CITY COUNCIL CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Miss Tiger 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, Administrative

Services Director Jimenez, and City Clerk Crowder.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. She stated that there was no public comment. The City Council discussed the one item on the posted agenda and provided direction to initiate a civil matter. The Closed Session adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Erickson requested that Item 2.N. be moved to Excluded Consent. He also requested that Items 4.D. and 5.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.AA. and 2.CC., respectively.

Councilmember D'Amico requested that Items 4.B. and 5.C. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.Z. and 2.DD., respectively.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that Item 2.V. be moved to Excluded Consent. She also requested that Items 4.A. and 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.Y. and 2.BB., respectively.

Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne to approve the August 15, 2022 agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Henry Perez Huerta and Carmen Ramirez.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kimberly Eaton.

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Victor Tomasino, David Hill, Harlene Krane, and Clu Gulager.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Erickson presented a Proclamation to Bobby Safikhani honoring his tenure as President of the City's WeHoMe bargaining unit.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

MATTHEW KOSTRINSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.X.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.N.

ELI VEITZER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.X.

CHERYL RODDY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.H. in opposition to the proposed project at 910 N. Wetherly.

LUCAS YAMMINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the approval of his parcel map.

AMBROSE BROOKS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.V.

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.K.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.S. He also requested that the City require air conditioning similar to the requirement to provide heat in the municipal code.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Items 2.J., 4.A., and 5.C.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding safety for law enforcement agencies given the recent threats aimed at the FBI. He also spoke about the need for more community involvement in the decision-making process rather than the hiring of consultants.

MICHAEL RUSSNOW, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Havenhurst cul-desac.

DEAN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 4.C.

MARQUITA THOMAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding National Night Out and the Open House at the ARC. She also spoke in support of Items 2.S. and 2.V.

ANTHONY VULIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding an incident with an unhoused community member at his business. He also spoke about the Open House at the ARC.

CRAIG BOWERS, ON BEHALF OF APLA HEALTH, spoke to thank the City for cosponsoring the 2022 AIDS Walk.

CHELSEA BYERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the scramble crosswalk at Robertson and Santa Monica and requested additional signage. She also requested that a trash can be installed at the Northwest corner of Santa Monica/Robertson. She also spoke in support of Item 2.T.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Items 2.1., 2.L., and 2.R.

MICHAEL GARTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to request that the City Council waive his parking citation.

ANTHONY DEVGENIC, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding public safety and illegal hot dog vendors during City events.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Horvath thanked everyone who participated in National Night Out. She reported her attendance at the Open House for the new Aquatics and Recreation Center (ARC). She also reported that she attended the Tenant Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee meeting, the Contract Cities Executive Board meeting, the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board and Oversight meeting, the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles event, and the Pakistan Independence Day. She inquired about the extension of development-related permits due to COVID. She responded to a public comment regarding response times by Block by Block. She shared that the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) unanimously voted for West Hollywood's preferred Metro alignment. She noted that the NextGen event will be held on August 29th. She concluded her comments by reading some of the hate speech directed at the City Councilmembers recently.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne thanked Councilmember Horvath for bringing the hate speech to light. She commented on the political environment that she wants to operate in, not the one we currently live in. She noted that the First Amendment does not

protect violence or hate speech. She commented on several Consent Calendar items. She reported her attendance at National Night Out, the Equality California Conference, the Women in Municipal Government conference, the Open House at the ARC, and the Tenant Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting.

Councilmember Erickson thanked his colleagues for calling out the hate speech. He thanked everyone who attended National Night Out. He reported his attendance at the Open House for the ARC. He spoke about the lack of monkeypox vaccines which necessitated the City pausing its vaccine pop-up clinic. He appointed Catherine Eng to the Business License Commission and Jen Chang to the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board. He requested that staff provide information at the memorial in Plummer Park to educate the public on why the City erected it and what it honors. Finally, he spoke in support of City employees.

Councilmember D'Amico thanked his colleagues for supporting Item 2.S. He shared that as part of this weekend's CicLAvia event that bikes will be provided for those that need one to ride during the event. He asked the City Clerk to bring an item at the next meeting appointing a new Councilmember to the West Hollywood Pride Subcommittee. He expressed concern with delays in leasing up the affordable units in new developments after the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. He concluded with thanking his colleagues for indulging his request for them all to take a "dive" in the new pool during the Open House at the ARC.

Mayor Meister reported her attendance at National Night Out, the Elected Officials to Protect America virtual meeting, the WSC-COG meeting, the celebration of life event held for Victor Tomasino, and the Open House at the ARC. She commented on several Consent Calendar items.

Councilmember Erickson requested that staff look at street lighting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson responded to Councilmember inquiries. He shared that the City Council West Hollywood Pride Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. He also shared that CicLAvia will take place on Sunday, August 21st. He mentioned that the Willoughby Street Design Pilot Project: Virtual Community Workshop No. 2 will take place on Saturday, August 27th as well as the Women's Equality Day event. He mentioned Item 2.Y. (4.A.) and thanked staff for their hard work on the item.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$6,401,661 in expenditures, \$6,077,661 in revenues, and (\$22,845) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,W.,X.,Y.,Z.,AA.,BB.,CC.,DD. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, August 15, 2022 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, August 10, 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 August 1, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 912 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending August 5, 2022 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 912 and adopt Resolution No. 22-5543, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 912." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. AB 361 - ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR CITY BROWN ACT MEETINGS [L. LANGER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will authorize the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings for the City's Brown Act meetings as required under AB 361.

ACTION: Allow for the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings for City Brown Act meetings (including all of the City's Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Task Forces) under AB 361 by finding that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Business License Commission, Human Services Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, Transportation Commission, 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.F. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2022 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended June 2022 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Receive and file the June 2022 Treasurer's Report. **Approved** as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.G. ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUEER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, J. IVANOVA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the work of the Los Angeles County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Health Collaborative from July 2021 through June 2022.

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

2.H. REPORT FROM THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (WHCHC) SEMI-ANNUAL YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2021-2022 [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report of initiatives undertaken and ongoing activities of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC) during the second half of the fiscal year.

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

2.I. BI VISIBILITY WEEK 2022 [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recognizing Bi Visibility Week, September 16-23, 2022.

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaim September 16-23, 2022, as Bi Visibility Week in the City of West Hollywood; 2) Direct staff to take additional actions to recognize Bi Visibility Week, including but not limited to, illuminating City Hall with the colors associated with the Bisexual flag colors; programming the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard with the colors of the Bisexual flag; and flying the Bisexual flag at public facilities as space permits; 3) Direct staff to continue to work with the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board and its Bi Visibility Subcommittee, as well as community partners, to develop additional programming relevant to Bi Visibility Week; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the activities associated with Bi Visibility Week including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.J. STATUS REPORT REGARDING GENERAL PUBLIC ACCESS TO AMENITIES IN HOTELS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND EVALUATING HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON NEW STRUCTURES AND USES TO EXISTING HOTEL ROOFTOPS [J. KEHO, A. MCINTOSH]:

SUBJECT: This is a status report on a City Council directive from August 3, 2020, regarding access by the general public to amenities in hotels in residential neighborhoods and possibly adding new structures and uses to existing hotel rooftops.

ACTION: Receive and file this report in acknowledgement of the continued progress on this Council directive. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. RENAMING OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD ROOM AT THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY IN HONOR OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the recommendation to rename the West Hollywood Room in the West Hollywood Library in honor of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

ACTION: Rename the West Hollywood Room, located on the second floor of the West Hollywood Library, in honor of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and develop and maintain a collection honoring her work and associated topics. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT HOMEKEY FUNDS FROM CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will agree to accept the California State Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey grant in the amount of \$6,007,661.00 to support the conversion of the Holloway Motel into interim housing.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize acceptance of the California State Department of Housing and Community Development Homekey grant in the amount of \$6,007,661.00 to support the conversion of the Holloway Motel into interim housing; 2) Authorize City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the grant award; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance to increase revenues and expenditures in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund by an equal amount of \$6,007,661.00. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO THE LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES, INC. COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]: SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing an increase to the

purchase order for the cooperative purchasing agreement with Landscape Structures, Incorporated.

ACTION: Authorize an increase of \$300,000 to the Purchase Order with Landscape Structures, Inc., pursuant to its Sourcewell Collaborative

Agreement, to provide playground equipment, goods, and services for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. AUTHORIZATION TO LIVE BROADCAST THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM ON WEHOTV AND OTHER STREAMING PLATFORMS [J. SCHARE, B. WHITE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the Communications Department to live broadcast a virtual West Hollywood City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. sponsored by the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce on the City of West Hollywood's WeHoTV cable channel and other streaming platforms as part of the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.O. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 80313 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 1257 SWEETZER AVE [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Final Tract Map No. 80313, a 14-unit condominium subdivision, located at 1257 Sweetzer Ave. **ACTIONS**: 1) Make findings for the Final Tract Map as follows: a. That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, b. That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code, c. That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Tract Map No. 80313; and 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Tract Map No. 80313 the certificate that embodies the approval of said map. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.P. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 83694 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 8314 WILLOUGHBY AVENUE [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Final Parcel Map No. 83694, a 2-unit condominium subdivision, located at 8314 Willoughby Avenue.

ACTIONS: 1) Make findings for the Final Parcel Map as follows: a. That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474,

66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, b. That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code, c. That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 83694; and 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Parcel Map No. 83694 the certificate that embodies the approval of said map. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 2103, MID-CITY, LA BREA AVE, AND SANTA MONICA BLVD PAVEMENT REPAIR PROGRAM [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, M. SOLOGUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 2103, Mid-City, La Brea Ave., and Santa Monica Blvd. Pavement Repair Program by All American Asphalt.

ACTIONS: Accept the work and authorize the following: a. File the Notice of Completion by the City Clerk with the Los Angeles Recorder's Office, b. Issue the final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35 day lien period, c. Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, d. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices from material suppliers or subcontractors. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar**.

2.R. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 2209, AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH T&G GLOBAL, LLC. TO INSTALL DECORATIVE LANTERNS ALONG SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD ON THE EASTSIDE [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 2209, Agreement for Services with T&G Global, LLC. to install Decorative Lanterns along Santa Monica Blvd on the Eastside. **ACTIONS**: Accept the work and authorize the following: a. Filing the Notice of Completion by the City Clerk, b. Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, c. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar**.

2.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2022 AIDS WALK LOS ANGELES EVENT [J. D'AMICO, Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the 2022 AIDS Walk Los Angeles event organized by APLA Health & Wellness on Sunday, October 16, 2022, including approving the use of city property, associated street closures and fee waivers for the event.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a co-sponsorship of the 2022 AIDS Walk Los Angeles event taking place on Sunday, October 16, 2022, in West Hollywood Park and surrounding streets: 2) Approve the street closure of Santa Monica Boulevard between Doheny Drive and La Cienega Boulevard from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2022; 3) Approve the street closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard including alleyways from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2022. The closure will include a 20foot fire lane to allow for emergency vehicles and Metro buses; 4) Approve the use of 50 parking spaces per day in the Five Story Parking Structure for production staff and crew from 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022, through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022; 5) Approve the waiver of Building and Safety Permit Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, Park Facility Use Fees, Parking Meter Fees, Post Event Inspection Fees, Special Event Permit Fees, and Street Closure Fees; 6) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement, including a Permit to Use City Property Agreement that defines facility uses, street closures and the terms of the relationship between the City and APLA Health & Wellness; and 7) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate additional requests with APLA Health & Wellness. Approved as part of the **Consent Calendar.**

2.T. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EDUCATIONAL SERIES [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, N. PERLOFF-GILES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to organize educational sessions about the City of West Hollywood to provide interested community members with an in-depth understanding of the City's programs, services, and departments and to promote civic engagement and involvement.

ACTION: Direct staff to organize a series of free and public educational sessions on the City of West Hollywood's programs, services, and departments, as well as on opportunities for engagement and participation in the civic process. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. SPONSORSHIP OF PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE FILM QUEERS ACROSS YEARS AS PART OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKERS SERIES [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, N. PERLOFF-GILES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a film screening and panel discussion of the video project Queers Across Years presented by QueerWise as part of the Human Rights Speakers Series.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the sponsorship of a Human Rights Speakers Series film screening and panel discussion of the video project Queers Across Years presented by QueerWise; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other materials; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. COMMUNITY SAFETY TOWN HALL [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to coordinate a Community Safety Town Hall. The intent of the Town Hall is to hear from community members about safety concerns, the City's law enforcement and security ambassador program, and quality of life issues.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.W. A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The City will light City Hall and the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard in teal in recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve City Council Resolution No. 22-5544 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN RECOGNITION OF OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"; 2) Direct staff to use special teal lighting at City Hall and to turn the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard teal in recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month from September 1 through September 14; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to inform the public about Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, such as the City's social media tools. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.X. SUPPORT FOR FAIR AND TIMELY CONTRACT SETTLEMENT BETWEEN JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES AND AFSCME LOCAL 800 [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the City to send a letter on behalf of the City Council in support of the members of AFSCME

Local 800 and encouraging a fair and timely contract settlement between Jewish Family Services Los Angeles and AFSCME Local 800.

ACTION: Authorize the City to send a letter in support of the members of AFSCME Local 800 and encouraging a fair and timely contract settlement between Jewish Family Services and AFSCME Local 800. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Y. (4.A.) COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING STRATEGY [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, D. RIVAS, C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the initial West Hollywood Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy and approve the draft strategic priorities described therein. The initial strategy outlines a set of ten draft strategic priorities and respective strategic initiatives to support targeted solutions to community challenges, amplify what is already being done in the City, and enhance collaboration with various community stakeholders and partners to drive desired community safety and well-being outcomes. The City Council will direct staff to amend the agreement for services with StrategyCorp to complete the Strategy and return with a final version outlining City priorities, initiatives, and recommendations for implementation.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the initial strategic priorities as outlined in the attached Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy; 2) Direct staff to complete the Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy and return to Council with a final version and recommendations for implementation; and 3) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for services with StrategyCorp to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by \$93,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$168,000, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Z. (4.B.) DEVELOPMENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CARE TEAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT – UPDATE THREE [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, E. ANDERSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a progress update on the development of the West Hollywood Care Team, a behavioral health crisis response unit. This team will serve the community in addition to existing first responders that address law enforcement and life safety needs.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to increase budgeted revenues and budgeted expenditures in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund by the amount of future grant award(s) upon receipt; 2) When/if awarded targeted federal grant funding, authorize the City Manager to enter into agreements to purchase, retrofit and brand the Care Team vehicles, as specified by the terms of the grant; and 3) Direct Strategic Initiatives Division to provide the next Care Team program development update to City Council in February 2023; items requiring

Council direction prior to February will be brought forward as needed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.AA. (4.D.) APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION AND LGBTQ+ ADVISORY BOARD [M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: Councilmember Erickson will make his direct appointments to the Business License Commission and the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board.

ACTIONS: 1) Councilmember Erickson appointed **Catherine Eng** to the Business License Commission for a term ending February 28, 2023; and 2) Councilmember Erickson appointed **Jen Chang** to the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board for a term ending February 28, 2023. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.BB. (5.A.) RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULES FOR THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023 [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, A. BORGE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution amending the schedules for the Inclusionary Housing Program setting 2022-23 rent limits, income requirements, and sale prices, including an adjustment from 6.00% to 3.00% to the annual rent increase amount.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22-5548 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING SCHEDULES". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.CC. (5.B.) SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTIES IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. MEISTER, S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel to evaluate options for supplemental training for Sheriff's deputies stationed in West Hollywood. Staff will return to City Council with an overview of options and a request for funding if required.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Direct staff and West Hollywood Sheriff's Station personnel to evaluate options for supplemental training for Sheriff's deputies stationed in West Hollywood, and possible collaborative training with Block by Block Security Ambassadors as appropriate; 2) Return to City Council with an overview of best practices, options for consideration, and a request for funding if required; and 3) Direct City staff to work with organizational partners, such as the California Contract Cities Association and the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, to continue to advocate for additional training requirements for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and to lobby for legislation at the state and federal level to increase training requirements for law enforcement generally. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.DD. (5.C.) COMMISSION PURVIEW REVIEW [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate how recreation activities and programming, as well as projects in the public right-of-way, can be included in an existing Commission's purview or a new Commission can be created. The City Council will also review the existing Commission purviews and provide direction on proposed amendments.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to evaluate either expanding the purview of an existing Commission or creating a new City Commission to include oversight for recreation activities and programming; 2) Direct staff to evaluate expanding the purview of the Public Facilities Commission to include oversight of the public right-of-way, such as roads, sidewalks, parkways, etc.; 3) Provide any additional initial feedback and direction to staff on proposed amendments to the current Commission purviews; 4) Establish an Ad Hoc Council Subcommittee that is charged with working with staff and the City Attorney to take the Council's recommendations and feedback and help draft updates to the Commissions purviews for consideration of the full Council; and 5) Appoint Councilmember Erickson and Mayor Meister to the Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ROBERTSON LANE HOTEL PROJECT LOCATED AT 645-685 ROBERTSON BOULEVARD AND 648-654 LA PEER DRIVE AND CONSTRUCT A NEW, TWO-STORY, COMMERCIAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 8954 SANTA MONICA BLVD. (ROBERTSON LANE HOTEL & TREEHOUSE PROJECT) [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, D. VU, L. YELTON]:

SUBJECT: The purpose of this hearing is to review a major amendment to the approved Robertson Lane Hotel Project. The project was previously approved as a 237-room hotel, associated commercial uses, and included the rehabilitation and on-site relocation of a portion of the Factory Building, a potential cultural resource on the subject site. The proposed changes requested by the applicant include expansion of the Robertson Lane Specific Plan (RLSP) to include the adjacent, two-story commercial project (The Treehouse Project) located at 8954 Santa Monica and 685 Robertson Boulevards, which is also under consideration for approval, and changes to the Robertson Lane Hotel portion of the project.

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing.

The City Councilmembers provided their disclosures.

City Clerk Crowder stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

Associate Planner Laurie Yelton provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 15, 2022.

The City Council asked questions regarding parking at the site.

Jake Stevens from Faring Capital and his team presented on behalf of the Applicant.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project.

ERIC VAN BREENE, ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY, spoke in support of the project.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project. He also spoke about the size of the container for the Oak tree at the site.

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

Mayor Meister closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Horvath inquired if Faring Capital would support the City's preferred alignment for Metro as part of the public benefits package. Mr. Stevens confirmed that they will.

A lengthy discussion regarding parking at the site ensued.

Councilmember Erickson requested a change in the time frame that the public benefit parking spaces are available to what was previously approved (2:00 a.m.).

Councilmember D'Amico expressed concern with light reflecting off of the building which may affect the public's ability to enjoy West Hollywood Park during certain times of the day. Michelle Finneyfrock with Dudek responded to this concern.

Mayor Meister indicated she could not support the project with the removal of 200 much-needed parking spaces. She noted that this was one of the touted benefits of the project when it was approved by Council originally.

Planning Manager Jennifer Alkire read the changes to Conditions 19.1 and 19.3 into the record.

ACTIONS: 1) Amendments to the General Plan Land Use Map to expand the Robertson Lane Specific Plan to include the proposed Treehouse

> Project: 2) Amendment to the Zoning Map and a Zone Text Amendment to incorporate the Treehouse Project into the Robertson Lane Specific Plan and accommodate design changes to the Robertson Lane Hotel Project; 3) Amendments to the approved Robertson Lane Hotel Project entitlements and new entitlements for the Treehouse Project; 4) Amended Public Benefits Package; 5) Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report. Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, approve the Environmental Impact Report addendum, approve changes to the General Plan Land Use Map, zoning map, and zoning text, and approve the modified Robertson Lane Hotel Project and proposed Treehouse Project, by adopting the following Resolutions: Draft Resolution No. 22-5545: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP TO AMEND THE ROBERTSON LANE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MODIFIED HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 645-685 N. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 648-654 N. LA PEER DRIVE. AND NEW, ADJACENT, TWO-STORY, COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 8954 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AND APPROVAL OF RELATED ADDENDUM TO FINAL EIR. (ROBERTSON LANE HOTEL & TREEHOUSE PROJECT)"; Draft Ordinance No. 22-1187: ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 19.16.040 OF TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (ROBERTSON LANE SPECIFIC PLAN), AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO EXPAND THE ROBERTSON LANE SPECIFIC PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMENDED HOTEL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 645-681 N. ROBERTSON BOULEVAR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AND 648-654 N. LA PEER DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AND THE TREEHOUSE PROJECT LOCATED AT 8954 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND 685 ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AND APPROVAL OF RELATED ADDENEDUM TO FINAL EIR (ROBERTSON LANE HOTEL & TREEHOUSE PROJECT)"; Draft Resolution No. 22-5546: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF **WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AMENDMENTS** TO THE PERMIT, **APPROVED DEMOLITION** DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, AND VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP (MAJOR LAND DIVISION NO. 73699), AND AN EXTENSION OF PERMIT EXPIRATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MODIFIED 123-ROOM HOTEL DEVELOPMENT WITH ASSOCIATED EVENT SPACE, RESTAURANT, OFFICE AND RETAIL USES, AND PARTIAL PRESERVATION AND ADAPTIVE REUSE OF A POTENTIAL CULTURAL RESOURCE ON THE SITE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED AT 645-681 N. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD AND 648-654 N. LA PEER

> DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AND APPROVAL OF RELATED ADDENDUM TO FINAL EIR. (ROBERTSON LANE HOTEL PROJECT)"; and Draft Resolution No. 22-5547: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEMOLITION PERMIT. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW, TWO-STORY, COMMERCIAL PROJECT AS PART OF THE ROBERTSON LANE SPECIFIC PLAN LOCATED AT 8954 SANTA MONICA **WEST** BOULEVARD AND 685 N. ROBERTSON BOULEVARD. HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AND APPROVAL **RELATED** OF ADDENDUM TO FINAL EIR. (TREEHOUSE PROJECT)"; 6) Revise Condition 19.1 in Resolution 22-5546 as read into the record by Planning Manager Jennifer Alkire; 7) Revise Condition 19.3 regarding the guaranteed TOT override; 8) approve the use of artificial greenery; and 9) Faring Capital will support the City's preferred alignment for the Metro. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro votes of Tempore Shyne, and approved noting the "no" Councilmember D'Amico and Mayor Meister.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. COMMUNITY SAFETY & WELL-BEING STRATEGY [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, D. RIVAS, C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the initial West Hollywood Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy and approve the draft strategic priorities described therein. The initial strategy outlines a set of ten draft strategic priorities and respective strategic initiatives to support targeted solutions to community challenges, amplify what is already being done in the City, and enhance collaboration with various community stakeholders and partners to drive desired community safety and well-being outcomes. The City Council will direct staff to amend the agreement for services with StrategyCorp to complete the Strategy and return with a final version outlining City priorities, initiatives, and recommendations for implementation.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.B. DEVELOPMENT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CARE TEAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT – UPDATE THREE [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, E. ANDERSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a progress update on the development of the West Hollywood Care Team, a behavioral health crisis response unit. This team will serve the community in addition to existing first responders that address law enforcement and life safety needs. ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.C. UPDATE REGARDING CALCULATION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ADJUSTMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A SUNSET DATE TO APPLY TO THE CURRENT RENT INCREASE FREEZE DUE TO THE DECLARED LOCAL EMERGENCY AND MODIFICATION TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL ADJUSTMENT [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review the recently announced Annual General Adjustment (AGA) of 6.00% and consider directing staff to return with an ordinance applying a sunset date to the current rent increase freeze for rent stabilized properties and implementing a modified AGA of 3.00%.

Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 15, 2022.

KAREN EYRES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the 3% increase.

JOEL LEVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a higher increase. He noted that as a landlord the cost of maintaining his rental units has increased substantially due to inflation.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the language in the municipal code.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the 3% increase.

DANIELLE PERETZ, ON BEHALF OF THE AAGLA, spoke regarding the proposed increase.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the proposed increase and the cost of living in West Hollywood.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne commented that the Tenant Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended that staff return with an ordinance capping the annual rent increase at 3%.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to return in 60 days with an ordinance amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance with a maximum annual increase of 3%; 2) Conduct outreach to tenants and landlords; and 3) Direct staff to return to the City Council with information about affordability and the possibility of landlords selling buildings due to the 3% cap on annual rent increases. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.

4.D. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION AND LGBTQ+ ADVISORY BOARD [M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: Councilmember Erickson will make his direct appointments to the Business License Commission and the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULES FOR THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023 [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, A. BORGE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution amending the schedules for the Inclusionary Housing Program setting 2022-23 rent limits, income requirements, and sale prices, including an adjustment from 6.00% to 3.00% to the annual rent increase amount.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DEPUTIES IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. MEISTER, S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department personnel to evaluate options for supplemental training for Sheriff's deputies stationed in West Hollywood. Staff will return to City Council with an overview of options and a request for funding if required.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.C. COMMISSION PURVIEW REVIEW [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate how recreation activities and programming, as well as projects in the public right-of-way, can be included in an existing Commission's purview or a new Commission can be created. The City Council will also review the existing Commission purviews and provide direction on proposed amendments.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.N. AUTHORIZATION TO LIVE BROADCAST THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM ON WEHOTV AND OTHER STREAMING PLATFORMS [J. SCHARE, B. WHITE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the Communications Department to live broadcast a virtual West Hollywood City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 5 p.m.

> to 7 p.m. sponsored by the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce on the City of West Hollywood's WeHoTV cable channel and other streaming platforms as part of the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election.

> Mayor Meister recused herself since she is a candidate in the November 8, 2022 election.

Councilmember Erickson outlined his reasons for requesting that this Item be moved to Excluded Consent.

Communications Director Joshua Schare provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 15, 2022.

The City Councilmembers expressed concern with the City providing resources to an organization that endorses candidates.

ACTIONS: 1) Deny the request by the Chamber of Commerce to broadcast their candidate forum; and 2) Direct staff to return with a draft policy regarding candidate forums at the September meeting. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved noting the recusal of Mayor Meister.

2.V. COMMUNITY SAFETY TOWN HALL [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to coordinate a Community Safety Town Hall. The intent of the Town Hall is to hear from community members about safety concerns, the City's law enforcement and security ambassador program, and quality of life issues.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne spoke about her reasons for requesting that this Item be moved to Excluded Consent.

Mayor Meister and Councilmember Erickson spoke about the intention with this item.

Councilmember D'Amico suggested hosting several community meetings to address a variety of public safety concerns including pedestrian safety, neighborhood safety, business safety, etc.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Manager to conduct a series of focused meetings at the various Commissions by the Director of Community Safety focused around issues such as traffic/pedestrian safety, business safety, neighborhood safety, etc.; 2) Conduct one Town Hall hosted by StrategyCorp to receive community feedback; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website, a

press release, and social media tools; and 3) Include the community's feedback in the development of the Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

TY GELTMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Ferragosto.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding community input around public safety.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:37 p.m. in memory of Henry Perez Huerta, Carmen Ramirez, Kimberly Eaton, Victor Tomasino, David Hill, Harlene Krane, and Clu Gulager to a Special Meeting – Study Session on Monday, August 22, 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 19th day of September, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember: D'Amico, Erickson, Horvath, Mayor Pro

Tempore Shyne, and Mayor Meister.

NOES: Councilmember: None. ABSENT: Councilmember: None. ABSTAIN: Councilmember: None.

LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

—Docusigned by:
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MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK