

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Meister called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember D'Amico 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:

City Clerk Crowder indicated that Staff is requesting that Item 3.B. be Continued to a Date Uncertain.

Councilmember Horvath requested that Items 5.A. and 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.S. and 2.T., respectively.

Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, to approve the February 7, 2022 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Edwin Allistair Hill, Sally Hodge, and Mary Cormier.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Amir Locke.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Erickson presented Proclamations to Barbara Poma and the onePULSE Foundation. In addition, Mayor Meister presented a key to the City to Barbara Poma.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

JESICA RYZENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.Q.

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ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about public safety and a car accident in his neighborhood as well as support for Item 2.Q. and Item 2.R.

DILLON HOSIER, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.Q.

VERED ELKOUBY NISIM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.Q.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about term limits for commissioners and board members.

ELAHE BOROKHIM, IRANIAN AMERICAN JEWISH FEDERATION WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.Q.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.K. and 2.L. as well as support of Item 2.Q.

ANDREW SOLOMON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to encourage the community to join the pickleball games at Plummer Park and invited all to the pickleball clinic this weekend.

ABBE LAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on Item 4.A. and supports leaving the name as the "West Hollywood Library".

WEST SEEGMILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a Freedom Picnic his group is holding in Plummer Park and in support of Item 2.Q.

VAN NGUYEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank the Council for the pickleball facilities and the space created for accessibility to all.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson commented on various Consent Calendar items. He mentioned the Vision Zero plan and noted a recent KPPC story regarding the challenges with the City of Los Angeles' plan and requested that staff reach out to them. He requested that the City Manager address how Governor Newsom's lifting of the mask mandate effects the City. He shared the new function on the City's website where community members can report any streetlight issues. He reported his attendance at the following: Attended CCA Legislative Committee call, the Senior Advisory Board meeting, the NCJW Roe Anniversary, WeHo reads, the West Hollywood Elementary School's kindness challenge, tour of the Athens facility in Sun Valley, National League of Cities on Homelessness, SCAG Joint Policy Meeting, Chamber Business call, Saturdays with John at Plummer Park, and presented a Proclamation to the OnePULSE Foundation at Rocco's. In addition, he thanked Mayor Meister for presenting a key to the City to Barbara Poma of the OnePULSE Foundation. Finally, he invited everyone to attend the upcoming Human Rights Speaker Series discussion.

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Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne reported her attendance at the following: NCJW Roe Commemorative Event, West Hollywood Elementary kindness challenge, WeHo Reads, Homelessness Subcommittee meeting, the Finance and Budget Subcommittee meeting, a tour of the Athens Facility in Sun Valley, French market groundbreaking, and the ribbon cutting for 10th anniversary of Kitchen24. She commented on several Consent Calendar items. She wished everyone an early Valentine's Day and a happy Black History Month to our black residents and community members. She mentioned a few City-sponsored Black History Month events and encouraged members of the community to attend as well as the upcoming Community Update on the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative.

Councilmember D'Amico commented on his support of Item 5.A.; however, he noted that the station should stay on that piece of County land. He thanked staff and Public Facilities Commission on the re-opening of West Hollywood Park. He mentioned the City's minimum wage ordinance and the recent survey that was sent.

Councilmember Horvath asked the City Manager to provide a timeline for Items 2.H. and 2.J. She reported her attendance at the following: California Contract Cities Executive Board meeting, the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board and Oversight Committee of which she is now the Chair, Ending HIV County Committee, Clean Power Alliance, and the SCAG Transportation Joint Policy Committee meeting. She commented that she attended a ride along with Deputy Danny Martinez on patrol around the City. She noted that the Israeli American civil action network and the State Department regarding holocaust education policy. She mentioned Item 2.Q and the goals of keeping the Jewish community safe. She wished Happy Birthday to Margot Seigel and Jeff Consoletti. She congratulated Captain Ed Ramirez for his 2021 leadership award from EGLA. She addressed civility in public forums and the need for civil discourse in the community.

Mayor Meister attended the Sanitation District Personnel meeting, City Council subcommittees for Homelessness and Finance and Budget, SCAG joint policy meeting, French Market groundbreaking, kitchen 24, and WeHo reads. With regard to Item 2.H., she asked if we could also get estimates on cost for in-road warning signs at Lexington and Gardner, and Lexington and Vista. She noted her support for Items 2.K. and 2.L. but asked why Fehr and Gibson bids are so different. She thanked Councilmember Horvath for Item 2.Q. and noted that the Sheriffs did contact local Jewish groups after the incident at Sushi Fumi and she and Lt. Moulder's team spoke with parents and staff at Maimonides. She asked that the LA County district attorney be copied on the resolution for Item 2.Q. She agreed with Councilmember D'Amico's comments regarding Item 5.A. and does not want to change the location of the WeHo Sheriff's station and thinks that a new or remodeled station should be paid for by the County. She thanked staff and the Rent Stabilization Commission for their hard work on Item 6.A. She reminded members of the community to register for the upcoming Community Update on the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson responded to Councilmember inquiries.

Director of Economic Development John Leonard provided a brief overview for Item 5.A.

The GARE (Government Alliance on Racial Equity) initiative team provided a presentation to share what work they have been doing.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 5.A. and 6.A. is \$890,023 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, and (\$4,740) 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. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, February 7, 2022 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

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 January 18, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 901 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending January 28, 2022 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 901 and adopt Resolution No. 22-5478, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 901." **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. 22-1176 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 15.76 (NON-COMPOSTABLE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS PROHIBITED) TO PROHIBIT FOOD FACILITIES FROM PROVIDING NON-COMPOSTABLE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS TO CONSUMERS AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT." [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 22-1176, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 15.76 (NON-COMPOSTABLE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS PROHIBITED) TO PROHIBIT FOOD FACILITIES FROM PROVIDING NON-COMPOSTABLE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS TO CONSUMERS AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT."

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 22-1176, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 15.76 (NON-COMPOSTABLE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS PROHIBITED) TO PROHIBIT FOOD FACILITIES FROM PROVIDING NON-COMPOSTABLE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS TO CONSUMERS AND DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSSES [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Historic Preservation Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, Transportation Commission, Disabilities Advisory Board, Russian Advisory Board, Senior Advisory Board, and Social Justice Task Force regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.

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

2.G. NOTIFICATION OF ADVISORY BOARD ABSENCES [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive notification that three (3) Advisory Board members have exceeded the number of allowed absences in a twelve-month period.

ACTIONS: 1) City Council to receive notification that Ekatarina Kutepova has exceeded the number of allowed absences for the Russian Advisory Board and determine not to vacate the seat; 2) Councilmember D'Amico to receive notification that Robert Gamboa has exceeded the number of allowed absences for the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board and determine not to vacate the seat; and 3) Councilmember Erickson to receive notification that William McNeeley has exceeded the number of allowed absences for the Senior Advisory Board and determine not to vacate the seat. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH BAKER ELECTRIC, INC. TO INSTALL IN-ROADWAY WARNING LIGHTS AT FOUR LOCATIONS ON SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD [D. RIVAS, R. GARLAND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a construction agreement with Baker Electric, Inc. to furnish and install In-Roadway Warning Lights at four locations on Santa Monica Boulevard.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a construction agreement with Baker Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$203,829 to furnish and install In-Roadway Warning Lights at four locations on Santa Monica Boulevard; 2) Authorize the City Engineer to approve change orders to the construction agreement in an amount not to exceed 10% (\$20,383) of the agreement amount for a total of \$224,212; 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; and 4) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5479: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IN-ROADWAY WARNING LIGHTS AT FOUR LOCATIONS ON SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH DUKES ROOT CONTROL, INC. [D. RIVAS, R. GARLAND, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with Dukes Root Control, Inc. to perform root control services.

ACTION: Approve an agreement for services with Dukes Root Control, Inc. in the amount of \$352,940.83 for root control services and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.J. AGREEMENT WITH DKS ASSOCIATES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN [J. KEHO, R. EASON, B. CHEUNG]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of the agreement with DKS Associates for the development of a Vision Zero Action Plan.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for professional services with DKS Associates for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000 to prepare the development of a Vision Zero Action Plan; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.K. AGREEMENT WITH FEHR AND PEERS FOR THE FOUNTAIN AVENUE PROTECTED BICYCLE LANES FEASIBILITY STUDY [J. KEHO, R. EASON, B. CHEUNG]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of the agreement with Fehr and Peers for the Fountain Avenue Protected Bicycle Lanes Feasibility Study.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for professional services with Fehr and Peers for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$94,950 to prepare the Fountain Avenue Protected Bicycle Lanes Feasibility Study; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. AGREEMENT WITH GIBSON TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS FOR SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD PROTECTED BICYCLE LANES FEASIBILITY STUDY [J. KEHO, R. EASON, B. CHEUNG]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of the agreement with Gibson Transportation Consultants for the Santa Monica Boulevard Protected Bicycle Lanes Feasibility Study.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for professional services with Gibson Transportation Consultants, Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 to prepare the Santa Monica Boulevard Protected Bicycle Lanes Feasibility Study; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.M. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH PACWEST SECURITY SERVICES [K. COOK, M. KUSTANOVICH]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with PACWEST Security Services for security guard services for the new Aquatic and Recreation Center at West Hollywood Park.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for services with PACWEST to modify the scope of services to include security guards for the Aquatic and Recreation Center and to increase the amount of the agreement by \$95,919.76 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$587,063.66; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute

documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. UPDATE REGARDING THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION OSCARS EVENT [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supplemental requests from the Elton John AIDS Foundation relating to the City's co-sponsorship of their Annual Oscars Viewing Party and Charity Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, March 27, 2022, in West Hollywood Park.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the street closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue for event arrivals and departures from 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2022, through 6:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022; 2) Approve the exclusive use of the Five Story Parking Structure from 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2022, until 5:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022, at a reduced parking rate of \$6 per vehicle per day, in an amount not to exceed \$3,360; and 3) Approve the fee waiver of \$1,380 for the use of the Community Meeting Room from 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2022, until 1:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, J. KEHO, R. EASON, R. DIMOND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will authorize the application for, and participation in, the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Prohousing Designation Program.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5480 "A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM"; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to facilitate application for, receipt of, and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. MEASURES TO INCREASE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to take steps to increase its community resilience efforts internally and with the business community.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Manager to organize an internal meeting including relevant City divisions, Sheriff and Fire Departments, and City Attorney's office to discuss community resilience measures in place and determine additional policies and programs that may be beneficial; 2) Direct the Economic Development Department and Public Safety

Department to provide emergency preparedness and recovery information to businesses and encourage businesses to develop business continuity and resiliency plans; and 3) Direct the Economic Development Department to evaluate the feasibility and necessity of a business interruption insurance policy for the City. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. COMMUNITY SAFETY PROTOCOLS & SUPPORT FOR JEWISH PEOPLE, COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP [L. HORVATH, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to partner with representatives of the Jewish community, as well as public safety personnel, to address community safety concerns stemming from recent anti-Semitic incidents in the region.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to partner with representatives of the Jewish community, as well as public safety personnel, to address community safety concerns for Jewish people, community centers, and places of worship; 2) Direct staff, in conjunction with our community partners, to develop an action plan on the list of measures outlined in this staff report and provide the action plan to other municipalities as a model for local government support of the Jewish community; and 3) Direct staff to share the Jewish Community Safety Plan with relevant organizations including the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles and well as Israeli-American Civic Action Network, Jewish Federation Los Angeles, American Jewish Committee Los Angeles, Anti-Defamation League Los Angeles, Israeli American Council Los Angeles, and Combat Anti-Semitism. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. SPONSORSHIP OF PANEL DISCUSSION ADDRESSING WOMEN'S RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN IRAN AS PART OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKERS SERIES DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a virtual panel discussion on women's rights violations in Iran featuring Iranian women from different religions and cultures during Women's History Month as part of the Human Rights Speakers Series.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the sponsorship of a Human Rights Speakers Series virtual panel discussion addressing women's rights violations in Iran as part of the Human Rights Speakers Series during Women's History Month; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other materials; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. (5.A.) ANALYZE POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to analyze the potential temporary or permanent relocation of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station to assist in facilitating joint development at the Metro Division 7 Bus Yard/County Sheriff's Property at San Vicente Blvd and Santa Monica Blvd.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct City staff to analyze the potential relocation of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station to assist in facilitating joint development at the Metro Division 7 Bus Yard/County Sheriff's Property at San Vicente Blvd and Santa Monica Blvd. At a minimum, the analysis should include: Potential sites, Costs and financing structures, Development and ownership structures, and Minimum physical development envelope (square footage), and components and amenities that need to be included in the station; and 2) Direct City staff to have further discussions with Metro Joint Development, Los Angeles County, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department regarding the potential relocation. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. (6.A.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE AND A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE RENT STABILIZATION REGULATIONS [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, G. AVILES, A. ZRAIKAT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ordinance amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and a resolution amending the Rent Stabilization Regulations.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduce on first reading Ordinance 22-1177: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 17.08, CHAPTER 17.24, CHAPTER 17.28, CHAPTER 17.32, CHAPTER 17.52 AND CHAPTER 17.56 OF TITLE 17 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO A PROHIBITION FROM CHARGING ADDITIONAL PET SECURITY DEPOSITS, REGISTRATION AND REREGISTRATION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER SEPARATELY ALIENABLE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS, PROHIBITION OF SIDE AGREEMENTS, PROHIBITION OF SEPARATE BILLING OF MASTER METERED UTILITY SERVICES, REMOVAL OF PARKING, MINIMUM MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR FLOORS AND REGISTRATION OF RESIDENT MANAGER INFORMATION"; and 2) Adopt Resolution 22-5481: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RENT STABILIZATION REGULATIONS 20001, 22000, 41001, 60009, 60010, 60032, 60038, 60041, 60046, 60064, 60076, 80009 AND 80010". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ADOPTION OF HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT [J. KEHO, R. EASON, R. DIMOND, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review and make a determination on adoption of the final draft of the Housing Element and all associated documents, including the Technical Background Report. Additionally, the City Council will review and make a determination on the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Housing Element, which includes the adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Measures.

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing.

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

Mayor Meister requested any disclosures from the City Council and there were none.

Senior Planner Rachel Dimond and City consultant Veronica Tam of Veronica Tam & Associates provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 7, 2022.

Councilmember Erickson inquired about archaeological finds as well as the Historic Preservation Commission's findings. He also asked about the focus on commercial corridors. Ms. Dimond responded.

Councilmember D'Amico asked where the sites inventory is in the staff report. Ms. Dimond and Ms. Tam responded.

Mayor Meister inquired about state housing grants and funds and the total amounts available. Ms. Tam and Project Development Administrator Alicen Bartle responded. Mayor Meister also inquired about changes to the Avenues Bonus Program and if any outreach was done with the community. Ms. Dimond responded. She inquired about alternative #2 in the EIR being the superior alternative because it met allocated RHNA numbers and had less impacts than the project. Ryan Russell of Rincon Consultants responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested clarification on the vote by the Historic Preservation Commission with regard to the archeological assessment. Ms. Dimond responded.

REBECCA DAMAVANDI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to request more public input on this item.

JESICA RYZENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to adopting this item as written.

CHELSEA BYERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

ARTHUR BERNSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

ADAM KROLL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

Councilmember D'Amico provided clarification regarding some of the comments made by individuals during public testimony, specifically seismic fault lines and historic sites.

Councilmember Horvath inquired if staff is recommending the removal of historic properties through the Housing Element. Ms. Dimond responded to this inquiry. She also asked that staff clarify the statement of overriding consideration. Susanne Huerta of Rincon Consultants responded to this inquiry. Councilmember Horvath asked about affordable housing and how it is addressed in the Housing Element. Ms. Dimond responded.

Councilmember Erickson indicated that he would vote no on this item. He expressed frustration that the Housing Element does not go far enough to address the community's needs especially regarding rezoning, archeological finds, and a holistic approach to creating more housing.

Mayor Meister commented that we have housing; however, we do not have enough affordable housing. She referenced page 11-34 No. 12 of the redline version on "replacement housing". She indicated that replacement housing should have been brought to the City Council as an urgency item for consideration rather than SB9 as Planning Commission had made their recommendations in 2019. She requested that an item addressing this be brought for City Council consideration. She noted that she is opposed to unbundling parking. She mentioned a previous item that directed staff to create a list of developers that construct affordable housing. She indicated that she cannot support the EIR and, therefore, cannot support the approval of the Housing Element.

Councilmember D'Amico noted he is supportive of unbundling parking. He also stressed that we should keep references to reverting back to pre-Cityhood density for the R3 and R4 Districts.

Councilmember Horvath requested an initial Citywide archeological survey. She also proposed additional focus on affordable housing when new housing developments are proposed and explore optional zoning which encourages developments that the City Council has previously expressed interest. Lastly, she requested more education on what SB9 and SB10 propose to accomplish as it relates to our community including concrete examples.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne concurs with Mayor Meister's comments and agrees with Councilmember Horvath's comments. Specifically, she commented that we need more innovative thinking around affordable housing.

Mayor Meister closed the public hearing.

ACTION: This Item was Continued to a Date Certain of March 7, 2022.
Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.

The City Council took a recess at 9:08 p.m. and returned at 9:30 p.m.

3.B. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, AND TITLE 20, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ALLOW CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE R1A AND R1C ZONE DISTRICTS TO SUBDIVIDE THEIR PROPERTIES AND CONSTRUCT UP TO TWO DWELLING UNITS, PLUS ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (AS ALREADY AUTHORIZED), IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECENTLY ADOPTED STATE LAW (SB9) AND FINDING THE ACTION STATUTORILY AND CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA [J. KEHO, R. EASON, R. DIMOND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a Zone Text and Subdivision Amendment to amend the R1A and R1C zone district requirements to allow certain single family residentially zoned lots to be subdivided into two lots, and for two dwelling units to be built on each of those lots, in accordance with SB9, which resulted in recent changes to state law. The City Council will also consider an urgency ordinance with the same Code amendments, to become effective immediately, provided it is approved by a four-fifths vote of the City Council. The urgency ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, as described in additional detail below.

ACTION: This Item was Continued to a Date Uncertain.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. REQUEST TO RENAME THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the Public Facilities Commission's recommendation to undertake a larger process for renaming the West Hollywood Library.

ANDREW CAMPBELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of retaining the current name of the library.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of retaining the current name of the library.

ADAM KROLL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to suggest an LGBTQ individual to name the library.

JOHN KEITEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of retaining the current name of the library.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of retaining the current name of the library.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the process in gathering input and to retain the current name of the library.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne expressed concern with the survey that was sent to the community about renaming the library. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne recommended that the City retain the name West Hollywood Library and work to rename one of the rooms in the Library in honor of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Mayor Meister concurred with using a professional service for future surveys. She stated that it was unfortunate that another city completed a naming before the City of West Hollywood could do so and reiterated her belief that Justice Ginsburg represented the values of West Hollywood.

Councilmember D'Amico indicated that he could not support the item and expressed concern with the misogynistic comments made during the process over the last year. He noted that there was no concern expressed when the Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial was proposed.

City Manager Wilson clarified that the Library is a City facility; therefore, if the Council's direction is to rename a room in the Library honoring Ruth Bader Ginsburg it would be subject to the City's Naming Policy for the Naming of City Assets.

ACTIONS: 1) Retain the name as it is "West Hollywood Library"; 2) Utilizing the procedures outlined in the City's Naming Policy for the Naming of City Assets, direct staff to begin the process of renaming one of the rooms in the West Hollywood Library in honor of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved noting the ‘no’ vote of Councilmember D’Amico.

4.B. PLANNING UPDATE REGARDING WEHO PRIDE 2022 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WITH JJLA, INC. FOR EVENT PRODUCTION SERVICES AND FOR THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF “OUTLOUD” [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, KERRY MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a planning update regarding WeHo Pride 2022 and will consider approval of an Agreement of Services with JJLA, Inc. (JJLA) related to WeHo Pride 2022. The City Council will also consider a co-sponsorship of JJLA’s “OUTLOUD” concert event in West Hollywood Park.

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 7, 2022.

Councilmember Erickson expressed concern that the concept of a parade is being brought forward at this point in time. Councilmember D’Amico responded on behalf of the City Council Pride Subcommittee.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne also spoke on behalf of the City Council Pride Subcommittee and shared that a parade was not discussed during the last subcommittee meeting. She indicated that she would only support a parade the first weekend in June. She indicated that there is no mention of sponsorship opportunities in the staff report. If CSW/LA Pride submit a request for a permit to host a parade in West Hollywood on the first weekend of June that includes revenue offset for the additional public safety costs then she would be able to support it.

Councilmember Horvath expressed support for keeping any events to the first weekend of June and is not aware of a parade application. Ms. Reath responded.

Mayor Meister agreed with Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne regarding sponsorships to help defray any costs. She concurred that she could not support the parade being on a different weekend.

Councilmember D’Amico inquired about the fees related to a parade application submitted by a non-profit. Ms. Reath responded. He further inquired if staff could request that a percentage of revenue be shared with the City. Ms. Reath and City Attorney Langer responded.

City Manager Wilson advised on the additional public safety costs associated with a parade. He noted that at Council’s direction, staff can include possible sponsorships during contract negotiations.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive a planning update regarding WeHo Pride 2022; 2) Approve staff recommendation that “WeHo Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival” be established as the new name of “One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival;” 3) Approve expenditures in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 related to WeHo Pride 2022, with funding to be allocated as follows: a. Agreement for Services with JJLA in an amount not to exceed \$455,000, b. Funding for LGBTQ Affinity Group activations in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 (framework for recommended allocation process included later in this report), c. Funding for Public Safety at an estimated total of \$350,000, d. Facilities and Field Services at an estimated total of \$45,000; 4) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$1,000,000 from unallocated General Fund Reserves for WeHo Pride 2022; 5) Approve an Agreement for Services with JJLA in an amount not to exceed \$455,000 for production services related to WeHo Pride 2022; 6) Approve the closure of San Vicente Blvd. between Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 7PM and Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7AM for event elements, if necessary; 7) Authorize the City Manager or designee to continue to negotiate the details of JJLA’s Scope of Work, as they pertain to production services for WeHo Pride 2022, as well as execute documents incident to an agreement with JJLA that is similar in form to the draft agreement included as Attachment A of this report; 8) Authorize the City Manager to approve change orders to the agreement with JJLA in an amount not to exceed 20% (\$91,000); 9) Approve a Co-Sponsorship and Permit to Use City Property agreement with JJLA for the “OUTLOUD” concert event in West Hollywood Park and authorize the City Manager to negotiate the agreement, including both fee waivers and fees to be paid by JJLA, as well as execute documents incident to the agreement; 10) Authorize JJLA to sell beer, wine, and spirits at “OUTLOUD” in West Hollywood Park, stopping the sales of beer, wine, and spirits 30 minutes prior to close each night; 11) With regard to a possible parade - include participation by local non-profits, JJLA assist with offsetting the costs, and the deadline to accept an application for a parade is February 28, 2022. **Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.**

4.C. APPOINTMENT TO THE WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: Councilmember D’Amico will make his direct appointment to the Women’s Advisory Board.

Councilmember D’Amico expressed apprehension with appointing someone for a term that may end in late November/early December. He encouraged women in the community who are interested in a shortened term to apply or reach out to him.

ACTION: No action was taken.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. ANALYZE POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to analyze the potential temporary or permanent relocation of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station to assist in facilitating joint development at the Metro Division 7 Bus Yard/County Sheriff's Property at San Vicente Blvd and Santa Monica Blvd.

ACTION: This Item was Moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. HOUSING CAPACITY VISIONING CONCEPTS AND DEVELOPMENT DELIVERY OPTIONS FOR THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT SANTA MONICA AND CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARDS [J. ROCCO, R. ABRAMSON, J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review the results of an internal visioning study prepared by Urban Design & Architecture Studio staff for the city-owned property at the southwest corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Heights Boulevard. It will also consider options from the Property Development Division regarding project delivery methods and be asked to provide further direction on moving forward with a potential new development at this corner.

Urban Design and Architecture Studio Manager Ric Abramson and Property Development Manager Brian League provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 7, 2022.

Councilmember D'Amico noted that the City should embrace the Surplus Lands Act.

Mayor Meister inquired about subterranean parking. Mr. League indicated that subterranean parking could be developed. Mayor Meister stated that she was supportive of the vision presented by UDAS.

Councilmember Horvath referenced several of the housing analyses the City is currently engaged. She recommended utilizing existing City priorities and community engagement in the RFP process.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the importance of community engagement and inquired about remediation efforts at the site.

NICHOLAS D, UNKNOWN, spoke with suggestions on the space.

Councilmember Erickson inquired of Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck about the Homeless Services/Housing Facility Feasibility Study. Ms. Planck responded.

Director of Economic Development John Leonard responded to the questions about parking. He shared that parking funds were used to purchase the property; therefore, parking is required in the development of the site.

Councilmember D'Amico requested that the City hire a development team that would propose a mix of services for Council consideration prior to community outreach.

Mr. Leonard requested clarification about the types of developments that may occur on the site under the Surplus Lands Act.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive and file the visioning concepts developed by Urban Design & Architecture Studio staff; 2) Council provided additional direction about potential uses for the site, issuing an RFP, hiring a development team, and community outreach.

5.C. SAN VICENTE BLVD STREETScape IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT [R. ABRAMSON, C. SARKEES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review a streetscape improvement concept and provide direction regarding the desirability of developing a public gathering space on San Vicente Boulevard north of Melrose Avenue and south of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Urban Design and Architecture Studio Manager Ric Abramson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 7, 2022. He addressed community concerns about costs, environment, and impacts.

ROBERT OLIVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

ACTIONS: 1) Work with professional Landscape Architecture and Civil Engineering consultants to develop the design for a transformable urban plaza to support city programs and goals; 2) Develop a cost analysis and timeline for implementation; 3) Pursue project support grants from outside agencies; 4) Reach out to community stakeholders, first responders, and affected transportation agencies for feedback and input; 5) Staff will work with the Transportation Commission for additional recommendations; and 6) Return to the City Council with a final design and implementation plan that includes an analysis of impacts as well as recommendations on timing, construction staging, funding requirements, and operational

suggestions for desired uses or programs, and number of street closures per year. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

5.D. LONG-TERM PLAN FOR TENANT PROTECTIONS DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC [D. WILSON, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review and provide direction to staff related to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' recent adoption of its long-term plan for countywide tenant protections due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Meister requested to highlight conversation on an ad hoc subcommittee.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne expressed support for a City Council Tenant Protections Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Councilmember Horvath also supports this item and mentioned it at the last City Council meeting. She noted that both the State and County extensions will eventually end, and community members will need guidance post-COVID.

NICHOLAS D., UNKNOWN, spoke about stricter tenant protections in the cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills.

ACTIONS: 1) Review the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recent action providing countywide tenant protections through December 31, 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; 2) Create a City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee to address tenant protections in West Hollywood; 3) Appoint Ad Hoc Subcommittee Members - Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne and Councilmember Horvath. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE AND A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE RENT STABILIZATION REGULATIONS [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, G. AVILES, A. ZRAIKAT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ordinance amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance and a resolution amending the Rent Stabilization Regulations.

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ACTION: This Item was Moved to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the protected bike lanes items on tonight's agenda and thanked the City Council for supporting the cycling community.

ROBERT OLIVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Councilmember D'Amico for his comments on the minimum wage survey and indicated his support of Item 2.Q.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, sang a song.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:22 P.M. in memory of Edwin Allistair Hill, Sally Hodge, Mary Cormier, and Amir Locke to its next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. via 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.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 22nd day of February, 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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