

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Assemblymember Rick Zbur led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Erickson, Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and Mayor Meister.

ABSENT: Councilmember D'Amico.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Wilson, City Attorney Langer, Administrative Services Director Jimenez, City Clerk Crowder, and Assistant City Clerk Morales.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson to approve the December 19, 2022 Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Grant Whal and Day Rodas.

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Georgia Holt and P-22.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

SPECIAL ITEM:

A. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022, CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution declaring the results and accepting the official canvass and official statement of votes cast from the Los Angeles County Registrar--Recorder/County Clerk for the Consolidated Municipal Election held November 8, 2022.

City Clerk Crowder declared Lauren Meister, Chelsea Byers, and John Heilman elected as Members of the City Council to a full term of four years and requested that the City Council adopt a Resolution accepting the official canvas and

statement of votes cast from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

ACTIONS: Declare Lauren Meister, Chelsea Byers, and John Heilman elected as Members of the City Council to a full term of four years; and 2) Adopt Resolution No 22-5575, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICIAL CANVASS AND OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST FOR THE CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW". **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

B. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Erickson congratulated the incoming Councilmembers and Mayor Meister on her reelection.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne congratulated Councilmembers Heilman and Byers, and Mayor Meister on her reelection.

Mayor Meister congratulated Councilmember Heilman and Byers on their election.

C. LAUREN MEISTER, CHELSEA BYERS, AND JOHN HEILMAN WILL BE ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Crowder administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Chelsea Lee Byers and John Heilman. Michael Willens administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Lauren Meister.

City Clerk Crowder stated for the record that Councilmember Byers and Councilmember Heilman were voting members and placed their name plates accordingly at the Dias. Councilmembers Byers, Erickson, Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne and Mayor Meister constituted a quorum.

D. NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Byers thanked all present, her family participating on Zoom, her teachers for their support, City staff, and colleagues. She expressed gratitude to her partner Austin, and all who assisted her in her campaign.

Councilmember Heilman thanked the voters for giving him the opportunity to serve the community. He thanked City Clerk Crowder for her support and guidance during the election. He thanked Supervisor Horvath and Councilmember D'Amico for their service to the City.

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Mayor Meister thanked her sister and family, her best friend Michael for swearing her in, as well as her campaign team, volunteers, and the voters. Mayor Meister responded to a comment made by one of her colleagues at the last City Council meeting regarding her core values. Mayor Meister stated her core values for the record. She noted the value of having diverse opinions and working together towards consensus.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The City Council reconsidered this portion of the agenda after Councilmembers Byers and Heilman were seated at the Dias.

City Clerk Crowder stated that there were no changes from staff.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested Items 4.B. and 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar, as Items 2.V. and 2.W. respectively. She also requested that Items 4.C., 4.D., and 4.E. be combined into one Item for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Byers to approve the December 19, 2022 Agenda, as amended.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

M. ELLIE ALYESHMERNI, ON BEHALF OF THE IRANIAN AMERICAN JEWISH FEDERATION, spoke in support of Item 2.U.

ADAM SIDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2. K.

NOOSHIM MESHKATH, UNKNOWN, spoke in support of item 2.U.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided comments concerning an incident with law enforcement and expressed safety concerns as a Transgender woman.

SHARON N., BEVERLY HILLS, spoke in support of Item 2.U.

CHAD KROGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding ideas of things to acknowledge in the City.

MARIAH DARLING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concern regarding the incident involving Annie Jump Vicente.

RENA GOLDMAN WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on police issues and requested the City Council address root causes by investing in the community.

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JONATHAN HARLING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on concerns regarding the lack of resources for mental health issues, police incidents, and unhoused community members.

ANDY SHORT, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the new sober New Year's Event, "Vibe". He invited the community to attend and thanked the City for their partnership and collaboration.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding reducing Deputies in the City and increasing resources for unhoused community members.

JULIAN RICH, LOS ANGELES, expressed disagreement with the public's demeanor towards the Transgender community, requested that Deputies be held responsible, and demanded the City Council reimagine public safety.

SIBYL ZADEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the newly installed Councilmembers and thanked the outgoing members for their service. She also spoke regarding her involvement with the City throughout the years.

DIMITRI KERMANI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Councilmembers and informed the community about a police academy available for individuals interested in receiving a comprehensive experience with law enforcement.

DANNY HANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Councilmembers and spoke in support of Item 2U.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT/CEO, congratulated newly elected Councilmember Byers, welcomed Councilmember Heilman back, and congratulated Mayor Meister on her reelection. She also spoke about the need for relationships amongst City staff, government entities, and businesses to move the City forward.

NICHOLAS ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need for kindness.

RACHEL NAGANT, LOS ANGELES, spoke on issues involving the Transgender community, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department gangs, and accountability of police officers.

JONATHAN WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Councilmembers and thanked them in advance for their support of business owners. He requested that the recommendations and direction regarding the Social Justice Task Force move forward.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the incident with Annie Jump Vicente. She also welcomed and congratulated newly elected Councilmembers.

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WEST SEEGMILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Annie Jump Vicente's incident as well as, privacy issues with surveillance cameras.

JAMES DEAN LESTRANGE, UNKNOWN, spoke regarding the incident with Annie Jump Vicente and questioned why this matter was not addressed.

RUSTY WIGGS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, encouraged communication and self-reflection to uplift the City and disseminate a positive message.

DUANE PAUL, UNKNOWN, requested accountability for Annie Jump Vicente's incident.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the incoming Councilmembers and thanked all of the candidates that ran for office in the November 8, 2022 General Municipal Election.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Byers reported her attendance at the AB 1234 Ethics Training hosted by the City Attorney and City Clerk and thanked them for a comprehensive training. She also spoke in support of Item 2.U and raising awareness so that conversations can continue.

Councilmember Erickson reported attending the Grand Opening of the Sunset Spectacular, Contract Cities Board of Directors meeting, the Los Angeles for a New Alliance Event, and the West Hollywood Staff Appreciation Event. Additionally, he thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for Item 2.U. noting that he recently attended the West Coast Democratic Leadership event in Israel. He wished everyone happy holidays. He commented on a few Consent Calendar items. He congratulated his nephew for being Student of the Week.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne wished everyone Happy Holidays. She reported her attendance at the Grand Opening of the Sunset Spectacular, the Human Rights Speaker Series *Roots of Peace*, the West Hollywood Staff Appreciation Event, the installation of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, the City Council Homelessness Subcommittee meeting, and the memorial services for former Historic Preservation Commissioner Ed Levin. She acknowledged the public comments by Annie Jump Vicente and Mariah Darling. She made various requests to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department regarding Ms. Vicente's arrest. Additionally, she clarified that she is an Iranian Woman of Color. She requested that the City Manager respond to Jonathan Wilson's Public Comment regarding the recommendations from the Social Justice Task Force. She concluded her comments by providing an update on Iranian women's freedom in Iran in tandem with support for Item 2.U and read the resolution into the record.

Mayor Meister commented on attending the Combatting Ageism event with Dr. Paul Nash, the Human Rights Speaker Series *Roots of Peace*, the staff appreciation party, the Business Community Focus Group regarding the Holloway Project Homekey, Grand

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Opening of the Sunset Spectacular, the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), the Sanitation District 4, and the Schmitt's Bar Ribbon Cutting. She mentioned several Consent Calendar items. She wished everyone happy holidays. She invited the community to attend the sober free New Year's Eve event "Vibe." She concluded by requesting an update on when the crosswalk will be completed at Doheny and Elevado.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson congratulated Mayor Meister for her reelection. He also congratulated Councilmembers Byers and Heilman on their election to the City Council. He responded to the inquiry regarding the Social Justice Task Force item, noting that the City Clerk will bring an Item at the January 23rd City Council meeting creating the Social Justice Advisory Board, and the City Attorney will bring an Item providing an update on the recommendations from the Task Force. He commented that the crosswalk at Doheny and Elevado should be completed by the end of the week. He congratulated Human Resources Manager Sue Schumacher and Transportation Engineering Technician Eric Millsap on their retirements from the City.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 4.B. and 5.A. was \$2,967,542 in expenditures, \$1,784 in revenues, and \$16,140 in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 19, 2022 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, December 14, 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 December 5, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 919 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. STEPHENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending December 9, 2022 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 919 and adopt Resolution No. 22-5574, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 919." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

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 the City's Brown Act meetings under AB 361 by finding that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to recommend measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including distancing, ventilation, and others depending on the space and activity. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 22-1200 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 19.20.260 (GENDER NEUTRAL PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES) TO CHAPTER 19.20 (GENERAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND USE STANDARDS) OF TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING ADDITIONAL, RELATED CHANGES TO TITLE 13 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE)" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 22-1200 adding section 19.20.260 to Title 19 (zoning) and making changes to Title 13 (building and construction), of the West Hollywood Municipal Code establishing design standards for gender neutral public toilet facilities in all new commercial developments and major commercial remodels and finding these actions not subject to and exempt from CEQA.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 22-1200, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 19.20.260 (GENDER NEUTRAL PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES) TO CHAPTER 19.20 (GENERAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND USE STANDARDS) OF TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING ADDITIONAL, RELATED CHANGES TO TITLE 13 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) AND TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE)". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 22-1201 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.36 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RELIEF FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE DESIGN DISTRICT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS” AND RESOLUTION SPECIFYING BUSINESS ELIGIBLE TO BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RELIEF [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES, J. ROCCO, T. COYNE, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 22-1201 amending portions of title 3, chapter 3.36 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to authorize business license tax relief as a mitigation measure to reduce impacts to businesses related to the construction of the Design District Streetscape Improvements and finding these actions not subject to and exempt from CEQA and consider adoption of a resolution specifying the business eligible for business license tax relief.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 22-1201, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3.36 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RELIEF FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE DESIGN DISTRICT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS”; and 2) Adopt Resolution 22-5576 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AUTHORIZING BUSINESS LICENSE TAX WAIVERS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE DESIGN DISTRICT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Historic Preservation Commission, Rent Stabilization, Transportation Commission, LGBTQ+ Advisory Board, and Women’s Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.H. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022 (L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG):

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

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

- 2.I. WEST HOLLYWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT [J. ROCCO, T. COYNE]:**
SUBJECT: In accordance with the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, the West Hollywood Marketing Corporation (d.b.a. West Hollywood Travel & Tourism Board) has submitted the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District 2023 Annual Report for approval by the City Council.
ACTIONS: Review and approve the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District 2023 Annual Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. 2023 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL LIGHTING REQUESTS FOR CITY HALL AND SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD LANTERNS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a calendar of special lighting requests for City Hall and Santa Monica Boulevard lanterns for calendar year 2023.
ACTIONS: Approve the proposed 2023 calendar of special lighting requests for City Hall and Santa Monica Boulevard lanterns. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING AND SAFETY TREATMENTS [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND, W. DAVIS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving traffic calming measures, as part of the City's on-going Neighborhood Traffic Management process.
ACTIONS: Approve speed lumps on the following streets: 1) 1100-1200 block of Poinsettia Drive; 2) 1100-1200 block of Poinsettia Place; and 3) 8850-8875 block of Cynthia Street. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. INCREASE IN PROJECT CONTINGENCY FOR THE CONTRACT WITH SERVITEK ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF IN-ROADWAY WARNING LIGHTS [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider increasing the project contingency included in the contract with Servitek, Inc. for the installation of in-roadway warning lights.
ACTIONS: 1) Authorize a \$70,275.75 increase in the contingency amount in the construction agreement with Servitek Electric, Inc., for a new not to exceed contingency amount of \$117,125.75 and authorize the City Engineer to approve change orders to the agreement for services; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the Agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing an increase to the amount for the City to use the cooperative purchasing agreement with Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. to provide waterproofing and roofing services at citywide City facility locations.

ACTION: 1) Authorize the Finance & Technology Services Department to issue Purchase Orders for waterproofing and roofing services at City facilities to Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., pursuant to its Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$300,000 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000; 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. AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR POOL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the award of an Agreement to Aqua Source, Inc., for an initial three-year term to provide pool maintenance and repair services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement with Aqua Source, Inc., to provide pool maintenance and repair services for an initial three-year term in the amount of \$887,305 and include a 20% contingency for extra services and supplies in the amount of \$177,461 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,054,766; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A MILLS ACT CONTRACT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1241 VISTA STREET [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, A. CASTILLO, R. RATH]:

SUBJECT: The applicant is requesting approval of a Mills Act Contract to rehabilitate the property that is a designated Cultural Resource of the City of West Hollywood located at 1241 Vista Street.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the Mills Act Contract between the City of West Hollywood and the owner of the property located at 1241 Vista Street; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. COMMEMORATION OF V-DAY 2023 [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider commemorating the 25th Anniversary of V-Day, the global activist movement to end violence against all women (cisgender and transgender), those who hold fluid identities, nonbinary people, girls and the planet.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to coordinate appropriate V-Day activities commemorating the 25th Anniversary of V-Day; 2) Direct the Public Works Department to light the City's lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard and City Hall in the colors pink and red to recognize V-Day from February 10 – 20, 2023; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City's commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of V-Day. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF “LADIES OF COURAGE” AS PART OF WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor “Ladies of Courage” organized by Eye Poet LLC on March 25-26, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at West Hollywood Park as part of Women’s History Month programming. Ladies of Courage is an interactive installation featuring artwork and performances, including projections on walls and buildings, music, spoken word, and dance.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of “Ladies of Courage” organized by Eye Poet LLC on March 25-26, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at West Hollywood Park; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Waive any Facility Use Fees, Special Event Permit Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, Building & Safety Permit Fees, and provide parking validations for participants and attendees at the 5-story parking structure (estimated \$16,140); 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools; 5) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and Eye Poet LLC; and 6) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from Fiscal Year 2022-23 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.R. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES TO ADDRESS DEWATERING IN CONSTRUCTION SITES [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate possible measures and partnerships the City can pursue to conserve or reuse groundwater that has been removed through dewatering in construction sites in West Hollywood.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to evaluate measures and partnerships the City can pursue to conserve or reuse groundwater that has been removed through dewatering in construction sites, including review of efforts taken in other jurisdictions to address this issue; 2) Direct staff to reassess the feasibility of using recycled water for construction mitigation, inclusive of

available water sources and potential environmental impacts; and 3) Direct staff to lead discussions with various stakeholders – including Beverly Hills Water, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, and West Basin Municipal Water District – to discuss possible water conservation strategies and partnerships. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. AMEND THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER LIST OF PRE-APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS/EVENTS TO INCLUDE MOBILITY 21 [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the City Councilmember list of pre-approved organizations and events to include conferences and events organized by Mobility 21, the Southern California Transportation Coalition.

ACTION: 1) Approve the addition of Mobility 21 to the list of pre-approved organizations and events that members of the City Council are permitted to attend each year; and 2) Update the name of the Local Government Commission to CivicWell on the list of pre-approved organizations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. REQUESTS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RELATED TO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to send a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requesting various actions to assist the City's efforts in meeting the needs of vulnerable populations in West Hollywood, including unhoused community members.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to send a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors requesting various actions, as outlined in the staff report, to meet the needs of the vulnerable and unhoused population in the City of West Hollywood; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, CA State Senator Ben Allen, CA Assemblymember Rick Zbur, the League of California Cities, California Contract Cities Association, City of Los Angeles Mayor-elect Karen Bass, and LAHSA, in addition to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT OF FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN [S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution reaffirming the City's support of freedom for political prisoners and the imposition of sanctions and consequences against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Protests regarding women's equality began on September 16, 2022 and continue to occur throughout Iran in response to the death of Mahsa Amini.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5577 “A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY’S SUPPORT OF FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN;” and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the resolution to President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, Congressman Adam Schiff, California Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Ben Allen, and State Assemblymember Rick Zbur. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. (4.B.) DISCUSSION REGARDING RESUMING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE CITY’S COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS [D. WILSON, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will discuss resuming teleconference meetings for the City’s Commissions and Advisory Boards due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, hospitalization as well as, the positivity rate.

ACTION: Return to teleconference meetings for the City’s Commissions and Advisory Boards through the end of February, unless Los Angeles County returns to Medium Community Level for COVID-19. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. (5.A.) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1047 N. CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. ROCCO, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution approving purchase of real property located at 1047 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5578 “RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1047 N. CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD”; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,500,000 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 1047 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to facilitate the purchase of real property located at 1047 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. URGENCY ORDINANCE AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLES 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, AND 33 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODES INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUILDING STANDARDS CODE [J. KEHO, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Ordinance amending Chapters 13.04 (Building Code), 13.08 (Electrical Code), 13.12 (Plumbing Code), and 13.16 (Mechanical Code), 13.20 (Residential Code), 13.24 (Green Building Standards Code), Chapter 13.26 (Existing Building Code), Chapter 13.44 (Historical Building Code) of Title 13, of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

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

Building and Safety Manager Ben Galan provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2022.

Mayor Meister opened the public hearing and invited speakers to provide testimony. Noting that no one wished to speak, Mayor Meister closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 22-1199U, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2022 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2022 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2022 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2022 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2022 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, 2022 EDITION; TITLE 33 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, EDITION 2022; ADD THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, 2022 EDITION; MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20 AND 13.24 OF TITLE 13 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF; 2) Introduce on first reading, Ordinance No. 22-1202, adopting by reference the building standards adopted by Urgency Ordinance No. 22-1199U; and 3) Direct staff to return with a Zone Text Amendment to coordinate electrical vehicle charging

stations (EVCS) design standards in Title 19 (Zoning Ordinance) to comply with the 2023 Los Angeles County amendments to the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code (CalGreen). **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

The City Council recessed at 7:59 PM and reconvened at 8:14 PM.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. WEHO PRIDE 2023 [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK, D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will provide staff with direction related to the 2023 WeHo Pride event footprint and Friday night programming elements.

Events Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2022.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that the City consider allowing bicycles inside the event, consider options for the homeless community, and allow public transit along Santa Monica Boulevard to continue during Pride weekend.

The City Council discussed the various options presented by City staff.

Councilmember Erickson thanked staff and noted his support of Options 2 and 3.

Councilmember Byers thanked staff for presenting robust options, and stated she envisioned the closure of Santa Monica Boulevard with accessibility to bike riders and requested that the City collaborate with Metro to reroute those who utilize public transportation accordingly. She also suggested co-sponsorship events like CicLAvia to attract more people.

Councilmember Heilman expressed concern with the budget and requested bike access be separate from pedestrian walkways for safety purposes. He indicated his support for Option 3 and requested that staff and JJLA pursue sponsorships to offset the cost to the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne spoke in support of hosting the free Friday night event, including the Santa Monica Boulevard closure, and directing staff to seek sponsorships.

Mayor Meister asked if Robertson Blvd. and La Peer would not be part of the Pride footprint due to construction. If not, she was supportive of Option 3.

Event Producer Jeff Consoletti of JJLA spoke about the street closures and the footprint for Pride 2023.

ACTIONS: 1) Proceed with Option 2 as outlined in the Staff Report; 2) Provide a free Friday night option; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$5,448,900 from the unallocated General Fund Reserves to account 100-3-50-52-535013.
Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.

4.B. DISCUSSION REGARDING RESUMING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR THE CITY'S COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS [D. WILSON, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will discuss resuming teleconference meetings for the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, hospitalization as well as, the positivity rate.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.C. SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE [D. RIVAS, W. MOULDER, D. SMITH, C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, L. ISENBERG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on community safety activities, including year to date crime data from January to November 2022; progress of the Block by Block Security Ambassador Program; collaboration between social services outreach and law enforcement; and progress on training for the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station and Block by Block Security Ambassadors.

**Items 4.C, 4.D and 4.E were discussed as a joint item.*

Director of Community Safety Danny Rivas, West Hollywood Sheriff Station Captain Bill Moulder, and Vice President of Block by Block David Aguilar provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2022.

Councilmember Erickson requested pickpocketing crimes be escalated to the FBI. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about the differences in a misdemeanor sexual assault crime versus a felony sexual assault crime. Captain Moulder provided clarification on how this is determined. Councilmember Heilman expounded on the clarification under California law.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the memo from the Public Safety Commission.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concern that the City Council combined the items. She also spoke regarding her recent incident with Sheriff's Deputies.

ARJAN TIMMERMANS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent training that he attended that provided him a different viewpoint of law enforcement.

EDD HOLMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, inquired where the Block by Block security ambassadors patrolled since he did not see them around his neighborhood. He requested that they be more present throughout the community.

JONATHAN HARLING, UNKNOWN, expressed concern with Block by Block as well as Sheriff's deputies and the recent incident involving Annie Jump Vicente.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the City's unsuccessful attempt for a West Hollywood Police Department in the past as well as, the need for additional resources to keep the community safe.

SHANE NASH, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the need for clarification on the statistics noted in the attachments to the staff report for this Item.

ACTIONS: The City Council directed the following: 1) Reach out to the FBI for assistance with pickpocketing in the City; 2) Provide the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center Pamphlet to victims of sexual assault; 3) Increase foot patrols on the westside of the City; 4) Create a communication system with security guards at nightlife establishments and Block by Block; 5) Return with additional information on cameras at nightlife establishments; 6) Conduct quarterly meetings with nightlife establishments along with Sheriffs, City staff, and Block by Block; and 7) Return to the City Council after four months of monitoring the community safety contract staffing levels that go into effect January 1, 2023 to discuss any further adjustments. **Motion by Mayor Meister, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.**

The City Council took a separate vote as follows:

ACTIONS: 1) Proceed with reducing the number of Sheriff's Deputies by two (2) effective January 1, 2023, as previously directed; and 2) Direct Community Safety to return in April 2023 with a report and data for the City Council to review and determine Sheriff's Deputies staffing levels. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Byers and approved, noting the "no" votes of Councilmember Heilman and Mayor Meister.**

4.D. RESPONSE TO NIGHTTIME SAFETY STUDY SESSION [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, D. RIVAS, C. SCHROEDER, L. ISENBERG, D. MURRAY, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: Receive a comprehensive response to questions raised during the Nighttime Safety Study Session held on August 22, 2022.

ACTION: Receive an update responding to the questions raised during Nighttime Study Session held on August 22, 2022. **Approved by consensus.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the West Hollywood Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy and adopt the strategic priorities described therein. The report outlines a set of eleven 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.

ACTION: Adopt the City's Community Safety & Well-Being Strategy. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1047 N. CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. ROCCO, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution approving purchase of real property located at 1047 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider electing the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

City Clerk Crowder opened nominations for. Councilmember Heilman nominated Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne as Mayor for a term of one year.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Erickson to install Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne as Mayor, and approved.

City Clerk Crowder congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne.

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City Clerk Crowder opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne nominated Councilmember Erickson to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for a term of one year.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Byers to install Councilmember Erickson as Mayor Pro Tempore, and approved.

City Clerk Crowder congratulated Councilmember Erickson and announced that the City Council Reorganization and Installation is scheduled for January 9, 2023.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided comments on various topics.

SHANE NASH, TARZANA, congratulated the new City Councilmembers on their election and Mayor Meister and hopes to repair that relationship. He further noted that he looks forward to working with the City Council. He also expressed his appreciation for Moya Marquez.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Heilman thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for Item 2.U. He expressed concern regarding the timing to address City business on the agenda due to lengthy Councilmember comments at the beginning of City Council meetings. He commented that he plans to bring forward an item moving Councilmember Comments to the end of the City Council Agenda at a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Erickson thanked Mayor Meister for her service as Mayor.

Mayor Mesiter wished everyone Happy Holidays and safe travels.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:38 p.m. to the Installation and Reorganization Adjourned Regular City Council meeting, which will be on Monday, January 9, 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 an adjourned regular meeting held this 9th day of January, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Byers, Heilman, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, and Mayor Shyne.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

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