

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: A. Lee Walkup led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember D’Amico, Councilmember Duran, Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and Mayor Horvath

ABSENT: Councilmember Heilman, City Manager Arevalo

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Baxter, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Quarker, and Assistant City Clerk Crowder

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 6:02 p.m. He stated that there was no public comment, and one item was added to the Agenda under Labor Negotiations. One action was taken which was approval for the City of West Hollywood to participate as a friend of the court in the case Mak v. City of Berkley Rent Stabilization Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that Item 2.Y. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 5.C. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.Z. He also registered his “no” vote on Item 2.F.

Mayor Horvath requested that Item 2.M. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, to approve the August 3, 2015 agenda as amended and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kyle Smith. He also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the young woman who was stabbed at the Gay Pride Festival in Jerusalem.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kindra Chapman who was 18-years-old and died in an Alabama jail cell; Sandra Bland who was 28-years-old and died in Texas jail cell; Samuel DuBose who was 43-years-old and killed by a University Police Officer in Cincinnati; Shira Banki who was 16-years-old and one of six who was stabbed at the Jerusalem Gay Pride Parade; and Cecil the lion.

Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Degania Golove. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Shirley Dolan.

On behalf of Councilmember Heilman, Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of David Finkel and Erma Viterbi.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Horvath presented a proclamation to Dennis Powell honoring "Play Ball Month".

Mayor Horvath presented a proclamation to City employees Michelle Bell and Yvonne Quarker on behalf of the City's African American Heritage Committee in honor of the "Voting Rights Act of 1965".

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister presented Certificates of Appreciation to the poster models for "Xmas in July".

Mayor Horvath presented Certificates of Commendation to the LA Gay and Lesbian Center's GED Preparation Program graduates.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding National Night Out.

ANNA SWETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.F.

DINAH STEPHENS, REPRESENTING PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.R.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R. and the deaths that occurred in Jerusalem during the Gay Pride Parade.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Historic Preservation Event and thanked everyone for their support. She also spoke regarding Items 2.L. and 2.T.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the lack of readership of the West Hollywood Independent by residents, and suggested that the City place all notices in the Beverly Hills Press newspaper. He also spoke regarding Items 2.H. and 2.L.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Items 2.F., 2.K., and 2.T.

A. LEE WALKUP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding National Night Out and guidelines for landlords regarding water conservation.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding pedestrian safety and the City's pilot program. He also wished Jeanne Dobrin a "Happy 95th Birthday".

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding National Night Out.

DONALD EMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.F., SB 1818, and the Metro site.

HERB TUMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding overdevelopment in the City.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Duran introduced Trish Rhay, Assistant Director of Public Works with the City of Beverly Hills, who spoke about water conservation initiatives in Beverly Hills and their impacts on West Hollywood residents. She reported that Beverly Hills is currently at Stage B conversation, and that she has been working with the City's Water Conservation Task Force. She discussed the City's education, prevention, and enforcement programs for water conservation.

Councilmember Duran mentioned the PickUp line extension celebration at 7321 Santa Monica Blvd. on Friday, August 7th at 6:00 p.m. He mentioned the Anal Cancer and HPV Forum that was held on July 30th and provided some statistical information for gay men. The forum is currently playing on WeHoTV. He also expressed concern regarding the Sheriff who was recently injured.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding public comment surrounding the delay in implementing the approved program for crosswalk and pedestrian safety, and expressed his concerns with the delay as well. He asked City Attorney Jenkins to look into whether Ellis fees that are given to tenants by their landlords can be placed into an escrow account. He asked Assistant City Manager Sam Baxter to provide an update on the City Hall parking structure. He registered his "no" vote on Item 2.F., and spoke briefly regarding Item 2.S. and indicated his "no" vote on this Item as well. He discussed Item 5.C. and inquired about the release of the RFP. Finally, he provided his campaign disclosures.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister spoke regarding the recent Historic Preservation event and the plaque on Great Hall. She asked for an update on the Roxy/House of Blues

Tweeting issue. She suggested that the Red building parking lot be used for those attending the upcoming HBO event. She spoke regarding Item 2.V. and asked that the Westside Cities COG be added to the list of organizations receiving copies of the Resolution. She spoke regarding Item 2.X. and requested that residents are surveyed as to the types of classes they want offered. She also spoke regarding Item 5.C. and requested that a timeline be added.

Mayor Horvath thanked everyone who participated in the Special Olympics event. She commented that the City received a proclamation in recognition of the City's participation in the "HIV Matters Countdown to a Cure" from Senator Ben Allen. She mentioned Item 2.L. and registered her "no" vote on the item. She expressed her concerns regarding moving these particular crosswalks, and asked the Assistant City Manager Baxter to provide a report on this issue. She thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Meister for working with her on the Public Safety communications strategy. She reported that she received campaign contributions from Planned Parenthood. She mentioned Item 2.U. and the City accepting the challenge for start-up businesses. Finally, she mentioned the events happening around the City throughout the month of August.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant City Manager Sam Baxter provided an update on the City Hall's automated parking structure which is currently scheduled to open to the public in December. He spoke briefly regarding Item 2.L. and stated that extensive public outreach was conducted to gather the information provided to Council for consideration. He commented that two of the four Councilmembers present registered their "no" vote on Item 2.F., which means that no action will be taken by Council this evening and that the Item will be brought back on August 17th. He further commented that the City of Beverly Hills' water service provider map will be placed on our City's website. He also spoke about the Roxy and House of Blues issue that happened over the weekend resulting in the closure of Sunset Blvd. The Sheriff's department will be submitting a bill to those venues for costs incurred as a result.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$310,000.00 in expenditures, \$0 in additional revenue, and (\$850.00) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.L.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X.,Z. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, August 3, 2015 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, July 30, 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 July 20, 2015. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 769, RESOLUTION NO. 15-4735:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 769 and adopt Resolution No. 15-4735, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 769". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 15-956 (2ND READING) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SIGNATURE AND MAP REQUIREMENTS, AND CLARIFYING DETERMINATION OF PRIMARY FRONTAGE FOR CORNER LOTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-956 approving an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding development agreement signature and map requirements, and clarifying determination of primary frontage for corner lots.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-956, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT SIGNATURE AND MAP REQUIREMENTS, AND CLARIFYING DETERMINATION OF PRIMARY FRONTAGE FOR CORNER LOTS". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 15-957 (2ND READING) APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO MODIFY ENTITLEMENT PERMIT TIME LIMITS AND EXTENSIONS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-957 approving an amendment to the zoning ordinance to modify entitlement permit time limits and extensions.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-957, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST

HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO MODIFY ENTITLEMENT PERMIT TIME LIMITS AND EXTENSIONS". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 15-958 (2ND READING) AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-958 amending Title 19 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code clarifying the prohibition of short-term vacation rentals.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-958, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS". **This Item was not approved with Councilmembers D'Amico and Duran voting "no".**

2.G. ORDINANCE NO. 15-959 (2ND READING) AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF VISITOR PARKING PERMITS IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-959 amending provisions of the West Hollywood Municipal Code pertaining to the administration of visitor parking permits in preferential parking districts and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-959, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF VISITOR PARKING PERMITS IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

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

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

2.I. ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR CITY COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the attendance reports for City Commission, and Advisory Board meetings convened between May 2014 and May 2015.

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

2.J. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH LPA, INC. [O. DELGADO, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Services with LPA, Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement for on-call architectural and design services by \$75,000.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with LPA, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000 for on-call architectural and design services, resulting in a total not-to-exceed contract amount of \$200,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the Amendment to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. NOTICE OF COMPLETION – PLUMMER PARK TEEN CENTER RECONFIGURATION PROJECT [O. DELGADO, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting the improvements completed by Omega Construction, Incorporated and authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion for the Plummer Park Teen Center Reconfiguration 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; and 3) Release of all retained funds 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. UPDATE ON THE DESIGN FOR A SIGNALIZED MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK ON SANTA MONICA BLVD., BETWEEN ORANGE GROVE AVENUE AND OGDEN DRIVE [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report on the conceptual layout for the proposed signalized mid-block crosswalk on Santa Monica Blvd between Orange Grove Avenue and Ogden Drive.

ACTION: Consider the Public Works Department's recommendation for the conceptual layout of the proposed signalized mid-block crosswalk on Santa Monica Blvd between Orange Grove Avenue and Ogden Drive, and direct staff to proceed with implementation of the Project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting Mayor Horvath's "no" vote.**

2.M. APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE SIDEWALK ART PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE LA LGBT CENTER [J. DURAN, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the installation of the Los Angeles LGBT Center's sidewalk art public service announcement

publicizing the new location of The Center WeHo on Santa Monica Boulevard.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.N. CBS FALL PRESS EVENT'S REQUEST TO CLOSE SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a street closure request from the event producers of the CBS Fall Press Event at the Pacific Design Center on Monday, August 10, 2015.

ACTION: Approve the closure of Northbound San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard from 6:00 pm on Monday, August 10, 2015 until 12:00 am on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. HOME BOX OFFICE (HBO) 2015 EMMY EVENT REQUEST TO CLOSE SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of requests from Home Box Office, Incorporated (HBO) for the 2015 Emmy's Event scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2015.

ACTIONS: 1) Provide the HBO production team with exclusive use of four parking spaces in the Five Story Parking Structure from Saturday, September 12, 2015 through Wednesday, September 23, 2015; 2) Approve the closure of San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard from 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2015 to 3:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015; 3) Provide the first floor of the Five Story Parking Structure and the El Tovar Parking Lot for HBO event parking on Sunday, September 20 and Monday, September 21, 2015. The first floor of the Five Story Parking Structure and the El Tovar Parking Lot will be closed to the public from 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20 through 3:00 a.m. Monday, September 21, 2015; and 4) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate with HBO event producers for additional requests. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2015 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY "RELAY FOR LIFE" EVENT [L. HORVATH, J. DURAN, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event at West Hollywood Park, scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2015 beginning at 12:00 P.M.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event; 2) Approve fee waivers for use of West Hollywood Park and Special Event permits; 3) Authorize the American Cancer Society to utilize the City of West Hollywood's name and logo on printed and online promotional materials; and 4) Direct the Communications Division to utilize all appropriate communications 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.Q. ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION [L. MEISTER, L. HORVATH, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to assess communication strategies regarding public safety information and return to City Council with findings and recommendations.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the Public Safety Department to: a) Work with the Sheriff's Department, Neighborhood Watch groups and the Public Safety Commission to assess communication strategies regarding public safety information. Assessment needs to explicitly include what's been done in the past, recent changes (such as the weekly report, Coffee with the Captain), and additional changes that can be implemented, both short-term and long-term; b) Include "communications" as an area to be studied in the "Citizens Report Card" research, particularly, types of public safety information that are most important to constituents and best ways of disseminating that information; and c) Receive input from the Public Safety Commission and then return to City Council with comprehensive communication protocols for public safety; and 2) Staff shall provide City Council with an update on timeline and milestones at the August 17th Council meeting. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO DENOUNCE THE FRAUDULENT MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD [L. HORVATH, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to denounce the fraudulent media campaign against Planned Parenthood and to express continued support for access to reproductive healthcare and all reproductive healthcare providers.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4736, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO DENOUNCE THE FRAUDULENT MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST PLANNED PARENTHOOD."; 2) Send copies of the signed Resolution to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Congressman Adam Schiff, and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton; and 3) Direct the Communications Division to utilize all appropriate communications tools to express the City's position in support of Planned Parenthood including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO WITHHOLD FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FROM SANCTUARY CITIES [L. HORVATH, C. SAFRIET]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to oppose proposed legislation in the United States Congress that would deny federal public safety funding to sanctuary cities.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4737, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO WITHHOLD FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FROM SANCTUARY CITIES”; and 2) Send copies of the signed resolution to California Governor Jerry Brown, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Congressman Adam Schiff, Attorney General Loretta Lynch, State Assembly Member Richard Bloom, State Senator Ben Allen, and California Attorney General Kamala Harris. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting Councilmember D’Amico’s “no” vote.**

2.T. A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO AB 57 (QUIRK) CHANGES TO THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THE SITING AND CONSTRUCTION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES [L. MEISTER, H. MOLINA, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to AB 57 (Quirk), an act to add Section 65964.1 to the Government Code, relating to siting and collocation of telecommunications facilities.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4738 “A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO AB 57 (QUIRK) CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS TIMELINES FOR THE SITING AND CONSTRUCTION OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES”; and 2) Direct staff to send signed copies of the adopted resolutions to the offices of Governor Jerry Brown, Assemblymembers Richard Bloom and Bill Quirk, Senator Ben Allen, and the League of California Cities. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. RESOLUTION TO TAKE THE STARTUP IN A DAY PLEDGE [L. HORVATH, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider adopting a resolution to take the Startup in a Day Pledge to work towards eliminating obstacles for startups and streamlining and consolidating all of the processes required to start a business.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4739: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO TAKE THE STARTUP IN A DAY PLEDGE.”; 2) Send copies of the resolution to President Barack Obama, the Small Business Administration, and the National League of Cities; and 3) Direct the Arts & Economic Development Division to work with the Community Development Department and the Finance Department to ensure the City meets the pledge goals. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION FEASIBILITY STUDY [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to participate in a financial and technical feasibility study to assess the costs, benefits and risks associated with developing a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4740 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION"; and 2) Send copies of the resolution to South Bay Clean Power, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and the County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. APPROVE THE USE OF THE PLUMMER PARK TENNIS COURTS FOR THE WEHO SPORTS FESTIVAL [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the use of the Plummer Park tennis courts for the WeHo Sports Festival on Monday, September 7, 2015.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the use of the Plummer Park tennis courts for the WeHo Sports Festival on Monday, September 7, 2015; 2) Waive parking restrictions, special event permit fees, and any other facility or city fees associated with the event' and 3) Direct the Communications Division to utilize all appropriate communications 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.X. AGREEMENT FOR CITY FACILITY USE ASSESSMENT CONTRACT AWARD [E. SAVAGE, O. WALKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an agreement with Kevin J. McArdle Consulting to conduct a facility use assessment of city Recreation Services facilities.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a one-year Agreement with Kevin J. McArdle Consulting from August 4, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in a not to exceed amount of \$35,000 to analyze current Recreation facility uses and develop recommendations for Improved and enhanced Recreation facility use management; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Y. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 415 (HUESO) THE CALIFORNIA VOTER PARTICIPATION RIGHTS ACT [L. HORVATH, J. D'AMICO, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of SB 415 (Hueso), the California Voter Participation Rights Act, which would require a local government to hold an election on a statewide

election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.Z.(5.C.)STUDY OF SEISMIC RETROFIT PROGRAM [S. DEWOLFE, S.BAILEY, C. ZABALA]:

SUBJECT: Follow-up to City Council item from May 18th, addressing current seismic safety issues for existing un-retrofitted buildings and provide a work plan for a seismic retrofit program.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified engineering firms to develop procedures and standards for a seismic retrofit program; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$200,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to account 100-3-07-76-531004 for professional engineering services and related costs associated with developing procedures and standards for a seismic retrofit program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. EASTSIDE MARKET STUDY PRESENTATION [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, G. SHERIDAN, L. MINNICH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a presentation on the completed Eastside Market Study by Rosenow Spevacek Group ("RSG") to provide background information for the upcoming Eastside Community Plan.

Senior Planner Georgia Sheridan introduced Alexa Smittle and Jane Carlson of RSG, the City's consultant for the study.

Ms. Smittle and Ms. Carlson presented the study conducted by their firm.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various aspects of the report that was presented.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various aspects of the report that was presented.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the changes occurring on the Eastside.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the changes occurring on the Eastside as a result of development.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding low-income housing on the Eastside.

Councilmember Duran thanked the consultant for the report. He commented on various aspects of the report and provided a brief background on the history of the Eastside of West Hollywood, and the market forces that are now influencing the area as well as West Hollywood as a whole.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister thanked the consultant for the report. She commented that the parking credits program needs to include the Eastside. She provided feedback on the types of retail and developments that the City should approve in the future.

Councilmember D'Amico commented on the aging Russian community in the City. He spoke to the affordable housing stock. He also commented that this is a pivotal time for the Eastside of West Hollywood.

Mayor Horvath commented that she envisions the Eastside as the creative center for the City. She further commented on the need to maintain the cultural diversity on the Eastside.

Council thanked Staff and the Consultant for their hard work on the report.

5.B. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH RAIMI & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR EASTSIDE COMMUNITY PLAN AND EXTENSION OF WORKING GROUP APPOINTMENT TERMS [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, G. SHERIDAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement with Raimi & Associates to perform planning, project management, working group facilitation, and community outreach services for the Eastside Community Plan. The City Council will also consider extension of the appointment terms of the Eastside Working Group.

Senior Planner Georgia Sheridan provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 3, 2015.

CHAD BLOUIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation.

EMILY GRABLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke as an Eastside Working Group member in support of the staff's recommendation.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding implementing policy to help protect the character of the City.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the issue with the day and time of the Eastside Working Group meeting and its conflict with other City meetings.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding changing the meeting day and time for the Eastside Working Group so that it does not conflict with other City meetings.

Councilmember D'Amico commented that housing is listed as the 5th most important item, however, there is not a consultant listed for that issue. Ms. Sheridan commented that the City has retained RSG as its consultant for housing.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding comments from the public surrounding the attendance of the current Eastside Working Group and spoke in support of possibly reducing the number of at-large appointees.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that Commissioners and Advisory Board Members be excluded from the Working Group so that we get a new, fresh perspective. She further commented about the funding allocation for mobility.

Mayor Horvath requested that employees of the Eastside be included in the categories for the Eastside Working Group as well as new residents to the Eastside. She commented that 15 members is an unworkable size and agrees with reducing the number of at-large appointees. She suggested that it should be a nine member body and that it should be held on a different day and time of the week.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister mentioned the mobility issue. Ms. Sheridan provided further information on the funding allocation for mobility and the contract with Nelson Nygaard.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for services with Raimi & Associates in the amount of \$264,000 to prepare an Eastside Community Plan; 2) Authorize use of \$267,000 of the direct financial support received pursuant to the Movietown Development Agreement (dedicated for improvements within the former redevelopment area, by the City) for the contract and related expenses; 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the agreement for service; 4) Direct staff to return at the August 17th meeting with a recommendation for the composition of the Eastside Working Group; and 5) Explore parking, extending the parking credits program, and mobility issues facing the

Eastside. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Duran and approved.**

5.C. STUDY OF SEISMIC RETROFIT PROGRAM [S. DEWOLFE, S. BAILEY, C. ZABALA]:

SUBJECT: Follow-up to City Council item from May 18th, addressing current seismic safety issues for existing un-retrofitted buildings and provide a work plan for a seismic retrofit program.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.M. APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE SIDEWALK ART PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE LA LGBT CENTER [J. DURAN, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the installation of the Los Angeles LGBT Center's sidewalk art public service announcement publicizing the new location of The Center WeHo on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Mayor Horvath indicated that she had concerns with approving this Item. She inquired if this would be something that we would offer to all non-profit organizations in the City.

Councilmember Duran and Councilmember D'Amico provided background information as outlined in the staff report. Councilmember D'Amico stated that the City could provide guidelines for this type of request in the future, and spoke in support of approving this request.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the installation of the sidewalk art public service announcement in five locations along Santa Monica Boulevard between San Vicente Boulevard and Hancock Avenue; 2) Approve fee waivers for the encroachment permits and other City fees associated with the installation of the sidewalk art public service announcement; and 3) Direct the Engineering Division and the Facility & Field Services Division to work with the LA LGBT Center to ensure the sidewalk is kept accessible during the installation. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Duran and approved.**

2.Y. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 415 (HUESO) THE CALIFORNIA VOTER PARTICIPATION RIGHTS ACT [L. HORVATH, J. D'AMICO, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of SB 415 (Hueso), the California Voter Participation Rights Act, which would require a local government to hold an election on a statewide election date if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in a significant decrease in voter turnout.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister expressed concern with the report and asked the Mayor if she could provide additional information on the Item.

Mayor Horvath and Councilmember D'Amico provided background information as outlined in the staff report and expressed their support for the proposed Bill as a mechanism to increase voter turn-out.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

Councilmember Duran commented on his reasons for opposing the item, and spoke in support of continuing to have stand-alone elections.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister provided her reasons for opposing the item and how this change may not be fair to non-incumbents who don't have name recognition.

ACTION: Table the Item until August 17, 2015. Motion by Councilmember D'Amico and, seconded by Mayor Horvath and approved.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS [L. HORVATH, M. JENKINS, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a draft ordinance amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to increase the size of the Rent Stabilization Commission from five to seven members.

DONALD EMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item if the two additional members are landlords.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of expanding the Commission to seven members.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of expanding the Commission from five to seven members.

ACTION: Table the Item until August 17, 2015. Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

(Councilmember Duran left the meeting at 10:20 p.m.)

Councilmember D'Amico commented briefly about water restrictions and impacts on rent stabilized units. He requested that an item be placed on the August 17th City Council agenda requiring rent-stabilized units to participate in water conservation. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that a letter be sent to the City of Beverly Hills regarding the water rates.

Mayor Horvath suggested that Public Works staff prepare a report addressing this issue.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:22 p.m. in memory of Kindra Chapman, Sandra Bland, Samuel DuBose, Shira Banki, Degania Golove, Shirley Dolan, David Finkel, Erma Viterbiran, and Cecil the lion. The City Council adjourned to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, August 17, 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 17th day of August, 2015 by the following vote:

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

LINDSEY HORVATH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK