel.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Amendment to the Agreement for Services with Block by Block to increase the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$2,099,723.04 by an additional \$140,000, for a total of \$2,239,723.04 to cover the costs of providing additional services; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$95,000 from unallocated General Fund Reserves for these services; and 4) Report back to the City Council in 90 days on the effectiveness of the Gateway

Kiosk. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve proposed updates to the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit program scope and design as detailed in Section 1, Part D; 2) Direct the Strategic Initiatives Division to further explore identified funding strategies and report back on feasibility of establishing funding partnerships with external partners; 3) Direct the Strategic Initiatives Division to further explore potential governmental and non-profit agency partner/s for service delivery; and 4) Direct the Strategic Initiatives Division to provide the next update to City Council in March 2022. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. EXPLORATION OF ALTERNATIVE AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RESTROOMS [L. MEISTER, S. SHYNE, C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a request from the Council Subcommittee on Homelessness to direct staff to explore increased access to public restrooms through additional and alternative facilities.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. MEASURES TO INCREASE COMMUNITY SAFETY ON COMMERCIAL STREETS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with the Public Safety Commission and the business community to develop measures to increase community safety on commercial streets, including but not limited to, developing a commercial public safety camera rebate program and gathering feedback on a Neighborhood Watch model for commercial areas.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the passing of his service dog P-squared.

ENOCH MILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to request a more robust minimum wage ordinance, human services for a care-first approach, and to divest from LASD.

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COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Meister noted that one of the Public Safety Commission's recommendations was to investigate ways of improving the West Hollywood Station and noted her support of the recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:49 P.M. in memory of Linda Ann Averill, Bryan Matthew Pruter, Dr. Roger Allen Hoopingarner, and P-Squared to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. *via a Hybrid Format (In-Person and via Teleconference).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 6th day of December, 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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