

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION & INSTALLATION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor D’Amico called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Michael Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Duran, Councilmember Horvath,
Councilmember Meister, Mayor D’Amico

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, Assistant City Attorney Hogin, City
Clerk Quarker, and Assistant City Clerk Crowder

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Horvath asked that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath to approve the April 20, 2015 Agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Letitia Mendes.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR LINDSEY HORVATH:

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti made brief remarks about the City and the City Council. Mayor Garcetti administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Lindsey Horvath.

Mayor Horvath thanked Eric Garcetti for administering the oath to her. She thanked her brother, Michael, for his support. She thanked all former and current City Councilmembers for their service. She spoke about the issues facing the City.

Sophia Kashpir played a piano piece for the Mayor.

SCREENWRITER DUSTIN LANCE BLACK ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAUREN MEISTER:

Screenwriter Dustin Lance Black spoke briefly about the City of West Hollywood and thanked the Council for the recent Item commemorating Harvey Milk Day. Mr. Black administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister thanked Dustin Lance Black, and shared her vision for the City.

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Horvath introduced the dignitaries in attendance, including: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, former West Hollywood City Councilmember Abbe Land, for West Hollywood City Councilmember Valerie Terrigno, Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz, L.A. County Assessor Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, former Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel, Beverly Hills City Councilmember John Mirisch, Burbank Unified School District Board Member Steve Ferguson, and LAUSD Board Member Steve Zimmer.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR D'AMICO:

Mayor Horvath presented a Proclamation to outgoing Mayor John D'Amico and thanked him for his leadership.

Outgoing Mayor John D'Amico extended his thanks to his Council Deputy, Michelle Rex. He thanked City staff, the Sheriff and Fire Departments, his colleagues and most of all the residents of West Hollywood.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Horvath presented a Proclamation to David Gevorkyan "Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide".

Councilmember Duran presented a Proclamation to Reverend Dr. Neil G. Cazares-Thomas for his years of service to the community.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

STEVE ZIMMER, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD) BOARD MEMBER, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

JEFFREY PRANG, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and presented them with a Proclamation.

JOSH KURPIES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, representing Assemblymember Richard Bloom, presented a Proclamation to outgoing Mayor John D'Amico.

TREVOR DALEY, representing Senator Diane Feinstein, congratulated the new Mayor.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

HEIDI SHINK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and spoke in support of Item 2.T.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and spoke regarding Items 2.J., 2.T. and 5.B.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the drought and proposed drought measures for both residents and the City.

PAT DIXON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and spoke regarding upcoming movie screenings sponsored by the Friends of West Hollywood Library.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. She also spoke regarding the proposed development on Kings Road.

STEVEN DAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the 30 year history of the City and the former Councilmembers whose sacrifices made the City what it is today.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister indicated that her office has launched an online parking survey and asked people to go online and participate in this important survey. She also mentioned that April 21 is John Muir Day.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. He introduced the City's Transportation Policy Consultant, Norm Emerson (Emerson & Associates), who provided an update on the Metro Division 7 site and on rail planning and advocacy efforts, including engagement with the Metro board and adjacent cities.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$161,645.00 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenue, and (\$14,635.00) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico and approved.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, April 20, 2015 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

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 April 6, 2015. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 763, RESOLUTION NO. 15-4673:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 763 and adopt Resolution No. 15-4673 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 763". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

SUBJECT: The City Council is asked to deny claims filed against the City as an administrative step in claims processing.

ACTION: Deny the claims of Nicholas Deli and Keyonna Patterson and refer them to the City's claims adjuster for action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 15-951 (2ND READING) ADDING SECTION 9.04.330 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE, LEASE, RESERVATION OR FACILITATING FOR A FEE THE SALE, LEASE OR RESERVATION OF ANY PUBLIC PARKING SPACE WITHOUT EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CITY [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-951 adding section 9.04.330 to the West Hollywood Municipal Code relating to the prohibition of the sale, lease, reservation or facilitating for a fee the sale, lease or reservation of any public parking space without express authorization from the City.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-951, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING

SECTION 9.04.330 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE, LEASE, RESERVATION OR FACILITATING FOR A FEE THE SALE, LEASE OR RESERVATION OF ANY PUBLIC PARKING SPACE WITHOUT EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CITY". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 15-952 (2ND READING) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION STANDARDS FOR ZONE CLEARANCES AND CEQA AUTHORITY FOR REVIEW BODIES [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-952 approving an amendment to the zoning ordinance to clarify construction mitigation standards for zone clearances and CEQA authority for review bodies.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-952, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION STANDARDS FOR ZONE CLEARANCES AND CEQA AUTHORITY FOR REVIEW BODIES". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from the Public Safety Commission, Transportation Commission, Disabilities Advisory Board, Russian Advisory Board Senior Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meetings.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. APPOINTMENT OF A NEW ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4 [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will appoint Councilmember John D'Amico as the new Alternate Director to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 4.

ACTION: Appoint Councilmember John D'Amico as the new Alternate Director to the Sanitation District No. 4: Adopt Resolution No. 15-4674, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. CITY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES – UPDATE [O. DELGADO, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the City's implementation of water conservation measures and consider the next steps in advancing those efforts.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance, Inc. (for Landscape Maintenance Services), amending the Agreement by increasing the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement by \$100,000 (\$100,000 increase, plus 15% contingency annually of \$15,000), for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,056,110; 2) Authorize the issuance of an RFP to procure the services of a Landscape Architect; 3) Authorize staff to apply for grant funding as may be available through the State of California or other local agencies; and 4) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment to the Agreement and execute other documentation as may be required to secure potential grant funds. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION STUDY [L. MEISTER, S. SCHMIDT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a motion to direct staff to develop recommendations to conduct a comparative analysis of the City's traffic signal synchronization system with those of neighboring cities.

ACTION: Direct the Department of Public Works to return to the City Council within 90 days upon completion of the Santa Monica Boulevard crosswalk study and improvements with recommendations to conduct an outside, independent comparative study to: a) Analyze the traffic signal synchronization systems in the City of West Hollywood, City of Los Angeles and City of Beverly Hills; b) Study any possible savings in Vehicle Hours Traveled during peak-hours, non-peak hours, holidays, weekends, and during special events from the adoption of alternative system along Santa Monica Boulevard, between Doheny Avenue and La Brea Avenue; c) Study other ancillary benefits to vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety and mobility; and d) Make recommendations for the City for the consideration of real-time, adaptive traffic signal control systems. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING THE HARVEY MILK DAY HOLIDAY TO THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS DURING WHICH ENFORCEMENT OF METER VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF TIME LIMITED PARKING ZONES IS SUSPENDED, RE-ADOPTING THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 656 AND 15-4664 [L. MEISTER, S. SCHMIDT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution adding Harvey Milk Day, May 22nd, to the list of holidays for which meter payment and enforcement of time limited parking zones are suspended.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution 15-4675: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING THE HARVEY MILK DAY HOLIDAY TO THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS DURING WHICH ENFORCEMENT OF METER VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF TIME LIMITED PARKING ZONES IS SUSPENDED, RE-ADOPTING THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS AND RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 656 AND 15-4664. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) - COFFEE VENDOR SERVICES [P. AREVALO, S. BAXTER, M. LOUIE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the release of a Request for Proposal for the selection of a new coffee vendor at the City-owned facility located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd.

ACTION: Authorize the release of the Request for Proposal for the selection of a new coffee vendor at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. NOTICE OF COMPLETION, KINGS ROAD PARKING STRUCTURE HVAC REPLACEMENT, C.I.P. 55-14/15-01 [O. DELGADO, J. ROCCO, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting the improvements completed by AP Construction Group and authorizing staff to file a Notice of Completion for the Kings Road Parking Structure HVAC Replacement, C.I.P. 55-14/15-01 Project.

ACTIONS: It is recommended that the City Council accept the improvements and authorize the following: 1) Filing a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder; 2) Final payment to contractor at the end of the 35-day lien period; 3) Release the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion; and 4) Release the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion provided that Stop Notices are not submitted on the project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AWARDS [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, C. PLANCK, D. MURRAY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report on the funding awards for Social Services Agency Development grants.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE NATIONAL MINORITY AIDS COUNCIL PrEP COMMUNITY TRAINING E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, C. ROSKIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a co-sponsorship of the National Minority AIDS Council's up-coming PrEP training for medical professionals and community forum.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the National Minority AIDS Council's PrEP training and community forum and authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral

materials; 2) Approve the use of a City venue for the event and a waiver of event permits and associated fees; 3) Allow the consumption of food in City-owned property and buildings during the event; and 4) Direct the Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. SENIOR MONTH [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive information on events and activities taking place in May in recognition of Senior Month.

ACTION: Approve the use of City venues for the events and a waiver of event permits and associated fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. PARKING FEE WAIVER FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to waive parking fees for attendees.

ACTION: Approve the request for waived parking fees for the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference as described in this report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. LOST IN LVOV [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the use of the West Hollywood City Council Chambers for the theatrical presentation Lost in Lvov, as part of the City's WeHo East Arts Program and the Russian Cultural Festival.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the use of the West Hollywood City Council Chambers for two performances of the arts and culture event, Lost in Lvov, on Saturday, May 9, 2015; 2) Approve the waiver of facilities use fees for the performances and associated fees for one additional hour of validated parking for each performance at the 5-story parking structure; and 3) Allow the production to accept donations to offset production costs for the performances while using City facilities. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE BILL 485 (HERNANDEZ), STORMWATER AUTHORITY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of proposed Senate Bill 485 regarding authorizing the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to manage stormwater.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4676 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE BILL 485 (HERNANDEZ), STORMWATER AUTHORITY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS"; and 2) Send copies of the signed resolution to

California Governor Jerry Brown, State Senator Bill Allen, State Senator Ed Hernandez, and State Assemblymember Richard Bloom. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY AND FORBIDDING INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS OF ANIMAL ABUSE FROM ADOPTING ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY [L. MEISTER, S. SCHMIDT, J. GUZON, J. DURAN, I. OWENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider forbidding any individual with a criminal record of animal abuse from adopting an animal in the City of West Hollywood, subject to the adoption of an Animal Abuser Registry by the State or County and directing Staff to work with the County to establish an animal abuser registry to allow for immediate background check.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Attorney to return to Council within 120 days with a draft ordinance that forbids any individual with a criminal record of animal abuse from adopting an animal within the City of West Hollywood, upon the establishment of an animal abuser registry by the County of Los Angeles or the State of California; and 2) Direct the Legal Services and Legislative Affairs Division to work with the County of Los Angeles and/or State of California to establish an Animal Abuser Registry to allow for immediate background checks for animal adoptions. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. TELEVISED BROADCAST OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL JUNE 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUM [J. D'AMICO, M. REX]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the televising of a City Council Candidate Forum for the June 2, 2015 Special City Council Election.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the use of City venues for the West Hollywood City Council Candidate Forum and a waiver of event permits, parking validations and associated fees; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct Public Information staff to provide live and replay coverage of the West Hollywood City Council Candidate Forum, including use of WeHoTV personnel, facilities and broadcast time; 4) Direct the Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; and 5) Authorize the City Manager to sign all required documents relating to this item. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND CONDEMNING MASS ATROCITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST ANY PEOPLE [L. HORVATH, K. HASHMI, J. GUZON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide and condemning mass atrocities and human rights violations against any people.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4677, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND CONDEMNING MASS ATROCITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST ANY PEOPLE"; 2) Direct the Office of Public Information to issue a press release describing the City's decision; and 3) Lower the flags of all public facilities in West Hollywood to half-mast on April 24, 2015 in remembrance of the victims of the 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG) CONFERENCE [L. MEISTER, S. SCHMIDT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adding the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conference to the list of conferences approved for attendance by members of the City Council.

ACTION: Approve the addition of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conference to the list of conferences members of the City Council are permitted to attend each year. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. (5.A.)PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO ADDRESS ANAL CANCER IN THE GAY MALE COMMUNITY [J. DURAN, I. OWENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Social Services Staff to develop and implement an education campaign aimed at heightening the awareness of anal cancer symptoms and treatment options.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the Social Services Division, in collaboration with City-contracted providers, to develop a series of public service announcements; 2) Direct the Social Services Division to host a town hall forum; 3) Direct the Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the education campaign; 4) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account: 100-1-01-00-531001, and increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount, to cover the cost of the education campaign; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from the allocated funds in the City Council budget for Special Council Programs: 100-1-01-00-531001 for the education campaign; and 6) Authorize the City Manager to sign all required documents relating to this item. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO ADDRESS ANAL CANCER IN THE GAY MALE COMMUNITY [J. DURAN, I. OWENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Social Services Staff to develop and implement an education campaign aimed at heightening the awareness of anal cancer symptoms and treatment options.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. INITIATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ETHICS REFORM AND CREATION OF AN ETHICS TASK FORCE [L. HORVATH, K. HASHMI, J. D'AMICO, M. REX]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the creation of an Ethics Task Force to develop a comprehensive plan to implement ethics reform as it applies to elected officials, appointed officials, City Hall staff, and those who do business with the City, including lobbyists and consultants.

Mayor Horvath and Councilmember D'Amico provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 20, 2015.

Mayor Horvath announced that the third member of the task force will be Elizabeth Ralston, President of the League of Women Voters.

JOE GUARDARRAMA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

ELYSE EISENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item but asked for more resident involvement.

Councilmember Meister spoke in support of the Item, and asked that the following proposed changes be considered: 1) more community involvement, with residents appointed to the Task Force; 2) additional meetings, and 3) the words "including, but not limited to," be added before the listing of the four areas to be addressed.

Mayor Horvath clarified that the language following the list of for key areas to be addressed states that the Task Force will have the liberty to develop additional areas of discussion as needed, and asked if this language was sufficient to ensure that other issues could be added to the proposed list.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister and Councilmember D'Amico agreed that the current language was sufficient.

Councilmember D'Amico commented on the suggestion of including residents on the Task Force. He expressed concern with politicizing the Task Force by having Council appoint members to the Body.

Councilmember Duran agreed with Councilmember D'Amico and addressed the issues that may arise from having Council appointed members of the Task Force.

Assistant City Attorney Hogin clarified that the community will be involved in the process as the Ethics Task Force will be a Brown Act Body and meetings will be open to the public.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the City Manager to form an Ethics Task Force comprised of the following subject matter experts: Bob Stern from the Center for Governmental Studies, who is the former President of the Center for Governmental Studies and Principal Co-Author of the Political Reform Act of 1974; Joseph Guardarrama from Kaufman Legal Group, who is an expert on governmental ethics and previously served as a West Hollywood Commissioner; and Elizabeth Ralston, President of the League of Women Voters. The Ethics Task Force will be staffed by Christi Hogin from the City Attorney's office and Guy Vespoint from the City Clerk's office, who will advise the Task Force but will not be voting members; 2) Approve the use of City venues for such events and a waiver of event permits, parking validations and associated fees; 3) Direct the Ethics Task Force to provide Quarterly updates to the City Council, and to produce a final report for approval by the City Council by the first Quarter of 2016; 4) Direct the Ethics Task Force, with support from City staff, to host at least three community meetings to seek input in regard to the comprehensive plan for ethics reform; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to account 100-1-01-00-531019 (New Initiatives), to cover costs associated with the Ethics Task Force; and 6) Authorize the City Manager to sign all required documents relating to this item. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico and approved.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NIR ZILBERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Holocaust and expressed concern with the City regarding recognition of this tragedy.

RICHARD EASTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the legalization of medical marijuana.

YAWAR CHARLIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Historic Preservation Commission meeting on April 27th.

ELENA GOLDENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and thanked the City for their continuous support of the Russian speaking community.

MOSS KRIVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and thanked outgoing Mayor John D'Amico. She also spoke regarding various issues in the City.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. He also spoke regarding the upcoming June 2nd Special Election.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

COLE ETTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Items 2.S. and 2.T.

CYNTHIA BLATT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding water conservation.

ALEXANDER GARFINKEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the Council for their service and their leadership.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m. in memory of Letitia Mendes. The City Council adjourned to its next regular meeting which will be on Monday, May 4, 2015 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 4th day of May, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Mayor Pro Tempore Meister and Mayor Horvath.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

LINDSEY HORVATH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK