

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**5:30 P.M. – CLOSED SESSION  
6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Shyne called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgment.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Katrin Vinson 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 Lauren Langer reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and stated that no members of the public spoke under public comment. She announced the City Council discussed one item of business on the posted agenda, conference with labor negotiations under Government Code Section 54957.6 and took no reportable action.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*Mayor Shyne recused herself from the dais at 6:03 p.m. so that the City Council could discuss the request from Appellant Lynn Russell to continue the Public Hearing for Item 3.A.*

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson presided over the City Council discussion. City Clerk Crowder indicated there was a request from Appellant Lynn Russell to continue the Public Hearing for Item 3.A. to a future meeting. City Clerk Crowder noted that this was Ms. Russell's third request to continue this appeal.

The City Council voted to deny the appellant's request to continue the Public Hearing to a future meeting and consider the item tonight by unanimous decision, noting the recusal of Mayor Shyne.

*Mayor Shyne returned to the dais at 6:04 p.m.*

City Clerk Crowder noted that there was a request from the property owner to Table Item 2.L. to a future meeting.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Items 6.A. and 6.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.W. and 2.X., respectively.

Additionally, the City Council unanimously agreed to consider at-large appointments for the Social Justice Advisory Board on Agenda Item 5.A. only. All other appointments listed in the item will be continued to the August 21, 2023 City Council meeting.

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Byers, to approve the July 17, 2023 agenda, as amended.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Maria Hortencia Quijano and Susan Love.

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gary Socol.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of William Keller, Catherine Erickson, Justine Peacock, Mark Simon, and Rev. Dr. Steve Peters.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Heilman presented a Proclamation to John Keho for his retirement from the City of West Hollywood as the Planning and Development Services Director.

The City Council presented a certificate to Pickle in recognition of the Inaugural Drag Laureate.

Mayor Shyne presented an award to Outgoing Appointed Jackie Steele for her service to the City of West Hollywood in the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board and Public Safety Commissioner.

#### **1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JASON FRAZIER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the achievements of Jackie Steele, her advocacy efforts for the LGBTQ+ community, and commitment to the City's safety.

NIC KACEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City Council's approval to denounce discriminatory laws at the Supreme Court on behalf of the LGBTQ+ Commission and expressed his solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the purpose of Neighborhood Night Out, noting it was an opportunity for the community to gather and familiarize themselves with their neighbors and encouraged the community to attend.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the late William Keller and Leslie Arian and commended the staff at the aquatics center.

JIMMY PALMIERI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding an anecdote from Jackie Steele and commented on the importance to televise all city committee meetings.

PATRICK DIAMOND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the city's uniqueness perspectives, individual roles, and experiences that contributes to the City's inclusiveness.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recognition of Jackie Steele as the former LGBTQ+ and former Public Safety Commissioner.

RENAY GRACE RODRIGUES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her experiences with Jackie Steele's achievements.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding incorporating Narcan trainings into City events and meetings.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the importance of civic participation and encouraged the community to nominate a deserving member for the Senior Advisory Board award.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City Council's City's Women's Equality Day.

ALEX MOHAJER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the contributions of Jackie Steele.

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

City Manager Wilson acknowledged John Keho's retirement, and announced the position would be filled in the next few months. He announced the upcoming National Night Out event and requested the community report graffiti to the City's hotline.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 2.L. and addition of Items 6.A. and 6.B., was \$9,000 in expenditures, \$0 in revenue, and (\$4,954) in waived fees.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,V.,W., and X. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved, noting the “no” vote on Agenda Items 2.D. and 2.E. from Councilmember Meister.**

**2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:**

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, July 17, 2023 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, July 12, 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 June 26, 2023. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 931 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending July 7, 2023 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 931 and adopt Resolution No. 23-065, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 931”. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-18 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MODIFIED OFF-SITE ADVERTISING TALL WALL AT 9201 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-18, approving a development agreement in conjunction with a modified off-site advertising tall wall at 9201 Sunset Boulevard. The proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.*

**ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-18, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MODIFIED OFF-SITE ADVERTISING TALL WALL AT 9201 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA”. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Meister.**

- 2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-19 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MODIFIED OFF-SITE ADVERTISING TALL WALL AT 9201 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-19, approving a zoning map amendment in conjunction with a modified off-site advertising tall wall at 9201 Sunset Boulevard. The proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA under Section 15303.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-19, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MODIFIED OFF-SITE ADVERTISING TALL WALL AT 9201 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Meister.**

- 2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-20 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ENHANCING THE CITY'S ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR UNLAWFUL VACATION (SHORT-TERM) RENTALS" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-20, amending Title 19 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code enhancing the City's enforcement authority for unlawful vacation (short-term) rentals. The proposed ordinance is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15358 and 15061.*

**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-20, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ENHANCING THE CITY'S ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR UNLAWFUL VACATION (SHORT-TERM) RENTALS". **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 Public Facilities, Recreation & Infrastructure Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, Transportation and Mobility Commission, Disabilities Advisory Board, Russian-Speaking Advisory Board, Senior 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 MAY 2023 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended May 2023 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.*  
**ACTION:** Receive and file the May 2023 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.I. 2022-23 MID-YEAR REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, L. ISENBERG, D. MURRAY]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Mid-Year Report on Social Services programs for 2022-23.*  
**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. MID-YEAR LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR YEAR 1 OF THE 2023-2024 REGULAR SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS [Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO, H. MOLINA]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the first legislative report on the City's lobbying efforts in the California State Legislature during Year 1 of the 2023-2024 regular legislative session and a brief description of current advocacy efforts at the federal level.*  
**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE LIST OF OFFENCES IN CHAPTER 1.08 AND TO CORRECT A GRAMMATICAL ERROR IN SECTION 17.56.010 [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, G. AVILES]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ordinance amending the classification of offences in Chapter 1.08 and correcting a grammatical error in Section 17.56.010 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.*  
**ACTION:** Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 23-21, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE LIST OF OFFENCES IN CHAPTER 1.08 AND TO CORRECT A GRAMMATICAL ERROR IN SECTION 17.56.010". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATIONS FOR 7900 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND 7906 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, A. CASTILLO, T. GALINDO]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to designate two abutting commercial buildings located at 7900 Santa Monica Boulevard and 7906 Santa Monica Boulevard as individual local cultural resources. A cultural*

*resource designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15331 (Historic Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation) of CEQA Guidelines, which exempts projects that preserve historical resources in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.*

**ACTION:** This item was tabled.

**2.M. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 2301, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM-PHASE XII [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 2301, Concrete Repair Program-Phase XII by Gentry General Engineering.*

**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.N. REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED AND RE-ADVERTISE FOR CITYWIDE WATER FEATURES MAINTENANCE SERVICES [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider rejecting all bids received to provide Citywide Water Features Maintenance Services and authorizing staff to re-issue and re-advertise the bid.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Reject all bids to provide Citywide Water Features Maintenance Services, as submitted on June 7, 2023, and return the associated bid bonds; and 2) Authorize staff to re-issue and re-advertise the bid solicitation for Citywide Water Features Maintenance Services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [D. RIVAS, J. ANUKAM]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider designating Tuesday, August 1, 2023, as National Night Out Against Crime in West Hollywood and approve various administrative requests to assist in the success of National Night Out events.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Proclaim August 1, 2023 "National Night Out" in West Hollywood; 2) Approve all street closures for National Night Out block parties and allow the City Manager to approve additional street closures for National Night Out 2023 as deemed appropriate; and 3) Approve the City's official sponsorship of all West Hollywood National Night Out events and waive all City fees associated with this event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AMERICAN BORN CHINESE FOUNDATION'S LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL [Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the American Born Chinese Foundation's Los Angeles Children's Book Festival to be hosted in West Hollywood Park on Sunday, September 17, 2023.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the American Born Chinese Foundation for the Los Angeles Children's Book Festival on Sunday, September 17, 2023 and approve the use of West Hollywood Park for the event; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the agreement; 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 4) Waive the Facility Use Fee, Special Event Permit fee, Encroachment fee, other ancillary fees, and parking at the 5-story parking structure for event volunteers and vendors (estimated \$2,290); and 5) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY 2023 [Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO, L. FOOKS]:**

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

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve programming recommendations from the Women's Advisory Board for the Women's Equality Day 2023 commemoration; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULES FOR THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR 2023-2024 [C.SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, G. AVILES, A. BORGE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution amending the schedules for the Inclusionary Housing Program setting 2023-24 rent limits and income requirements.*

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 23-066 "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.S. RECOGNITION OF AUGUST 31ST AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO, J. DUCKWORTH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recognizing August 31, 2023 as Overdose Awareness Day to honor the lives lost to drug overdoses and raise awareness about the importance of harm reduction and overdose prevention.*



**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the City's Facilities & Field Services Division to light City Hall in purple on August 31, 2023, in recognition of Overdose Awareness Day; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote Overdose Awareness Day including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.T. CITY SUPPORT FOR THE PELOTA DE TRAPO PROJECT [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**

**SUBJECT:** *The City Council will consider directing staff to take steps to support Scholas Occurrentes' Pelota de Trapo project, focused on ensuring equitable access to sports.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to work in partnership with the office of the Third Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County for opportunities to collaborate on the Pelota de Trapo project; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the project, such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.U. RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S RECENT RULING REGARDING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION [S. SHYNE, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**

**SUBJECT:** *The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to denounce the United States Supreme Court's recent ruling in Students for Fair Admissions v. President and Fellows of Harvard College and Students for Fair Admissions v. University of North Carolina, to end race-conscious admission programs at colleges and universities across the nation.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 23-067 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENOUNCING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S RECENT RULING IN STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS V. PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE AND STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS V. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, ENDING RACE-CONSCIOUS ADMISSION PROGRAMS AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION"; and 2) Direct staff to send a letter to President Joe Biden and copies of the letter to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Representative Adam Schiff, California Governor Gavin Newsom, CA State Senator Ben Allen, and CA Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, and others as deemed appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.V. RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S RECENT RULING REGARDING LGBTQ+ RIGHTS [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**

**SUBJECT:** *The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to denounce the United States Supreme Court recent ruling in 303 Creative*

*LLC v. Elenis, affording a public business the right to refuse service to members of the LGBTQ+ community.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 23-068 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENOUNCING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT'S RECENT RULING IN 303 CREATIVE LLC V. ELENIS, AFFORDING A PUBLIC BUSINESS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY"; and 2) Direct staff to send a letter to President Joe Biden and send copies of the letter to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, Representative Adam Schiff, California Governor Gavin Newsom, CA State Senator Ben Allen, and CA Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, and others as deemed appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.W (6.A.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO, J. DUCKWORTH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor the Van Ness Recovery House's 50th Anniversary Carnival Celebration on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Plummer Park from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, in recognition of September as National Recovery Month.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve the co-sponsorship of the Van Ness Recovery House's Carnival in celebration of their 50th Anniversary, scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall and Great Lawn; 2) Approve the use of Fiesta Hall and Great Lawn at Plummer Park, waive any Facility Use Fees, Special Event Permit Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, and the 3-hour parking limit at the Plummer Park parking lot for event participants, and any other ancillary City permits that may be required for the event (estimated \$2,424); 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the events; 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event and the City's recovery, health, and mental health services in recognition of National Recovery Month including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools; 5) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreements; and 6) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the events. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.X. (6.B.) SPONSORSHIP OF A DISCUSSION WITH FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the sponsorship of a discussion with former Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to*

*discuss his latest memoir "Zev's Los Angeles: From Boyle Heights to the Halls of Power" in partnership with Book Soup.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve the sponsorship of a discussion with former Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky in partnership with Book Soup; 2) Authorize the use of the City's name and logo on invitations and other collateral materials for the forum, which Book Soup may produce; 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 4) 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.*

Mayor Shyne recused herself from the Dais at 7:01 p.m. due to the 500-foot radius proximity of her residence and affiliation with the construction company.

The City Councilmembers provided their ex-parte communications.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Crowder indicated that the public hearing was noticed as required by law.

Associate Planner Adrian Gallo provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 17, 2023.

Councilmember Meister asked if this institution was considered historic due to its religious connotations. Staff indicated it was not. Councilmember Meister asked if there was a previous designation at a previous location of the temple. Staff noted a designation was received in a previous location, not for the current site. Councilmember Meister asked if a concern had been raised in June 2021 by the community. Mr. Gallo stated that concern had not been raised. Councilmember Meister asked if the structure had been nominated as a historical site prior to June 2021. Mr. Gallo noted a nomination was submitted in 2022 after a notice of public hearing was published for the Planning Commission meeting.

Councilmember Heilman asked if the wing of the building on Crescent Heights was structurally sound in the case of an earthquake. Mr. Gallo stated the design would incorporate retrofits to ensure the structure's safety.

Appellant Lynn Russell provided her reasons for appealing the Planning Commission's decision for this project. She disagreed with the City Council's decision to deny her request for another continuance. (This matter was previously continued two times at the request of the appellant.) She provided various points in support of the appeal.

Applicant Michael Lewis provided an overview in support of denying the appeal.

Councilmember Meister asked Mr. Lewis when the tenants were informed of this project. Mr. Lewis noted that they placed them on notice several years ago. Councilmember Meister asked when the idea of this building becoming historic was brought forward for consideration. Mr. Lewis stated the request was received very recently.

The following members of the public came forward to speak:

MARK HOWEL, spoke in opposition of the appeal.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

MICHAEL LEWIS, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, spoke regarding the setbacks of this building, the public hearing notices, and traffic concerns around this project.

JUDSON FEDER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

MIKE NAZARIAN, BEVERLY HILLS, spoke in opposition of the appeal.

ALLEN NAZARIAN, BEVERLY HILLS, spoke in opposition of the appeal.

AMIR SAMANI, WOODLAND HILLS, spoke in opposition of the appeal.

LYLIDMILA PRAVDINA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

PHILIPE MORA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

ROY OLDENKAMP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of preserving the building and additional housing.

SHAHLA JAVDA, BEVERLY HILLS, spoke in opposition of the appeal.

GEOFFREY BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

VLADIMIR MELAMED, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the appeal.

STEVEN BRUSCION, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the appeal process.

KATE D'AVNON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

*The following individuals submitted a Citizen Position Slip in Support of the Appeal:*

MICHAEL ABRAMSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD

LOIS BLUMENTHAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD

LAURA CAZARES, WEST HOLLYWOOD

GEORGE CREDLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD

GARY DAHLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD

CHERYL DENT, WEST HOLLYWOOD

CONNER FISCHER, WEST HOLLYWOOD

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD

SALLY HENLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD

EDYTH MAGOUN WEST HOLLYWOOD

ROXANNE MCBRYDE, WEST HOLLYWOOD

DAVE MONKS, WERS HOLLYWOOD

JACOB PEDERSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD

HENRY RASU, PLACENTIA

DAVID REID, LOS ANGELES

JODY JOHN SAKSTRUP, WEST HOLLYWOOD

MARK SCHEINBAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD

NEAL TERRY, PLACENTIA

STEVE WEINSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD

CHRISTOPHER XIMENEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD

JANEECE KARR, BEVERLY HILLS

JENNIFER SANBORN, BEVERLY HILLS

Appeallant Lynn Russell provided rebuttal remarks and requested that this project go through the proper historical review channels.

On behalf of the applicant, Michael Lewis provided rebuttal remarks, noting that the demolition would take up to four (4) years.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

Councilmember Heilman asked if there were any issues with the setback or if the easement was encroaching on other properties. Mr. Gallo stated there was a setback of eight (8) feet and confirmed that the easements were reviewed when the project was submitted. Councilmember Heilman stated this building was not identified as a historical building and asked if a nomination could be made during the appeal process. Mr. Gallo confirmed that this building was not previously designated and could not be nominated during the appeal process. Additionally, Planning Manager Jennifer Alkire further explained that an additional consultant concurred with the findings of the original review noting it did not qualify as a historic building twice.

Councilmember Byers asked for clarification on the accelerated survey. Ms. Alkire explained that although the survey was conducted expeditiously, the findings went through a thorough process.

Councilmember Meister asked if the architect's name was included in the report. Adrian Gallo confirmed the architect's name was included.

Councilmember Meister asked City Attorney Langer about the code section brought forth by a speaker noting that it could not be demolished due to its religious implications. City Attorney Langer confirmed there was no such law within the jurisdiction prohibiting construction of housing due to religious associations.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson asked if the building at 8150 Sunset Boulevard was in West Hollywood. Mr. Keho stated this project belonged to the City of Los Angeles and noted that the project would not be moving forward any time soon.

Councilmember Heilman commented on the beautiful building and its various uses in past years and shared that they legally were not allowed to look at it through a historical lens as an application for this qualification was never submitted for consideration. He further stated that the school on site was under contract as a tenant and that the City did not become involved with tenant/landlord disputes. He noted his desire to include relocation conditions and a construction development plan tied to any future approvals. He addressed concerns relating to traffic and construction impacts and sewer capacity noting an environmental assessment and traffic study had been conducted and all future development would go through a due process. He further addressed comments around antisemitism and expressed his support to deny the appeal.

Councilmember Byers spoke in support of additional affordable housing. She echoed her support in denying the appeal.

Councilmember Meister echoed her colleagues' comments and spoke to the process, stating an assessment was thoroughly conducted. She reiterated that the appeal was solely about the process. She further shared that complaints had been submitted in the past when this building was used as a banquet hall for festivities and that the proposed project would have less impact, be more aesthetically pleasing, and better utilized.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson thanked all members of the public for their input and spoke in favor of denying the appeal along with placing conditions proposed by Councilmember Heilman.

Ms. Alkire incorporated the following language to the conditions for the development permit:

Add condition 2.5: "Prior to application for a building permit, the applicant shall provide a tenant relocation plan to show relocation efforts at the satisfaction of the Community Development Director".

Councilmember Heilman provided direction to work on a construction management development plan.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson closed the public hearing.

**ACTIONS:** Staff recommends that the City Council hold a public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, deny the appeal, and affirm the Planning Commission's decision by adopting Resolution No. 23-069: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING AN APPEAL FILED BY LYNN RUSSELL AND UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A DEMOLITION PERMIT AND DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING STRUCTURES ON-SITE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FIVE-STORY, 90-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING WITH FOURTEEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS OVER ONE AND A HALF LEVELS OF SUBTERRANEAN PARKING LOCATED AT 1305-1317 NORTH CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." Motion by Councilmember Byers, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved with the abstention from Mayor Shyne.

*\*\*The City Council recessed at 8:38 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.\*\**

- 3.B. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO REVISE EXISTING AND INTRODUCE NEW PARKING AND DRIVEWAY STANDARDS FOR NEW PROJECTS [R. ABRAMSON, M. BARKER, J. KEHO, F. CONTRERAS, J. ALKIRE]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a Zone Text Amendment to revise existing and to introduce new driveway and parking standards in the City's Municipal Code – Title 19 - Zoning Ordinance for new projects. The proposed Zone Text Amendment is exempt pursuant to the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).*

Mayor Shyne opened the public hearing.

City Clerk Crowder indicated that the public hearing was noticed as required by law.

Project Architect Michael Barker provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 17, 2023.



No members of the public came forward.

Councilmember Meister asked if staff held community meetings. Mr. Barker responded.

Councilmember Meister asked City Attorney Langer to ensure the language was clear regarding compact stalls and tandem parking, noting that they were incentives and not development standards. She expressed her support to approve this item and directed staff to explore car and bike sharing options with new developments as suggested by the Planning Commission.

City Attorney Langer stated the standards were based on incentives and would be incorporated into the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson asked the percentage of the City excluded from overlays. Mr. Barker responded. Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson commented on his concerns with the lack of civic engagement and expressed his opposition to the item.

Councilmember Byers asked how much of the zoning text amendments applies to the entire City.

Director of Community Development John Keho said all parking in the City would be covered under this ordinance clarifying it was a process to make these objective standards.

City Attorney Langer stated all projects will be covered under the objective standards with seldom exemptions under AB 2097.

Councilmember Heilman agreed with City Attorney Langer's explanation, and the need to meet objective standards with new development. He attributed the lack of community engagement to the technicalities involved with this approval.

City Attorney Langer provided the following language clarifying incentivized standards under Section 19.28.090(B)(2.b.) and Section 19.28.090(E)(1.a.), "This is an incentive and not a development standard".

Mayor Shyne closed the public hearing.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 23-22: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 19.28 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE OFF STREET PARKING AND LOADING STANDARDS AND FINDING THE ACTION CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA"; and 2) Consider Planning

Commission recommendations to study other opportunities related to the potential value of car sharing incentives, requirements to provide bicycles, and creative bicycle sharing programs as part of the city's mobility goals.  
**Motion by Councilmember Meister seconded by Councilmember Heilman and approved, noting a "no" vote by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson.**

**4. LEGISLATIVE: None.**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 5.A. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**  
*SUBJECT: Mayor Shyne to make a direct appointment to the Senior Advisory Board. The City Council will consider making at-large appointments to City Commissions and Advisory Boards.*  
*ACTION: 1) The City Council made the following at-large appointments to the Social Justice Advisory Board: Jorge S. Seperak, Karim Abday, Tiondrea Pier, and Rebecca Betanco.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6.A. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO, J. DUCKWORTH]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor the Van Ness Recovery House's 50th Anniversary Carnival Celebration on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Plummer Park from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, in recognition of September as National Recovery Month.*  
**ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.**
- 6.B. SPONSORSHIP OF A DISCUSSION WITH FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, J. DEL TORO]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the sponsorship of a discussion with former Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky to discuss his latest memoir "Zev's Los Angeles: From Boyle Heights to the Halls of Power" in partnership with Book Soup.*  
**ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

CHRISTOPHER SPENCE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City of West Hollywood's achievements in public safety and social services and offered a partnership to continue assisting people with mental health and/or substance abuse challenges.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Meister reported her attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Energy and Environmental Committee and Regional Council meeting representing District 41, the WEHO Heights Neighborhood Association meeting, attended and swore-in newly appointed/reappointed LGBTQ+ Commissioners, and reported her attendance at the Drag Laureate Installation Event. Councilmember Meister congratulated Pickle and thanked her colleagues for supporting the Drag Laureate initiative that she brought forward several years before with former Councilmember Duran, congratulated John Keho on his retirement from the City. Finally, she reiterated her "no" vote on Agenda Items 2.D. and 2.E. and announced several upcoming City meetings and events, requesting the City consider staggering start times for the National Night Out event in future years.

Councilmember Byers reported her attendance at the Los Angeles Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) and attended the Clean Power Alliance Agency Committee meeting and the Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address. She conducted the oath of office to newly appointed/re-appointed Commission Members and witnessed the Drag Laureate Installation Event remarking that Pickle was fabulous. Councilmember Byers further thanked the public for their civic engagement, noting the public's desire for City meetings to be televised to increase community participation, uplifted Agenda Item 2. I., (mid-year report on social services) encouraging the public to view the report to further study the City's range in services, and also highlighted Agenda Item 2.G. (Board/Commission meeting synopses) which was a great resource to the those interested in learning the outcome of Board and Commission meetings. She concluded her comments by thanking John Keho for his many contributions to the City wishing him all the best, stated she looked forward to seeing residents participating in community events, and encouraged residents to use cooling centers while enjoying these summer days.

Councilmember Heilman reported his attendance at the Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address event and announced he regrettably could not attend the upcoming National Night Out event this year.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson reported his attendance at the Contract Cities Legislative Committee meeting, in-person Hazard Mitigation meeting, spoke to the LA Times regarding the City's minimum-wage mandate, attended the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Board of Directors Meeting, attended the WEHO Heights Neighborhood Association meeting, joined the end-of-life celebration of Esther Baum, attended the NALEO Conference, held the Saturday's in Plummer Park event, and congratulated Pickle on the Drag Laureate Installation event noting his attendance. He directed staff to connect

with the City of Norwalk to review their terms and conditions with their trash hauler on the bulky item pick-up program in an effort to better service the community and requested that staff explore options to televise committee meetings in the near future. He further requested an update from the City Manager on the findings and observations on City-wide signalized crosswalks, requested a status update on a previously discussed centralized informational kiosk, and noted that the escalators on the Gateway remained out of service. Mayor Pro Tempore thanked outgoing Commissioner Jackie Steele for her service, congratulated John Keho on his retirement, and announced his participation in a fundraiser for the WEHO Youth Scholarship Program during the upcoming National Night Out event. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson acknowledged Jimmy Palmieri's public comment on educational videos and commented on his desire for the City to broadcast current events prior to the commencement of City Council Meetings.

Mayor Shyne reported her attendance at the Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address, spoke at the L.A South Asian Pride Month, attended the Lesbians in Boystown documentary screening, conducted the oath of office to newly appointed/re-appointed officials to the LGBTQ+ Commission, joined the memorial services in honor of the late Esther Baum, and attended the Drag Laureate Installation event. The Mayor wished Councilmember Heilman a Happy Birthday and congratulated John Keho on his retirement. Mayor Shyne concluded her comments by thanking Councilmember Byers in her co-sponsorship of the resolution on Agenda Item 2.U. and Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson's co-sponsorship of the resolution on Agenda Item 2.V. and thanked her colleagues for their support.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson highlighted the Los Angeles Times article related to the City's minimum wage and read an excerpt from the article.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 9:32 P.M. in memory of Gary Socol, Susan Love, Maria Hortencia Quijano, William Keller, Catherine Erickson, Justine Peacock, Mark Simon, and Rev. Dr. Steve Peters to its next regular meeting on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 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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