

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY APRIL 1, 2024
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Brandon McCullough, a student at West Hollywood Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: George Nickle read the City's Land Acknowledgement.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Crowder indicated that there was a request from the applicant to continue the Public Hearing for Item 3.A. to May 6, 2024.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Items 6.A., 6.B., 6.C., and 6.F. be moved to Consent Calendar as Items 2.P., 2.Q., 2.R., and 2.S., respectively.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, to approve the April 1, 2024 agenda, as amended (5/0).

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joel Quaresimo.

Mayor Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Nancy Valverde and George Sotsky.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council presented a certificate to Penna Ziering for leading tonight's Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation in recognition of National Poetry Month to Jen Cheng.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation in recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month to the City of West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

GEORGE NICKLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 6.D.

ERIC SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns related to Item 6.C.

RICKY PETTIGREW, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns related to Item 6.C.

MIKIE FREIDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Mayor's love for Paris.

JOSEPH GREEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding HIV, STI, and CARE prevention standards and encouraged public input and thanked City Clerk Crowder for the orientation.

DILLON HOSIER, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding concerns related to posts from a Councilmember.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his disappointment with the Council's vote concerning parking restrictions on Gardner.

MICHAEL NUTTAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for their efforts and spoke on concerns regarding experiences with the Sheriff's.

DAVID STOOKEY, UNITED LOCAL 11, thanked Councilmembers for supporting their cause to ratify their contract.

DANNY HANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding support for equitable wages.

NIK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding remarks made by previous speaker concerning a Councilmember's post, uplifted this month as Autism Awareness, and read a poem.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson announced April as Earth Month and shared that the City will be promoting efforts to support its 2035 Carbon Neutrality goal and share information on Climate Action initiatives to elevate community awareness in City programs and policies related to sustainability. Additionally, he announced that the City launched the Green Business Certification Program to help businesses with their sustainability implementation measures and stated that the City was recently awarded \$200,000 from

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Metro's Transit Oriented Communities Technical Assistance Program to help with the feasibility study to explore the establishment of a transit-oriented development bonus program.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 6.A., 6.B., 6.C., and 6.F. was \$2,060,700 in expenditures, \$1,200 in revenue, and (\$1,240) in waived fees.

City Clerk Crowder introduced on first reading the title of Ordinance 24-10, Item 2.K.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, noting Councilmember Meister's "no" vote on Item 2.G., and approved (5/0).

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, April 1, 2024 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

ACTION: Received and filed. **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: Approved the minutes of March 18, 2024. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 946 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending March 22, 2024 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 946 and adopt Resolution No. 24-020: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 946". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, R. RICHARDS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council is receiving notification that the City's third-party administrator Carl Warren & Co. has denied two (2) Claims for Damages from Michael Holdaway and Payam Kohan.

ACTION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-06 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO THE PERMIT TIME LIMITS SET FORTH IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR DISCRETIONARY PERMITS OR ENTITLEMENTS SEEKING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-06, authorizing additional extensions of time to the permit time limits set forth in the Zoning Ordinance for discretionary permits of entitlements seeking development agreements.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-06: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO THE PERMIT TIME LIMITS SET FORTH IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR DISCRETIONARY PERMITS OR ENTITLEMENTS SEEKING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-08 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTERS 9.60 (PUBLIC NUISANCES), 9.64 (VACANT PROPERTIES), AND 9.70 (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENHANCE SECURITY ON VACANT PROPERTIES” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-08, amending Chapters 9.60 (public nuisances), 9.64 (vacant properties), and 9.70 (construction management) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to enhance security on vacant properties.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-08: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTERS 9.60 (PUBLIC NUISANCES), 9.64 (VACANT PROPERTIES), AND 9.70 (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENHANCE SECURITY ON VACANT PROPERTIES”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.G. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-09 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11.28.090 “OUTDOOR DINING ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – ELIGIBLE SITES” OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY ELIGIBLE AREAS TO BE PERMITTED TO CONVERT TEMPORARY OUTZONES TO PERMITTED PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-09, amending Chapter 11.28.090 “outdoor dining on public right of way – eligible sites” of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to clarify eligible areas to be permitted to convert temporary OUTZones to permitted permanent outdoor dining.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-09: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11.28.090 “OUTDOOR DINING ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – ELIGIBLE SITES” OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY ELIGIBLE AREAS TO BE PERMITTED TO CONVERT TEMPORARY OUTZONES TO PERMITTED PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Meister.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Women’s Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

ACTION: Received and Filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION [J. ROCCO, R. ABRAMSON, M. BARKER, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, L. BIERY, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: Staff will provide a quarterly update on major capital improvement projects related to City-owned properties and public parks (exclusive of infrastructure related projects), including status of the projects and timelines. The projects are listed in priority of completion.

ACTION: Received an update on the City’s major capital program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. APPROVAL OF 2025 ARTS GRANT PROGRAM [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, E. ANGELOFF]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the City of West Hollywood’s 2025 Arts Grant Program guidelines, schedule, and funding as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

ACTION: Approved the implementation of the City of West Hollywood’s 2025 Arts Grant Program, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. INTRODUCTION ON FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT 11 PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS ON ROSEWOOD AVENUE BETWEEN SWEETZER AVENUE AND KINGS ROAD [S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider introducing on first reading an Ordinance to implement District 11 preferential parking regulations on the 8300 block of Rosewood Avenue, between Sweetzer Avenue and Kings Road.

ACTION: Introduced for first reading Ordinance No. 24-010: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.08, SECTION 10.08.260, SUBSECTION C OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPLEMENTING PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 11 REGULATIONS ON THE 8300 BLOCK OF ROSEWOOD AVENUE BETWEEN SWEETZER AVENUE AND KINGS ROAD." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. APPROVAL OF BENCH CONTRACTS WITH CONSULTANTS TO SUPPORT HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION PRIORITY INITIATIVES [C. SCHROEDER, L. ISENBERG, D. KAHN-EPSTEIN, F. GOMEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on creating a pool of qualified consultants to support Human Services Division priority initiatives and significant projects. Recommended vendors will join the Division's Consultant Bench - a team of skilled professionals with whom the City will contract for technical expertise in one or more of the following sub-areas: Program Evaluation, Communications Support, Professional Writing, Demographic Studies and Analysis, and Community Engagement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a three-year Agreement for Services with Cities and People Partners to provide services in support of Human Services Division priority initiatives for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000; 2) Approved a three-year Agreement for Services with Elizabeth Anderson Consulting to provide services in support of Human Services Division priority initiatives for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$240,000; 3) Approved a three-year Agreement for Services with FM3 Research to provide services in support of Human Services Division priority initiatives for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000; 4) Approved a three-year Agreement for Services with HyperTexted LLC to provide services in support of Human Services Division priority initiatives for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000; 5) Approved a three-year Agreement for Services with Jennifer Cree Swan to provide services in support of Human Services Division priority initiatives for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$240,000; and 6) Approved a three-year Agreement for Services with Maroon Society to provide services in support of Human Services Division priority initiatives for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$135,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITH GRIFFIN STRUCTURES, INC. [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 1 with Griffin Structures, Inc. to provide on-call construction management services for the City's Capital Improvement Program.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Griffin Structures, Inc. to provide on-call construction management services for the City's Capital Improvement Program for an increased amount of \$750,000 and a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,250,000; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Amendment. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH RYDIN DECAL FOR PARKING PERMIT MATERIALS [S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Services with Rydin Decal for parking permit materials to increase the not-to-exceed amount and extend the term of the agreement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Rydin Decal to increase the amount of the agreement by \$100,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$381,167.15 and extend the agreement by twenty-four (24) months from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, A. RUIZ, K. BARENG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting the attached resolution declaring the intention to reimburse the City for expenditures related to the various ongoing City-wide infrastructure projects and upgrades from the proceeds of tax-exempt debt.

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 24-021: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING THE INTENTION TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. (6.A.) REVIEW OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A WEST HOLLYWOOD ART PROJECT DURING THE 2028 SUMMER OLYMPICS (LOS ANGELES) [D. WILSON, L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the plans for a West Hollywood Art Project to be implemented during the 2028 Summer Olympics (Los Angeles).

ACTION: Received the update and approved the Request for Proposal for a Community Outreach and Engagement Services for a West Hollywood Art Project during the 2028 Summer Olympics (Los Angeles). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. (6.B.) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE 2024 RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH [J. HEILMAN, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider allocating additional funding to the Russian-Speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month programming.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved increasing the Russian-Speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month annual budget by \$40,000 from \$67,500 to \$107,500 for the “WeHo Mishka” Annual Festival and Classical Music Night with Russian-Speaking Community Awards Presentation; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$40,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Russian Community Events account 100-3-50-15-535012 for costs associated with the “WeHo Mishka” Annual Festival; and 3) Directed staff to maintain the increased level of funding (\$107,500) for future budget cycles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. (6.C.) EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES FOR COMMERCIAL OVENS [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, M. WATSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff and the City Attorney’s office to evaluate a potential new requirement to install emission control devices on commercial ovens. The evaluation will include an analysis of existing local and state laws, current regulatory requirements, and the extent to which emission control devices would control pollutants.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff and the City Attorney to evaluate a potential requirement to install emission control devices on commercial ovens to determine if the City can establish such a requirement for new and/or substantially remodeled businesses and phase in the requirement for existing businesses over time; and 2) Presented the findings and recommendations to the City Council for further consideration. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. (6.F.) SPONSORSHIP OF A SUSTAINABILITY TOWN HALL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATHENS SERVICES [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a Sustainability Town Hall in partnership with Athens Services. The town hall will focus on zero waste and implementation of California’s new law related to organic waste (Senate Bill 1383).

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to organize a Sustainability Town Hall in partnership with Athens Services on the topic of zero waste and organic waste implementation (Senate Bill 1383); 2) Authorized the use of the City

name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 3) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website, a news release, and social media; 4) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$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) Waived 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. REQUEST TO PERMIT A NEW TWO-SIDED, INTERNALLY LIT, FULL MOTION DIGITAL BILLBOARD AT 8501 SUNSET BOULEVARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEW INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS [L. BIERY, B. LEAGUE, N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, J. DAVIS, R. ABRAMSON]:

SUBJECT: This proposal is for construction of a new two-sided full motion digital billboard, replacing an existing one-sided billboard, on the rooftop of 8501 Sunset (The Sterling Building) and for the improvement of both the interior and exterior of the building to accommodate an art gallery/community space or similar civic use that will be leased to the City for the term of the development agreement. Site improvements will also be made to accommodate this new use. The City Council will hold a public hearing and make a decision regarding the approval of Master Project (MP21-0021) including Sign Permit (BB21-0003), Administrative Permit (AP21-0021), Zoning Map Amendment (ZMA21-0003) and Development Agreement (DA21-0004) for the construction and installation of the new billboard and site and building improvements.

ACTION: The Public Hearing was Continued to May 6, 2024.

3.B. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-07 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA ADDING A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD BUILDING CODE SECTION 106.5.4 TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWAL OF EXPIRED BUILDING PERMITS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION" [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-07, adding a new administrative provision to the West Hollywood Building Code Section 106.5.4 to establish a process for renewal of expired building permits for development projects near completion.

Mayor Erickson opened the Public Hearing.

City Clerk Crowder noted that this Public Hearing was noticed as required by law and that this Ordinance required a Public Hearing for its second reading.

The following member of the public came forward to speak:

NIK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

Mayor Erickson closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: The City Council held a public hearing, considered all pertinent testimony, waived further reading, and adopted Ordinance No. 24-07: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA ADDING A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD BUILDING CODE SECTION 106.5.4 TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWAL OF EXPIRED BUILDING PERMITS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION". **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

4. **LEGISLATIVE: None.**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

6.A. **REVIEW OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A WEST HOLLYWOOD ART PROJECT DURING THE 2028 SUMMER OLYMPICS (LOS ANGELES) [D. WILSON, L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the plans for a West Hollywood Art Project to be implemented during the 2028 Summer Olympics (Los Angeles).

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.B. **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE 2024 RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH [J. HEILMAN, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider allocating additional funding to the Russian-Speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month programming.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.C. **EMISSION CONTROL DEVICES FOR COMMERCIAL OVENS [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, M. WATSON]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff and the City Attorney's office to evaluate a potential new requirement to install

emission control devices on commercial ovens. The evaluation will include an analysis of existing local and state laws, current regulatory requirements, and the extent to which emission control devices would control pollutants.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.D. DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY POLICY REQUIRING SUSTAINABLE AND CLIMATE-FRIENDLY FOOD CHOICES FOR CITY PRODUCED EVENTS [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA, M. WATSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to draft a policy mandating all City produced events in which food/refreshments are provided serve plant-based food/refreshments by default, which would require allowing people to opt into food/refreshments with animal products.

Councilmember Meister requested that an educational component be added to this Item. She spoke in opposition to making plant-based options as a default and in support of a hybrid option.

Vice Mayor Byers stated this policy was not geared towards making plant-based food the only choice but rather a helpful nudge.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of the Item noting that the City would continue to offer catering options.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to draft a City policy requiring that when City-produced events serve food/refreshments, the food/refreshments shall be plant-based by default, allowing people to opt into food/refreshments with animal products; and 2) Staff to report back to the City Council in sixty (60) days with draft policy and Resolution with the inclusion of an educational component. **Motion by Vice Mayor Byers, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

6.E. APPOINT THE MAYOR AS CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO ACCEPT THE HANDOFF OF THE TORCH FOR PRIDE HOUSE IN PARIS, FRANCE, AND APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider appointing the Mayor as the City's representative to accept the handoff of the torch for Pride House and approve international travel for the Mayor to Paris, France.

Mayor Erickson provided an overview noting it was a request.

The following speakers came forward to speak:

ALAN STRASBURG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of this item. *His public comment was spoken in French without translation.*

SHAMEY CRAMER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that this item be tabled to provide additional Pride information to better represent the City of West Hollywood's sports component.

NIK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the optics of this trip, inquired why this City did not partner with City of LA's Paris trip, and requested the Mayor conduct daily vlogs from Paris.

DANNY HANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

Councilmember Meister spoke in opposition to this Item noting these trips were not geared for Councilmembers but rather delegates and requested that the Visitor and Marketing Bureau be designated to attend this trip at their own expense.

Councilmember Shyne stated that the difference between Los Angeles and West Hollywood is that the City of West Hollywood is the LGBTQ+ City who represents Pride and spoke in support of this Item. She requested that the delegation meet with the City's sports teams.

Councilmember Heilman provided additional information as to the request noting that the City of West Hollywood is the likely destination and location for a Pride House not just for the Olympics. He noted his support for this Item and requested that the City Manager research forming a committee for these types of requests in the future.

Vice Mayor Byers spoke in support of the Item and in appreciation for the Mayor's willingness to travel on the City's behalf.

Mayor Erickson spoke on the transparency of this Item and the significance of this trip.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Mayor Erickson as the City's representative to accept the handoff of the torch for Pride House in Paris, France; and 2) Approved Mayor Erickson's international travel to Paris, France. **Motion by Mayor Erickson, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers and approved (4/1), noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Meister.**

6.F. SPONSORSHIP OF A SUSTAINABILITY TOWN HALL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATHENS SERVICES [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a Sustainability Town Hall in partnership with Athens Services. The town hall will focus on zero waste and implementation of California's new law related to organic waste (Senate Bill 1383).

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

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EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

TODD ELLIOT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 6.E., and commented on the difficulties faced by developers to complete housing/affordable housing projects. He requested that the City ease punitive fines for developers.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister noted her “no” vote on Item 2.G., and requested that on Consent Calendar 2.I., the City consider using the office suite on 8305 Santa Monica Boulevard at Sweetzer Avenue for Public Safety Officers and requested clarification on the completion of the Melrose design portion concerning the District Streetscape Project. She reported her attendance at the Purim Celebration at Cola Me, the West Hollywood Women in Leadership Awards and reception and announced upcoming City events.

Councilmember Shyne reported her attendance at the St. Mary’s International Women’s Day event and requested that the City Manager contact Todd Elliot concerning comments to a delayed development.

Vice Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the Contract Cities General Board Meeting, the League of California Cities Transportation Communication and Public Works Committee Meeting, and the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Board Meeting. She thanked all speakers, wished everyone a happy Earth Month and thanked her colleagues for supporting items to continue the City’s goal in reducing food waste.

Mayor Erickson thanked Eric and Ricky for their comments and efforts concerning emissions, requested staff review bollards on Lexington and Gardner to facilitate street cleaning. He reported his attendance at the Freedom of Fire screening, the WEHO Pride Subcommittee Meeting, the Drag Artist Roundtable, the Contract Cities March Board Meeting, the Community Services Policy Committee Meeting, presented a Proclamation for Save Soil Day, attended the Budget Subcommittee Meeting, American Diabetes Association LA Roast, the Legislative Briefing for Local Housing Champion, the Purim Celebration at Cola Me, presented a Proclamation to the honorees at Celebration Theatre Honors Gala, attended a reception with the Quebec Minister Martine Biron, the Clean Power Alliance Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting, the West Hollywood Women in Leadership Award Reception, the LA County Local Advocacy Day with Contract Cities, the Denim Day Celebration, Coffee with the Mayor event, and presented Deborah Kallick with a commemoration on her retirement from Cedars Sinai Medical Center, and announced his future travel to Sacramento to advocate for AB 2402 on the City’s behalf and commented on a letter sent to the Mayor of Los Angeles concerning helicopter noise.

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ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:22 P.M. in memory of Joel Quaresimo, Nancy Valverde, and George Sotsky to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, April 15, 2024, 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 April, 2024 by the following vote:

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

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