

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Erickson 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.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. She stated that there was no public comment. The City Council discussed the two items of business on the posted agenda and took no reportable action. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Crowder indicated that Staff has requested that Item 2.O. be Tabled to either the March 7th or March 21st City Council meeting.

Councilmember Erickson requested that Items 4.C., 5.A., and 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.T., 2.U., and 2.W. respectively.

Mayor Meister requested that Item 5.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.V.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 2.L. be moved to Excluded Consent. *(During Councilmember Comments he requested that Item 2.L. be Tabled to a future meeting. The City Council agreed by consensus.)*

Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, to approve the February 22, 2022 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Erickson presented a Proclamation for #BOOM! to Dean Ambrosini on behalf of the Global Institute for Public Strategies team.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne presented a Proclamation to Mehdi Rezig and Joshua White owners of Dogue Spa.

Mayor Meister presented a Proclamation in recognition of American Heart Month to Ana-Alicia Carr on behalf of the American Heart Association.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Black History Month events over the weekend. She also spoke in support of Item 2.Q. and recommended that the City include items from the County of Los Angeles' Blue Ribbon Committee.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.I. and the lack of basic necessities in West Hollywood Housing Corporation's buildings.

ROBERT OLIVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.S. and 5.B.

KEELY FIELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.B. and shared her personal experience with this issue.

ALEX STEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about his experience at a studio party in Los Angeles.

BOBBIE EDRICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the noise created by the Super Bowl event at the Pacific Design Center.

RUTH WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent motion by the Public Safety Commission, her tenure on the Public Safety Commission, and the various public safety programs in West Hollywood.

LESLIE KARLISS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the noise and parking issues created by the Super Bowl event at the Pacific Design Center.

BRITTA STEINBRENNER, LOS ANGELES SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT, spoke regarding her campaign for Los Angeles County Sheriff which will be voted on during the June 7th Primary.

PATRICK SHANDRICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about his concerns with public safety in the City. He shared that he attended a recent meeting between WeHo West residents, Lieutenant Moulder, and Public Safety Director Kristin Cook to discuss

community safety. He expressed concern with comments made by Public Safety Commissioner Soon-Shiong at the last Public Safety Commission meeting.

SARAH BLANCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her gratitude for the City's support of #BOOM! and the Proclamation presented to the Global Institute for Public Strategies team this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson spoke regarding Items 2.Q. and 2.R. on the Consent Calendar. He requested that the City Manager provide an update on in-person City Council meetings, the West Hollywood Park playground, and clarification regarding Item 4.A. and that there is no request to reduce the number of deputies included in the item. He reported his attendance at the Westside Urban Mayors Forum, the Contract Cities Legislative meeting, CalCities Transportation and Public Works Committee meeting, the Human Rights Speaker Series *I Am Pauli*, WeHo Reads, the Community Update on Homelessness, George Gascon's webinar on Human Trafficking, and the Black Women Lead event over the weekend. He requested that Communications provide more promotion of these types of events in the future to increase participation. He wished a Happy Belated Birthday to Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne. He announced that he is hosting quarterly volunteerism events and thanked all of the volunteers who participated in his most recent volunteer event with Project Angel Food. He thanked staff for the Fountain Avenue improvements. He asked Code Compliance to speak about the Super Bowl Party at the PDC and thanked them for quickly addressing the AIDS Healthcare Foundation parking issue outside Hi Tops. Lastly, he commented that he is holding space and honoring Ms. Field's comments regarding Item 5.B.

Councilmember D'Amico clarified that rather than moving Item 2.L. to Excluded Consent, that the item be Tabled. He spoke briefly about the City's HIV Zero Initiative which was spearheaded by former Councilmember Duran and him as two HIV positive elected officials in response to stigma by medical providers around PrEP and PEP in 2014. He shared his hope that the future City Council will continue the work on this Initiative.

Councilmember Horvath reported her attendance at the Community Update on Homelessness and thanked staff and the City's service providers for their work on this issue. She represented the City at the Liability Claims Board and Oversight Committee and commented that she looks forward to the budget conversation later in the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne reported on her attendance at the Still Bisexual Virtual Sacred Space event and the Black Women Lead event at Plummer Park. She shared her concerns regarding lack of visibility on social media for the events and opportunities to amplify communications using City resources. She also reported her participation at the Community Update on Homelessness, the Westside Urban Mayors Forum, and represented the City as Chair at the February Board meeting of the Westside Cities Council of Governments. She addressed the concerns expressed regarding the noise at the Super Bowl event at the Pacific Design Center and asked Acting Public Works

Director Danny Rivas to reach out to those individuals that spoke under Public Comment. She thanked Councilmember Erickson for co-sponsoring Item 5.B. and thanked Women's Advisory Boardmember Keely Field for bringing this forward so that the City Council could consider it. She recognized Councilmember Horvath for co-sponsoring Item 2.S. She reported that she toured the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center with her Public Safety Commission appointee Alana Roshay on February 18th. She learned that the Rape Treatment Center offers free training for law enforcement on sensitivity and dealing with trauma survivors. She requested that West Hollywood Sheriff's Deputies take this training and requested from staff a timeline when this will be completed.

Mayor Meister reported her attendance at the Sanitation District Board meeting, Westside Mayors Forum, Community Update on Homelessness, and the Black Women Lead Community Event. On Sunday, she attended an open house at the Artists and Architects-in-Residence Program at the Mackey Apartments and requested that this topic be discussed at the next Laurel House Subcommittee meeting. She spoke about the City's HIV Zero Initiative and the need for more testing. She noted her excitement with Item 2.K. to move the ADU Pilot Program forward. For Item 2.M., she mentioned that this property has been designated as a cultural resource for years and went into disrepair; therefore, she is glad that they are entering a Mills Act contract. Further, she requested that the Mills Act contract include full enforcement of the City's municipal codes and asked for clarity about the stained-glass windows. She thanked Councilmember Erickson for co-sponsoring Item 2.Q. and spoke about how the reimagining of neighborhood watch is important to make a broader and more inviting program to address quality of life and neighborhood livability concerns. She also thanked Women's Advisory Boardmember Keely Field for sharing her personal experience and thanked Councilmember Erickson and Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for Item 5.B. She mentioned several upcoming City events which can be viewed on the City's calendar at <https://www.weho.org/#Calendar>. Lastly, she would like the City Manager to address the Super Bowl event at Pacific Design Center and requested that a direct phone number be provided to residents so that they can address concerns in real time as well as sharing information on large scale events with the surrounding neighbors.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson responded to questions posed by the City Council. He reported that in-person City Council meetings will be discussed tomorrow with the City Attorney and City Clerk, and the plan to be in-person at the March 7th City Council meeting. He shared that staff is working with the contractor to complete the playground at West Hollywood Park and it is slated to open within the next two-six weeks after the safety audit is completed. Staff is debriefing tomorrow on the Pacific Design Center's Super Bowl event and staff will reach out to individuals who spoke under public comment tonight. He noted that Item 2.L. can be Tabled to a future meeting. He commented that staff will return with an update on training for Sheriff's deputies at the UCLA Rape Treatment Center. He mentioned Item 4.A. and noted that there was a lot of confusion in the community regarding reduction in the number of deputies in the City. He

reiterated that the item does not include this recommendation and that there will be several public discussions over the next few months about community safety and well-being. He reported that the Bystander Intervention Training will be held by the UCLA Rape Treatment Center beginning March 2nd focusing on date rape drugs and best practices to intervene with patrons. He mentioned that Social Services is conducting its 2022 Needs Assessment survey. Further, he mentioned that there will be a "SB9 Community" meeting on March 3rd at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

Mayor Meister requested that the Youth Scholarship grant be increased. City Manager Wilson indicated that staff would look into this request.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items 2.L. and 2.O. and the addition of Items 4.C., 5.A., 5.B. and 6.A. is \$15,698,250 in expenditures, \$55,665 in revenues, and (\$0) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,M.,N.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2022 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, February 16, 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 February 7, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 902 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending February 11, 2022 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 902 and adopt Resolution No. 22-5482, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 902." **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. 22-1177 (2ND READING) "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" [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 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".

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt 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". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission's Performing & Cultural Arts Subcommittee, Public Facilities Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, and Senior Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.

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

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

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

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

2.H. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE YEAR FIVE EVALUATION [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, D. MURRAY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the HIV Zero Initiative Year Five Evaluation Report.

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

2.I. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT MID-YEAR REPORT [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the semi-annual report for the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation Administrative Contract, FY 2021-2022.

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

2.J. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

ACTION: Receive and file the City of West Hollywood's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and related documents for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.K. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH DESIGN WITH SKILL AND CASITAS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF AFFORDABLE ADU PILOT PROGRAM [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with Design With Skill and Casitas for the administration of the affordable ADU pilot program.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement with Design With Skill and Casitas in the amount of \$98,250 for administration of the Affordable ADU Pilot Program; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH BLACK AND VEATCH CORPORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CITYWIDE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SITING ANALYSIS [J. SCHARE, F. CONTRERAS, K. KIGONGO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the on-call Agreement for Services with Black and Veatch Corporation to modify the scope, extend the time of performance, and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement to develop an electric vehicle charging siting analysis and related services.
ACTIONS: This Item was Tabled.
- 2.M. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A MILLS ACT CONTRACT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED 1282 NORTH FAIRFAX AVENUE (CRESCENT HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH) [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, A. CASTILLO]:**
SUBJECT: The applicant is requesting approval of a Mills Act Contract to rehabilitate the designated cultural resource located at 1282 North Fairfax Avenue, known as the Crescent Heights Methodist Church.
ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Mills Act Contract between the City of West Hollywood and the owner of the property located at 1282 North Fairfax Avenue and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.N. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2022 [Y. QUARKER, L. FOOKS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of programming in celebration of National Women's History Month 2022.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve programming for National Women's History Month 2022 and direct the appropriate City staff to coordinate the production and promotion of Women's History Month activities; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Public Works Department to light the City's lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard in the colors purple and gold from March 1 – March 15, 2022 to recognize National Women's History Month;

and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City's celebration of National Women's History Month via social media platforms and distribution. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.O. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY HOUSING AGENCY AND CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCING AUTHORITY [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adoption of resolutions to become members of the California Community Housing Agency ("CalCHA") and the California Municipal Finance Authority ("CMFA").
ACTIONS: This Item was Tabled.

- 2.P. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE CLEARED FOR SIGNATURE GATHERING, AND POTENTIALLY INCLUDED ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, GENERAL ELECTION [Y. QUARKER, H. MOLINA]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act, a statewide ballot initiative that has been cleared for circulation to gather the required number of signatures to qualify for placement on the November 8, 2022, general election. The measure, if approved, would, among other things, redefine what a tax is and would require the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members of the Legislature's or local legislative bodies for adoption of new taxes and fees.
ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5483: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT;" and 2) Direct Community & Legislative Affairs Division staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Ben Allen, Assembly Member Richard Bloom, the initiative's sponsors, CalCities, California Contract Cities Association (CCCA), and other individuals as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.Q. HOUSING / LAND USE LEGISLATIVE SYMPOSIUM [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a housing legislative symposium, to provide the community with information on recently approved state legislation and pending housing legislation under consideration in Sacramento that may impact West Hollywood.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve sponsorship of a housing legislative symposium to provide the community with information on recently approved state legislation and pending housing bills in Sacramento that may impact West Hollywood; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations,

programs, and other collateral materials for the event; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the events including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. REIMAGINING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to reimagine the City's Neighborhood Watch program and explore alternative models that incorporate quality of life and neighborhood livability concerns.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to reimagine the City of West Hollywood's Neighborhood Watch program and explore alternative models that incorporate quality of life and neighborhood livability concerns; and 2) Direct staff to outreach to the City's Neighborhood Watch Groups and Public Safety Commission to get their input and feedback. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY & STATE OF CALIFORNIA SHOULD ROE V. WADE BE OVERTURNED [L. HORVATH, S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to coordinate with Los Angeles County, the State of California, service providers, and other reproductive health care advocates to determine recommendations for how the City of West Hollywood and partners can respond should Roe v. Wade be overturned.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to proactively engage in appropriate ways to prevent the overturning of Roe v. Wade and to seek legislative change to enshrine full protection for a range of reproductive health care options, including abortion, into federal law; and 2) Direct staff to coordinate with the State of California, Los Angeles County, service providers, and other reproductive health care advocates to determine recommendations for how the City of West Hollywood and our partners can respond in the case of Roe v. Wade being overturned. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. (4.C.) LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT POLICY [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Land Acknowledgment Policy, which is a statement recognizing the history and presence of Indigenous peoples and their enduring relationship to their homelands. The Land Acknowledgment will be posted on the City's website, printed on City Council, Commission, and Advisory Board agendas, and read or spoken aloud at official City events.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt the City of West Hollywood Land Acknowledgment Policy; 2) Direct staff to implement the Land Acknowledgment Policy as outlined in the document, including posting the Land Acknowledgment on

the City's website, printing it on meeting agendas, and reading or speaking the acknowledgment aloud at official City events; 3) Direct staff to issue a call to artists to develop artistic visual assets and content related to the Land Acknowledgment that will be shared through the City's communications channels and may be shown at City events or meetings when appropriate; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$35,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves for costs associated with developing artistic visual assets, video content, and graphics related to the Land Acknowledgment. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. (5.A.) CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH SULLY-MILLER CONTRACTING CO. [D. RIVAS, R. GARLAND, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a construction agreement with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. to construct Melrose Streetscape Project, CIP 2104.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a construction contract with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. in the amount of \$12,795,000 for the construction of Melrose Streetscape Project, CIP 2104 (Budget #84-09/84-20), and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; 2) Authorize the City Engineer to approve change orders to the construction agreement in an amount not to exceed 20% (\$2,559,000) of the total agreement amount; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$12,212,520 from unallocated reserves in the Debt Funded Capital Projects Fund for construction of Melrose Streetscape Project, CIP 2104 (Budget #84-09/84-20), and related costs; and 4) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5485, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 2104, MELROSE STREETSCAPE PROJECT, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. (5.B.) DRINK-SPIKING TEST STRIPS [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider allocating funding for the purchase and distribution of drink-spiking test strips at bars and nightlife establishments in West Hollywood. In tandem with the distribution efforts, the City will develop educational materials regarding test strips to distribute to community members and business establishments and post through the City's communication channels.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to purchase drink-spiking test strips and distribute test strips at bars, restaurants, and nightlife establishments; 2) Direct staff to develop educational materials regarding test strips to distribute to community members and business establishments that serve alcohol for on-site consumption; 3) Direct the Code Compliance Division to include information about drink-spiking test strips in its upcoming trainings for business establishments that serve alcohol for on-site consumption; 4)

Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools, including but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools to promote the drink-spiking test strips distribution and encourage businesses to provide them on an ongoing basis; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$15,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account 100-1-01-00-531001, and increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount; and 6) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$15,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with purchasing the drink-spiking test strips and developing promotional materials. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. (6.A.) ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SENATE BILL ("SB") 619 [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, R. GARLAND, M. MAGENER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill ("SB") 619.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22-5486: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SB 1383 REGULATIONS."
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVALS AND PERMITS TO DEMOLISH ALL STRUCTURES ON THREE ABUTTING RESIDENTIAL PARCELS, COMBINE PARCELS, AND CONSTRUCT A NEW FIVE-STORY, 18-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING WITH THREE UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 1301, 1307 FAIRFAX AVENUE AND 7909 FOUNTAIN AVENUE [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, A. GALLO]:

SUBJECT: This item was continued from the December 6, 2021 City Council Meeting. The item before the City Council is an appeal filed by Jerry Ptashkin and Nick Hoogendyk regarding the Planning Commission's adoption of Resolution No. PC 21-1408, approving the construction of a new five-story, 18-unit apartment building with 3 units of affordable housing and 32 parking spaces. At the December 6th meeting, the Council directed the Planning and Development Services Department to work with the applicant to uncluster the affordable units as well as increase the number of affordable units and/or affordable beds.

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Erickson disclosed that he drives by the location often.

Mayor Meister disclosed that she has only read the correspondence sent to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne disclosed that she drives by the location.

Councilmember Horvath disclosed that she had an incidental conversation with the architect.

Associate Planner Adrian Gallo provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 22, 2022.

Councilmember Horvath inquired if the market rate and affordable housing units are the same. Mr. Gallo confirmed that they are.

Mayor Meister asked about the change from 14 units to 12 and Mr. Gallo responded. She also asked about the Inclusionary Housing list and the lottery system. Project Development Administrator Alicen Bartle responded.

John Murdock, on behalf of the Appellants, presented his argument in support of the appeal. He commented that this project is an SRO which requires a CUP. He mentioned Municipal Code § 19.03.020(f) as the relevant code section that this project should be subject.

Edward Levin, on behalf of the Applicant, presented his argument that this project is not an SRO and there are no legitimate grounds to approve the appeal.

Mayor Meister inquired if the City has its own definition of an SRO and mentioned Municipal Code § 19.36.335. Building and Safety Manager Ben Galan responded that the California Building Code does not have a definition for an SRO. Mayor Meister referenced the City's 6th Cycle Draft Housing Element and HCD's letter to the City rejecting it, specifically Point 3 in the letter. Director of Planning and Development Services John Keho commented that SRO's need to be addressed in the Housing Element.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

KATHY GURA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

ROBERT CHAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

ROBERT SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the appeal.

LESLEY O'TOOLE-ROQUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

John Murdock, on behalf of the Appellant, spoke about the applicant mitigating safety concerns with respect to parking and noted that this isn't allowed under CEQA.

Neill Brower, on behalf of the Applicant, commented that there was no testimony given establishing a preponderance of evidence to uphold the appeal.

Councilmember Erickson motioned to deny the appeal and approve staff's recommendation with caveat 11.6 regarding permit parking aspect. Councilmember D'Amico seconded the motion.

Councilmember Horvath commented that she would accept staff's recommendation and supports denying the appeal.

Current & Historic Preservation Planning Manager Jennifer Alkire offered some clarification on the calculations used for the Inclusionary Housing units.

Mayor Meister commented on SRO's and the City's RHNA numbers. Mr. Keho noted that an SRO is transient in nature. This project has the same lease terms as other residential units.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne thanked staff for addressing the City Council's concerns expressed at the last Public Hearing and noted her support to deny the appeal. She commented that the City needs a variety of housing types.

Mayor Meister commented that the City does not have real standards for SRO's or co-living. She mentioned the December 3rd letter from HCD and indicated that she will not support staff's recommendations.

Mayor Meister closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: The City Council denied the appeal and affirmed the Planning Commission's decision by adopting Resolution No. 22-5484: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING AN APPEAL FILED BY JERRY PTASHKIN AND NICK HOOGENDYK AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVING A DEMOLITION PERMIT, DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, AND A LOT MERGER TO COMBINE THREE CONTIGUOUS PARCELS, DEMOLISH ALL

STRUCTURES ON-SITE AND CONSTRUCT A NEW, FIVE-STORY, SEVENTEEN-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING WITH SEVENTY-NINE (79) BEDROOMS, THREE UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND ISSUE APPLICABLE DENSITY BONUS CONCESSIONS AND DEVELOPMENT WAIVERS FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT 1301-1307 NORTH FAIRFAX AVENUE AND 7909 FOUNTAIN AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico, and approved noting the “no” vote of Mayor Meister.**

The City Council took a recess at 8:32 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. UPDATE OF THE 2021-22 MID-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET, WORK PLAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND LIVING WAGE RATE [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a mid-year update on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and will consider updates to the City’s living wage rate ordinance. Updates include proposed mid-year budget adjustments, a report on work plan accomplishments and capital projects, and the cost impact of changes to the living wage rate.

City Manager David Wilson and Budget Officer Christine Safriet provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 22, 2022.

The presentation included a recap of the 2022 budget, mid-year positions and projections, and the City’s Living Wage rate. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Safriet spoke about the City’s projected deficit, ARPA funds, and projected revenues. They discussed recovery within the City’s travel, tourism, and entertainment industries. They shared that the City received \$4.4 million in federal and ARPA funds this fiscal year; the total funding should reach \$8.7 million by the summer. They requested City Council direction regarding amending the City’s Living Wage Ordinance including what the rate should be, exemptions for supportive and transitional employment, and deferral of including the updated Living Wage rate in the City’s social service contracts. Also, it was noted that the many newly approved or implemented programs and policies (e.g., ARC, Behavioral Health Crisis Unit, Seismic Retrofit program, Climate Action plan, Project Labor Agreements, etc.) will have impacts on the budget as the programs come online.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the City securing ARPA funds. They noted that non-profits should be included in the City’s Living Wage Ordinance as well as expressed concern that the Behavioral Health Crisis Unit funding was not included in this fiscal year.

Councilmember Erickson commented that he is happy that the City's TOT revenue has increased. He mentioned Visit West Hollywood and the need to fill vacancies so they can be a resource for Pride.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about the supportive and transitional contracts. Facilities and Field Services Division Manager Helen Collins responded noting that the City has a contract with Social Vocational Services to provide in-house janitorial services by those with mental and physical disabilities.

Councilmember Horvath commended staff on their work plan accomplishments and the accomplishments of the business community during another challenging year. She shared that this budget represents the City's values and supports the recommendations.

Councilmember D'Amico made a motion to approve staff's recommendations and regarding Recommendation #4 directed staff to return with a Living Wage Ordinance at a rate of \$19.35/hour. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne seconded the motion.

Mayor Meister thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for working with her on the Finance & Budget subcommittee. She requested adding additional Block by Block kiosks to the Public Safety budget.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and file: a. Vision 2020 Work Plan Accomplishments, b. Capital Projects Report; 2) Approve budget adjustments identified in the attached "Proposed Mid-Year Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget"; 3) Accept the \$8,725,595 allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds under the "revenue loss" category and apply funds to government services; 4) Direct staff to return with a legislative item to update the City's Living Wage Ordinance at a rate of \$19.35/hour; and 5) Direct staff to return with an item for additional Block by Block kiosks in the City. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

4.B. UPDATE REGARDING WEHO PRIDE 2022 [D. WILSON, K. COOK, Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH]

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a proposal from JJLA, Inc. (JJLA) to produce a parade in West Hollywood on Sunday, June 5, 2022, as a part of the inaugural WeHo Pride event.

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 22, 2022.

GRANT TURK, VENICE BEACH, spoke about Venice Beach's Pride Parade taking place on the same day as the City's proposed Pride Parade and expressed a desire to work together on scheduling.

MARQUITA THOMAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a Pride Parade as an opportunity for the community to come together.

Zekiah Wright, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City hosting a Pride Parade.

Mayor Meister commented that she asked Jeff Consoletti of JILA about a possible sponsorship with Spectrum One or other station that could televise the first WeHo Pride.

Councilmember D'Amico expressed support for the item and suggested holding the parade on Saturday evening, so it doesn't compete with other Pride events.

Councilmember Horvath thanked Jeff Consoletti for stepping up and planning a parade. She is open to considering Councilmember D'Amico's suggestion for a Saturday night parade; however, she noted that the main goal is a successful parade that is within budget and reflective of the community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne also thanked Jeff Consoletti and indicated she cannot support a change in schedule for this year, especially with the short timeline. She noted that she is open to discussing a parade on a different day for WeHo Pride next year.

Councilmember Erickson commented that he does not support a Saturday parade.

Mayor Meister expressed concern with a nighttime parade since there are additional logistical and safety issues. She agrees with exploring a different day for next year's WeHo Pride. She recommended moving forward with staff's recommendations and direct staff to return with an item on regarding participation in a CSW Pride Parade.

City Manager Wilson inquired if the City Council is amenable to a flexible day and time for the Parade.

Jeff Consoletti of JILA thanked the City Council and City staff. He commented that he is anxious to begin planning. Given the comments this evening, he will work with staff on the day and time of the Pride Parade within the designated budget.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive a proposal from JJLA to produce a parade in West Hollywood on Sunday, June 5, 2022, as a part of the inaugural WeHo Pride event; 2) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate an agreement and execute any related documents with JJLA to produce a parade; 3) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a sponsorship agreement and execute any related documents with JJLA to seek sponsorships to offset the costs of the WeHo Pride festival and/or parade; 4) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to receive sponsorship funds and make related budget adjustments for the receipt of any sponsorship funds related to the WeHo Pride festival and/or parade; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$800,000 from unallocated General Fund Reserves for the cost of producing a parade; 6) Approve fee waivers in an estimated amount of \$19,500, including Special Event Permit fees (\$2,500), street closure fees (\$14,000) and Building and Safety fees (\$3,000); 7) Approve a street closure of Santa Monica Boulevard between Fairfax Avenue and Doheny Drive on the contracted Pride Parade date as well as any additional street closures consistent with the needs of the parade; and 8) Direct staff to return with an item to discuss participating in a future CSW Pride Parade. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

4.C. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT POLICY [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Land Acknowledgment Policy, which is a statement recognizing the history and presence of Indigenous peoples and their enduring relationship to their homelands. The Land Acknowledgment will be posted on the City's website, printed on City Council, Commission, and Advisory Board agendas, and read or spoken aloud at official City events.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH SULLY-MILLER CONTRACTING CO. [D. RIVAS, R. GARLAND, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a construction agreement with Sully-Miller Contracting Co. to construct Melrose Streetscape Project, CIP 2104.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. DRINK-SPIKING TEST STRIPS [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider allocating funding for the purchase and distribution of drink-spiking test strips at bars and nightlife establishments in West Hollywood. In tandem with the distribution efforts, the City will develop educational materials regarding test strips to

distribute to community members and business establishments and post through the City's communication channels.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SENATE BILL ("SB") 619 [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, R. GARLAND, M. MAGENER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall consider adopting a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill ("SB") 619.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

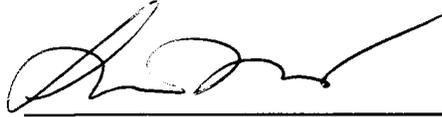
Councilmember D'Amico inquired if there was an update on the incident that happened at City Hall last Friday. City Manager Wilson responded that the incident is still under investigation.

Councilmember Erickson requested that Communications push information via social media for the next Public Safety Commission's meeting given the public interest.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:03 P.M. to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. *via hybrid 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.

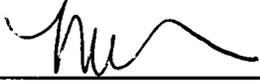
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 21st day of March, 2022 by the following vote:

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



LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK