CALL TO ORDER: Mayor D’Amico called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Coco Lachine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
PRESENT: Councilmember Duran, Councilmember Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Mayor D’Amico
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Quarker and Assistant City Clerk Crowder

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Quarker indicated that staff requested that Item 2.H. be tabled and brought back to a future meeting.

Councilmember Duran requested that Items 5.A., 5.B., and 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.R., 2.S., and 2.T. respectively.

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 4.A. be tabled until after April 2015, due to the upcoming changes to the City Council and various Commissions and Boards.

Motion by Councilmember Duran to approve the December 1, 2014 agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Land, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor D’Amico presented a Proclamation to David Reid, recognizing December 1, 2014 as World AIDS Day.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding World AIDS Day and the issues surrounding the disease.

BEN COLEMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local public safety issues.
HOUMAN YASKARIM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local public safety issues.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local public safety issues.

DRIAN JUAREZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 6.A., and thanked City Council for the support.

LINDSEY HORVATH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.P., and thanked City Council for the support.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of tabling Item 4.A.

TRACY PATTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local public safety issues.

NOEL BUSBY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of tabling Item 4.A.

JOHN ALLENDORFER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding World AIDS Day.

DAVID TIKTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of tabling Item 4.A.

JAMES CAIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the West Hollywood Recovery Center.

COCO LACHINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Transgender Awareness Month and Item 6.A., and thanked City Council for the support.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding pedestrian safety.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of tabling Item 4.A.

TONY ARN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of tabling Item 4.A.

YAWAR CHARLIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Plummer Park and the Historic Preservation Commission.

LAURA BOCCALETTI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the drought.

DAVID REID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding AIDS Watch and Plummer Park.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local public safety issues.

VIRGINIA GILLICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of tabling Item 4.A.

COLE ETTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of tabling Item 4.A.
JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various items on the agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Duran reported that he attended the swearing in ceremony for the new Los Angeles County Sheriff. He spoke briefly about traffic calming measures. He indicated that he represented the City in Austin, Texas at the National League of Cities Conference. He spoke briefly regarding Plummer Park and the need to postpone any decision until after the election. Finally, he mentioned World AIDS Day and the vision that West Hollywood can be an AIDS-free City by 2016. He disclosed that he received campaign contributions from individuals associated with Items 2.Q. and 3.A.

Councilmember Land commented on Item 2.P. and reported that the West Hollywood’s V-Day event will be held Friday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m. She spoke regarding the National Council of Jewish Women’s Annual Clothing Give-a-Way, to be held Sunday, December 7th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Council House. She spoke regarding the upcoming “Don’t Drink & Drive” Cocktail Napkin Program, scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014. She also reported that the next Shared Economy Task Force meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Finally, she reported on the upcoming screening of *Pride*, hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked David Reid for putting together AIDS Watch. He spoke regarding the upcoming LGBT Conference in Washington, D.C. that he, Councilmember Duran, and the Mayor will be attending. He welcomed back his Deputy Fran Solomon and thanked his Acting Deputy Justin Felton and congratulated him on passing the California Bar Exam. Finally, he spoke regarding the City’s 30-year anniversary.

Each Councilmember read a brief paragraph about a period of time in the City’s 30-year history.

Mayor D’Amico thanked Bonnie Smith and David Escobedo for their hard work on the recent “Transgender Day of Remembrance” event. He reported that the West Hollywood Sheriff’s station will be hosting a gun buy-back day on December 13th. He also spoke regarding the upcoming conference in Washington, D.C. He disclosed that he received campaign contributions from individuals associated with Items 3.A. and 4.A. on the Agenda.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding comments surrounding public safety issues in the City, and reminded those who have expressed concerns, to contact Captain Honings immediately. He spoke regarding “Team WEHO”, which is comprised of City staff members who will be traveling to Hawaii to participate in the XTERRA Trail Run. He reported that they have raised over $50,000 for AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA).
FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is $826,610.00 in expenditures, $281,228 in potential revenue, and ($0) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:


2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

   SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 1, 2014 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff’s Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, November 26, 2014.
   ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

   SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of the prior Council meeting.
   ACTION: Approve the minutes of November 17, 2014. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 755, RESOLUTION NO. 14-4631:

   SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.

2.D. COMMISSION ACTION REPORTS:

   SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from the Public Safety and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission on actions taken at their recent meetings.
   ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.E. 2015-16 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES [P. AREVALO, S. BAXTER, C. SCHROEDER, H. MOLINA]:

   SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a set of legislative priorities for the 2015-16 legislative session of the California Stature Legislature and the 114th Congress.
**ACTION:** Staff recommends adopting the 2015-16 Legislative Priorities for the 2015-16 legislative session of the California State Legislature and the 114th Congress. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.F. SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR LACMTA CALL FOR PROJECTS [S. DEWOLFE, B. SIEGL, C. CORRAO, O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN, E. SAVAGE, S. GIUGNI, P. GOODMAN]:**

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider authorizing and directing City staff to submit four grant applications to the Call for Projects Grant Program that is administered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Agency (LACMTA) to fund projects in the Long Range and Mobility Planning, Social Services, and Engineering Divisions.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize the Engineering Division to submit a LACMTA Call for Projects Grant application in an amount up to $1,237,500 for the construction of Intersection and Roadway Improvements at Melrose Avenue/La Cienega Blvd.; 2) Authorize the Social Services Division to submit a LACMTA Call for Projects Grant application in an amount up to $1,000,000.00 for the purchase of new vehicles for the Cityline service; 3) Authorize the Long Range and Mobility Planning Division to submit a LACMTA Call for Projects Grant application in an amount up to $6,500,000 for construction of Melrose Avenue Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements; 4) Authorize the Long Range and Mobility Planning Division to submit a LACMTA Call for Projects Grant application in an amount up to $1,000,000 for implementation of regional bike share in West Hollywood; 5) Upon award of the grants, authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to increase budgeted revenue and expenditures in the Grant Fund, by the amount of the awards; 6) Upon award of the grants, authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate up to a combined total of $1,947,500.00 from the appropriate funds to accounts to be determined at that time, to fund the City match for the grants; and 7) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the grants. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.G. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT’S INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM [E. SAVAGE, P. NOONAN, A. LOVANO]:**

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider authorizing City staff to jointly apply with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation for the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 14-4632, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM;
THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT IF SELECTED FOR SUCH FUNDING AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.H. NON-RESIDENTIAL JOBS-HOUSING NEXUS STUDY AND RESIDENTIAL NEXUS STUDY [E. SAVAGE, P. NOONAN, A. LOVANO]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the “Non-Residential Jobs-Housing Nexus Study” and the “Residential Nexus Study” reports prepared for the City of West Hollywood by Keyser Marston Associates (KMA).
ACTION: This Item was tabled.

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the purchase of variable message signs and receive an update on the implementation of approved pedestrian safety measures.
ACTIONS: 1) Receive and file an update on the implementation of short-term, medium-term and long-term pedestrian safety measures; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Right of Way, Inc. for the purchase of three trailer mounted variable message signs; and 3) Authorize the Finance Department to issue a purchase order to Right of Way, Inc. in the amount of $53,137.50 for the purchase of three trailer mounted variable message signs. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.J. AGREEMENT WITH AT&T TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES [D. WILSON, E. TSIPIS, J. DUNCAN]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an agreement with AT&T to provide telecommunications services.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve the agreement with AT&T for all telecommunications services for a period of five years with the option of two (2) one (1) year extensions; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all documents related to the agreement, including Authorizations to Order. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.K. CONTRACT FOR FY 14-15 SEWER ROOT CONTROL SERVICES [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a professional service contract with Dukes Root Control, Inc. for sewer root control services.
ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Dukes Root Control, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $75,000 to provide sewer root control services for the City of West Hollywood for FY 14-15. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.L. AGREEMENT WITH KOA CORPORATION FOR FIBER AND CONDUIT INVENTORY [D. WILSON, E. TSIPIS, J. DUNCAN]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the professional services agreement with KOA Corporation to perform a conduit and fiber inventory.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve the contract with KOA Corporation to perform an inventory of City’s existing conduit and fiber; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with KOA Corporation in an amount not to exceed $27,000. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.M. CONTRACT WITH WALKER PARKING CONSULTANTS TO DEVELOP A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PARKING MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ALL CITY PARKING FACILITIES AND OFF-STREET PARKING LOTS [O. DELGADO, J. ROCCO, B. BORTFELD]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an agreement with Walker Parking Consultants to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for parking management services for all City parking facilities and off-street parking lots.
ACTION: 1) Approve an agreement with Walker Parking Consultants to provide professional services in an amount not to exceed $50,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.N. AGREEMENT FOR AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOMS [D. WILSON, E. TSIPIS, R. FOZOOMMEHR]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Western Audio Visual for maintenance services for Audio/Visual (A/V) equipment in the West Hollywood City Hall Conference Rooms.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Western Audio Visual in the not-to-exceed amount of $24,040, for a three-year period, for audio visual maintenance services; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement of Services. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.O. AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND PMC FOR WEBSITE HOSTING FOR 1343 N LAUREL AVENUE [L. BELSANTI, M. HAIBACH]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the original agreement for services (#6521) between the City and PMC, dated July 24, 2013, to extend the Agreement through December 31, 2016, and increase the contract amount by $10,000. The extension will allow PMC to continue hosting the website for 1343 N. Laurel Avenue on a month-to-month basis and providing as-needed site maintenance.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an amendment to the Agreement for Services (#6521) with PMC to extend the Agreement through December 31, 2016, and increase the contract amount by $10,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.


SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the sponsorship of programming for V-Day and One Billion Rising, a campaign organized around a day of global awareness to end violence against women.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve sponsorship of West Hollywood V-Day/One Billion Rising Revolution 2015 and direct staff to coordinate the programming; 2) Approve a street closure on Holloway between Santa Monica Blvd and La Cienega Blvd on Friday, February 13, 2015; 3) Direct staff to coordinate with the Women’s Advisory Board, the Public Safety Commission, West Hollywood Domestic Violence Task Force and local anti-violence organizations for V-Day/One Billion Rising Revolution outreach and participation; and 4) Direct the Public Information Office to promote the event through all of the City’s communication resources including but not limited to the City’s website, calendar, WeHo TV and social media networks. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.Q. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL UPDATED ROUTE AND ADDITIONAL STREET CLOSURE FOR THE SUNSET STRIP HALF-MARATHON [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the updated route and an additional street closure associated with the 2015 Sunset Strip Half-Marathon.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the updated route for the marathon to take place along Santa Monica Boulevard from Doheny Drive to Formosa Avenue; San Vicente Boulevard from Sunset Boulevard to Beverly Boulevard; Sunset Boulevard from Doheny Drive to Marmont Lane; Melrose Avenue from San Vicente Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard; La Cienega Boulevard from Melrose Avenue to Rosewood Avenue; and Beverly Boulevard from San Vicente Boulevard to Almont Drive; 2) Authorize Public Safety and City staff to make adjustments to the route and
associated closures as may be determined in the continued logistical planning process; and 3) Approve the closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. (5.A.) **AMEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER TO EXTEND THE LENGTH OF BOTH DOCUMENTS [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI]:**

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider an extension of the lease and services agreement, and the social services contract, with the West Hollywood Recovery Center for use of the first floor of the Werle Building at 626 N. Robertson Boulevard for 12-step addiction recovery meetings, from January 1, 2015, to September 30, 2024.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve a ten year extension of the lease and services agreement, and social services contract, with the West Hollywood Recovery Center for use of the first floor of the Werle Building at 626 N. Robertson Boulevard for 12-step addiction recovery meetings from January 1, 2015 to September 30, 2024 and authorize the City Manager to sign both documents; and 2) Approve the inclusion of monthly rental payments in the amount of $2,220, with an annual increase of 1.8% based on the current C.P.I. in the lease and services agreement, and social services contract. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. (5.B.) **RENEWAL OF ANNUAL METRO TRANSIT PASSES TO SUPPORT CITY STAFF ALTERNATE MODE INCENTIVE PROGRAM [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, C. CORRAO]:**

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider approval of an agreement to renew annual transit passes for all City employees as part of the mitigation associated with the automated parking structure construction and to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize staff to enter into an Agreement with Metro for an amount not to exceed $42,432.00 to renew annual transit passes for all City employees (Attachment A); 2) Approve purchasing annual transit passes for any new City employees within the next year (the time period of the renewal Agreement); and 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute all necessary documents. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**


**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider a draft ordinance making single stall restrooms gender neutral in all public accommodations.
ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 14-948, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING CHAPTER 9.28.090 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO GENDER NEUTRAL SINGLE STALL PUBLIC RESTROOMS”. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. DEMOLITION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO PLACE THE PROPERTY IN THE PARKING OVERLAY ZONE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT LOCATED AT 536 WEST KNOLL DRIVE [S. DEWOLFE, D. DEGRAZIA, S. LUNCEFORD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to demolish a single-family residence and an amendment of the City of West Hollywood Zoning Map to place the property located at 536 West Knoll Drive in the parking overlay zone for the construction of a parking lot within an established R3C-zoned residential neighborhood.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the Item and indicated that the representative for the Applicant provided City Council and the City Attorney with a revised application. He stated that revisions noted in the document from the Applicant’s representative are very different from the information provided in the Staff Report, and therefore the Item should be remanded to the Planning Commission to review the revised application.

Mayor D’Amico asked the Applicant’s Representative to inform the Council as to whether the document is a supplement to the original application or a revised application.

Todd Elliott, representing the Applicant, indicated that his client would like to amend their application.

Mayor D’Amico opened the public hearing to receive testimony on whether the matter should be remanded to the Planning Commission and the following individuals came forward:

RICHARD GIESBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the West Hollywood West Homeowners Association and spoke in support of remanding the item to the Planning Commission.

GABRIEL KHAKHANASHVILI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the project.

MAYA KHAKHANASHVILI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the project.
LIANA DUALI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the project.

ELENA GOLDENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the project.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of remanding the item to the Planning Commission.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the project.

Mayor D’Amico closed the public hearing regarding the issue of remanding the Item to the Planning Commission.

ACTION: Remand the Item to the Planning Commission for review. Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously approved.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SUBJECT: This report provides the Plummer Park Council Subcommittee’s recommendations on next steps for implementation of the Plummer Park Master Plan Phase I Implementation Project (“Project”) and provides the findings of the Great Hall/Long Hall Relocation Study that was performed by Historic Resources Group (“HRG”).
ACTIONS: This Item was tabled.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. AMEND THE LEASE AGREEMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER TO EXTEND THE LENGTH OF BOTH DOCUMENTS [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an extension of the lease and services agreement, and the social services contract, with the West Hollywood Recovery Center for use of the first floor of the Werle Building at 626 N. Robertson Boulevard for 12-step addiction recovery meetings, from January 1, 2015, to September 30, 2024.
ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL METRO TRANSIT PASSES TO SUPPORT CITY STAFF ALTERNATE MODE INCENTIVE PROGRAM [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, C. CORRAO]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement to renew annual transit passes for all City employees as part of the mitigation associated with the automated parking structure construction and to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:


SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a draft ordinance making single stall restrooms gender neutral in all public accommodations.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 15th day of December, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember: Duran, Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Mayor D’Amico.

NOES: Councilmember: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember: None.

ABSTAIN: Councilmember: None.

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JOHN D’AMICO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK