

\$30,000. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved noting the “no” vote of Mayor D’Amico.

- 4.B. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making at-large appointments to City Advisory Boards.

ACTIONS: 1) Council appointed Timothea Tway to the Women’s Advisory Board; and 2) Council Tabled the appointment to the Disabilities Advisory Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- 5.A. ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO GOVERNMENT ETHICS, CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ENFORCEMENT, AND CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON REVISIONS TO LOBBYIST ORDINANCE [C. SCHROEDER, Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, M. JENKINS, L. LANGER]:**

SUBJECT: The Ethics Reform Task Force (Task Force) was created by the City Council to evaluate the City’s laws and regulations pertaining to government ethics, lobbyist regulations, campaign finance, and enforcement, and recommend revisions, if needed. This report summarizes most of the Task Force’s recommendations to the City Council for the period from May 2018 through July 2019 and provides an opportunity for the City Council to consider an ordinance to prohibit campaign consultants from serving as lobbyists (discussion continued from October 7, 2019).

Assistant City Clerk Melissa Crowder provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 3, 2020.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the campaign contribution increase and the amount of money needed for campaigns in West Hollywood and throughout the United States.

MARQUITA THOMAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Recommendation #4.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of Recommendation #4.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the right time to implement the recommendations and spoke in opposition to Councilmember who are candidates voting on recommendation 4.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, MARINA DEL REY, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the definition of lobbyist and thanked for additional time. She indicated that the Chamber supports the other recommendations.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on various recommendations.

ACTIONS: 1) Council received the recommendation report from the Ethics Reform Task Force, and provided direction on each recommendation as follows:

Recommendation #1 – Filing of Campaign Communications. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor D’Amico, and approved noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Heilman.**

Recommendation #2 – Fair Political Practices Commission Enforcement of West Hollywood Campaign Finance and Government Ethics Laws. **Council provided additional direction relating to this item including obtaining additional information relating to costs. Council further stated that the FPPC should only investigate/prosecute on referral from the City Clerk; which will protect against excess costs and to avoid prosecution of minor offenses that can be resolved by the City Clerk. They directed staff to return with an item and proposed contract for approval.**

Recommendation #3 – Lobbyist Reporting. **The Ethics Reform Task Force will bring this item back to Council for discussion at a future meeting.**

Recommendation #4 – Campaign Contributions. **Council directed staff to prepare an Ordinance to increase the campaign contribution limit to \$1,000. Approved by consensus, noting the No vote of Councilmember Meister.**

Recommendation #5 – Public Financing System. **Council agreed that this topic can be considered as a future Ethics Reform Task Force topic.**

Recommendation #6 – Code of Conduct for City Contracts. **Council approved by Consensus to direct staff to include the Institute of Management Consultants USA Code of Ethics into City contracts.**

Recommendation #7 – Elected and Appointed Officials Serving on Boards of Directors for Non-Profit Organizations. **Council approved by Consensus to a) require that positions held by elected and appointed officials on Boards of Directors for Non-Profits be reported to the**

City through the Schedule C “Non-Profit Business Position” on their annual Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest filing as “No Income – Business Position Only, and b) Include language in the City’s Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials regarding the City’s current practice of Councilmembers recusing themselves from votes that involve City funded grants to non-profit organizations in which they serve on the Board.

Recommendation #8 – Restrictions on Campaign Officials Serving as Lobbyists. **The Ethics Reform Task Force will bring this item back to Council for discussion at a future meeting to discuss with recommendation #3.**

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath also requested that the Ethics Reform Task Force look into the topic of limiting developer contributions and bring recommendations back to Council for consideration. **Approved by Consensus.**

5.B. CELEBRATING MULTICULTURAL WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to look at celebrating our cultural diversity by developing promotional material which includes our existing cultural celebrations. The Council will also consider directing staff to look at additional culturally significant dates to determine whether it is appropriate to add to our existing list of activities.

Councilmember Meister spoke regarding the number of cultural holidays on the list and asked whether staff would be categorizing each holiday and determining how best to recognize it; whether it be an official event, supporting another event or recognition via a social media post, etc.

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath confirmed that the recommendations in the report directs staff to review the list and develop a plan to recognize each holiday.

Mayor D’Amico requested that National Donut Day and National Social Media Day be added to the list.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to develop the “Multicultural West Hollywood” series, which will include developing promotional materials in recognition of cultural holidays annually celebrated in West Hollywood. Recognitions may include social media posts, presentations at City Council meetings, press conferences, community events/discussions, and other ways to educate the community and engage in diverse cultural celebrations and important recognitions; 2) Direct staff to evaluate the list of cultural holidays provided in Attachment A to determine which dates should be added to the list of annual recognitions and what type of recognition is