

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**4:30 P.M. – SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION: See attached Closed Session Special
Agenda**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Meister called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Steve Martin 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, Administrative Services Director Jimenez,
and City Clerk Crowder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Erickson requested that Items 4.B. and 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.L. and 2.N., respectively.

Councilmember Horvath requested that Item 4.E. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.M.

Motion by Mayor Meister, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the August 1, 2022 Agenda and approved, as amended.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mayor Max the Second.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Nichelle Nichols.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Erickson presented a Proclamation to Block by Block West Hollywood Operations Manager Shea Gibson.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne presented a Proclamation to the Block by Block Security Ambassadors.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.J., 2.K., and 4.D. as well as thanking the City Council for the Monkeypox Town Hall event.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the media's representation of West Hollywood.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about safety at public facilities, parks, and community gardens.

DANNY HANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Shea Gibson's service to the City. He also spoke in support of Items 2.J. and 4.D. Additionally, he spoke about adding additional Block by Block kiosks in the West Hollywood Heights area of the City.

KELLY CLIFT, UNKNOWN, spoke about her attempted purchase of a West Hollywood adjacent church for her ministry.

KERRI BALBONE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to encourage residents to attend National Night Out. She also provided feedback for future West Hollywood Pride events. She also indicated her support for Item 4.D. She concluded her comments by speaking about online comments about policy decisions that do not belong in public discourse.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding recent hate speech toward elected and appointed officials as well as City staff. She noted that people should be able to disagree without personal attacks.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about safety and quality of life on neighborhood streets.

JAY MARCUS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about monkeypox and the need for monkeypox messaging to the community.

ISELA RAMOS, UNITE HERE LOCAL 11, spoke in support of public safety decisions by the City Council.

RONALD BERMUDEZ, UNITE HERE LOCAL 11, spoke in support of the reallocation of funding for public safety by the City Council.

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RAMONA PARTIDA, UNITE HERE LOCAL 11, spoke in support of the increase of funding for Block by Block as well as the shooting of Andres Guardado two years ago. JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to express his disappointment with some of the City's appointed officials.

(Councilmember D'Amico left the meeting at 6:45 p.m. due to a family emergency.)

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson commented on the cases of monkeypox in LA County and highlighted the successful Monkeypox Town Hall hosted by the LA Blade last week. He shared that beginning on Wednesday, August 10 at the Community Meeting Room adjacent to the West Hollywood Library there will be a Monkeypox vaccine clinic. He spoke about the eligibility requirements for the monkeypox vaccine and advised members of the public to visit the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's website to secure an appointment. He reported his attendance at the Contract Cities Legislative Committee, the LGBTQ Convening by Victory Fund, the Free Iran World Summit, the Social Justice Task Force Listening Session, and the Monkeypox Town Hall. He inquired about the motor officer that used to be assigned to Fountain Avenue and requested traffic enforcement along Fountain Avenue. He asked for an update from the City Manager on the West Hollywood Park playground as well as on the drink spiking test strips. He shared that he has received comments that the electric vehicle charging stations at Plummer Park are not working and inquired about non-Tesla charging stations. He spoke about Jackie Steele's public comments and noted that hate speech is unacceptable and has no place in West Hollywood.

Councilmember Horvath commented that a Monkeypox State of Emergency was declared by Governor Newsom today, and that Supervisor Hahn will introduce an item at tomorrow's Board of Supervisor's meeting to declare a Monkeypox State of Emergency in Los Angeles County. She indicated her abstention on Item 2.E. She asked City Manager Wilson for an update on the City's Dockless Mobility Program as well as when it will return to City Council. She congratulated Tail of the Pup and Irv's Burgers on their recent ribbon cuttings. She reported her attendance at the Clean Power Alliance, Contract Cities, and the Free Iran World Summit. She also commented on the recent uncivil public discourse.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne thanked everyone who spoke under Public Comment and asked the City Clerk to connect with Mr. Francis so that she can share the City's Code of Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. She echoed the sentiment expressed by her colleagues regarding hate speech. She expressed concern about the Monkeypox epidemic. She reported her attendance at the Social Justice Task Force Listening Session, the Aids Monument Event, the July 21 Planning Commission meeting, the LA Blade Monkeypox Town Hall, the community BBQ hosted by the West Hollywood Housing Corporation. She spoke with residents at the WHHC building on La Brea and asked staff to contact McDonalds regarding noise. She thanked everyone

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who attended Sips with Sepi yesterday at Dialog Café. She concluded her comments by expressing her appreciation to Block by Block for their presence at various events that she has attended.

Mayor Meister reported her attendance at the Social Justice Task Force Listening Session, the Tail of Dog Ribbon Cutting, Dialogue with Deputies, the Monkeypox Town Hall hosted by the LA Blade, the Community BBQ at the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation's La Brea building. She shared that she presented a Proclamation to Leon, the barista at the "Big Gay Starbucks." She expressed her support for Item 2.G. and thanked the Historic Preservation Commission for recommending this building for designation. She commented that National Night Out in West Hollywood is tomorrow August 2nd and encouraged residents to visit www.weho.org/nno for a list of events. Lastly, she thanked Shea Gibson for coming to the meeting to receive his Proclamation.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson introduced Director of Public Works Steve Campbell so that he could provide an update on West Hollywood Park and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC). City Manager Wilson shared that the drink spiking test strips will be distributed on August 22nd prior to the Nighttime Safety Study Session. He commented that all charging stations in the City are non-Tesla charging stations and that they are maintained by Chargepoint. He noted that the Dockless Mobility Update item will be on the September 19 City Council agenda. He responded to the inquiries about outreach to McDonald's and Athens. He made announcements on various events in the City. He shared the City won award for its Metro Outreach. He provided information on the Nomination Period for the November 8, 2022 election. He concluded by providing an update on the City's Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 4.B., 4.E., and 5.A. is \$6,320,767 in expenditures, \$0 in revenues, and (\$2,100) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N. Motion by Councilmember Mayor Meister, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved noting the abstention of Councilmember Horvath on Item 2.E.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, August 1, 2022 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, July 27, 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 July 18, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 911, RESOLUTION NO. 22-5540:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 911 and adopt Resolution No. 22-5540, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 911". **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 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. 22-1186 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ALLOW RESTAURANTS TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON- AND OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION INCLUDING OFF-SITE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION FOR TAKEOUT VIA PICK UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECENTLY STATE LAW (SB 389) AND TO STREAMLINE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALL ON- AND OFF-SITE SALES, SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN COMMERCIAL ZONES AND THE R3C-C ZONE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND FINDING THE ACTION CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA" [M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 22-1186, approving amendments to Title 19, Zoning Ordinance of the West Hollywood Municipal Code, to allow restaurants to sell alcoholic beverages for on- and off-site consumption including off-site alcohol consumption for takeout via pick up in accordance with recently passed state law (SB 389) and to streamline the review process for all on- and off-site sales, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages in commercial zones and the R3C-C zone in the City of West Hollywood and finding the action categorically exempt from CEQA.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 22-1186, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ALLOW RESTAURANTS TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON- AND OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION INCLUDING OFF-SITE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION FOR TAKEOUT VIA PICK UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECENTLY STATE LAW (SB 389) AND TO STREAMLINE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALL ON- AND OFF-SITE SALES, SERVICE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN COMMERCIAL ZONES AND THE R3C-C ZONE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND FINDING THE ACTION CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the abstention of Councilmember Horvath.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the City’s Commissions and Advisory Boards on the actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.G. REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY AT 8300 SUNSET BOULEVARD AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, D. VU, D. PURIFICACION]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the Historic Preservation Commission’s recommendation to approve the nomination of the property located at 8300 Sunset Boulevard as a local cultural resource. Originally developed in 1962 as the Thunderbird Inn, the hotel was most recently operated as The Standard.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council uphold the Historic Preservation Commission’s recommendation and adopt Resolution No. 22-5541 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY AT 8300 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AS A

LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY 2022 [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of programming for the City’s annual Women’s Equality Day commemoration.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve programming recommendations from the Women’s Advisory Board for the Women’s Equality Day 2022 commemoration; 2) Direct staff to light City Hall and the City’s lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard in the colors purple and yellow/gold to recognize Women’s Equality Day from August 22 – August 29, 2022; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City’s commemoration of Women’s Equality Day, including, but not limited to, the City’s website and social media tools.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.I. COMMUNITY EDUCATION ON CRYPTOCURRENCY SCAMS [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to inform and educate the community on cryptocurrency scams and how to avoid them.

ACTION: Direct staff to develop ways to inform and educate the community on cryptocurrency scams and how to avoid them, including posting information on the City’s website and social media tools.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.J. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF HOLLYWOOD NOW’S TRANSVAGINA DIARIES [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring Hollywood NOW’s production of the TransVagina Diaries at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers on November 5 and 6, 2022.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of Hollywood NOW’s production of the TransVagina Diaries on November 5 and 6, 2022 by approving the co-sponsorship agreement with Hollywood NOW; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreement; 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event, including, but not limited to, the City’s website and social media tools; 5) Waive the Facility Use Fee for the City Council Chambers for the two production days, as well as other Facility Use Fees for three rehearsal days, and any other ancillary permits that may be required for the event (estimated \$780 in waived fees); 6) Waive parking fees at the 5-story parking lot for attendees of the event on both production days, and during the dress rehearsal (estimated \$1,320 in waived fees); and 7) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$10,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-

01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN CIVIC EDUCATION INSTITUTE'S COMBATING ANTISEMITISM SUMMIT [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the Israeli-American Civic Education Institute's Combating Antisemitism Summit, to be held at Congregation Kol Ami in late August 2022.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize co-sponsorship of the Israeli-American Civic Education Institute's Combating Antisemitism Summit by approving the co-sponsorship agreement with the Israeli-American Civic Education Institute; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreement; 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the Combating Antisemitism Summit, including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.L. (4.B.) WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PHASE II MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT - FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the release of the retention and the ratification and approval of a Settlement Agreement for final resolution and payment of all outstanding claims and associated costs for the West Hollywood Park Phase II Master Plan Implementation Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$6,305,767 from the Debt Funded Capital Projects Fund 301 to accommodate the increase to the project budget for the West Hollywood Park Master Plan Phase II Implementation Project from \$113,499,810 to \$119,805,577; 2) Authorize the release of retention in the amount of \$4,408,920.06 from the established project escrow account to Sinanian Development, Incorporated; 3) Authorize payment to Sinanian Development, Incorporated in the amount of \$4,000,000 with a permanent holdback by the City of \$415,000, as outlined in the Settlement Agreement, for the resolution of all outstanding construction claims related to the West Hollywood Park Phase II Implementation Project; 4) Authorize funding in the amount of \$2,305,767 for closeout costs related to the West Hollywood Park Phase II Implementation Construction Project; and 5) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the closeout of construction including the release of retention held in the escrow account and ratification of the terms contained within the Settlement Agreement for resolution of all outstanding claims and

associated costs for the West Hollywood Park Phase II Master Plan Implementation Project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. (4.E.) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT OFFENSES RELATED TO PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS ARE A LOW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY [L. LANGER, D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution declaring that the City of West Hollywood will make enforcement of offenses related to psilocybin mushrooms a low enforcement priority.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution 22-5542: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT OFFENSES RELATED TO PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS ARE A LOW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. (5.A.) HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 [J. KEHO, A. MCINTOSH, A. MISHKY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Annual Housing Element Report for calendar year 2021 and authorize staff to submit the report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development in compliance with state requirements.

ACTION: Authorize staff to submit the 2021 Annual Housing Element Report to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. WEHO PRIDE 2022: INITIAL POST EVENT DEBRIEF REPORT [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an initial post-event debrief regarding WeHo Pride 2022 and provide feedback related to the inaugural event.

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 1, 2022.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank Code Enforcement for their assistance with the unauthorized cannabis sales during the festival.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the success of the inaugural Pride and to encourage more outreach and inclusion in the future.

CHRIS BALDWIN, ON BEHALF OF THE L PROJECT, spoke about the Women's Freedom Festival on Friday and challenges with the time of the event that led to reduced attendance. She also spoke about the fictitious advertising of one entity as the "official Women's WeHo Pride Event" and the amount they were charging for tickets.

**The following Public Comment was taken out of order*

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding receiving feedback from attendees, LGBTQ+ Advisory Board, Transgender Advisory Board, and conduct a community meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that a City Council Pride Subcommittee meeting be scheduled to receive feedback prior to staff returning with the larger Pride debrief item. She responded to the comments by Chris Baldwin.

Councilmember Erickson thanked Community Services and Events for the success of the first inaugural WeHo Pride. He agreed with the comments about the proposed development on Robertson and impacts to next year's Pride. He suggested entering into a long-term contract with JJLA for production of Pride, possibly three years. He spoke about the timing of the Dyke March. He agreed that the cannabis events policy needs to be in place soon.

Councilmember Horvath acknowledged the success of the inaugural WeHo Pride. She spoke about the quality of both the ticketed and free events. She agrees that the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board and Transgender Advisory Board along with the City Council Pride Subcommittee should be included for feedback. She supports a long-term contract. She requested that staff review how individuals are selected to ride on the floats, specifically City officials on floats.

Mayor Meister shared that she received mostly compliments on how well Pride went and suggested looking at north of Santa Monica Blvd regarding the sound of bass carrying from the concert. She also agreed with moving the day of the Women's Freedom Festival for maximum attendance. She is supportive of exploring a three-year contract with JJLA.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an initial post-event debrief overview regarding WeHo Pride 2022; 2) Explore a three-year contract with JJLA; 3) Review the Friday night event and the Dyke March; 4) Receive feedback from the community, LGBTQ+ Advisory Board, and Transgender Advisory Board; and 5) Review how individuals and appointed officials are selected for the floats. **Approved by consensus.**

4.B. WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PHASE II MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT - FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the release of the retention and the ratification and approval of a Settlement Agreement for final resolution and payment of all outstanding claims and associated costs for the West Hollywood Park Phase II Master Plan Implementation Project.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.C. SMALL PROJECTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN-LIEU FEE AND INCLUSIONARY REQUIREMENT [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a study of the affordable housing in-lieu fee options and inclusionary requirement for small residential projects (2-10 units) and consider directing staff to amend the Title 19 Zoning Ordinance and the master fee resolution based on the study recommendations.

Project Development Administrator Alicen Bartle introduced Jessica Hitchcock from Urban Math who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 1, 2022.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the lack of affordable housing in the City.

Mayor Meister inquired if UDAS could look at this and requested that staff reach out to additional small project developers. Ms. Bartle responded. She also inquired about the impacts to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Leonard responded. Mayor Meister indicated she could support moving forward with an ordinance as long as staff simultaneously gathered more information and studied the potential consequences.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive the study and consider directing staff to amend the Title 19 Zoning Ordinance and the master fee resolution based on the following study recommendation: Increase the set-aside for small projects from 10% currently to 15%, the increase shall be accompanied by a "must build" requirement for projects with at least 7 units with an in-lieu fee required for all fractional units; and 2) UDAS to provide analysis that would model what this proposal would look like. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

4.D. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MYDATT SERVICES, INC. d/b/a BLOCK BY BLOCK FOR SECURITY AMBASSADOR SERVICES [D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an amendment to the Agreement for security ambassador services with Mydatt Services, Inc. d/b/a Block by Block to modify the scope of work and increase the amount of the agreement.

Director of Community Safety Danny Rivas provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 1, 2022.

DANIELLE WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

ERICK MATOS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and for more foot patrols in the commercial corridors.

KERRI BALBONE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and suggested safety training for public officials.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne commented on cross collaboration with Block by Block and Sheriffs. She suggested creating a magnet or similar with Block by Block's phone number and services.

Councilmember Erickson inquired on where the new ambassadors are deployed and where the kiosks are. Director of Community Safety Rivas responded.

Councilmember Horvath addressed the one comment about Sunset Strip and security ambassador purview and expressed disappointment of the disparagement of Block by Block in recent weeks. She commented on the graph showing the change of investment into Block by Block over the years since FY2007 to FY2022.

Mayor Meister indicated she is not concerned about communication between sheriffs and security ambassadors. She mentioned discussions she's had with public safety regarding an easy phone number to remember for Block by Block. She emphasized the need to track contacts between Sheriff's and Block by Block as well as social service providers. Lastly, she requested an update on ambassador hiring, training, and crime statistics before any sheriff cuts occur.

Councilmember Erickson publicized the Escort Services aspect of Block by Block that is very valuable for the community and asked public safety to promote the various other aspects available.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement of Services with Mydatt Services, Inc. d/b/a Block by Block to increase the “not-to-exceed” amount by \$1,954,376.32 to \$5,696,511.69 in FY 2022-23 and by \$1,993,247.36 to \$5,804,105.44 in FY 2023-24 for a total two-year term of \$11,500,617.13 for security ambassador services; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,954,376.32 from unallocated General Fund Reserves in FY 2022-23 to account 100-2-04-18-534113 for these services; 4) 45-day check in to ensure hiring and training are on track; 5) Provide crime statistics measuring response times and metrics; 6) Conduct and create additional promotional and communications to residents with mailers/magnets/etc. that include phone numbers; 7) Promote the Escort Services; and 8) Authorize the use of Narcan and drink spike testing strips. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

4.E. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT OFFENSES RELATED TO PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS ARE A LOW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY [L. LANGER, D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution declaring that the City of West Hollywood will make enforcement of offenses related to psilocybin mushrooms a low enforcement priority.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.F. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION [M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making an at-large appointment to the Planning Commission.

City Clerk Melissa Crowder conducted nominations for the at-large appointment.

ACTION: Erick Matos was selected for an at-large appointment to the Planning Commission for a term ending February 28, 2023. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Meister and approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 [J. KEHO, A. MCINTOSH, A. MISHKY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Annual Housing Element Report for calendar year 2021 and authorize staff to submit the report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development in compliance with state requirements.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. REQUEST FOR FINANCING COMMITMENT LETTER AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE LOAN FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT FINANCING AT 910-916 N WETHERLY DRIVE [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider issuing a commitment letter and loan from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (“WHCHC”), a non-profit housing developer and operator, in the amount of \$10,000,000 for Construction and Permanent Financing at 910-916 N. Wetherly Drive.

Project Development Administrator Alicen Bartle provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 1, 2022.

Mayor Meister expressed some concerns about the project. Consultant Jesse Slansky responded.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne suggested the addition of the following language in the contract “shall work collaboratively with UDAS” and agrees with up to \$165,000/unit.

Councilmember Horvath commented that this is standard practice for affordable housing projects.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign a commitment letter in substantially the form attached, pledging up to \$10,000,000 for construction and permanent financing for the development of a minimum of 80 affordable housing units at 910-916 N. Wetherly Drive; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate up to \$10,000,000 from unallocated reserves in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to account 216-3-05-62-537015 for the purposes of funding the loan; 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the agreement; 4) Modify the contract language to state “shall work collaboratively with UDAS; 5) 65-90 Units; and 6) Per Unit Subsidy of up to \$165,000. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ROXANNE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank Councilmember Horvath for speaking about the facts of the public safety budget recommendations.

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JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on the lack of affordable housing in the City.

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Council-approved Drag Laureate Program and requested that the City release the RFP before October.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Erickson congratulated the new executive officers of the West Hollywood Municipal Employees AFSCME Local 3339 and thanked Bobby Safikhani for his service as President the last few years.

Mayor Meister reiterated that hate speech is not acceptable; however, she also thanked the community for engaging and sharing their opinions, positive and negative, on City Council actions. She reminded everyone that residents are still on the top of the organizational chart.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:34 P.M. in memory of Mayor Max the Second and Nichelle Nichols to its next regular meeting which will be on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 15th day of August, 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.

DocuSigned by:
LAUREN MEISTER
LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Melissa Crowder
MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK