## CITY COUNCIL CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MINUTES

## MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

## WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD

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

#### 6:00 P.M. -REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Meister called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ted Green 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 regularly scheduled Closed Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. There were no members of the public who provided comment. The City Council spoke about the one item of business on the posted agenda and took no reportable action. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Meister requested that Items 4.A., 4.E., 5.B., 5.C., 5.E., 5.F., 6.A., and 6.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.W., 2.Y., 2.AA., 2.BB., 2.DD., 2.EE., 2.FF., and 2.GG, respectively.

Councilmember Erickson requested that Item 5.D. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.CC.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that Items 4.D. (TABLING the At-Large Women's Advisory Board appointment) and 4.F. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.X. and 2.Z., respectively.

Councilmember Horvath requested that Item 2.O. be Tabled in order for staff to evaluate the proposers, similar to the rubric utilized for the City's banking services.

Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, to approve the June 6, 2022 Agenda and approved as amended.

#### ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of her uncle, Khosrow Mazaheri.

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Lucille Zabuta and Gavin Goorjian. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the Tulsa Medical Center mass shooting victims: Dr. Preston Phillips (59), Dr. Stephanie Husen (48), Amanda Dawn Glenn (40), and William Love (73).

The City Council requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those that lost their lives in the Robb Elementary School mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas. They are: Jackie Cazares (9), Jose Flores (10), Eliahna "Ellie" Garcia (9), Uziyah "Uzi" Garcia (10), Amerie Jo Garza (10), Xavier Lopez (10), Tess Marie Mata (10), Maranda Gail Mathis (11), Annabelle Rodriguez (10), Maite Yuleana Rodriguez (10), Alexandria "Lexi" Aniyah Rubio (10), Layla Salazar (10), Jailah Silguero (10), Eliahana Torres (10), Rojelio Torres (10), Nevaeh Alyssa Bravo (10), Makenna Lee Elrod (10), Jayce Carmelo Luevanos (10), Alithia Haven Ramirez (10), Eva Mireles (44), and Irma Garcia (48).

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Morrisette.

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ida Godges.

## PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Horvath presented a Proclamation to Jessica Blitchok on behalf of Moms Demand Action for National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne presented a Proclamation to LaToya Peoples honoring her Pride Mural.

## 1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANDRES QUON, ON BEHALF OF ACLU SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, spoke to express his concerns with the attendance of Sheriff Alex Villanueva and the amount of sheriff deputies present during Pride Weekend. He also spoke in support of reducing the contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

ROMEL PASCUAL, CICLAVIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, spoke in support of Item 2.Y. (4.E).

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding two items from the May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. He expressed concern with the lack of inclusivity in the City. He also expressed concern with the lack of detail with summarizing public comments during City Council meetings.

SHIOU UDAGAWA, UNKNOWN, spoke in support of Item 5.B.

DANIEL REIF, ON BEHALF OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION, spoke regarding gun violence/state violence in the queer community. He made various requests regarding funding in the City's upcoming budget.

PRESTON LOCKLEAR, UNKNOWN, spoke regarding the socio-economic disparity in the City that was illustrated during Pride. He further spoke about the number of Sheriff's deputies at Pride.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his first Pride in Washington and his first sense of belonging. He spoke about the cost of Pride and the number of Sheriff's deputies present.

CALEB, UNKNOWN, spoke regarding the cost of public safety in the City. He also expressed concern with gentrification of West Hollywood.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.L. regarding the importance of line item transparency in the budget.

NIKA SOON-SHIONG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City's public safety funding.

AMBROSE BROOKS, JUSTICE LA COALITION COORDINATOR, spoke regarding the City's public safety funding.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 4.E.

CHELSEA BYERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.B.

BENNETT BATTEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the climate crisis and simple solutions for a sustainable community.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding tomorrow's election. He also spoke regarding Pride and the November 2022 election.

MICHAEL HAMES-GARCIA, UNKNOWN, spoke regarding the City's public safety funding.

RICHARD NOBLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City's Rainbow crosswalks and walking across the country with the Pride flag.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Sheriff Villanueva and the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. He also spoke regarding gun violence and the need for gun legislation.

PETER SPIER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding cycling in West Hollywood and the traffic improvements to various roadways in the City. He requested that the automatic pedestrian crossing signal that was implemented during the pandemic be reinstated to assist cyclists.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding traffic, speeding on his street, and the speed survey conducted on his street.

## COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Horvath shared that the Metro Board allocated funding for the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) for the Northern Extension and committed to completing it by the fall of next year. She further shared that Metro is hosting two virtual meetings this month and encouraged members of the public to support the San Vicente/Fairfax She shared that interested community members can email preferred route. crenshawnorth@metro.net for additional information. She wished congratulations to former resident and Rent Stabilization Commissioner Rob Bergstein who was appointed to the Rancho Mirage Housing Commission. She inquired about the Block by Block contract (Item 2.K.) and inquired why it wasn't included with the overall budget discussion. She further stated that the Item does not address recommendations from the community and the City Council. She reported her attendance at the Clean Power Lobbying Day, the Clean Power Alliance Board meeting, the City's Hospitality Training Academy, the Volunteen Awards, Pride events, as well as 100th birthdays for three residents. She also reported her participation at the SCAG Transportation Committee meeting. She expressed gratitude to JJLA and City staff for a successful Pride. She noted that she agrees with the public comment regarding Sheriff Villanueva's presence at the Pride Parade and asked for the City Manager to provide additional information. She concluded by mentioning the budget discussion at the June 27th City Council meeting.

Councilmember Erickson reported his attendance at the City Hospitality Training Academy, the City Council Events Subcommittee, the Community Clean Up, West Hollywood Pride weekend, the US Mayors Play Ball event. He further reported his attendance at the inaugural Emerald Village Queen Pride Month Drag Contest, West Hollywood Fundraiser for Refugees from Ukraine, Legislative Contract Cities Subcommittee, the Write Out Proud event, the WeHo Bike Coalition meeting, Rainbow Labs Youth Council Graduation event, and Oscar Ringel's 100th birthday party. He shared that he hosted another WeHo Volunteers Give Back Event which aided Project Angel Food. He hosted several Saturdays with John at Plummer Park. He spoke regarding various Consent Calendar items. He requested that the City manager provide information on the Melrose Streetscape Plan, specifically the center turn lane and bike lanes and address the comments regarding cell phone pick pocketing. He thanked JJLA and City staff for a successful Pride. He concluded by congratulating Sean and his band for being the opening act for Garbage's east coast tour.

Councilmember D'Amico appointed Claire June to the Women's Advisory Board as part of Item 4.D. He indicated his "no" vote on Item 2.J. because it did not include a plan to

increase density. He spoke about the success of the City's inaugural WeHo Pride. He mentioned that the City is inventing a new way to celebrate Pride that acknowledges the history of Pride but is more inclusive. He responded to the public comments regarding Sheriff Villanueva's presence at the Pride Parade. He spoke about the work that the City can do with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station and the newly-appointed Captain Bill Moulder. He thanked Councilmember Horvath for Item 5.E.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne reported her attendance at the City Council Finance and Budget Subcommittee meeting, various Pride events, the Hospitality Training Academy, the West Hollywood Fundraiser for Refugees from Ukraine, the Pride OUTLOUD concert, and the inaugural Emerald Village Queen Pride Month Drag Contest. She further reported that she co-moderated the Pet Week Pet panel, attended the World Dog Day event, the Pride kick off event at The Chapel, the Dyke March, the Women's Freedom Festival, and rode on the City float in the Pride Parade. She commented that tomorrow is the June Primary election. She shared that information on the two Vote Centers in the City as well as the three Vote by Mail Drop Boxes in the City. She congratulated Eric Cervini creator of the new show "Book of Queer" on Discovery Plus as well as her wife Ashley for her first acting role on the show. She thanked City staff and JJLA for the work on the City's inaugural WeHo Pride. For Item 4.D., she appointed Zekiah Wright to the Rent Stabilization Commission and Danny Hang to Business License Commission. She requested that the City Attorney clarify for the record the City's role in the Pride Parade. She also requested that the City Manager provide additional information on the Plummer Park Dog Park, specifically the number of fountains, lighting, and benches. She mentioned several items on the Consent Calendar. She concluded her comments by mentioning a virtual screening and panel discussion of Patient No More focused on Lesbian, Bisexual, and Queer Women's Health.

Mayor Meister reported her attendance at the City Council Finance and Budget Subcommittee meeting, the US Mayor's Play Ball event, West Hollywood Fundraiser for Refugees from Ukraine, and the Sanitation District Personnel Board. She noted that she co-hosted the City's Pet Week panel and attended World Dog Day. She further reported her attendance at the SCAG CEHD subcommittee, the Mayor's Pride kickoff party, the Dyke March, and the Pride Parade. She thanked everyone for making it a safe Pride. She registered her "no" vote on Items 2.F. and 2.Z. On 2.Z., she noted that Council should have waited for data from Center of Policing Equity; the data in the staff report did not reflect the problem raised in the initial council item and according to the Weho Sheriff's, it is not one of their higher priority assignments. She also stated that if one low-level stop catches someone with guns, then, every stop is worthwhile. For Item 4.D., she appointed Kimberly Copeland to the Planning Commission. She concluded her comments by requesting that staff seek grant funding to help pay for CicLAvia and providing dates for community sessions regarding the Holloway Motel's conversion to transitional, supportive housing for unhoused community members.

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

City Manager Wilson shared that the proposed solid waste fee increases due to the requirements under SB 1383 will be on the June 27th City Council agenda for formal consideration. He mentioned the ongoing WeHo Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival (formerly One City One Pride) events which continue throughout the month of June. responded to the City Council's inquiry regarding Sheriff Villanueva's attendance at the Pride Parade. City Attorney Langer provided additional information regarding the City's involvement with the Pride and the Pride Parade, noting that the City issued a Special Events Permit only and did not have any involvement with the float participants. City Manager Wilson commented that the City's inaugural Pride weekend was successful. He thanked City staff and City partners for the success of Pride as well as the community partners and JJLA. He noted that staff will debrief the City Council and the public at the July City Council meeting. He provided further information on the Block by Block (Mydatt) contract, noting that it includes the direction the City Council and the Public Safety Commission has given since November 2021. He further noted that staff would review the minutes to ensure that the contract captures all of the recommendations.

Jonathon Shull, Chief Executive Officer of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA), provided an overview of the Los Angeles County Contract Cities Liability Trust Fund.

City Manager Wilson responded to City Council inquiries including the Melrose Streetscape and the Plummer Park Dog Park. He spoke briefly about the proposed budget and shared that a community meeting will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom and that the City's proposed budget and line item detail are available online at <a href="https://www.weho.org/budget">www.weho.org/budget</a>. He announced that Janet Jimenez, Joshua Schare, and Danny Rivas were promoted to Director of their respective departments. He further shared that Steve Campbell will move to Director of Public Works, Facilities will move to Public Works, and Recreation will move to Community Services.

## FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Poblador stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items is \$22,453,068 in expenditures, \$12,500 in revenue, and (\$7,500) in waived fees.

## 2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,P.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X.,Y.,Z.,AA.,BB.,CC., DD.,EE.,FF.,GG. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne and approved, noting the "no" vote of Councilmember D'Amico on Item 2.J. and Mayor Meister's "no" vote on Items 2.F. and 2.Z. (4.F.)

## 2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, June 6, 2022, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, June 1, 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 May 16, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 908 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending May 27, 2022, pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

**ACTION**: Approve Demand Register NO. 908 and adopt Resolution No. 22-5513, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 908". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council is asked to deny one (1) claim filed against the City as an administrative step in claims processing.

**ACTION**: Deny the claim of Samuel Martin. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

# 2.E. 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.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 22-1181 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, AND TITLE 20, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, 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), IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND FINDING THE ACTION STATUTORILY AND CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA" [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 22-1181 approving amendments to Title 19, Zoning Ordinance, and Title 20, Subdivision Regulations, West Hollywood Municipal Code, to allow certain properties in the R1A And R1A 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).

ACTION: Adopt Ordinance 22-1181, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, AND TITLE 20, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, 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), IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND FINDING THE ACTION STATUTORILY AND CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the "No" vote of Mayor Meister.

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Business License Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Services Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, Social Justice Task Force, and the Women's Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.

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

2.H. VOTER OUTREACH COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2022, ELECTION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR, J. SCHARE, B. WHITE, S. LUNN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive information on the Voter Outreach efforts planned for the November 8, 2022, General Election.

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

2.I. FY 2022-23 & 2023-24 TWO-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL WORK PLAN [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the City of West Hollywood Operating Budget and Capital Work Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-23 & 2023-24, which will be brought back for discussion and adoption at the City Council Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2022.

**ACTION**: Receive and file the City of West Hollywood Operating Budget and Capital Work Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-23 & 2023-24. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

# 2.J. HOUSING ELEMENT AND STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING [J. KEHO, A. MCINTOSH, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, R. ABRAMSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on next steps to obtain certification of the Housing Element.

**ACTION**: Confirm next steps proposed by Staff to obtain certification of the Housing Element from HCD. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the "No" vote of Councilmember D'Amico.** 

# 2.K. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MYDATT SERVICES, INC. d/b/a BLOCK BY BLOCK FOR SECURITY AMBASSADOR SERVICES [D. WILSON, M. KUSTANOVICH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a two-year Agreement for security ambassador services with Mydatt Services, Inc. d/b/a Block by Block.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Approve an Agreement with Mydatt Services, Inc. d/b/a Block by Block in the amount of \$ 3,742,135.37 in FY 2022-23 and \$3,810,858.08 in FY 2023-24 for a total two-year term of \$7,552,993.45 for Security Ambassador Services; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.L. AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR FIELD SERVICE CREWS [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the award of an Agreement to Social Vocational Services, Inc. for an initial three-year term to provide field service crews.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Approve an Agreement with Social Vocational Services, Inc. to provide field service crews for an initial three-year term in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,594,860; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.M. AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR CITYWIDE STREET SWEEPING SERVICES [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the award of an Agreement to CleanStreet for an initial three-year term to provide citywide street sweeping services.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Approve an Agreement with CleanStreet to provide citywide street sweeping services for an initial three-year term in the amount of \$1,755,510.88 and include a 2% contingency for extra services in the amount of \$35,110.22 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,790,621.10; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

2.N. CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR THE FACILITIES AND FIELD SERVICES DIVISION [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

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

**ACTIONS**: 1) Approve increasing the not-to-exceed amounts of the Agreements listed in Attachment A, with a total increase of \$5,900,682.97 in contracted value for services and extending the term of the agreements as provided in the staff report; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

2.O. AGREEMENTS FOR LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES WITH SHAW, YODER, ANTWIH, SCHMELZER & LANGE (STATE AFFAIRS) AND WITH THORN RUN PARTNERS (FEDERAL AFFAIRS) [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving agreements for lobbying and advocacy services with the lobbying firms of Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, Schmelzer & Lange (state affairs) and with the firm Thorn Run Partners (federal affairs).

**ACTION: This Item was Tabled.** 

2.P. AMENDMENT # 4 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN AUDIO VISUAL FOR CONFERENCE ROOM EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CITY CONFERENCE ROOMS [L. QUIJANO, E. TSIPIS, K. DEVINE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for teleconferencing equipment installation and maintenance services for City Conference Rooms.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Approve the term of the contract with Western Audio Visual for an additional twenty-four (24) months to expire on June 30, 2026; and 2) Increase the "not to exceed" amount of \$98,080 by an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$198,080 to cover the cost of the A/V Equipment refresh. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

2.Q. AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, F. GOMEZ, D. NGUYEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing a contract amendment with All City Management Services (ACMS) to provide crossing guard services at two West Hollywood area elementary schools. **ACTIONS**: 1) Approve Amendment No.5 to the Agreement for Services with All City Management Services to extend the term of the Agreement by one year and increase the amount of the Agreement by \$53,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$200,750; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendments to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar**.

2.R. APPROVE WAIVER OF CITY FEES FOR THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S "SUMMER ON SUNSET" ROLLER-SKATING RINK [J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the waiver of all applicable City fees related to the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District's "Summer on Sunset" roller-skating rink.

**ACTION**: Waive the Class A Temporary Use Permit (Parking Lots, Temp. Structures) Fee, Building and Safety Fees, and any other applicable City fees (estimated \$7,500). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

2.S. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH KORDICH CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR THE WESTBOURNE DRIVE WATER SEEPAGE MITIGATION CIP 2105 [D. RIVAS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a construction agreement with Kordich Construction and amending the agreement for services with Michael Baker International to construct Westbourne Drive Water Seepage Mitigation CIP 2105.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Approve a construction contract with Kordich Construction, in the amount of \$624,836 for the construction of Westbourne Drive Water Seepage Mitigation CIP 2105, 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 15% (\$93,725.40) of the total agreement amount: 3) Approve Amendment No. 10 to the agreement for services with Michael Baker International to increase the amount of the agreement by \$101,350, for a total of \$726,350.83 and extend the agreement to June 30, 2023, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; and 4) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5514, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 2105 WESTBOURNE DR WATER SEEPAGE MITIGATION. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

> CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD LIST OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED 2.T. PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER SB-1 (BEALL) TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FY 2022-2023 [D. RIVAS, J. GILMOUR]: SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution specifying certain transportation related projects eligible for funding under SB-1 (Beall) Transportation Funding to be completed during the next fiscal year. The project list included in the resolution will be submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) before the deadline of July 1st, 2022. ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5515 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017"; and 2) Direct staff to submit the City's project list to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) before the July 1st, 2022, deadline. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

## 2.U. COMMUNITY CPR TRAINING [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to organize community CPR certification training and allocating funding to subsidize the cost for interested community members.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Direct staff to organize a community CPR certification training event; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$4,000 from budgeted funds in Fiscal Year 2022-23 in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the CPR certification training and marketing for the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.V. SAFETY TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE PLAN [L. HORVATH, S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop a 5-Year Safety Technology Upgrade Plan. This plan will be incorporated into the Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy that is currently in development.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Direct staff to work with the Sheriff's Department and other key partners to develop a 5-Year Safety Technology Upgrade Plan to be incorporated into the Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy currently in development; and 2) Direct staff to determine funding to accomplish the goals set out in the 5-Year Plan beginning with an allocation in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget if needed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.W. (4.A.) PLUMMER PARK PILOT OFF-LEASH DOG AREA [R. ABRAMSON, G. YOLLES, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the proposed pilot off-leash dog area at Plummer Park and consider directing staff to move forward with implementation. The pilot will be in place as the City goes

through the design and redevelopment process for Plummer Park over the next several years.

**ACTION**: 1) Direct staff to move forward with the implementation of a pilot off-leash dog area in Plummer Park, parallel to N. Vista Street, adjacent to the tennis courts. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

# 2.X. (4.D.) APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, BUSINESS LICENCE COMMISSION, RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION, AND WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: Mayor Meister will make her direct appointment to the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne will make her direct appointment to the Business License Commission. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne will make her direct appointment to the Rent Stabilization Commission. Councilmember D'Amico will make his direct appointment to the Women's Advisory Board, and the City Council will consider making an at-large appointment to the Women's Advisory Board.

ACTIONS: 1) Mayor Meister appointed Kimberly Copeland to the Planning Commission for a term ending February 28, 2023; 2) Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne appointed **Danny Hang** to the Business License Commission for a term ending February 28, 2023; 3) Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne appointed **Zekiah Wright** to the Rent Stabilization Commission for a term ending February 28, 2023; 4) Councilmember D'Amico appointed **Clara Juhn** to the Women's Advisory Board for a term ending February 28, 2023; and 5) The City Council **TABLED** the call for nominations for the at-large appointment to the Women's Advisory Board for a term ending February 28, 2023.

# 2.Y. (4.E.) HOST A CICLAVIA OPEN STREETS EVENT IN WEST HOLLYWOOD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES [L. HORVATH, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-hosting a CicLAvia open streets event in West Hollywood in August 2022 in partnership with the City of Los Angeles and allocating funding to this effort.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to work with organizers of CicLAvia to coordinate plans to co-host an event in August 2022 with the City of Los Angeles; 2) Direct staff to return to Council with an Agreement for Services with CicLAvia to produce the open streets event on Santa Monica Boulevard, and final information regarding route, business engagement, and community outreach; 3) Approve the waiver of Special Event Permit Fees for CicLAvia; 4) Approve the waiver of Special Event Permit Fees and Encroachment Fees for local businesses to participate in CicLAvia through storefront activations; and 5) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$400,000 from the City's Measure M funds for the open streets event and related City costs. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.Z. (4.F.) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN MINOR, LOW LEVEL TRAFFIC OFFENSES ARE OF LOW PRIORITY FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. LANGER, W. MOULDER, D. WILSON]:

SUBJECT: Staff has researched legal and practical considerations related to the reduction of the enforcement of certain minor, low level traffic offenses by the Sheriff's Department when serving the City of West Hollywood in the City's efforts to address the issues raised related to pretextual traffic stops. Based on staff recommendation, the City Council will consider adopting a resolution that de-prioritizes the enforcement of certain minor, low-level traffic offenses.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5516: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN MINOR, LOW LEVEL TRAFFIC OFFENSES ARE OF LOW PRIORITY FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD;" and 2) Provide direction to city staff to monitor bills related to the enforcement of low level traffic offenses and take positions on bills when appropriate and in accordance with the City's advocacy and lobbying plan. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the "No" vote of Mayor Meister.** 

2.AA. (5.B.) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8465 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution approving purchase of real property located at 8465 Santa Monica Boulevard in the City of West Hollywood.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5517 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8465 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$4,200,000 plus all related closing costs from unallocated reserves in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to 216-4-40-40-703059 for the purchase of real property located at 8465 Santa Monica Boulevard; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to facilitate the purchase of real property located at 8465 Santa Monica Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

# 2.BB. (5.C.) RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the necessary resolutions calling the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5518, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ORDER THE CONSOLIDATION OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE SAME DAY: TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CANVASS THE RETURNS OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RENDER FULL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403"; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 22 -5519, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

# 2.CC. (5.D.) AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENT SURVEY AND AFFORDABLE / INCLUSIONARY UNIT AUDIT [L. MEISTER, S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to perform an independent survey of residents in the affordable housing buildings in West Hollywood to gather feedback on resident satisfaction with services provided, building upkeep, property management, etc. The City Council will also consider directing staff to perform an internal audit of the affordable and inclusionary housing units to ensure they are being used for their intended purpose.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to perform an independent survey of residents in the affordable housing buildings in West Hollywood to gather feedback on resident satisfaction with services provided, building upkeep, property management, etc.; 2) Return to City Council with the Agreement for Services with the consultant and a request for funding to support this effort; and 3) Direct staff to perform an internal audit of the affordable housing and inclusionary housing units to ensure they are being used for their intended purpose. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.DD. (5.E.) FIREARM LIABILITY INSURANCE ORDINANCE [L. HORVATH, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing the City Attorney to analyze an ordinance to require gun owners to purchase firearm liability insurance through their homeowner's or renter's insurance and to pay an annual fee that would go toward evidence-based initiatives to reduce gun violence and gun harm.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Direct the City Attorney to research and analyze the establishment of an ordinance to require gun owners to purchase firearm liability insurance through their homeowner's or renter's insurance and pay an annual fee that would go toward evidence-based initiatives to reduce gun violence and gun harm; and 2) If the research determines that the ordinance is appropriate and defensible, return to City Council with the results of the analysis and recommendations for further consideration. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

## 2.EE. (5.F.) UPDATES TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS [D. WILSON, LAUREN LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amendments to the Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials that update and clarify responsibilities of sworn public officials (members of the City Council and its subsidiary Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Task Forces).

**ACTION**: Adopt the revised Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

# 2.FF. (6.A.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 5.70.035 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH CERTAIN APPLICANTS MUST OPEN THEIR CANNABIS BUSINESSES FOR OPERATION [J. LEONARD, D. RIVAS, Y. BENITEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an ordinance amending West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 5.70.035 (Cannabis) to extend the deadline by which certain applicants must open their cannabis businesses for operation.

**ACTION**: Review and conduct first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 22-1182, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 5.70.035 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH CERTAIN APPLICANTS MUST OPEN THEIR CANNABIS BUSINESSES FOR OPERATION." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

2.GG. (6.B.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 1.08.010(D) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CODE VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROCEDURES [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code updating the sections that are subject to the administrative penalty procedure provisions to integrate recent amendments to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

**ACTION**: Introduce on First Reading Ordinance No. 22-1183, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 1.08.010(d) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROCEDURES." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.** 

The City Council took a recess at 8:40 p.m. and returned at 8:50 p.m.

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT AND LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR, AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM OF WORK WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE [J. LEONARD, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider adopting a resolution confirming the annual report submitted by the Advisory Board of the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District and levying the assessment for fiscal year 2022-2023, as well as approval of an agreement with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to administer the program of work.

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing.

Councilmember Horvath reported that the City Council received correspondence from West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce CEO Genevieve Morrill as well as a member of the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District.

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

Management Analyst Paolo Kespradit provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 6, 2022.

SHERRI FRANKLIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Meister closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5520 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD AND LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT"; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an Agreement for Services with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to administer the 2022-2023 Sunset Strip Business Improvement District work program. Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.

3.B. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT AND LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR, AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM OF WORK WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE [J. LEONARD, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider adopting a resolution confirming the annual report submitted by the Advisory Board of the West Hollywood Design District and levying the assessment for fiscal year 2022-2023, as well as approval of an agreement with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to administer the West Hollywood Design District's fiscal year 2022-2023 program of work.

Mayor Meister opened the Public Hearing.

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

Councilmember Horvath reported that the City Council received correspondence from West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce CEO Genevieve Morrill as well as a member of the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District.

Management Analyst Paolo Kespradit provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 6, 2022.

SHERRI FRANKLIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the impacts of the Melrose Streetscape Project and possible reduction of the BID costs. Director of Economic Development John Leonard responded to this inquiry. City

Manager Wilson commented that staff will reach out to the businesses and explore the possibility of waiving parking credits.

Mayor Meister closed the Public Hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5521 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT AND LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT"; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an Agreement for Services with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to administer the 2022-2023 West Hollywood Design District work program. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.

3.C. CONFIRMATION OF THE LEVY OF AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 [J. LEONARD, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider adopting a resolution confirming a diagram and the levy of assessments for the Santa Monica Boulevard Maintenance District for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing.

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

Management Analyst Paolo Kespradit provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 6, 2022.

Mayor Meister closed the Public Hearing.

**ACTION**: Adopt Resolution No. 22-5522: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE." **Motion by Councilmember Horvath**, seconded by **Councilmember D'Amico**, and approved.

## 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. PLUMMER PARK PILOT OFF-LEASH DOG AREA [R. ABRAMSON, G. YOLLES, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the proposed pilot off-leash dog area at Plummer Park and consider directing staff to move forward with implementation. The pilot will be in place as the City goes through the design and redevelopment process for Plummer Park over the next several years.

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

# 4.B. POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL VACANCY TAX MEASURES FOR THE BALLOT OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION [J. LEONARD, L. LANGER, L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will provide staff with direction regarding whether to continue to pursue placing commercial and/or residential vacancy tax measures on the November 8, 2022, ballot, based on voter polling results, the review of information on commercial and residential vacancy taxes in other jurisdictions, and staff's analysis.

Director of Economic Development John Leonard provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 6, 2022. He introduced City consultant Richard Bernard of FM3 Global, who presented the results of the survey conducted of potential West Hollywood voters to inquire if they would support these proposed vacancy taxes.

Councilmember Erickson inquired about how the data collection and the margin of error. Mr. Bernard responded to this inquiry. Councilmember Erickson inquired about the vacancy rate in West Hollywood. Mr. Leonard responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the percentage of voters needed to approve the proposed measure. He also asked Mr. Bernard if based on the 2/3 voter approval needed for the ballot measure does his analysis indicate that the ballot measure would be successful. Mr. Bernard responded to this inquiry.

BLAKE PEREZ, UNKNOWN, spoke in opposition to the Item.

JERARD WRIGHT, ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, spoke in opposition to the Item.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

SHERRI FRANKLIN, ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in opposition to the Item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about potential implications if the vacancy tax is approved, specifically with the Ellis Act. City Attorney Langer responded to this inquiry.

Mayor Meister commented that a vacancy is defined as a unit that has been unoccupied for six months. She inquired if construction is being done and it takes six months does this meet the definition of a vacant unit. Mr. Leonard responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember D'Amico commented that he's unsure if the vacancy tax would solve the issue of the vacant properties in the City, especially those that have been vacant for decades. Based on Mr. Bernard's date, he is unsure if the ballot measure would be pass if it requires 2/3 voter approval.

Councilmember Horvath inquired about a correlation between a vacancy tax and occupation of the spaces. She expressed concern with an increased cost to commercial and residential tenants. She is interested in additional research that illustrates that tenants weren't affected by this type of tax. She further indicated that she cannot support the item as presented.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne expressed interest in the commercial vacancy tax. She indicated that she needs additional information regarding the residential vacancy tax. She suggested that staff monitor what San Francisco has done and the effects, if any, on residential tenants. She further requested that staff report back to the City Council in early 2023 for further consideration.

Mayor Meister requested a friendly amendment to Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne's motion that staff explore other alternatives to ensure that properties are rented. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne accepted the friendly amendment.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to monitor what other cities have done and the effects, if any, on tenants; 2) Direct staff to report back to the City Council by March 2023 for further consideration; and 3) Direct staff to explore other alternatives to ensure that properties do not remain vacant. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved, noting the "no" votes of Councilmembers Erickson and Horvath.

# 4.C. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD PURVIEW, MAKE UP, AND NAME, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN LGBTQ+ COMMISSION [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review and provide direction on the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board's (LGAB) recommendations to amend LGAB's purview, makeup, and name as well as the Board's recommendation to establish an LGBTQ+ Commission.

Community and Legislative Affairs Manager Andi Lovano provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 6, 2022.

Ms. Lovano indicated that staff needs City Council direction on the following:

- 1) Should the LGAB be a Commission
- 2) Should the name be the LGBTQ+ Commission/Advisory Board
- 3) Does the City Council approve the revised purview
- 4) Number of appointed officials on the Board or Commission
- 5) Makeup inclusivity

Mayor Meister asked the City Attorney to clarify the difference between a City Commission and an Advisory Board. City Attorney Langer responded to this inquiry.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of changing to a Commission, noting that her biggest goal for this item is inclusivity.

Councilmember D'Amico suggested that the Board transition to a Commission. He also recommended that the new Commission have input, including fiscal input, on Pride. He also recommended that the City Council appoint the members.

Mayor Meister suggested that it remain an Advisory Board, specifically because they indicated a desire to have nine members and a broad purview. The City Council should appoint the members.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne suggested that it transition to a Commission. She agrees that City Council should appoint members. She does not have an opinion about seven or nine members. She recommends voting this evening to make them the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board.

Councilmember Horvath agrees with the name change, the number of members, and that the City Council appoints the members. She agrees with Mayor Meister that it remain an Advisory Board.

Councilmember Erickson thanked the LGAB and TAB for their work on this Item. He shared his experience as a Lesbian & Gay Advisory Boardmember. He further commented that he feels that all of the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards need review to ensure that they meet the current needs of the City. He agrees with changing the name. If it is a Commission, it should be seven members. He suggested that the City Council give direction to the City Clerk to review all of the City's Commissions and Advisory Boardmembers.

Motion by Mayor Meister to 1) Keep it as Advisory Board; 2) the Advisory Board should be nine members; 3) the name should be the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board; 4) Boardmembers will be appointed by the City Council (5 Direct/4 At-Large); and 5) Direct staff to analyze all the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards and report back to the City Council. Councilmember Horvath seconded the motion.

Director of Community Services Yvonne Quarker suggested that staff work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance creating an LGBTQ+ Commission that would become effective February 28, 2023.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember D'Amico to 1) direct staff to draft a resolution to change the name to the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board at the next City Council meeting; and 2) direct staff to draft an ordinance to create an LGBTQ+ Commission consisting of seven members with the purview outlined in the staff report.

Ms. Quarker requested additional time for staff to draft the ordinance changing the Board to a Commission.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to draft a resolution to change the name to the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board at the next City Council meeting; 2) Direct staff to return in 60 days with a draft ordinance to create an LGBTQ+ Commission consisting of seven members with the purview outlined in the original staff report, the LGAB's proposal, and an updated purview; and 3) The ordinance would take effect February 28, 2023. Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Horvath.

# 4.D. APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, BUSINESS LICENCE COMMISSION, RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION, AND WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: Mayor Meister will make her direct appointment to the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne will make her direct appointment to the Business License Commission. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne will make her direct appointment to the Rent Stabilization Commission. Councilmember D'Amico will make his direct appointment to the Women's Advisory Board, and the City Council will consider making an at-large appointment to the Women's Advisory Board.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.E. HOST A CICLAVIA OPEN STREETS EVENT IN WEST HOLLYWOOD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES [L. HORVATH, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-hosting a CicLAvia open streets event in West Hollywood in August 2022 in partnership with the City of Los Angeles and allocating funding to this effort.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.F. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN MINOR, LOW LEVEL TRAFFIC OFFENSES ARE OF LOW PRIORITY FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. LANGER, W. MOULDER, D. WILSON]:

SUBJECT: Staff has researched legal and practical considerations related to the reduction of the enforcement of certain minor, low level traffic offenses by the Sheriff's Department when serving the City of West Hollywood in the City's efforts to address the issues raised related to pretextual traffic stops. Based on staff recommendation, the City Council will consider adopting a resolution that de-prioritizes the enforcement of certain minor, low-level traffic offenses.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. NEW WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY PLAYHOUSE FACILITY [J. ROCCO, R. ABRAMSON, G. YOLLES, J. LEONARD, R. EHEMANN, E. ANGELOFFI:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the current Coast Playhouse structure and provide direction regarding next steps for a new City Playhouse including moving forward with a consultant selection process for designing a replacement facility.

Urban Design and Architecture Studio Manager Ric Abramson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 6, 2022.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive this update on the state of the current Coast Playhouse; 2) Review design visions generated to date and direct staff to move forward with developing a replacement strategy for the existing structure; 3) Direct staff to establish a Playhouse Design Steering Committee established by the City Manager comprised of members of ACAC, PFC, the Planning Commission Design Review Subcommittee, and design/construction, arts professionals; and 4) Authorize a total project budget not to exceed \$6.5 million for costs related to the design and construction for a new playhouse facility. Motion Mayor Meister, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.

5.B. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8465 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution approving purchase of real property located at 8465 Santa Monica Boulevard in the City of West Hollywood.

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

5.C. RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the necessary resolutions calling the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.D. AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESIDENT SURVEY AND AFFORDABLE / INCLUSIONARY UNIT AUDIT [L. MEISTER, S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to perform an independent survey of residents in the affordable housing buildings in West Hollywood to gather feedback on resident satisfaction with services provided, building upkeep, property management, etc. The City Council will also consider directing staff to perform an internal audit of the affordable and inclusionary housing units to ensure they are being used for their intended purpose.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.E. FIREARM LIABILITY INSURANCE ORDINANCE [L. HORVATH, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing the City Attorney to analyze an ordinance to require gun owners to purchase firearm liability insurance through their homeowner's or renter's insurance and to pay an annual fee that would go toward evidence-based initiatives to reduce gun violence and gun harm.

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

5.F. UPDATES TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS [D. WILSON, LAUREN LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amendments to the Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials that update and clarify responsibilities of sworn public officials (members of the City Council and its subsidiary Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Task Forces).

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

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

## 6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 5.70.035 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH CERTAIN APPLICANTS MUST OPEN THEIR CANNABIS BUSINESSES FOR OPERATION [J. LEONARD, D. RIVAS, Y. BENITEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an ordinance amending West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 5.70.035 (Cannabis) to extend the deadline by which certain applicants must open their cannabis businesses for operation.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 1.08.010(D) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CODE VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROCEDURES [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code updating the sections that are subject to the administrative penalty procedure provisions to integrate recent amendments to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Sheriff Villanueva and the June 7<sup>th</sup> election.

ITALY BROWN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding trans allies, safety, and Pride. She also spoke regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the discussion around Item 4.C.

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the discussion around Item 4.C.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Horvath clarified her comments on Item 4.C. She commented on Sheriff Villanueva's attendance at the Pride Parade. She commented on Item 5.F. and hopes the changes create equity.

Councilmember Erickson commented that in reviewing the photo of Sheriff Villanueva attending the Pride Parade, he is unsure if it is from this year's Pride.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:41 p.m. in memory of Michael Morrisette, Ida Godges, Khosrow Mazaheri, Lucille Zabuta, Gavin Goorjian, Dr. Preston Phillips, Dr. Stephanie Husen, Amanda Dawn Glenn, William Love, Jackie Cazares, Jose Flores, Eliahna "Ellie" Garcia, Uziyah "Uzi" Garcia, Amerie Jo Garza, Xavier Lopez, Tess Marie Mata, Maranda Gail Mathis, Annabelle Rodriguez, Maite Yuleana Rodriguez, Alexandria "Lexi" Aniyah Rubio, Layla Salazar, Jailah Silguero, Eliahana Torres, Rojelio Torres, Nevaeh Alyssa Bravo, Makenna Lee Elrod, Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, Alithia Haven Ramirez, Eva Mireles, Irma Garcia to a Regular Adjourned meeting, which will be on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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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ATTEST:

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MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK