

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shyne called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Danny Hang led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

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

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 no members of the public spoke under public comment. The City Council discussed the one item of business on the posted agenda and provided direction to initiate litigation, noting that the details related to this litigation would be disclosed once litigation commences.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Crowder noted that as indicated on the agenda, Item 3.A. is being continued to July 17, 2023 at the request of the appellant. Additionally, she read a minor correction to the Ordinance in Item 2.E.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson requested that Items 4.A. and 6.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.P., and 2.Q., respectively.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, to approve the May 1, 2023 agenda, as amended.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Edward (Eddie) Horenstein, Jan Foster, Vivian Bernard, and Annette Fleischman.

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Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Harry Belafonte, Chynna Brown, Heklina, and Garabed “Gary” Nadjarian.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson presented a Proclamation to the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles for their partnership with West Hollywood.

Mayor Shyne presented a Proclamation to Senior Advisory Boardmember John Allendorfer in honor of Senior Month.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

PATRICK BLOOD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on various Consent Calendar items and indicated his support for adding additional Sheriff’s deputies given the recent public safety incidents.

ALAN STRASBURG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City Council’s duty to protect its residents and businesses. He spoke in support of restoring the number of Sheriff’s Deputies to pre-pandemic levels.

MIKIE FRIEDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the difference between Block by Block Security Ambassadors and Sheriff’s Deputies as it relates to their ability to stop crime in the City.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding teleconferencing capabilities in the rooms where Brown Act meetings occur and echoed Mikie Friedman’s comments regarding Block by Block and Sheriff’s Deputies. He also inquired about the weekly Sheriff’s reports that were previously distributed via Nixle.

MJ GODGES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City’s trap, neuter, return program kick off on Saturday. She also spoke regarding pets at West Hollywood Pride.

ANDREW SOLOMON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the change to the Public Facilities, Recreation & Infrastructure Commission and thanked the City Council. He also spoke regarding providing information to Commissioners.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding safety concerns for businesses, residents, and visitors in the City.

ALLAN WILION, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.F. indicating that it violated the Health & Safety Code and noted that if approved he will sue the City. He also commented on various other public comments made this evening.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding public safety concerns in the City noting that Block by Block is ineffective.

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WEST SEEGMILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the incident at Drag Queen Story time involving protesters.

ANTHONY DEVGENIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a permit for his hot dog stand during WeHo Pride.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson shared that the City's Housing Element was certified last week by HCD. He reminded the public that the City Council will meet once in the months of June, July, August, and September. He responded to some of the comments made by individuals during public comment.

Mr. Wilson and Community Safety Director Danny Rivas commented on the recent public safety incidents in the City, reiterating that community safety is a top priority for the City. They also provided an update on these incidents to the City Council noting that a public safety discussion is scheduled for the May 15th City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Shyne noted her recusal on Item 2.H. based on a financial conflict of interest.

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 4.B. and was \$1,030,562 in expenditures, \$0 in revenue, and (\$1,240) in waived fees and read titles of the ordinances included in Items 2.O. and 2.P (4.A.).

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved noting Mayor Shyne's recusal on Item 2.H.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 1, 2023 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

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 April 17, 2023. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 928 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending April 21, 2023 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 928 and adopt Resolution No. 23-037, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 928." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-13 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ONSITE MANAGER AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS, A PROHIBITION AGAINST DOG BREED RESTRICTIONS, PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER, REUSABLE TENANT SCREENING REPORTS, THE DEFINITION OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, AND PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OF PARKING AS A HOUSING SERVICE" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-13, amending Title 17 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code relating to onsite manager and posting requirements, a prohibition against dog breed restrictions, penalties for failure to register, reusable tenant screening reports.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-13, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ONSITE MANAGER AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS, A PROHIBITION AGAINST DOG BREED RESTRICTIONS, PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER, REUSABLE TENANT SCREENING REPORTS, THE DEFINITION OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, AND PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OF PARKING AS A HOUSING SERVICE". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-14 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.66.110 EXTENDING THE SUNSET CLAUSE OF THE HOME SHARING BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-14, amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 5.66.110 extending the sunset clause of the Home Sharing Business License Program.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-14, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.66.110 EXTENDING THE SUNSET CLAUSE OF THE HOME SHARING BUSINESS LICENSE PROGRAM". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-15 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND USE OF GLUE TRAPS AND AMENDING THE CITY’S PENALTY PROVISIONS” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-15, amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to prohibit the sale and use of glue traps and amending the City’s penalty provisions.
ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-15, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE AND USE OF GLUE TRAPS AND AMENDING THE CITY’S PENALTY PROVISIONS”. **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 Business License Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Services Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, Russian Speaking Advisory Board, and Transgender Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.
ACTION: Receive and File. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.H. WEHO PRIDE 2023 [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a WeHo Pride 2023 programming update.
ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the recusal of Mayor Shyne.**
- 2.I. APPROVAL OF 2024 ARTS GRANT PROGRAM [J. ROCCO, R. EHEMANN, E. ANGELOFF]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the City of West Hollywood’s 2024 Arts Grant Program guidelines, schedule, and funding as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.
ACTION: Approve the implementation of the City of West Hollywood’s 2024 Arts Grant Program, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH STANCE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CIP 2302, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, M. SOLOGUB]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a construction agreement with Stance Construction Company to construct CIP No. 2302, Concrete Repair Program.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a construction agreement with Stance Construction Company in the amount of \$445,348.20 for the construction of CIP No. 2302, Concrete Repair Program, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; 2) Authorize the City Engineer to approve change orders to the construction agreement in an amount not to exceed 25%, (\$111,337.05), of the total agreement amount; 3) Adopt Resolution No. 23-038, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 2302, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6;" and 4) Make a finding that pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resources Code, Section 21084 et. Seq.), CIP No. 2302, Concrete Repair Program, meets the requirements for a categorical exemption in compliance with Article 19, Section 15301, (Class 1 – Existing Facilities).
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.K. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH BEING ALIVE FOR THE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTE NARCAN [C. SCHROEDER, L. ISENBERG, D. MURRAY, B. LUBIN]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a contract amendment for Being Alive to receive opioid settlement funds to purchase and distribute Narcan (naloxone) and provide overdose prevention training.
ACTION: Approve a contract amendment to include \$14,876.68 in opioid settlement funds for Narcan distribution and overdose prevention training.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.L. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH AESCO FOR ON-CALL MATERIAL TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, H. COLLINS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an amendment to the Agreement to adjust the fee schedule and not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement with AESCO to provide on-call material testing and inspection services for an increased amount of \$150,000 and a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the amendments to the Agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.M. REPROGRAMMING OF SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT SAVINGS FROM 2021-22 AND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING AND HEALING [C. SCHROEDER, L. ISENBERG, D. MURRAY]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a recommendation that \$70,195 in contract savings from the 2021-22 Social Services contract year be reprogrammed and used to augment the Alliance for Housing and

Healing's Aging in Place Rental Assistance program. The City Council will also consider amending the agreement for services with the Alliance for Housing and Healing to increase the not-to-exceed amount.

ACTIONS: 1) Recommend the reprogramming of 2021-22 contract savings totaling \$70,195 to Social Services contracts for augmentation of services with the Alliance for Housing and Healing; and 2) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with the Alliance for Housing and Healing to increase the amount of the agreement by \$95,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$293,939 and expand the scope of services by \$45,000 to the standard Rental Assistance Program and \$50,000 for Emergency COVID-19 Rental Assistance through the contract year ending September 30, 2023. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. RECOGNITION OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH [Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Light up City Hall in the colors green and white from May 17-29, 2023; 2) Direct staff to highlight the City's mental health services, resources, programming, and initiatives during Mental Health Awareness Month; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City's recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 TO FIX A NUMBERING ERROR AND RENUMBER WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 2, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 9.28 (PROHIBITING FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING BY PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER) AS CHAPTER 9.23, AND RETAINING EXISTING ARTICLE 2, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 9.28 (PROHIBITION ON BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY) [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an Ordinance to fix a numbering error on Ordinance 23-07 that prohibits false and misleading advertising by a crisis pregnancy center.

ACTION: Introduce on First Reading Ordinance No. 23-16: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 TO FIX A NUMBERING ERROR AND RENUMBER WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ARTICLE 2, TITLE 9 CHAPTER 9.28 (PROHIBITING FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING BY PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER) AS CHAPTER 9.23, AND RETAINING EXISTING ARTICLE 2, TITLE 9 CHAPTER 9.28 (PROHIBITION ON BASIS OF SEXUAL

ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.P. (4.A.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 15.12.010 AND REPEALING SECTION 15.12.030 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF FUTURE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES BY RESOLUTION [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, M. MAGENER]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an Ordinance to authorize the adoption of future sewer service charges by resolution instead of ordinance.

ACTION: Introduce on First Reading Ordinance No. 23-17: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 15.12.010 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF FUTURE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES BY RESOLUTION. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.Q. (6.B.) BUSINESS COMMUNITY FORUM ON CALIFORNIA STATE RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE [S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a community forum on California State resources for small businesses in partnership with California State Treasurer Fiona Ma. This will be an in-person event with a target audience of current and prospective small business owners.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve sponsorship of a community forum on California State resources for small businesses in partnership with the California State Treasurer's Office; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 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; 4) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to reserve \$2,000 from Fiscal Year 2023-24 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; and 5) Waive the Facility Use fee for the City Council Chambers for the event, parking fees at the 5-story parking lot for attendees, and any other ancillary City permits that may be required for the event (estimated \$1,240 in waived fees).. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 3.A. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL TO DEMOLISH ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY WHICH ENCOMPASSES A RELIGIOUS FACILITY, BANQUET FACILITIES, AND A SCHOOL BUILDING AND CONSTRUCT A NEW**

FIVE-STORY, 90-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING (WITH 14 AFFORDABLE UNITS) OVER A SUBTERRANEAN PARKING GARAGE AT N. 1305-1317 CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, A. GALLO]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an appeal filed by Lynn Russell regarding the Planning Commission's adoption of Resolution No. PC 22-1496, which found the project to be exempt from CEQA under Section 15332 (In-fill Development Projects), and approved the demolition of a religious facility, banquet halls, and a school, to construct a new five-story, 90-unit rental apartment building over subterranean parking. The project utilizes a state density bonus, a concession, and provides fourteen units of affordable housing.

ACTION: The Public Hearing was continued to July 17, 2023, at the request of the Appellant, Lynn Russell.

4. LEGISLATIVE:

4.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 15.12.010 AND REPEALING SECTION 15.12.030 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADOPTION OF FUTURE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES BY RESOLUTION [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, M. MAGENER]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an Ordinance to authorize the adoption of future sewer service charges by resolution instead of ordinance.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.A. MELROSE GATHERING PLACE: WEAVER'S WALK PROJECT UPDATE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WITH PAMELA BURTON & COMPANY AND KARON DAVIS STUDIO LLC [J. ROCCO, R. ABRAMSON, M. BARKER, R. EHEMANN, M. MITCHELL]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the Melrose Gathering Place: Weaver's Walk project and consider amending the agreement for landscape architecture services with Pamela Burton & Company to modify the scope of services to include construction administration and to increase the not-to-exceed amount, and amend and extend the agreement for design, fabrication and installation services with Karon Davis Studio LLC, the project's artist.

Councilmember Heilman shared his concerns regarding the impact of this project to an adjacent property owner and ensuring that we work with them to address their concerns. Urban Design and Architecture Studio Manager Ric Abramson responded. Councilmember Heilman clarified

what the City Council is approving this evening noting that site specific issues will be addressed during implementation.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the outreach conducted to the public, businesses, and City Commissions on the project. Mr. Abramson enumerated all the various meetings held with the stakeholders mentioned by Councilmember Meister. Councilmember Meister further inquired if the feedback was positive. Mr. Abramson shared that the feedback was mostly positive.

BEN SOLEIMANI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his concerns with a lack of visibility for his business if the project moves forward as designed.

JAY REYNOLDS, UNKNOWN, spoke as the architect for 8465 Melrose. He further spoke regarding the need for collaboration with the effected businesses.

LESLIE KARLISS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

RICHARD GEISBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

Councilmember Heilman confirmed that the motion includes adding direction to staff to continue working with the property owners and neighbors to come up with the best implementation.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update on the redesign of the space by Pamela Burton & Company and the new public artwork by Karon Davis; 2) Receive the Final Art Plan, Before Picasso by artist Karon Davis, as approved by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission; 3) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for services with Pamela Burton & Company: expand the scope of services to include construction administration services; increase the amount of the agreement by \$63,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$137,500, and extend the agreement by 12 months from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024; 4) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for design, fabrication, and installation services with Karon Davis Studio LLC to increase the amount of the agreement by \$166,500 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$185,000 and extend the agreement by 6 months from June 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$100,000 from unallocated reserves in the Public Beautification and Art Fund to account number 209-4-10-12-704041 for public art design, fabrication, installation, and related costs; 6) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the project agreements; and 7) Direct staff to continue working with the property

owners and neighbors to come up with the best implementation. **Motion by Councilmember Byers, seconded by Mayor Shyne and approved.**

- 5.B. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making direct appointments to City Commissions and Advisory Boards as well as at-large appointments to some of the Commissions.

ACTIONS: Make new appointments or re-appointments to City Commissions and Advisory Boards with terms ending February 28, 2025, as follows: 1) **Councilmember Meister** made the following direct appointment: Public Facilities, Recreation & Infrastructure – **Dorian Jackson**; 2) **Councilmember Heilman** made the following direct appointment: Disabilities Advisory Board - **Sibyl Zaden**; 3) **Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson** made the following appointment: Transgender Advisory Board – **Armani Day (Bowen)**; and 4) the City Council made the following At-Large Appointments: Planning Commission – **Michael Lombardi and Erick Matos**; and 5) Councilmember Heilman requested that Tatyana Rodzinek meet with the applicants to the Russian-Speaking Advisory Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.A. SPECIAL COUNCIL PROGRAMS BUDGET ALLOCATIONS [L. MEISTER, J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the allocation of funds in the Special Council Programs Account for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and future fiscal years to limit the maximum amount to \$10,000 per allocation, with larger items such as new studies or community plans implemented in future budget years.

Councilmembers Meister and Heilman provided background information as outlined in the May 1, 2023 staff report.

A discussion ensued with the City Council that included increasing the amount allocated in the City Council Special Programs budget, staff time, including studies in the work plans of the affected department, the need for special events staff, and the number and cost of events.

ACTIONS: This item was Tabled and will be discussed as part of the budget item.

- 6.B. BUSINESS COMMUNITY FORUM ON CALIFORNIA STATE RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE [S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**

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SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider sponsoring a community forum on California State resources for small businesses in partnership with California State Treasurer Fiona Ma. This will be an in-person event with a target audience of current and prospective small business owners.*
ACTION: **This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister reported her attendance at the Laurel House Subcommittee meeting, the Yom HaShoah event, the Zen Healing 20th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting, and the NextGen event. She shared that she completed her CERT training last weekend with over 20 graduates. She also shared the new Social Services brochure that includes all of the services available to the community. She shared upcoming events happening in the City. She thanked the community for speaking this evening about public safety. She noted that she has a number of questions that she would like addressed during the public safety update item.

Councilmember Byers reported her attendance at the Clean Power Alliance Energy, Planning, and Resource Committee meeting, tour of the Log Cabin with Assemblymember Rick Zbur, the City Playhouse Design Steering Committee, and the Homelessness Subcommittee. She sat on a panel for National League of Cities to share information on the City's EV Policy. She participated in the Denim Day photo at City Hall for survivors of sexual violence. She announced that this week is National Small Businesses Week and provided information on the Los Angeles County Department of Economic Opportunity. She noted that the LA County Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will disburse over \$54 million across 6,800 grants for small and microbusinesses and nonprofit agencies through the new Economic Opportunity Grants Program (EOG), prioritizing the most COVID-impacted regions and organizations in LA Count noting that eligible grantees may be awarded between \$2,500 and \$25,000 in a phased roll out through the EOG. She wished everyone a happy Asian American Pacific Islander Month, International Workers' Day, and Merry Beltane to those who recognize it.

Councilmember Heilman reported his attendance at the AIDS Monument Subcommittee meeting and the Homelessness Subcommittee Meeting. He mentioned Maysky's Classical Night and the WeHo Mishka Festival (formerly the Russian Cultural Festival). He inquired with the City Manager regarding allowing the appellant for Item 3.A. to ask for second continuance of the public hearing and asked for clarification on the City's policy. He requested that the City Clerk bring an item to the next meeting for the City Council to discuss and approve a date for the Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards. He concluded by noting that he will save his comments for the upcoming Public Safety Update item.

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Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson noted his attendance at the Contract Cities Board of Directors meeting, the Pride Subcommittee meeting, the AIDS Monument Subcommittee meeting, and the Finance & Budget Subcommittee meeting. He also attended the NextGen event, the Zionist Social Summit, the Lesbian Speaker Series, and the Contract Cities Legislative Committee noting that he may be the next Chair of that Committee. He participated in the Denim Day photo at City Hall, the Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Outreach, and the Inter Pride Gala. He noted that this past Saturday was his 21st Saturdays at Plummer Park with John. He attended the 2023 Lesbian & Queer Women’s Visibility Event, the Bora Sushi grand opening, the WeHo Chamber Mixer, the Poetry Spa Day event, and the Trans Arts Grant Event. He wished everyone a happy Asian American Pacific Islander Month and International Workers’ Day. He congratulated Councilmember Meister on completing her CERT training. He spoke about the Log Cabin and the City’s recovery community. He concluded his comments by speaking about tolerance.

Mayor Shyne attended the City Playhouse Design Steering Committee meeting, the Yom HoShoah event, the Westside Cities Council of Governments Board meeting, the Pride Subcommittee meeting, and the Finance & Budget Subcommittee meeting. She toured the Log Cabin with Assemblymember Rick Zbur. She hosted another Sips with Sepi. She presented a Proclamation to Invisible Men, attended the Denim Day photo event at City Hall, and attended the Inter Pride Gala. She commented that public safety is a priority for the City Council. She announced that it is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. She concluded her comments by providing an update on the protests in Iran.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m. in memory of Edward “Eddie” Horenstein, Jan Foster, Vivian Bernard, Annette Fleischman, Harry Belafonte, Maple Brown, Heklina, and Garry Gerome to its next regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, 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 15th day of May, 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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