

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021  
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Rachel Resnick 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:** City Manager Wilson, City Attorney Langer, City Clerk Crowder, and Assistant City Clerk Poblador.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilmember Erickson requested that Items 5.A., 5.B., and 5.C. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.BB., 2.CC., and 2.DD., respectively.

**Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, to approve the December 20, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Henry Orenstein and Anne Rice.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Eve Babitz.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Loretta Belle Bernard.

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gerald Judson Lunn.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Professor Hasmik Arakelyan was presented a Proclamation for her LGBT advocacy on her college campuses by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne.

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**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

RACHEL RESNICK, NCJW, spoke in support of Item 2.V.

AUGUSTE MILLER, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.M.

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

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the upcoming Olympic games and visual cleansing of unhoused members of the community and how to support them.

CHELSEA BYERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.B. and pleased it was moved to Consent Calendar.

HEKMAT FARNOOSH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to request removing the end of rent increases as a small complex landlord.

MARCUS BAISLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about workforce hiring for City projects in regard to climate action.

MARQUITA THOMAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.D.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Horvath commented on several Consent Calendar items including Item 2.K., 2.M., Item 2.Z., and Item 2.CC. (*Item 5.B.*). She reported her attendance at the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board and Oversight Committee and the City's annual coaster distribution with Block by Block. She also reported that she met with West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Capt. Ramirez and Lt. Moulder regarding public safety concerns. She expressed concern over the recent reports of antisemitism in other states as well as neighboring communities. She concluded by wishing everyone a happy holiday season and New Year.

Councilmember D'Amico commented on Item 2.BB. (*Item 5.B.*) and indicated his desire for staff to maximize the number of rooms in service for housing and utilize the parking lot for administrative space.

Councilmember Erickson wished the community a happy holiday season. He reported that he attended the Human Rights Speaker Series *Pray Away* as well as the Civilian Oversight Commission's presentation on LASD Gangs. He thanked those who attended Saturdays with John at Plummer Park. He reported his attendance at the Ready to Launch event, and the Advanced Study Webinar kickoff event. He reported that he was appointed to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission and the CalCities Transportation, Public Works, and Community by the LGBT caucus. He wished Public Safety Commissioner Tod Hallman Happy Birthday. He thanked staff for the Fountain Avenue improvements. He also indicated his support for the La Brea bus lanes. He agreed with Councilmember D'Amico's comments to maximize rooms for

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project Homekey. He requested an update on West Hollywood Park as well as the status of the proposed billboard conversion ordinance. He congratulated Joan and Lindsey Deaton for their new book. He thanked the community for coming together this past year and encouraged everyone to get their vaccinations and boosters.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne congratulated Councilmember Erickson on his recent appointments. She shared various ways that the community can give back this holiday season. She congratulated both the LA Blade and Washington Blade for making history as the first LGBT publication to have a seat at the White House Press Table. She reported her participation at the Laurel House Subcommittee meeting, the Public Facilities Commission's annual Green City Awards Ceremony, the Homelessness Subcommittee meeting, and led the monthly WSCCOG meeting. She commented that tomorrow night is Shabe Yalda, an Iranian celebration which celebrates the longest night of the year. She also wished everyone a happy holiday season and Happy New Year. She expressed her appreciation to the City's appointed officials and residents for enduring another year of the pandemic.

Mayor Meister reported her attendance at the Mayors Against LGBTQ Discrimination, the Sanitation District, Laurel House Subcommittee meeting, the City Council Homelessness Subcommittee meeting, the Public Facilities annual Green City Awards, and the WSCCOG meeting. She thanked Block by Block for delivering coasters for the Yes Means Yes campaign. With regard to Item 2.K. she thanked staff and the Human Services Commission for their work monitoring the social service programs and making funding recommendations. She mentioned Item 2.V. noting that its focus will be LGBTQIA low-income older adults. She mentioned Item 2.CC. (*Item 5.B.*) noting that this location was identified several years ago and is a major step in the City's 5-year plan to address homelessness. She provided information on upcoming events in the City. She thanked Councilmember Horvath for expressing her public safety concerns. She congratulated the LA Blade. She wished everyone a safe and Happy New Year. She wished her dad Marty Meister a Happy 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. She asked the City Manager to clarify the incident that occurred on Dorrington/San Vicente.

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

City Manager Wilson responded to the City Councilmember's inquiries. He noted that staff will return in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2022 with an update on the static billboard conversion ordinance. Director of Facilities and Recreation Services Steve Campbell provided an update on the opening of West Hollywood Park.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about reopening of El Tovar as well as pedestrian access to Robertson and San Vicente. Mr. Campbell responded that El Tovar will open within the next week or two as well as pedestrian access to Robertson. Public Safety Director Kristin Cook addressed Mayor Meister's inquiry regarding the Dorrington/San Vicente incident. She reported that it was a dispute between a landlord and tenant, not a burglary in progress/home invasion. City Manager Wilson reported that the single use utensils ordinance community outreach is completed, and that staff will return at the January 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. He noted that staff continue to field calls for service

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for COVID compliance concerns. He announced that the City will host a pet vaccination clinic at Plummer park on January 8, 2022. He mentioned concerns by the community regarding follow home robberies and retail thefts noting that anyone with these concerns should call the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station at 310-855-8850 or 911 for emergencies. He commented that staff has reactivated the "Yes Means Yes" sexual assault awareness campaign. He reported the recent organizational changes that were implemented.

He spoke about recent challenges with data from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, specifically the positivity rate which staff uses to determine whether the City Council will meet in person. The City Council provided feedback and gave him the authority to determine whether the City Council meetings are conducted via a hybrid format or teleconference.

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

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 5.A., 5.B., and 5.C. is \$6,491,373 in expenditures, \$776,323 in potential revenues, and (\$0) in waived fees.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X.,Y.,Z.,AA.,BB.,CC., DD. Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved.**

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

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 20, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, December 15, 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 December 6, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

### **2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 899 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending December 10, 2021 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Approve Demand Register NO. 899 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5469, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS

PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 899.” **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. 21-1172 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-1159 TO FIX A NUMBERING ERROR AND RENUMBER WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5.128 (HOTEL WORKER PROTECTION) AS CHAPTER 5.127 AND RETAINING EXISTING ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 5.128 (AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT) AND RENAMING ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 5 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1172, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-1159 TO FIX A NUMBERING ERROR AND RENUMBER WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5.128 (HOTEL WORKER PROTECTION) AS CHAPTER 5.127 AND RETAINING EXISTING ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 5.128 (AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT) AND RENAMING ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 5 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE.”*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1172, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-1159 TO FIX A NUMBERING ERROR AND RENUMBER WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5.128 (HOTEL WORKER PROTECTION) AS CHAPTER 5.127 AND RETAINING EXISTING ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 5.128 (AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT) AND RENAMING ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 5 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1173 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION**

**WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1173, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.”*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1173, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1174 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1174, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.”*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1174, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AT 9165-9169 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Historic Preservation Commission and Public Facilities Commission regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.*

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

**2.I. ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR CITY COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY BOARDS, AND THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the attendance reports for City Commissions, Advisory Boards, and the Social Justice Task Force meetings convened between January 2021 and November 2021.*

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

**2.J. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:**

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

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

**2.K. YEAR END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS 2020-21 [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the year-end report on Social Services contract programs for 2020-21.*

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

**2.L. WEST HOLLYWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT [D. WILSON, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT]:**

*SUBJECT: In accordance with the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, the West Hollywood Marketing Corporation (d.b.a. West Hollywood Travel & Tourism Board) has submitted the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District 2022 Annual Report for approval by the City Council.*

**ACTION:** Review and approve the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District 2022 Annual Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. METRO LA BREA AVENUE BUS PRIORITY LANES PROJECT [J. KEHO, R. EASON, D. FENN, C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, F. GOMEZ, D. NGUYEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the Metro La Brea Avenue Bus Priority Lanes Project and consider formally supporting the project and directing staff to explore the viability of a bus priority lane enforcement partnership with Metro.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Receive an update on the Metro La Brea Avenue Bus Priority Lanes Project; 2) Direct staff to send a letter to Metro formally supporting the project; and 3) Direct staff to explore the viability of a bus priority lane enforcement partnership with Metro. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GPA CONSULTING [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, A. CASTILLO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with GPA Consulting to modify the scope of services to include phase 2 of the preparation of the update to the Citywide Historic Resources Survey of Residential Properties in the R2, R3, and R4 Multi-Family Zoning Districts.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No.2 to the agreement for services with GPA Consulting in the amount of \$116,275 to continue preparation of the Citywide Historic Resources Survey of residential properties; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BARRICADES AND AAA FLAG AND BANNER [D. WILSON, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Southern California Barricades for monthly rental fees of concrete barriers and labor costs and amending the agreement for services with AAA Flag and Banner for barricade covers for the OUT Zone Parklet Program to modify the scope of services, increase the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement and extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2022.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for services with Southern California Barricades to modify the scope of services, increase the amount of the agreement by \$210,890 for a total not to exceed amount of \$435,890 and extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2022; 2) Approve Amendment No. 3 to the agreement for services with AAA Flag & Banner to increase the amount of the agreement by \$20,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$125,000 and extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2022; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH KIMLEY-HORN & ASSOCIATES [J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND, J. GILMOUR, E. TSIPIS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Kimley Horn & Associates to modify the scope of services and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment No. 3 to the agreement for services with Kimley-Horn & Associates, to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by \$298,250 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$498,250; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**



**2.Q. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR THE FACILITIES AND FIELD SERVICES DIVISION [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:**

*SUBJECT: The Council will consider approving amendments to current Agreements by increasing the not-to-exceed amounts for providing additional services to ensure a seamless continuation of services.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve extending the terms and revising the contract values as follows: a. Increase the not-to-exceed amounts of the Agreements listed in Attachment A, with a total increase of \$275,000 in contracted value for on-call services relative to the Aquatic and Recreation Center and emergency services; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the amendments to the Agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICE WITH CDW GOVERNMENT INC. (L. QUIJANO, E. TSIPIS, D. SANTOS):**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing a purchase order for services with CDW Government Inc. to provide Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS) in the cloud.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to issue a Purchase Order, subject to the review by the City Attorney, for iLand Disaster Recovery as a Services to CDW Government Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000 per year over the next three years (\$150,000.00) under the Sourcewell/NJPA purchasing alliance; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE 1201 VISTA STREET FRONTAGE [J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND, M. SOLOGUB]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement for street and sidewalk purposes along the frontage of the two-unit apartment building located at 1201 Vista Street.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5470 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 1201 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 Map for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.T. AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN AND RECEIPT OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider opting into settlement agreements with distributors of Opioids, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal*

*Health, and McKesson, and Opioid Manufacturer Janssen (owned by Johnson & Johnson).*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Opt into settlement agreement with opioid distributors, Amerisource Bergen Cardinal Health, and McKesson, whereby the City of West Hollywood will receive the City's designated share of settlement funds and direct the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to implement the action; and 2) Opt into settlement agreement with opioid manufacturer, Janssen (owned by Johnson & Johnson), whereby the City of West Hollywood will receive the City's designated share of the settlement funds and direct the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to implement the action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.U. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION, ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE BY-LAWS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR, L. LANGER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving amendments to the by-laws for the City's Commissions, Advisory Boards, and the Social Justice Task Force regarding the election of the Chair and Vice Chair, eligibility requirements for the nomination of the Chair, updated Rules of Decorum, and language for ways the Presiding Officer can effectively manage meetings.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Add language in Section 3.1.10 including tools to assist the Chair (Presiding Officer) in managing a meeting effectively; 2) Amend Section 3.2 of the Commission, Advisory Board, and Task Force by-laws to require the City Clerk or the City Clerk's designee to administer the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Co-Chairs in accordance with the processes developed by the City Clerk's Office; 3) Amend the Commission, Advisory Board, and Task Force by-laws to include a new section (Section 3.4) entitled "Eligibility Requirements of the Chair" which adds the six-month eligibility requirement for nomination as Chair as well as language that the current Chair cannot be nominated as Vice Chair; and 4) Update the Rules of Decorum removing the reference to "law enforcement." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.V. WEST HOLLYWOOD GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROJECT: UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, D. KAHN-EPSTEIN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving agreements for services for the research/evaluation partner and the non-profit administrative partner for the West Hollywood Guaranteed Income pilot program. Additionally, the Council will consider authorizing the allocation of Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG) funds as revenue and then as an expenditure to the non-profit partner for participant distribution funds, adopting a resolution to approve service agreements and acknowledge the public purpose of the pilot, and will receive an update on the pilot's progress towards launch.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve an agreement for services with the Center for Guaranteed Income Research at the University of Pennsylvania for \$86,236 for the research and evaluation of the pilot; 2) Approve an agreement for services with the National Council of Jewish Women for \$648,638 (includes \$450,000 of external participant distribution funds) for the administration of the pilot; 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements; 4) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate the City's allocation of Westside Cities Council of Governments Measure H funds, totaling \$337,500 by increasing the revenue and expenditure budget in the Grants Fund so that the \$337,500 will pass through to NCJW as part of the disbursement funds for the City's Guaranteed Income project. The first installment of \$112,500 will be awarded for January-June 2022, with the \$225,000 balance expected in July of 2022; 5) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5471 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR THE CITY'S GUARANTEED INCOME PILOT PROGRAM AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE PILOT;" and 6) Receive and file an update on the pilot launch. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.W. FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 RUSSIAN CULTURAL EVENTS [J. LEONARD, T. RODZINEK]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the programming for an upcoming series of cultural events produced by various non-profit organizations over the course of the fiscal year 2021-2022. The events are endorsed by the Russian Advisory Board. Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, all events will be held online and will be turned into in-person events if permitted by the City.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve programming for the virtual or in-person fiscal year 2021-22 Russian Cultural Events' series and direct staff to coordinate and promote these events; 2) Allow non-profit organizations to charge fees or accept donations to offset production costs for performances or related projects; 3) Authorize use of the City name and logo on promotional and collateral materials and the promotion of the events through the City's website, calendar, and social media networks; and 4) Make approvals contingent on the execution of appropriate permits and contractual agreements with the various producers and non-profit organizations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.X. ROE V. WADE ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION [J. LEONARD, L. FOOKS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of programming for the City's annual commemoration of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve programming for the City's annual commemoration of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, "Roe @ 49" – Courageous Conversations on Abortion", to be held on Sunday, January 23, 2022; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and

other collateral materials; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City's annual Roe v. Wade commemoration, with a focus on sharing resources via social media platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Y. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH [J. LEONARD, L. FOOKS, T. RODZINEK, K. COOK]:**

*SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider recognizing January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the Public Works Department to light City Hall and the City's lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard in the color blue to recognize National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month from January 10 – January 19, 2022; 2) Direct the Facilities & Recreation Service Department to light City Hall in the color blue to recognize National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month from January 10 – January 19, 2022; 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on digital collateral materials with partner agencies focused on human trafficking issues and services; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, with a focus on sharing resources via social media platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Z. 2022 WEST HOLLYWOOD MLK DAY OF SERVICE [J. LEONARD, L. FOOKS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the coordination of a MLK Day of Service activity in January 2022 to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the city.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to coordinate and promote appropriate 2022 MLK Day of Service activities and promote volunteerism to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote MLK Day of Service with a focus on sharing resources via social media platforms and sharing information. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.AA. WEST HOLLYWOOD EVERWALKS [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supporting and promoting a series of West Hollywood EverWalks with community members to discuss the history of the City and its buildings, to be led by author, journalist, motivational speaker, and long-distance swimmer Diana Nyad.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve the support and promotion of a series of West Hollywood EverWalks, focusing on City history, to be led by Diana Nyad; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the EverWalks including, but not limited

to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.BB. (5.A.) FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION RELATED ITEMS [J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND, V. GUARINO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the allocation of funding from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), for transportation related items.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$600,000.00 from Proposition C – Local Return Fund 204 unallocated reserves for roadway improvements; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$891,583.42 from Grants Fund - Fund 202 unallocated reserves for roadway improvements; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$66,000.00 from Measure R - Local Fund 205 unallocated reserves for micro-mobility program operations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.CC. (5.B.) AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR, AND PARTICIPATION IN, THE HOMEKEY PROGRAM [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, E. ANDERSON, O. DELGADO, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will authorize the application for, and participation in, the Homekey Program, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. If awarded a Homekey Program grant, funds would support an interim housing site in West Hollywood to serve community members experiencing homelessness.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5473 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND PARTICIPATION IN, THE HOMEKEY PROGRAM;" 2) Co-apply for Homekey Round 2 with Ascencia, the City's interim housing provider for adults, and direct staff to negotiate an MOU and return for Council approval; 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to facilitate application to the Homekey Program; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate up to \$2.8 million as the required City match to cover five years of operational subsidies, upon receipt of Homekey Round 2 award documentation, drawing from unallocated reserves in the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.DD. (5.C.) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 [L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ, C. DUNCAN, C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Program Planning Summary and budget for fiscal year 2022-23.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5474, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023;" 2) Approve the fiscal year 2022-23 CDBG program budget and instruct staff to submit the CDBG Program Planning Summary for approval to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, by February 1, 2022; 3) Authorize staff to adjust the fiscal-year 2022-23 program budget as necessary based on the final CDBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and any amounts remaining unspent at the close of the current fiscal year; and 4) Authorize the City Manager (or designee) to execute all documents necessary to receive the CDBG allocation. **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 RELATED TO NOISE FROM LOUD PARTIES OR GATHERINGS AND MAKING CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATES TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEE SCHEDULE [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS]:

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ordinance amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code related to noise from loud parties or gatherings; amending Chapter 1.08 in Title 1 by adding violations 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 Title 15 (Environmental Protection, Pollution and Solid Waste) violations and adding Chapter 5.130 (Minimum Wage) and Section 9.08.050.j (Loud Parties or Gatherings) to the Administrative Citation Fee Schedule.*

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing.

The City Councilmembers did not have any disclosures.

City Clerk Crowder reported that the Notice of Public Hearing was noticed as required by law.

Code Compliance Manager Danny Rivas provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2021.

Mayor Meister inquired about the hours of enforcement and asked about enforcement during the day. Mr. Rivas responded that this amendment to the municipal code provides more flexibility to Code Enforcement staff to address daytime noise.

AGASSI TOPCHIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item. He also noted that while not part of this item, he requested that the City enforce vehicle/motorcycle exhaust noise.

Mr. Rivas responded to the muffler noise citation query.

Mayor Meister closed the public hearing.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Introduce on First Reading Ordinance 21-1175: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.08 (NOISE) RELATING TO LOUD PARTIES AND GATHERINGS AND CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) TO MAKE VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE;” and 2) Adopt Resolution 21-5472: “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 TITLE 15 (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, POLLUTION AND SOLID WASTE) AND ADDING VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 9.08 (NOISE) AND CHAPTER 5.130 (MINIMUM WAGE) TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEE SCHEDULE.” **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### 4.A. FINAL CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN (WEHO CLIMATE ACTION) [J. KEHO, R. EASON]:

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a final 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. The City Council will also consider directing staff to prepare and issue a request for proposals to develop Equitable Building Performance Standards for Existing Buildings in West Hollywood, per ‘WeHo Climate Action’ Subaction EN-1A under the Energy Section.*

Long Range Planning Manager Robyn Eason provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2021, specifically equitable building standards.

Both Councilmember Horvath and Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne thanked Ms. Eason for her and her team's work on the Climate Action Plan ("Plan"). Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne also expressed her appreciation for including Council's previous direction to accelerate carbon neutrality by 2035.

Mayor Meister requested that staff conduct community outreach prior to issuing the Request for Proposals (RFP) as well as working with Rent Stabilization and Housing to ensure this doesn't affect the rent stabilized housing. Ms. Eason responded.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Final Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (WeHo Climate Action); 2) Adopt an addendum to the 2011 General Plan and Climate Action Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR), prepared in accordance with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and 3) Direct staff to prepare and issue a request for proposals to develop Equitable Building Performance Standards for Existing Buildings in West Hollywood ('WeHo Climate Action' Subaction EN-1A under the Energy Section). **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

**4.B. UPDATE REGARDING IN-PERSON EVENTS [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, J. HEREDIA, B. SMITH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update regarding events in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and consider authorizing limited, in-person, outdoor City events, City Co-sponsored events, and private events at City facilities between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022.*

Event Services Manager Cleo Smith provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2021.

Mayor Meister inquired about vaccination requirements for outdoor events. City Attorney Langer responded to her inquiry noting that the Executive Order is silent on outdoor events.

Councilmember Erickson inquired how this would affect outdoor sporting events as well as sport activities inside City facilities. Director of Facilities and Recreation Services Steve Campbell and City Attorney Langer responded to his inquiry. Councilmember Erickson also requested that the City work with the sports organizations to provide other City spaces. City Manager Wilson indicated that staff will provide an update on indoor sport activities as we get closer to the opening of the ARC.



Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about indoor sporting events for people who are vaccinated and wearing masks. Mr. Campbell responded to her inquiry. She requested that staff return in three months for more discussion and direction.

Councilmember Horvath commented that if we aren't having indoor City Council meetings then we should not allow indoor events. She indicated her support for staff's recommendations and is comfortable with giving authorization to the City Manager to approve events on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember D'Amico recommends a 3-month follow-up to the City Council from staff.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to return to the City Council for a follow-up discussion in three (3) months; 2) Receive an update regarding the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's guidelines for in-person events; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to approve in-person, outdoor events on a limited, case-by-case basis, including City events, City Co-sponsored events and private events to be held at City facilities between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022, provided that the events adhere to the COVID-19 safety protocols outlined in this report. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

**4.C. UPDATE REGARDING PROGRAMMING OPTIONS FOR WEHO PRIDE 2022 [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK, J. LEONARD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update regarding WeHo Pride 2022 planning and will consider programming options for WeHo Pride 2022. The City Council will be asked to direct staff to continue to negotiate an agreement with JJLA, Inc. based on its direction related to programming.*

Events Services Supervisor Megan Reath and Jeff Consoletti of JJLA provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2021.

Councilmember Horvath asked for clarification on the recommendations of the City Council West Hollywood Pride Subcommittee. Ms. Reath responded.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about JJLA's Out Loud event. Mr. Consoletti event.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about revenue streams such as sponsorships. Mr. Consoletti responded.

ROBERT OLIVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a West Hollywood Pride and increased funding for Trans Pride, Sober Pride, Bi Pride, the Dyke March, and Black Pride.

CHRIS BALDWIN, on behalf of the L-PROJECT, spoke in favor of the Item and would like to produce the Women's Freedom Festival in conjunction with JJLA.

Councilmember D'Amico recommended that JJLA produce Out Loud at West Hollywood Park and work with affinity groups such as the L-Project, Trans Pride, Black Pride, and others. And similar to Pride 2021, he suggested engaging the business community to participate.

Mayor Meister agrees with Councilmember D'Amico's recommendations. She suggested that staff return to discuss the items in Table 3. She agrees with engaging businesses

Councilmember Horvath expressed the desire for a parade which would be produced by one of the affinity groups.

Councilmember Erickson concurred with Councilmember Horvath and encouraged an event along Santa Monica Blvd.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne would like the City to work with Black Pride, Sizzle, Still Bisexual, the L-Project, and Trans Pride and requested that staff return at the January 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting with an update. She agrees with Councilmember D'Amico's recommendation for JJLA to produce Out Loud at West Hollywood Park as well as activating businesses similar to Pride 2021. She also recommended that the affinity groups produce their own events.

Councilmember Erickson expressed concern that the discussion has moved away from a West Hollywood Pride.

Mr. Consoletti provided clarification on the services that JJLA would provide and noted that he will work with the affinity groups.

City Manager Wilson requested that the City Council provide a budget to staff so that negotiations can begin with both JJLA and the affinity groups.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Receive an update regarding WeHo Pride 2022 planning, including a presentation of programming options proposed by JJLA, Inc.; 2) Approve JJLA to produce a private event for Out Loud the first weekend of June at West Hollywood Park; 3) Accept the proposal from the L-Project to produce the Women's Freedom March; 4) Direct staff to open an application process for a parade that would be conducted by another entity in partnership with JJLA; and 5) Provide up to \$1,000,000 in funding

by the City for amplified community events. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

*\*\*The City Council took a recess at 9:30 p.m. and returned at 9:40 p.m.\*\**

**4.D. AD HOC EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FY 2022-23 BUDGETED SPECIAL EVENTS LIST [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Events Subcommittee and provide direction on the Subcommittee's purview going forward.*

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2021.

AGASSI TOPCHIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the 50% budget reduction for the Russian Festival as well as the removal of Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne provided clarification regarding the Halloween Carnival and Yom HaShoah.

Councilmember Erickson provided additional information on the reduction of funding for certain events. He also noted that the goal is that non-profits and other organizations conduct events. He requested that staff clarify the term "remove from list" on the chart. Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor Andi Lovano responded to this request.

Councilmember Horvath expressed confusion with the chart, specifically what was removed, what was kept, and the thought process in reaching the recommendations. She also inquired what metrics were used by the Events Subcommittee to make their recommendations. City Manager Wilson responded.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about current funding for events associated with the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards. He shared World AIDS Day as an example for utilizing non-profits to host events. He inquired if the intention with removing some of the items is to require staff to return to the City Council for formal approval.

Councilmember Erickson noted that the subcommittee reviewed it holistically. He affirmed that proposed events not on the list would require City Council approval.

Mayor Meister inquired about whether the Subcommittee reviewed the in-person attendance numbers or last year's virtual event for the Russian

Festival. She also asked Ms. Lovano to share the spreadsheet outlining the funding for events by the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards.

Councilmember Horvath noted that some events are specific to communities in the City and would not be served by combining them with non-profit organizations.

City Manager Wilson clarified that online events oftentimes cost the City as much as in person events.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Accept the Ad Hoc Events Subcommittee's recommended modifications for the FY 2022-23 Budgeted Special Events list; 2) Retain the City's Yom HaShoah event; 2) Approve the expansion of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee's purview to include providing guidance to staff on an Events Policy and Procedure Framework. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION RELATED ITEMS [J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND, V. GUARINO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the allocation of funding from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), for transportation related items.*

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

**5.B. AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR, AND PARTICIPATION IN, THE HOMEKEY PROGRAM [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, E. ANDERSON, O. DELGADO, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will authorize the application for, and participation in, the Homekey Program, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. If awarded a Homekey Program grant, funds would support an interim housing site in West Hollywood to serve community members experiencing homelessness.*

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

**5.C. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 [L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ, C. DUNCAN, C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Program Planning Summary and budget for fiscal year 2022-23.*

**ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.**

**5.D. HOLIDAY SAFETY AMBASSADORS AND ENTERTAINMENT POLICING STAFFING [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider increasing the number of Block by Block Security Ambassadors in the City's business districts during the holiday season to promote enhanced community safety as more residents and visitors patronize the City's commercial areas. The City Council will also consider reinstating the Entertainment Policing Team Sergeant and Deputy that were reduced in fiscal year 2020-21 due to COVID-19 budget reductions.*

Mayor Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2021.

BILL KARPIAK, WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL MANAGER RAMADA HOTEL, spoke in support of the item.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of this item on behalf of the business community.

ROBERT OLIVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about moving towards community policing like foot patrols and bike patrols, as well as increasing affordable housing and offering a living wage.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

Mayor Meister noted that both Capt. Ramirez and Lt. Moulder have requested the reinstatement of the Entertainment Policing Team Sergeant and Deputy.

Councilmember Erickson mentioned the audit that the City requested from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. He commented that he is not comfortable providing an additional \$600,000 in funding to LASD. He also inquired how many sheriffs we have patrolling, and the work they are doing on behalf of the City. Public Safety Director Kristin Cook responded.

Councilmember D' Amico spoke regarding the increase in fear by the community. He noted that there is a perception that West Hollywood is not safe; however, the data does not match the level of fear. He will support the Item to help alleviate fear in the community, but he expressed concern with increasing the LASD budget.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne commented that she does not want to increase the LASD budget. She indicated her support for Recommendations #1 and #2, but further indicated that she cannot support Recommendations #3 and #4.

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Councilmember Horvath touched upon hearsay and misinformation that has been contributing to the public discourse of fear. She stated that Capt. Ramirez and Lt. Moulder shared with her that crime is down 20% from five years ago.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the Public Safety Department to increase the number of Block by Block Security Ambassadors in the City's business districts between the dates of December 21, 2021, and January 3, 2022; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$2,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the additional Block by Block Security Ambassadors; and 3) Direct staff to include reinstating the Entertainment Policing Team Sergeant and Deputy that were reduced during Fiscal Year 2020-21 due to COVID-19 when they return with the other items directed at the November 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting on Community Safety. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.**

**6. LEGISLATIVE: None.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None.**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Erickson also would like to adjourn in memory of Stephanie Martinez's father-in-law.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 11:16 P.M. in memory of Henry Orenstein, Anne Rice, Eve Babitz, Gerald Judson Lunn, and City employee Stephanie Martinez's father-in-law to its next regular meeting which will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. via a Hybrid Format (In-Person and Teleconference). In-Person attendance subject to change due to the status of COVID-19 state of emergency; however, the teleconference virtual option is always available. Please check the meeting agenda to confirm and for all information for participating in the meeting.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 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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