

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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: Michael Kizler 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 Lauren Langer reported that the City Council convened the Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and no members of the public spoke under Public Comment. She noted that the City Council discussed the two items of business listed on the posted agenda and took no reportable action and concluded the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Heilman requested that Items F.1., F.2., and F.3 be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items B.15., B.16., and B.17., respectively.

Vice Mayor Byers noted her recusal on Item B.7.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0), noting Vice Mayor Byers recusal on Item B.7.

LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES: None.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Patrick Ryan Blood and Quincy Jones.

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Justin Irving Morrill and Eleanor Zee.

At the request of Rick Watts during Public Comment, Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gary Davis.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council presented a Certificate to Michael Kizler for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALAN STRASBURG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item B.3. and expressed concern with line items related to payphones, staff travel, and the City delegation to Paris during the 2024 Olympics.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item B.4. He mentioned the recent death of former appointed official, Patrick Blood. He also requested that the City Council adjourn in memory of Gary Davis.

GEORGE NICKLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent Disability Service Awards and encouraged everyone to vote.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mikie Friedman for her Disability Service Award. She mentioned her disappointment during this election season due to cyber bullying and hoped that the City is not divisive after the outcome of the election.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on her disappointment with the disrespectful behavior during this election cycle.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.6.

NIK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the passing of Patrick Blood.

CARLOS SOSA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item F.3. and thanked the City Council for their support.

CATHERINE ENG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her positive experiences as a West Hollywood resident.

JORDAN BEARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding all the amenities the City offers and on concerns regarding unsafe streets. He encouraged the City Council to invest in making Fountain Avenue a safer street.

TYLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the attack in Israel in October 2023.

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested the creation of a new City park along Sunset Boulevard.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson encouraged everyone to vote during tomorrow's election.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items F.1., F.2., and F.3. was \$2,983,096 in expenditures, \$438,738 in revenues, and (\$98,902) in waived fees.

City Clerk Crowder read into the record the Resolution number referenced in Item F.1. Attachment A Section 2 "Seismic Retrofit Program Deadline Extensions" should state, "The timelines provided in Section 4 of Resolution No. 23-024 are further revised as follows."

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.1.,2.,3.,4.,5.,6.,7.,8.,9.,10.,11.,12.,13.,14.,15.,16., and 17. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Erickson, and approved (5/0), noting Vice Mayor Byers recusal on Item B.7.

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

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, November 4, 2024 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, the West Hollywood Library, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

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

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

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

ACTION: Approved the meeting minutes of October 21, 2024. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 958 [C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending November 4, 2024 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 958 and Adopt Resolution No. 24-099: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 958." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.4. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-32 (2ND READING) "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 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DEMOLOITION PERMITS FOR VACANT PROPERTIES THAT POSE PUBLIC SAFETY RISKS" [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-32, adopting an amendment to Title 19, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of West Hollywood Municipal Code, to authorize the issuance of demolition permits for vacant properties that pose public safety risks.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-32: "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 AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DEMOLITION PERMITS FOR VACANT PROPERTIES THAT POSE PUBLIC SAFETY RISKS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a Synopsis from the Disabilities Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

B.6. CICLAVIA 2024 POST EVENT REPORT [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a post event report regarding the CicLAvia: Meet the Hollywoods open streets event that took place in the City of West Hollywood on August 18, 2024.

ACTIONS: 1) Received and filed post event report; and 2) Directed staff to apply for funding for a future open streets event during Metro's next Open Streets Grant Cycle. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.7. 2025 ARTS GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS – ARTS PROJECT; COMMUNITY ARTS; TRANSGENDER, GENDER DIVERSE, INTERSEX ARTS; WEHO ARTISTS; AND 40th ANNIVERSARY CULTURAL HISTORY GRANTS [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, E. ANGELOFF]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider ratifying the recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission for funding the 2025 Arts Grant Program – Arts Project; Community Arts; Transgender, Gender Diverse, Intersex Arts; WeHo Artists; and 40th Anniversary Cultural History Grants.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award Arts Project Grants totaling \$42,200 at various funding amounts to five (5) nonprofit arts organizations as outlined in this staff report; 2) Approved recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award Community Arts Grants totaling \$36,000 at various funding amounts to seven (7) applicants as outlined in this staff report; 3) Approved recommendations of the Arts

and Cultural Affairs Commission to award Transgender, Gender Diverse, Intersex Arts Grants totaling \$30,000 at various funding amounts to five (5) applicants as outlined in this staff report; 4) Approved recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award WeHo Artists Grants totaling \$24,000 to four (4) individual applicants, resident artists as outlined in this staff report; 5) Approved recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award 40th Anniversary Cultural History Arts Grants totaling \$40,000 at various funding amounts to seven (7) applicants as outlined in this staff report; 6) Approved approximately \$14,560 in waived fees for city facility use fees and parking fees; 7) Authorized the use of city facilities for performances and presentations by grantees in fulfillment of their Art Grant projects and an additional hour of validated parking for event participants at the West Hollywood Park 5-Story parking structure, for a total of three (3) hours, for grant funded events scheduled for the Council Chambers which exceed two (2) hours; and 8) Allowed grantees to charge admission, accept donations, and sell merchandise to offset production costs for performances or projects. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting Vice Mayor Byers' recusal.**

B.8. AMENDMENTS FOR AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE NETWORKING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND NETWORK MANAGED SERVICES WITH NETXPERTS [L. QUIJANO, E. TSIPIIS, K. DEVINE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending two Agreements with NetXperts Inc. for Providing Networking Professional Services (No. 010406), to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$400,000 and extend the agreement for an additional two years and for the Agreement for Network Managed Services (No. 010405), to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$100,000 and extend the agreement for an additional two years.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the Amendment to the Agreement for Networking Professional Services with NetXperts (#010406) to: increase the amount of the agreement by \$400,000 for a total of \$1,200,000 and extend the agreement by two additional years from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027; 2) Approved the Amendment to the Agreement for Network Managed Services with NetXperts (#010405) to: increase the amount of the agreement by \$100,000 for a total of \$250,000 and extend the agreement by two additional years from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2027; and 3) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.9. AWARD OF MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR FIRE LIFE SAFETY MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH MAJESTIC FIRE, INC. DBA KORD FIRE PROTECTION [H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider approving the award of an Agreement for Maintenance Services with Majestic Fire, Inc. DBA Kord Fire Protection to provide fire life safety maintenance services.

ACTION: 1) Approved an Agreement for Maintenance Services with Majestic Fire, Inc. DBA Kord Fire Protection to provide fire life safety maintenance services for a

total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,051,200; and 2) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.10. AWARD OF A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR & AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH GLOBAL POWER GROUP, INC. [H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider approving the award of a Maintenance Agreement with Global Power Group, Inc. to provide emergency power generator and automatic transfer switch maintenance services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved an Agreement for Maintenance Services with Global Power Group, Inc. to provide emergency power generator and automatic transfer switch maintenance services for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$157,896; and 2) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.11. ACCEPT GRANT OF \$20,000 FROM THE 3RD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 2025 HARVEY MILK DAY PROGRAMMING [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting a grant of \$20,000 from the 3rd Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County for 2025 Harvey Milk Day programming.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorized acceptance of a \$20,000 grant from the 3rd Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County for Harvey Milk Day programming; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents incident to the grant; and 3) Authorized inclusion of the County of Los Angeles Third District Supervisor Pride-themed logo on the WeHo Pride website, social media graphic, and flyer for the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.12. UPDATE REGARDING THE 2025 CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANNUAL ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION'S OSCAR EVENT AND APPROVAL OF A THREE-YEAR CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR ITS OSCAR EVENT IN YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2028 [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Permit to Use City Property Agreement for the Elton John AIDS Foundation's annual Oscar Party event in 2025, including street closure requests and a reduced parking rate. The City Council will also consider a three-year co-sponsorship with Elton John AIDS Foundation to host its Annual Elton John AIDS Foundation Oscar Viewing Party and Charity Fundraiser event in West Hollywood Park from 2026 through 2028.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Permit to Use City Property Agreement between the City of West Hollywood and the Elton John AIDS Foundation for the 2025 event that defines facility uses, street closures, and the terms of the relationship between the City and Elton John AIDS Foundation; 2) Approved the exclusive use of West Hollywood Park beginning Wednesday, February 19, 2025, through Thursday, March 6, 2025; 3) Approved the exclusive use of the Five-Story Parking Structure (5SPS) from 5:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 2, 2025, through 5:00 A.M. on Monday,

March 3, 2025; 4) Approved the closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard for event arrivals and departures from 11:30 A.M. on Sunday, March 2, 2025, through 6:00 A.M. on Monday, March 3, 2025; 5) Approved a reduced parking rate of \$6 per vehicle in the Five-Story Parking Structure (5SPS) for production staff and crew parking on the following dates: February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and March 1; 6) Approved a three-year co-sponsorship with Elton John AIDS Foundation to host their annual Oscar Viewing Party and Charity Fundraiser event in West Hollywood Park. The dates for 2026, 2027 and 2028 have yet to be determined; and 7) Approved the waiver of Building and Safety Permit Fees, Engineering and Neighborhood and Business Safety Encroachment Permit Fees, Film Permit Fees, Indoor Facility Use Fees, Intermittent Traffic Control Fees, Parking Meter Fees, Post-Event Inspection Fees, Special Event Permit Fees, Street Closure Fees, Partial Street Closure Fees and Temporary Valet Fees for years 2026, 2027 and 2028 as well as potential lost revenue related to meter usage (estimated at \$34,956 annually in waived fees and potential lost revenue). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.13. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 82111, FOR A 7-UNIT CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 1236 FAIRFAX AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution approving Final Map No. 82111, for a 7-unit condominium subdivision, located at 1236 Fairfax Avenue. Approval of the Final Map is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15268(b)(3) - ministerial projects.

ACTION: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-100: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 82111 FOR A 7 UNIT CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 1236 FAIRFAX AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.14. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS LOCATED ON THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 148 SWALL DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution authorizing the granting of an easement to Southern California Edison Company for underground electrical systems located on the City-owned property at 148 Swall Drive.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-101: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS LOCATED ON THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 148 SWALL DRIVE, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD;" and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 24-101 for recordation by the

office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.15. (F.1.) ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND MILESTONE COMPLIANCE DEADLINES FOR SOFT STORY BUILDINGS AND SEISMIC PROGRAM UPDATE [N. MARICICH, B. GALAN, C. ZABALA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution to amend the milestone compliance timelines for existing wood frame buildings with Soft, Weak, or Open Front walls (SWOF) and receive an update on West Hollywood's mandatory Seismic Retrofit Program.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-102: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EXTENDING CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR THE CITY'S SEISMIC RETROFIT ORDINANCE"; and 2) Directed staff to continue implementation of the seismic program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.16. (F.2.) ESTABLISH A CITY POLICY FOR RECOGNITIONS AND MEMORIALS [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a City Policy for Recognitions and Memorials to define procedures for the issuance of recognition items and memorials.

ACTION: Approve a City Policy for Recognitions and Memorials to define procedures for the issuance of recognition items and memorials. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.17. (F.3.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF C.I.T.Y. X1 YOUTH GROUP'S HOLIDAY EVENTS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group's "Big Feast" pre-Thanksgiving dinner events from Friday, November 22, 2024, to Wednesday, November 27, 2024, and their holiday dinner event on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at Plummer Park's Rooms 5 and 6.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group's "Big Feast" pre-Thanksgiving dinners from November 22, 2024, to November 27, 2024, and holiday dinner event on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at Plummer Park's Rooms 5 and 6; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the holiday dinner in December; 3) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group; 4) Waive any Facility Use Fees, Special Event Permit Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, and the 3-hour parking limit at the Plummer Park parking lot for event participants (estimated \$1,674); 5) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; and 6) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the events such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE CITY'S UPDATED LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS, A. ROSENBAUM, D. RIVAS, M. KUSTANOVICH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a General Plan Amendment replacing Appendix A with the updated 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan ("LHMP") in the Safety and Noise Element of the West Hollywood General Plan 2035. The City Council finds that adopting this General Plan Amendment is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Mayor Erickson opened the Public Hearing.

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

Long Range Planning Intern Anthea Rosenbaum provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 4, 2024.

The following member of the public came forward to speak:

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item and emergency cert training.

The public testimony portion of the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Meister requested that groundwater be added to the Hazard Mitigation Plan prior to the next 5-year update.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-103: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SAFETY AND NOISE ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO INCLUDE THE UPDATED 2024 LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN"; and 2) Direct staff to consider adding groundwater to the Hazard Mitigation Plan prior to the next 5-year update. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Erickson, and approved (5/0).**

D. LEGISLATIVE: None.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AMEND MILESTONE COMPLIANCE DEADLINES FOR SOFT STORY BUILDINGS AND SEISMIC PROGRAM UPDATE [N. MARICICH, B. GALAN, C. ZABALA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution to amend the milestone compliance timelines for existing wood frame buildings with Soft, Weak, or Open Front walls (SWOF) and receive an update on West Hollywood's mandatory Seismic Retrofit Program.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

2. ESTABLISH A CITY POLICY FOR RECOGNITIONS AND MEMORIALS [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a City Policy for Recognitions and Memorials to define procedures for the issuance of recognition items and memorials.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

3. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF C.I.T.Y. X1 YOUTH GROUP'S HOLIDAY EVENTS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group's "Big Feast" pre-Thanksgiving dinner events from Friday, November 22, 2024, to Wednesday, November 27, 2024, and their holiday dinner event on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at Plummer Park's Rooms 5 and 6.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4. CLIMATE CREDITS: INCENTIVES FOR PLANT-BASED BUSINESSES AND CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES [S. SHYNE, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to work with the City Attorney to research the feasibility of developing a Climate Credit Initiative to provide incentives for plant-based businesses and certified green businesses to continue to successfully operate in West Hollywood.

Councilmember Heilman commented that all City businesses need incentives. He further commented that the when the Item returns, it should include information on ways that the City can support all businesses.

The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the recommendation: Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to work with the City Attorney to research the feasibility of developing a Climate Credit Initiative to provide incentives for plant-based businesses and certified green businesses; 2) Return to City Council with an analysis and recommendations for moving forward with the Climate Credit Initiative

as well as recommendations on ways to support all City businesses. **Motion by Councilmember Shyne, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

5. INFORMATIONAL VIRTUAL MEETING ON COYOTES AND WILDLIFE [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to organize an informational virtual meeting for the community to discuss wildlife, with a focus on coyotes. The meeting will aim to educate residents on the ecological role of coyotes in urban environments and provide guidance on best practices for safely coexisting with local coyote populations.

POLLY BUSINGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns with the cost for the virtual meeting. She commented that the City needs abatement of coyotes.

Mayor Erickson noted that this item is flexible.

Councilmember Meister suggested that the City have a discussion about how the community deals practically with wildlife in our City, including education around community cats, the Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) Program, and the City's relationship with the Amanda Foundation.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to host an informational virtual meeting focused on wildlife, particularly coyotes and wild cats; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to approve the use of up to \$2,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with this informational meeting; 3) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the information session including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools; 4) Include in the virtual meeting a discussion on how the community deals practically with wildlife in our City, including education on community cats, the Trap/Neuter/Release (TNR) Program, and the City's relationship with the Amanda Foundation; and 5) Identify agencies that the community should report coyote sightings. **Motion by Mayor Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (5/0).**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

JACOB SHAW, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that the City Council consider revisions to the Municipal Code regarding outdoor dining, specifically along the southside of Santa Monica Boulevard in the Rainbow District.

MIKIE FRIEDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the Station 7 paramedics for their assistance during a recent emergency that she had.

KAMALA LOPEZ, LOS ANGELES, thanked the City Council for the Equal Means Equal installation at the West Hollywood Library and encouraged the community to reach out to President Biden to direct the archivist to publish the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister noted her attendance at various City events. She congratulated the Disability Service Award recipients. She thanked staff for a great Halloween Carnival and encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilmember Shyne reminded everyone to vote. She congratulated Vice Mayor Byers for being elected as Vice President to the National League of Cities LGBTQ+ Caucus. She wished those that celebrate a Happy Diwali. She also spoke about the Halloween Carnival.

Councilmember Heilman thanked staff for their efforts on a successful Halloween Carnival and encouraged everyone to vote.

Vice Mayor Byers reported her attendance Clean Power Alliance Energy Planning Committee meeting as well as the Clean Power Alliance Legislative Committee meeting. She shared that she attended the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Centers 50th Anniversary Gala. She also shared that she attended this year's Halloween Carnival and encouraged the public to view the City's Flickr account to view photos from the event. She commented that she was part of a Public Service Announcement (PSA) for Metro regarding bus lane enforcement. She thanked Jacob Shaw for his comments regarding the Rainbow District and encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Erickson also commented on Jacob Shaw's public comment regarding the Rainbow District, and the intent of the Rainbow District item that was sponsored by him and Vice Mayor Byers. He reported his attendance at various City events. He thanked the Sheriff's Department for their work on the issues with the vacant property on Norton. He thanked staff for the Halloween Carnival and encouraged everyone to vote.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned in memory of Patrick Ryan Blood, Quincy Jones, Gary Davis, Justin Irving Morrill, and Eleanor Zee at 7:13 p.m. to its next Regular meeting, which will be on Monday, November 18, 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 18th day of November 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.

DocuSigned by:


 JOHN M. ERICKSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Signed by:


 MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK