

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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: Everleigh Fazzinga led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported that there were four of the five Councilmembers present at the beginning of Closed Session. There was one (1) individual, Victor Omelczenko, who spoke under Public Comment. Mayor Erickson entered the Closed Session at approximately 5:15 p.m. The City Council discussed the one (1) item on the posted agenda and did not take any reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Heilman requested that Items E.4., E.5., F.1., F.3., F.6., F.7., F.8., F.10 be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items B.21, B.22., B.23, B.24, B.26., B.27., B.28., and B.30., respectively.

Mayor Erickson requested that Item F.9. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item B.29. and indicated that he is appointing Martin Gantman to the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission for a term ending February 28, 2025. Mayor Erickson also indicated his recusal from Item B.19 as he is employed by one of the providers that has an Agreement for Services with the City.

Councilmember Shyne requested that Item F.5. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item B.25.

Councilmembers Heilman and Meister indicated their “no” votes on Items B.6., B.7., and B.8.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved the September 16, 2024 agenda, as amended (5/0).

LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES: None.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council presented a Certificate to Everleigh Fazzinga for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Byers presented a proclamation to City Clerk Melissa Crowder in recognition of National Voter Registration Day.

Mayor Erickson presented a proclamation to Reverend Kathy Cooper Ledesma in recognition of her retirement.

Vice Mayor Byers presented a proclamation to Bridget McCarthy and Robert Stohr American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month.

Mayor Erickson presented a proclamation to the Disabilities Advisory Board in recognition of National Disabilities Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item B.13. He also spoke regarding an unauthorized social media post.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item B.13., Disabilities Awareness Month, and the condition of various commercial properties in the City.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding in support of Item E.5. as well as Item B.13. He also reminded everyone that September is National Preparedness Month and in support of Item F.6. as well as the upcoming CERT training program.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item E.4. and several questions that he had about the Item. He also spoke about the condition of the vacant commercial building, the former French Market site.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding cannabis special events.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a WeHo Times article that mentioned her.

LINDSEY DEATON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her resignation from the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission, noting that she's taking a sabbatical. She thanked the City Council and various City staff for their support.

MIKIE FRIEDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding bike lanes, scooter/delivery robots, and artificial turf at Hart Park. She also spoke regarding Councilmembers not listening to members of the public.

SLADE LIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item E.1. and the loss of two traffic lanes.

ERIKA RAMIREZ, ANAHEIM, spoke regarding climate change and plant-based food sources.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson announced the upcoming Free Theater in the Park performance of *Cinderella* this upcoming weekend. He shared that it is Bi+ Visibility week in the City. He noted that the City is hosting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training as well as Certified CPR and First Aid training. For more information, email safety@weho.org. He also announced that the City is hosting a Mobility Expo for transportation resources. He shared the City's new resource entitled "Get Involved" about civic engagement and directed interested persons to reach to cityclerk@weho.org for more information.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the Melrose Triangle Project. City Manager Wilson commented that the entitlement permit expires on September 19, 2024. She further inquired about the EIR. City Attorney Langer responded. He further commented that staff can bring an item to a future City Council meeting for discussion.

Councilmember Meister also inquired about the upcoming Halloween Carnaval and wanted to confirm that cannabis businesses will receive fee waivers. City Manager Wilson shared that a supplemental memo to Item F.3. was submitted that addressed the fee waivers.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Morales stated that the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items E.4., E.5., F.1., F.3., F.5., F.6., F.7., F.8., F.9., and F.10 is \$9,656,466 in expenditures, \$189,500 in revenues, and (\$25,170) in waived fees.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.1.,2.,3.,4.,5.,6.,7.,8.,9.,10.,11.,12.,13.,14.,15.,16.,17.,18.,19.,20.,21.,22.,23.,24.,25., 26.,27.,28.,29.,30. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0), noting the "no" votes of Councilmembers Heilman and

Meister on Items B.6., B.7., and B.8 as well as the recusal of Mayor Erickson from Item B.19.

B.1. POSTING OF AGENDA [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, September 16, 2024 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

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

B.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of the prior City Council Meetings.

ACTION: Approved the revised minutes of August 5, 2024 and the action minutes of August 26, 2024. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 955 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending September 6, 2024 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 955 and adopted Resolution No. 24-088: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 955". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.4. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2024 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, S. STEPHENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended July 2024 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Received and filed the July 2024 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.5. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Human Services Commission, the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission, the Disabilities Advisory Board, and the Older Adults Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

B.6. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-23 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OFF-SITE

ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS LOCATED AT 8850-8878 AND 1025-1029 LARRABEE STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-23, approving a Development Agreement in conjunction with the proposed mixed-use hotel and residential development and off-site advertising billboards located at 8850-8878 and 1025-1029 Larrabee Street, West Hollywood, California.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-23: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS LOCATED AT 8850-8878 AND 1025-1029 LARRABEE STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the “no” votes of Councilmembers Heilman and Meister.**

B.7. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-24 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS LOCATED AT 8850-8878 AND 1025-1029 LARRABEE STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-24, amending the zoning map in conjunction with the proposed mixed-use hotel and residential development and off-site advertising billboards located at 8850-8878 and 1025-1029 Larrabee Street, West Hollywood, California.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-24: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS LOCATED AT 8850-8878 AND 1025-1029 LARRABEE STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the “no” votes of Councilmembers Heilman and Meister.**

B.8. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-25 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN TO CHANGE THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SITE 6-E IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 8850-8878 AND 1025-1029 LARRABEE STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-25, amending the Sunset Specific Plan to change the development standards

for site 6-E in conjunction with the proposed mixed- use hotel and residential development and off-site advertising billboards located at 8850-8878 and 1025-1029 Larrabee Street, West Hollywood, California.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-25: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN TO CHANGE THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SITE 6-E IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED MIXED-USE HOTEL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 8850-8878 AND 1025-1029 LARRABEE STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA”. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the “no” votes of Councilmembers Heilman and Meister.**

B.9. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, L. FOOKS, C. SCHROEDER, W. BARRENO]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider recognizing October 2024 as Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaimed October 2024 as Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month; 2) Directed the City to light the City’s lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard and City Hall in the color purple to recognize Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month and “Purple Thursday” from October 16-28, 2024; 3) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on digital collateral materials with partner agencies focused on domestic violence/intimate partner violence issues and services; and 4) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to raise awareness about Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month, including sharing resources via social media platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.10. NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider recognizing October 2024 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaimed October 2024 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; 2) Directed the City to light the City’s lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard and City Hall in the color pink to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month from October 1-13, 2024; 3) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on digital collateral materials with partner agencies focused on breast cancer awareness information and services; and 4) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to raise awareness about National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, including sharing resources via social media platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.11. FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR A TRANSIT ORIENTED

COMMUNITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT AWARD [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, AICP, T. FARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to enter into a funding agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority ("Metro") as part of the Transit Oriented Communities Technical Assistance Program (TOC TAP). This action is exempt from CEQA.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution 24-089: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A FUNDING AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT FUNDS AS AN AWARDEE OF LA METRO'S TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the Funding Agreement and all necessary contracts, payment requests, and amendments for the purposes of securing grant funds, and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.12. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE FRONTAGE OF THE DW DIAMOND BAR, LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 9024 LLOYD PLACE [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the frontage of the DW Diamond Bar, LLC development project located at 9024 Lloyd Place.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-090: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND PARKWAY PURPOSES AT 9024 LLOYD PLACE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Directed the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 24-090, as well as the Easement in Exhibit A of Attachment A for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.13. REPORT ON A PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOCATED AT THE NORTHERN LEG APPROACH OF THE OFFSET INTERSECTIONS OF FOUNTAIN AVENUE AND POINSETTIA PLACE [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND]:

SUBJECT: The Department of Public Works is providing a report regarding the inquiry of a proposed traffic signal located at the northern leg approach of the offset intersections of Fountain Avenue and Poinsettia Place.

ACTION: Based on the analysis findings, directed staff to not install a new traffic signal at the northern leg approach of the offset intersections of Fountain Avenue and Poinsettia Place (western intersection). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.14. INTERAGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LA COUNTY MTA FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider entering into an Interagency Memorandum of Understanding with LA County MTA for Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved entering into an Interagency Memorandum of Understanding with LA County MTA for Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.15. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE MEASURE M FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND, W. DAVIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Measure M Funding Agreement between the City of West Hollywood and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to extend the deadline of the grant for the Santa Monica Blvd/La Brea Ave Transit Hub Improvement Projects, and approve the release of a request for proposals for the design of the La Brea Avenue Pedestrian Light Fixture Refurbishing Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Measure M Funding Agreement between the City of West Hollywood and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Santa Monica Blvd/La Brea Ave Transit Hub Improvement Projects; and 2) Authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite qualified firms to design plans, specifications and construction estimates for the La Brea Avenue Pedestrian Light Fixture Refurbishing Project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.16. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CROSSTOWN ELECTRICAL & DATA, INC FOR ON-CALL STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE SERVICES [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Services with Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc. for on-call street lighting maintenance services to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Services with Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc. to increase the amount of the agreement by \$300,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,020,000; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.17. AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES [C. SCHROEDER, W. BARRENO, D. MURRAY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for Services with All City Management Services to provide crossing guard services for West Hollywood schools.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for Services with All City Management Services to provide crossing guard services for Rosewood Elementary and West Hollywood Elementary School; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to this Agreement.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B.18. AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH KABBARA ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN DISTRICT PHASE 2 STREETScape PROJECT [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Services with Kabbara Engineering for professional engineering design services to modify the scope of services, increase the not-to-exceed amount, and extend the term.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement for Services with Kabbara Engineering to modify the scope of services, extend the term of the agreement to June 30, 2028, and increase the amount of the Agreement by \$355,888, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,836,352; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B.19. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWALS 2024-25 [C. SCHROEDER, W. BARRENO, D. MURRAY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider renewals of Social Services contracts for the third year of the 2022-25 funding cycle (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025).

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the 2024-25 Social Services contract renewals with 28 social service programs for a total of \$6,725,649; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents related to the Agreements.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the recusal of Mayor Erickson.

B.20. RECOGNITION OF DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH [C. SCHROEDER, W. BARRENO, M. ULLOA, D. SAUNDERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will recognize October as Disabilities Awareness Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaimed October as Disabilities Awareness Month; 2) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote Disability Awareness Month events including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media platforms; 4) Directed the Human Services Division to oversee the installation of 19 banners along Santa Monica Boulevard that recognize past recipients of the City's Disability Services Awards; 5) Approved the Disability Service Awards to be presented at a televised meeting of the Disabilities Advisory Board on

Wednesday, October 23, 2024; and 6) Waived parking enforcement of the three-hour parking restrictions until 1pm at Plummer Park on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, for the Community Health & Wellness Event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.21 (E.4) UPDATE ON MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a quarterly update on the status of major commercial and mixed-use development projects, as requested.

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

B.22 (E.5.) UPDATE ON STRATEGY TO ADDRESS VEHICULAR NOISE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the strategy to address vehicular noise disturbances in West Hollywood.

ACTION: Received and provided input regarding the proposed strategy to address vehicular noise disturbances in West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.23 (F.1.) AWARD OF EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 1047 AND 1057 N. CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD [S. CAMPBELL, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the award of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) to the Community Corporation of Santa Monica to develop a 100 percent affordable housing project at 1047 and 1057 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA), in substantially the form attached, with Community Corporation of Santa Monica to develop an affordable housing project located at 1047 and 1057 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard; and 2) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.24 (F.3.) 2024 HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL EVENT PRODUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT AWARD, STREET CLOSURES, AND FACILITY USE [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, J. HEREDIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a three-year Agreement for Event Production Services with Authentic Agency related to the Halloween Carnival events from 2024 through 2026. The Council will also consider approving street closures and facility uses associated with the 2024 Halloween Carnival event as well as approving the waiver of Special Event Permit fees for City businesses during the event, which will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorized the City Manager to negotiate a three-year Agreement for Event Production Services with Authentic Agency for the annual Halloween Carnival event in an amount not to exceed \$1,883,000 (not to exceed \$597,000 in 2024 with a 5% cost of living increase in years 2025 and 2026) and execute documents incidental to the Agreement; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$97,000 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund for event production services for the 2024 Halloween Carnival; 3) Approved street closures and facility uses related to the 2024 event, as detailed in the body of this report; 4) Approved a loss of revenue of approximately \$6,500 related to meters along the footprint of the event and surrounding streets; 5) Approved a loss of revenue of approximately \$4,000 related to the exclusive use of the Five-Story Parking Structure for public safety vehicles and event production vehicles between 5:00 AM on Thursday, October 31, 2024, and 7:00 AM on Friday, November 1, 2024; 6) Approved the waiver of Special Event Permit fees and Encroachment fees for City businesses activating their businesses between October 31 and November 3 in celebration of Halloween (estimated at \$20,000 in waived fees); 7) Authorized up to \$12,500 to cover Los Angeles County Fire Department site plan review fees related to the waived Special Event Permits associated with City business activations between October 31 and November 3; 8) Authorized the City Manager to negotiate a one-time agreement for services with the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for a Haunted Halloween Trolley and authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$75,000 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund for the Haunted Halloween Trolley. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.25. (F.5.) EXPANSION OF BE WELL WEHO PROGRAMMING [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate the expansion of the Be Well WeHo programming and return to the City Council with recommendations.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to evaluate options for expanding the Be Well WeHo program to include more regularly occurring events focusing on wellness for all adults; 2) Directed staff to review the current program, gather feedback from relevant stakeholders and return to the City Council with recommendations on the proposed program expansion including potential costs, resource requirements, and implementation timelines; and 3) Develop a “wellness” designation for programming listed in the City’s Rec Reader. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.26. (F.6.) SPONSORSHIP OF A SCREENING OF THE FILM QUAKE HEROES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a screening of the documentary film Quake Heroes, and hosting an emergency preparedness expo.

The film aims to raise public awareness about earthquake preparedness and the importance of building community resilience.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to organize a screening of the film Quake Heroes on the topic of earthquakes and safety and host an emergency preparedness expo for attendees; 2) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 2) Direct 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; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate up to \$3,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; and 4) Waived the Facility Use fee for the City Council Chambers and possibly West Hollywood Park, Special Event Permit fees, Encroachment fees, Parking fees at the 5-story parking lot for attendees, and any other ancillary City permits that may be required for the event (estimated \$2,290 in waived fees).
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B.27. (F.7.) AMEND THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER LIST OF PRE-APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS/EVENTS TO INCLUDE CLIMATE GROUP [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the City Councilmember list of pre-approved organizations and events to include Climate Group, including the upcoming Climate Week NYC conference.

ACTION: Approved the addition of Climate Group to the list of pre-approved organizations and events that members of the City Council are permitted to attend each year. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.28. (F.8.) CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH HOLLYWOOD NOW FOR THE 2024 TRANS DIARIES [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MARQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Hollywood NOW to produce the Trans Diaries at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers on November 8 and 9, 2024.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Hollywood NOW to produce the Trans Diaries on November 8 and 9, 2024; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement; 3) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 4) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; 5) Waived the Facility Use Fee for the City Council Chambers for two production days and one rehearsal day, and waive other Facility Use Fees for up to four rehearsal days in other City spaces such as small Plummer Park rooms or other small rooms in the ARC (estimated at \$480 in waived fees); 6) Waived parking fees at the 5-story parking lot for attendees of the event on both production days, and during the one dress rehearsal day (estimated \$2,400 in waived fees); 7) Authorized the

Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$10,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.29. (F.9) APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: Mayor Erickson will make his direct appointment to the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission.

ACTION: Mayor Erickson appointed **Martin Gantman** to the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission for a term ending February 28, 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.30. (F.10.) APPROVAL OF THE DATES FOR THE ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the date for the election of the new Mayor and Vice Mayor as well as the date for the Installation of the new Mayor and Vice Mayor. The City Council will also consider approving the City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025 including canceling or rescheduling a few meetings throughout the year that conflict with holidays.

ACTIONS: 1) Conduct the election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor at the December 16, 2024 City Council meeting; 2) Rescheduled the January 6, 2025 meeting to January 13, 2025 (Installation/Reorganization Meeting); 3) Rescheduled the meeting of January 20, 2025 to January 21, 2025; 4) Rescheduled the meeting of February 17, 2025 to February 18, 2025; 5) Rescheduled the June meetings to June 9, 2025 and June 23, 2025; 6) Canceled the meeting of July 7, 2025; 7) Canceled the September 1, 2025 meeting; and 8) Approved the City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C.1. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO UPDATE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF ABOVE LOWER-INCOME PROTECTED UNITS IN NEW HOUSING PROJECTS AND INCORPORATE UNIT DEMOLITION PROTECTIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, AICP, M. MONTENEGRO, T. FARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a Council-directed Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) to amend Sections 19.22.030 and 19.22.050 of Title 19 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code (WHMC) to require the replacement of demolished protected units that are or were formerly occupied by households or individuals of above lower-income (80% of higher Area Median Income) with units subject to rent stabilization (under Title 17 of the WHMC) in the proposed housing project. In addition, the City Council will consider including additional updates to the WHMC

related to unit demolition in alignment with state law. The proposed ZTA is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, provided that this activity is an election under state law that does not have the potential to result in an effect on the environment.

Mayor Erickson opened the Public Hearing.

There were no disclosures from the City Council.

Assistant City Clerk Morales noted that the Public Hearing was noticed as required by law.

Associate Planner Michelle Montenegro provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 16, 2024.

Councilmember Meister commented on correspondence received late in the day that indicated that the feasibility study didn't include new legislation when AB 1287 was adopted. Ms. Montenegro responded.

Councilmember Heilman inquired about the market rate for the rent stabilized units. Ms. Montenegro responded.

Vice Mayor Byers inquired about various studies that the Long Range Planning is conducting and if there are redundancies. Ms. Montenegro responded.

Mayor Erickson inquired if this is a time-sensitive ZTA. If it isn't time-sensitive, could staff consider AB 1287 and return with an updated ZTA at a future meeting. Ms. Montenegro responded.

Councilmember Heilman clarified for the record that this item was brought forward at the direction of the City Council due to the challenges with the City's current replacement model for rent stabilized units.

The following members of the public came forward to speak:

GEORGE NICKLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of affordable housing.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the various types of housing that are needed. She provided various funding sources that could be used to support housing.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need for affordable housing in the City.

The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the Item:

Michael Carter, West Hollywood

The public testimony portion of the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Heilman made a Motion to move the Item, and Mayor Erickson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Meister inquired how many developers have complained about our current Zone Text. Community Development Director Nick Maricich commented that there has been a decline in applications for housing projects. Ms. Montenegro commented that in the Development Roundtable developers stated that the City's Zone Text is a hindrance. Councilmember Meister noted that this Zone Text Amendment will not help increase the City's affordable housing stock. She requested that staff include a 1 for 1 affordable unit replacement and continue to study AB 1287.

Councilmember Shyne inquired about the additional Planning Commission recommendation. Ms. Montenegro responded.

Vice Mayor Byers spoke about the number of studies that we are working on. She supports the Item and the study of AB 1287 for additional modifications to the Zoning Ordinance, as needed.

Councilmember Heilman reiterated the Vice Mayor's comments. He commented that the goal is to maximize affordable housing and protect tenants. He spoke about the feasibility study and the issues that were raised in it.

Mayor Erickson agreed with Councilmember Heilman's comments and indicated his support for this Item.

City Clerk Crowder read the title of the Ordinance into the record for first reading.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduced on First Reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 24-26: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 19, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO UPDATE REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF ABOVE LOWER-INCOME PROTECTED UNITS IN NEW HOUSING PROJECTS AND UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATED TO UNIT DEMOLITION IN

ALIGNMENT WITH STATE LAW” ; 2) Considered a recommendation by the Planning Commission to direct staff to study allowing an additional local density bonus (beyond what state law permits) to accommodate the replacement of above lower-income units as deed restricted affordable units in perpetuity, instead of replacement as rent-stabilized units; and 3) Directed staff to conduct a study of AB 1287 and possible inclusion into the City’s Zoning Ordinance. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Erickson, and approved (4/1), noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Meister.**

D. LEGISLATIVE:

D.1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TRANSFER TO A DIFFERENT RENTAL UNIT FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED TENANTS AND REPOSSESSION OF A RENTAL UNIT FOR AUTHORIZED CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS AND A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RENT STABILIZATION REGULATIONS 20001, 42000, AND 60041.1 [C. SCHROEDER, C. KESINGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending Title 17 (Rent Stabilization Ordinance) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code relating to the transfer to a different rental unit for certain qualified tenants and repossession of a rental unit for authorized correction of violations and a resolution amending Rent Stabilization Regulations 20001, 42000, and 60041.1.

Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 16, 2024.

Councilmember Meister commented on language on page 1,079 “in cases where...” Mr. Kesinger responded noting that staff’s recommendation provides more flexibility to the tenant.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his need for affordable housing and the option to move to other affordable units.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his rent stabilized unit and his recent inquiry to Mayor Erickson about this legislation. He also spoke about the procedures for how a tenant notifies the City if they need to move using this change to the RSO.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her challenges with the City enforcing the RSO.

Mayor Erickson requested that staff create a “how to”, so that members of

the public understand how this new program works and the steps that they need to take if they need to use it.

City Clerk Crowder read the title of the ordinance into the record for First Reading.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 24-27: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TRANSFER TO A DIFFERENT RENTAL UNIT FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED TENANTS AND REPOSSESSION OF A RENTAL UNIT FOR AUTHORIZED CORRECTION OF VIOLATIONS"; 2) Adopted Resolution No. 24-091: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RENT STABILIZATION REGULATIONS 20001, 42000, AND 60041.1"; and 3) Directed staff to create a "how to" to help members of the public understand how this new program works and the steps that they need to take if they need to use it. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

E.1. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN \$8.2 MILLION GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, AICP, C. SHEN, P. PORTWOOD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution accepting a \$8,214,840 Sustainable Transportation and Equity Program (STEP) grant from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for pedestrian, bicycle, roadway safety, and transit electric fleet and service improvements and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a grant agreement with CARB.

Senior Planner Christine Shen provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 16, 2024.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the timeline, change in scope and renaming of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project. Director of Community Development Nick Maricich responded.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, PRESIDENT/CEO OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke regarding concerns that the Chamber has with the proposed bike lanes along Fountain Avenue.

TOD HALLMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a letter that he drafted as Neighborhood Watch Captain for the eastside.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition in support of the Item.

LAURA BOCCALETTI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Item due to the bike lanes.

DAVID ECKERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Item due to the bike lanes.

KIMBERLY COPELAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the senior housing that is near this location and the lack of parking already in this area. She also spoke about traffic safety and the lack of traffic calming that currently exists.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Item.

GEORGE NICKLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Item.

DAVID LEWIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Item.

BRIANNA KAUFMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

SUN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the comments that people don't feel heard in the City. They spoke in opposition of the Item.

MIMI HOLT, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item.

HELEN K., WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

JORDAN BEARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

SUMNER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

CLAIRE SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

DAVID SARKISIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the lack of community outreach and in opposition of the Item.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the lack of community outreach and in opposition to the Item.

HENRY GILBERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

STEVE BRUSCINO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Item.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the letter that was sent to the City by Mr. Hallman on behalf of the eastside neighborhood watch. He also spoke in opposition of the Item.

CYNTHIA BLATT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the grant application.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the challenges of being a bicyclist in the City.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding public outreach and in opposition to the Item.

NIK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding what we are taking away from the residents.

The following individuals submitted Citizen Position Slips in opposition to the Item:

Deane Kenworthy, West Hollywood
Jessica Strauss, West Hollywood
Marie Collins, West Hollywood
Elyssa Gershman, West Hollywood
Joseph P. Zobor, West Hollywood
Joel H. Mark, West Hollywood
Dalia Gonzalez, West Hollywood
Virginia Gillick, West Hollywood
Laura Scollan, West Hollywood
Emma McCormick, West Hollywood
Julia Goldberg, West Hollywood
Irene S., West Hollywood
Alex Marrotheris, West Hollywood
Kevin White, West Hollywood
Lynne White, West Hollywood
Chris Ranier, West Hollywood
Isaac Sims, West Hollywood
Christopher Booher, West Hollywood
Anastasia Sauchenko, West Hollywood
Nina Moshkovich, West Hollywood
Talia Ranier, West Hollywood
Carmen Ratrovich, West Hollywood

Mayor Erickson inquired about the comments regarding the Fire Department. Planning Manager Francisco Contreras responded. He inquired what the projected timeline is for the design plans to come before the City Council. Mr. Contreras responded. Director of Community Development Nick Maricich also provided additional feedback. Mayor Erickson also inquired about where all the misinformation is coming from. Mr. Maricich responded.

Councilmember Heilman asked if a bike lane on Fountain Avenue is required for the grant. He also asked about the Steering Committee. Mr. Contreras responded.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the make-up of the Steering Committee. She inquired about the process. She further went through items in the application and asked staff questions. She enumerated the reasons that she does not support this Item. She recommended that staff only except the grant funds for the other items i.e. paratransit, electric vehicles, etc. and decline the funding for bike lanes.

City Manager David Wilson responded to some of Councilmember Meister's comments. He noted that protected bike lanes were included in the expanded Streetscape Project.

Councilmember Shyne shared the previous Council direction to staff. She spoke about the timeline for the project. She reiterated that protected bike lanes were always part of the direction.

Mr. Maricich clarified for the record the number of residents who live along Fountain or near Fountain that are part of the Steering Committee.

Councilmember Heilman spoke about the various issues before the Council. He shared his concerns with staff's handling of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project, including the Steering Committee and the grant application. He opposes accepting the funds for the bike lanes, but he supports the other grant funding.

Vice Mayor Byers spoke about the need for a bike lane network in the City. She noted that the City Council is trying to include different modes of transportation for everyone. She shared that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan has been in place for over a decade.

Mayor Erickson noted that the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan has been in place for many years. He spoke about the potential liability issues with Fountain Avenue. He shared that the plans are not complete for this project.

Councilmember Heilman requested that staff reach out to the Fire Department immediately to get their feedback on how the proposed changes on Fountain may affect emergency response. He also mentioned the loss of parking and no solutions being offered.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-092: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF, CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCE BOARD'S SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY PROJECT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$8,214,840"; 2) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute a Grant Agreement and all necessary contracts, payment requests, and amendments with the California Air Resources Board to secure and facilitate the use and expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$8,214,840; 3) Directed staff to add three additional members to the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Steering Committee for Phase 2 (sidewalks) of the study; and 4) Directed staff to reach out to the Los Angeles County Fire Department to discuss the proposed plans for Fountain Avenue.
Motion by Vice Mayor Byers, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (3/2), noting the "no" votes of Councilmembers Heilman and Meister.

***The City Council took a recess at 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.*

E.2. AWARD OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE HART PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT [J. ROCCO, S. CAMPBELL, R. ABRAMSON, H. COLLINS, M. BARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider awarding an Agreement to Stoss, Inc., to provide professional design and engineering services for the Hart Park Improvements Project consisting of disability upgrades and dog park improvements.

Project Architect Michael Barker provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 16, 2024.

Councilmember Heilman inquired which type of surface do we use at West Hollywood Park. Field and Facilities Services Manager Helen Collins responded that we use turf.

Mayor Erickson inquired about any claims that have been filed with the City regarding turf. Staff responded that there haven't been any claims filed. He also inquired about the cost to change out the turf. Ms. Collins responded.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding what he has learned about artificial turf. He further commented that we should keep wood chips at Hart Park.

TERRY SAUCIER, TARZANA, spoke regarding the environmental impacts of artificial turf.

BOB CLASTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf at Hart Park.

PETER GABRIEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf at Hart Park.

SAMANTHA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf at Hart Park.

VALERIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf at Hart Park.

DAVID SARKISIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf at Hart Park.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf at Hart Park.

DAVID YOCUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the reduced size of the dog park.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf.

STEVE BRUSCINO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the use of artificial turf.

The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in opposition to the Item:

Katie Wood, West Hollywood

Councilmember Heilman supports staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Meister inquired if we could approve the Agreement for Services without deciding on the ground cover tonight. Ms. Collins indicated that we could proceed.

Councilmember Shyne asked if staff can provide information on the different types of woodchips and the pros and cons. She also inquired about community outreach. Mr. Abramson responded.

Vice Mayor Byers asked what the City of Los Angeles has indicated. Ms. Collins responded. She is interested in a natural product. She supports moving forward with the Agreement for Services.

Mayor Erickson supports moving forward with the Agreement for Services and another City Council discussion regarding the ground cover at a future meeting.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved an Agreement for Services with Stoss, Inc. to provide professional design and engineering services for the Hart Park Improvements Project in the amount of \$359,295 and include a 22% contingency for related services in the amount of \$80,705 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$440,000; 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the Agreement; and 3) Directed staff to return to a future meeting to discuss the ground cover options for the off-leash dog park area (wood chips, decomposed granite, artificial turf, pea pebbles). **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Mayor Erickson, and approved (5/0).**

E.3. WEHO PRIDE 2024 EVENT DEBRIEF AND 2025 PLANNING [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a post-event report regarding WeHo Pride 2024 and provide feedback related to the event. The City Council will also consider approving various items related to production and programming elements for WeHo Pride 2025.

EDD H., WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the WeHo Pride Weekend coinciding with Memorial Day weekend.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her experience at last year's WeHo Pride parade.

The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in opposition to staff's recommendation:

Rick Watts, West Hollywood

Councilmember Shyne thanked and congratulated staff on their work on WeHo Pride. She inquired about the contract with JJLA. She inquired about the L-Project's contract for the Women's Freedom Festival and increasing their contract by \$100K. She commented that the Dyke March needs to be improved. Events Supervisor Megan Reath commented that the L-Project's Agreement for Services is not on tonight's agenda, and that staff is awaiting their funding request.

Councilmember Heilman mentioned the comment from Edd regarding the weekend. He asked if staff has looked at the dates and discussed with JJLA.

Mayor Erickson commented that the Pride Subcommittee discussed the dates and noted that World Pride occurs the second weekend in June 2025 in Washington D.C. He spoke about the security concerns that were raised in the staff report. He inquired if we considered extending JJLA's contract beyond 2025. He supports a discussion about Women's Freedom Festival and shared concerns that he noted at last year's Pride.

Vice Mayor Byers supports extending JJLA's contract beyond what is being presented. She commented that Harvey Milk Day is considered WeHo's Pride kickoff.

Mayor Erickson noted that there is consensus to extend JJLA's contract.

ACTIONS: 1) Received a post-event report regarding WeHo Pride 2024 and provided feedback related to the event; 2) Approved a WeHo Pride 2025 event from Friday, May 30, 2025 to Sunday, June 1, 2025 with the same core elements and footprint as WeHo Pride 2024; 3) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to negotiate co-sponsorship agreements related to their participation in WeHo Pride 2025 with JJLA for the OUTLOUD Music Festival and with the L-Project for the Women's Freedom Festival and Dyke March, and directed staff to return to a future City Council meeting for approval; 4) Approved the waiver of Special Event Permit fees and Encroachment Permit fees, in an amount estimated at \$14,000 for City businesses hosting events on May 30, May 31, and June 1, 2025, in celebration of WeHo Pride; 5) Authorized up to \$12,500 for basic Los Angeles County Fire Department site plan review fees related to Pride weekend activations at City businesses, which is included in the Community Safety Budget; 6) Approved street closures and facilities usages as outlined in this report, as they relate to WeHo Pride 2025, including the potential loss of revenue of approximately \$50,000 as it relates to the City's parking lots, garages, and meters; 7) Waived residential permit parking restrictions citywide from Friday, May 30, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. through Monday, June 2, 2025, at 7:00 A.M.; 8) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to negotiate City of West Hollywood participation in other 2025 Pride events; 9) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to negotiate an Amendment to the Production Services Agreement with JJLA, to extend the agreement through December 31, 2027, to encompass production of WeHo Pride events in 2026 and 2027 and directed staff to return to a future City Council meeting for approval; 10) Directed staff to explore an economic impact study related to the City's Major Events in calendar year 2025; and 11) Directed staff to explore the opportunity to extend the Production Services Agreement with JJLA as well as the Agreement for Services with the L-Project beyond what is being recommended in this item. **Motion by Mayor Erickson, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

E.4. UPDATE ON MAJOR COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a quarterly update on the status of major commercial and mixed-use development projects, as requested.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

E.5. UPDATE ON STRATEGY TO ADDRESS VEHICULAR NOISE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the strategy to address vehicular noise disturbances in West Hollywood.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. AWARD OF EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 1047 AND 1057 N. CRESCENT HEIGHTS BOULEVARD [S. CAMPBELL, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the award of an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) to the Community Corporation of Santa Monica to develop a 100 percent affordable housing project at 1047 and 1057 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.2. REQUEST FOR FINANCING COMMITMENT LETTER AND AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE LOAN FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,145,000 FOR ACQUISITION FINANCING AT 1238 AND 1244 N. LARRABEE DRIVE [S. CAMPBELL, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider issuing a commitment letter and loan from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to Linc Housing Corporation, a non-profit housing developer and operator, in the amount of \$5,145,000 for acquisition financing at 1238 and 1244 N. Larrabee Drive.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding how Linc, LLC was chosen.

CRYSTAL VILLALPANDO, LOS ANGELES, spoke on behalf of Linc Housing to request Council's support of the Item.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the purchase price.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding affordable housing.

Councilmember Meister requested that additional language be added in Section 5 of the Commitment Letter.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute a commitment letter in substantially the form attached, pledging \$5,145,000 for acquisition financing for the development of between 45 and 50 affordable housing units at 1238 and 1244 N. Larrabee Drive and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,145,000 in the Affordable Housing Trust fund to account 216-3-05-62-537015 for the purposes of funding the loan; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to make annual transfers from the General Fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, based on expended amounts for approved funding commitments for affordable housing developments, if actual expenditures in Affordable Housing Trust Fund exceed the fund balance; and 4) Added language to Section 5 of the Commitment Letter: Borrower shall confer with the City of West Hollywood's Urban Design + Architecture and Urban Design Studio ("UDAS") on architect selection and shall incorporate recommendations from UDAS on design criteria for the Project. At the beginning of the project, the Borrower shall meet with the City's Urban Design, City Architect, and Planning staff to familiarize themselves with local goals and policies, including but not limited to housing, climate, resilience, etc. Then the Borrower shall review early site development and conceptual design options with the same staff before finalizing a single, final design proposal for the Property. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

F.3. 2024 HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL EVENT PRODUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT AWARD, STREET CLOSURES, AND FACILITY USE [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, J. HEREDIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a three-year Agreement for Event Production Services with Authentic Agency related to the Halloween Carnival events from 2024 through 2026. The Council will also consider approving street closures and facility uses associated with the 2024 Halloween Carnival event as well as approving the waiver of Special Event Permit fees for City businesses during the event, which will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.4. SIGNAGE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTIES IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: This item directs staff to develop a pilot program which will permit modern digital signage on public school properties in West Hollywood. The signage would be permitted to display school-related announcements as well as limited offsite advertising pursuant to a development agreement, with revenue being utilized exclusively for the school.

Councilmember Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 16, 2024.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding whether this was necessary or not.

Councilmember Meister provided the reasons that she cannot support the Item.

Councilmember Shyne commented that this is a forward-thinking proposal.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to work with Los Angeles Unified School District to develop a pilot program which will permit modern digital signage at West Hollywood Elementary School; 2) Directed staff to draft amendments to the zoning code to permit such signage; 3) Directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), in conjunction with LAUSD, for a modernized signage program with limited offsite advertising being permitted; and 4) Directed staff to develop a template for a development agreement with revenue from the development agreement being used exclusively to support programs and improvements at West Hollywood Elementary School. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (4/1), noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Meister.**

F.5. EXPANSION OF BE WELL WEHO PROGRAMMING [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate the expansion of the Be Well WeHo programming and return to the City Council with recommendations.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.6. SPONSORSHIP OF A SCREENING OF THE FILM QUAKE HEROES AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a screening of the documentary film Quake Heroes and hosting an emergency preparedness expo. The film aims to raise public awareness about earthquake preparedness and the importance of building community resilience.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.7. AMEND THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER LIST OF PRE-APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS/EVENTS TO INCLUDE CLIMATE GROUP [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the City Councilmember list of pre-approved organizations and events to include Climate Group, including the upcoming Climate Week NYC conference.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.8. CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH HOLLYWOOD NOW FOR THE 2024 TRANS DIARIES [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MARQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Hollywood NOW to produce the Trans Diaries at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers on November 8 and 9, 2024.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.9. APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: Mayor Erickson will make his direct appointment to the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission.

ACTION: Mayor Erickson appointed Martin Gantman to the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission for a term ending February 28, 2025.

F.10. APPROVAL OF THE DATES FOR THE ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR AND DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025 [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the date for the election of the new Mayor and Vice Mayor as well as the date for the Installation of the new Mayor and Vice Mayor. The City Council will also consider approving the City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025 including canceling or rescheduling a few meetings throughout the year that conflict with holidays.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JOEY CAINE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, spoke regarding climate change and the Plant Based Treaty.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his inability to walk the streets in West Hollywood because he doesn't feel safe.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Mayor Erickson's comments regarding fearmongering.

RAMESSES SETENPRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding homelessness.

STEVE BRUSCINO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding safety in the community.

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of Kol Ami to invite people to the candidate forum that they are hosting.

NIK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding tonight's discussion and comments by elected officials.

JOSEPH GREEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding upcoming events.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding not feeling safe.

JOHN FREY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding climate anxiety and requested that the City endorse the Plant Based Treaty.

ANITA LIAO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding climate anxiety and requested that the City endorse the plant based treaty.

SARAH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a business that is experiencing challenges.

PAT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding outdoor dining at 8948 Santa Monica Boulevard.

SAMANTHA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Plant Based Treaty.

CESAR ASEBEDO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Plant Based Treaty.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister attended Biz Fed Freshman reception. She represented the Westside Cities Council of Governments at the SCAG Energy & Environment Committee and the Regional Council. She also attended the Community Gardening Opening and the Opening of the Kids Book Festival.

Councilmember Shyne spoke regarding Mahsa Amini. She wished Mayor Erickson a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Heilman noted his attendance at the Community Gardening Opening and the Opening of the Kids Book Festival. He also met with a group of Russian-Speaking LGBTQ immigrants at Plummer Park. He mentioned the suggestion by the Human Services Commission to engage the City's religious groups, HOA's, etc. and requested that staff work on this to expand outreach for the City's social service programs.

Vice Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the Sanitation District, National League of Cities Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and Clean Power Alliance Committee meetings. She commented that she was appointed to the electric vehicle working group by the National Governors Association and National League of Cities. She thanked the group for organizing LA Climate Week. She will be attending New York Climate Week. She participated in a press conference with Assemblymember Matt Haney for the cannabis café bill. Thanked everyone who showed up this evening.

Mayor Erickson noted his attendance at various events. He reported his attended at the Legislative Committee for California Contract Cities. He spoke about the first meeting of the Crystal Meth Anonymous 30 years ago group at the West Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center. He wished former Councilmember Abbe Land a Happy Birthday. He suggested that a moment of silence be taken at the October 7th City Council meeting to honor the 1-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 12:09 a.m. to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, October 7, 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 7th day of October 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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