

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 6:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dan Morin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, 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 6:00 p.m. He stated that there was no public comment. He stated that were no Items added to the agenda, and that the closed session adjourned with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 4.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.S. He also asked if Public Hearing Item 3.B. could be heard prior to Public Hearing Item 3.A.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico, to approve the October 19, 2015 agenda as amended and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jonathan Pena.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Patricia Anawalt.

Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Helen Hansen, Robert Cook, Faith “Hope” Hindrichs, Helen Z. Pearl, Alfredo Lamont, Jonathan Pena, and Mary Eastwood. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of

the following soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting: Master Sergeant Gregory T. Kuhse (38) and Major Phyllis J. Pelky (45).

Acting Sheriff's Captain/Lieutenant Sergio Loma spoke regarding the traffic collision on Santa Monica Boulevard that occurred last week.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Horvath presented a Proclamation to Sonia Jackson, creator and director of the play *Conversations 'Bout the Girls*.

City Council presented Ivy Bottini with a Proclamation for her years of service to the City and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANA BUSTILLOZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the SPCA LA, regarding Animal Safety Net, housing for lost pets, and their low-cost vaccine clinic.

MARTHA ORTEGA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the grant awarded to West Hollywood Pre-School.

NIR ZILBERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his upcoming event honoring Ivy Bottini on October 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding appreciating the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department and other issues affecting the City.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.G.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.G.

JAMES WEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.H.

AMY WALIA-FAZIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.K.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various items on the Consent Calendar.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Ellis Act.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding affordable housing in the City.

YAWAR CHARLIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding historic preservation in the City and his proposal called, "Historic Preservation Minute".

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

COLE ETTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding campaign funds and elections.

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against automated license recognition systems in the City.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the proposed development on Detroit Street and the accessibility issues at the Sierra Bonita housing complex.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember D'Amico mentioned the recent reading of the book "*The Gay Revolution*" that took place in the City yesterday. He responded to public comments made regarding the Ellis Act. He suggested that an LGAB "history lesson" be presentation each year or every other year to educate newly appointed Commissioners and Advisory Board members on the importance of the LGBT History in the City. He asked the City Manager to provide an update on several outstanding items including Minimum Wage in the City, the Parking reform items previously brought to Council, and an update on the Earthquake preparedness/retrofit plan. He briefly mentioned the traffic collision that occurred last week and suggested moving the Sheriff's station to the City-acquired property at Crescent Heights. He also asked for an update on project at Crescent Heights and Sunset Blvd. Finally, he discussed the "Creative Utilization of Public Spaces" item on tonight's agenda.

Councilmember Duran wished everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

Councilmember Heilman thanked everyone who participated in the recent AIDS Walk. He spoke regarding an upcoming Forum being sponsored by the City and the Williams Institute that will take place on Wednesday November 4th on LGBT communities and challenges in the south, Midwest and mountain states. He thanked Councilmember D'Amico for mentioning the Sunset and Crescent Heights developments. Finally, he wished everyone a Happy Halloween. He also reported that the update on the minimum wage will be coming back to Council in November.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister mentioned that the EIR comment period has been extended for the Sunset project, and encouraged those to send in their comments. She reported that she attended a panel on water issues and the drought which was sponsored by the Metropolitan Water District. She reported that the Metropolitan Water District educates consumers regarding water issues, but need to also find better ways to educate local officials with regard to planning and land use. She reported that she attended a Planning and Conservation League Symposium. She suggested that for Item 2.Q., Social Services staff work with the Chamber of Commerce and for Item 2.J. staff reach out to resident Roy Oldenkamp to inform him about the City's efforts.

Mayor Horvath mentioned that it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month as well as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She spoke briefly regarding Domestic Violence being a public safety issue for the entire community. She thanked Amy Walia-Fazio for speaking regarding Item 2.K., and stated that LAUSD Board Member Steve Zimmer will be in attendance. She mentioned that she attended Back to School night at West Hollywood Elementary and conducted a site visit at Laurel Elementary. She spoke regarding Item 2.L. and asked that the northwest corner of Melrose and La Cienega also be considered. She spoke regarding Item 2.M. and stated that the City will continue to work with the Sheriff's Department and the community to create a better system regarding reporting homeless issues in the City. She stated that a citation and jail time is not the answer. She reported that October 20, 2015 is the Grand Opening of the Los Angeles LGBT Center, and also reported on the upcoming Women Manifest Mixer. She reported that she will be meeting with Mayor Gold and Beverly Hills staff regarding the Beverly Hills Water District and water rates for West Hollywood residents. She stated that she will also be attending a meeting with other Mayors and Supervisor Sheila Kuehl to discuss housing and homelessness. Finally, she reported on the upcoming Transgender Job Fair scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo mentioned that he appreciates Councilmember D'Amico's request for a formal reporting back to Council on outstanding staff reports, and will develop a more standardized way to report back to Council and the public.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$585,484 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenue, and (\$5,270) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved, noting Councilmember Duran's NO vote on Item 4.A. which was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.S.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, October 19, 2015 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Tuesday, October 13, 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 October 5, 2015. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 773, RESOLUTION NO. 15-4759:**
SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.
ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 773 and adopt Resolution No. 15-4759, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 773". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.D. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from Business License Commission, Planning Commission, Disabilities 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.E. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2015 [D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 2015 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California
ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.F. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS [L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to explore new technologies and innovative approaches to engaging the community at public meetings.
ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Manager to coordinate with staff to explore new technologies and innovative approaches to increase community engagement and participation in public meetings; and 2) City Manager to report back with recommendations in 90 days. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.G. RECOGNITION OF DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, C. PLANCK]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will recognize October as Disabilities Awareness Month.
ACTION: Waive parking enforcement of the three-hour parking restrictions at Plummer Park between 10am-2pm on Tuesday, Oct. 20 for the Health & Wellness event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.H. RECOGNITION AND PROMOTION OF NOVEMBER AS TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH [K. COOK, B. SMITH]:**
SUBJECT: The City of West Hollywood will recognize November as Transgender Awareness Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaim November as Transgender Awareness Month; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Communications Division to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; 4) Approve the Transgender Award of Appreciation to be presented at a televised meeting of the Transgender Advisory Board on Tuesday, November 3, 2015; 5) Approve the use of City venues for Transgender Awareness Month events and a waiver of event permits, parking validations and associated fees. These events include, but are not limited to a) Transgender Job Fair on October 29, 2015, held in the Auto Court and Library Community Meeting Room, b) Announcement of Transgender Awareness Month at November 2, 2015 City Council Meeting, c) Televised Transgender Advisory Board Meeting on November 3, 2015 in the City Council Chambers, d) Lighting of City Hall at 5:00 PM on November 4, 2015, and e) Transgender Day of Remembrance and March on November 20, 2015; and 6) Authorize the Transgender flag to be flown over City Hall during the month of November and to be flown at half-staff on November 20, 2015 in commemoration of Transgender Day of Remembrance. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND THE WORK OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM [K. COOK, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and receive an update on the activities of the Domestic Violence Community Response Team.

ACTION: Receive and file the annual Domestic Violence Report.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.J. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GPA CONSULTING [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, A. CASTILLO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for services with GPA Consulting (GPA) to prepare a historic context statement and citywide survey update of commercial buildings in the commercial and public zoning districts.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement for services with GPA Consulting in the amount of \$118,513 to prepare a historic context statement and citywide survey update of commercial buildings; 2) Authorize the Current and Historic Preservation Planning Manager to approve change orders to the agreement for services in an amount not to exceed 10% (\$11,851.30) of the total agreement amount; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.K. CITY CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE PARENTS EDUCATION LEAGUE PRESENTATION ON LAUSD SCHOOL CHOICES FOR LOCAL FAMILIES [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, A. LOVANO, J. GUZON]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the Parents Education League Presentation on LAUSD School Choices for Local Families event on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.
ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the City's co-sponsorship of the Parents Education League Presentation on LAUSD School Choices for Local Families event and the use of the City's logo on printed materials advertising the event; 2) 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; 3) Approve the use of City venues for this event and waive the room usage fee, and authorize validated parking for event participants at the 5-story West Hollywood Park garage for a total of 3 hours; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$450 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for associated costs. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. CREATIVE UTILIZATION OF PUBLIC SPACES [J. D'AMICO, J. DURAN, A. LOVANO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to identify small and large City spaces that can be creatively utilized to meet the needs of the City's residents and visitors.
ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to identify up to five spaces in the City that are currently underutilized and develop options to make these spaces more appealing and usable for the public; and 2) Staff to report back to City Council with recommendations within 90 days. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.M. EXPANSION OF MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS POPULATION [E. SAVAGE, D. GUIGNI]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a progress report on the feasibility of expanding the mental health clinical support available to the Sheriff's Department and/or social services agencies for the homeless population.
ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.N. REPROGRAMMING 2014-15 CONTRACT SAVINGS AND UNSPENT FUNDS & AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WITH BET TZEDEK AND THE LA LGBT CENTER [E. SAVAGE, D. GUIGNI]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a recommendation that \$31,220 in contract savings and unspent funds be re-programmed and used to augment existing social service contracts. The City Council will consider amending the agreements for services with Bet Tzedek Legal Services

and the LA LGBT Center's WeHo Life program for the provision of additional services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve amendment B to the Bet Tzedek Legal Services contract to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by \$30,260 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$152,756; 2) Approve amendment. A to the LA LGBT Center's WeHo Life Contract to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by \$960 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$131,010; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. PURCHASE ORDER WITH CYCLEHOP, LLC FOR BICYCLE SHARE EQUIPMENT [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, C. CORRAO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a purchase order with CycleHop, LLC (CycleHop) for the purchase of bicycle share equipment.

ACTION: Authorize staff to proceed with a purchase order with CycleHop for the purchase of bicycle share equipment for a total not-to-exceed \$119,250 in support of the citywide bike share program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES RECEPTION [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship the Women in Film Speaker Series event to be held on October 26, 2015 to include a reception.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the Women in Film Speaker Series reception to be held October 26, 2015 and allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on City-owned property and buildings; and 2) Waive the associated special event permit fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. WORKPLACE GENDER TRANSITION GUIDELINES AND TRANSGENDER REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM [L. HORVATH, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider developing Workplace Gender Transition Guidelines for the City of West Hollywood and working with the City's social services agency partners to develop a transgender representative program in West Hollywood.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the Human Resources Division to develop Workplace Gender Transition Guidelines for the City of West Hollywood and to vet the Guidelines through the Transgender Advisory Board before finalizing; and 2) Direct the Social Services Division to work with the City's social services agency partners to develop a transgender representative program in West Hollywood as a resource for transgender individuals. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1902 (POCAN – D, WI) - “PROTECT OUR PUBLIC LANDS ACT” [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, H. MOLINA, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of H.R. 1902 (Pocan – D, WI) the “Protect Our Public Lands Act”, a bill that aims to ban “fracking” on federal public lands.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4760, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1902 (POCAN – D, WI) – PROTECT OUR PUBLIC LANDS ACT”; and 2) Direct staff to send signed copies of the adopted resolution to the offices of President Barack Obama, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Congressman Adam Schiff. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. (4.A.) ADVANCED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS [K. COOK, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct staff to work with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to install both fixed post and vehicle Advanced License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct public safety staff to work with the Advance Surveillance and Protection (ASAP) Unit of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to install fixed post Advanced License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and La Brea Avenue; 2) Direct public safety staff to work with the Contract Law Enforcement Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department to equip three West Hollywood Patrol vehicles with Advanced License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$303,000 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund to account number 100-4-04-04-701018 (Public Safety Equipment) for Advanced License Plate Recognition (ALPR) equipment, installation, and related costs. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Duran.**

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: (8:05 p.m.)

The Successor Agency to the West Hollywood Community Development Commission approved the minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting, and adopted a resolution approving a revised long-range property management plan for the property of the former West Hollywood Community Development Commission and directing staff to submit the document to the Oversight Board for approval.

The actions are more fully described in the minutes of the Successor Agency to the West Hollywood Community Development Commission.

THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WILL RECESS AND RECONVENE AS THE CITY COUNCIL: (8:06 p.m.)

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.B. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO DEMOLISH TWO EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES AND CONSTRUCT A FOUR-STORY, 30-UNIT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING LOCATED AT 1028-1030 N. KINGS ROAD [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, S. LUNCEFORD]:

SUBJECT: The purpose of this public hearing is to make a determination on an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval Resolutions No. PC 15-1136 and 15-1137 conditionally approving Demolition Permit 14-0026, Development Permit 14-0043, Subdivision 14-0011, and Modifications 15-0001 and 15-0010 to demolish two single family residences and construct a four-story, 30-unit condominium building located at 1028-1030 N. Kings Road.

This item was noticed as required by law.

Associate Planner Scott Lunceford provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 19, 2015.

Mayor Horvath opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward.

TONY ARN, REPRESENTING THE APPELLANT, spoke regarding the proposed development and the reasons for his appeal.

TODD ELLIOTT, REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT, spoke regarding the proposed development and requested that City Council deny the appeal.

LORICAN O'HERLIHY, APPLICANT'S ARCHITECT, spoke regarding the design of the proposed development.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister disclosed that she met with the Appellant, spoke with the Applicant and received no campaign contributions.

Councilmember Heilman disclosed that he met with the Applicants' Attorney, met with the Appellant, and that he also visited the site. He asked the City Manager to direct staff to follow up on cleanliness issues at the Site.

Councilmember Duran disclosed that he met with the Appellant.

Councilmember D'Amico disclosed that he spoke with the Appellant and received campaign contributions from the Applicant's Attorney as well as from residents on Kings Road.

Mayor Horvath disclosed that she visited the site, spoke with the Applicant and the Appellant and that she received campaign contributions from the Applicant's Attorney and residents of Kings Road.

ALEX GURFUNKEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

JENNIFER DINSFRIEND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

SAM BORELLI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

JIMMY PALMIERI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

LINDI WEINSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

DR. BARBARA RUBIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

MARK ANDERSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

AMANDA HYDE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

ALEXANDRE PERRINELLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

MANNY RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

BRUCE SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

BRUCE LESSIGNER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

T. KETA HODGSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in the opposition of the proposed development.

SUSAN PINKUS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

HEATHER FOX, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

FREDERICK MINTCHELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed his concern with the affordability of the units.

BRONWEN MCGARVA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

DOMINIC BATY-BONANNO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

MICHAEL DOLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

GREGORY WOODSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

JOHN ALLENDORFER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

DARLENE CHAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

CYNTHIA BLATT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

HERB TUMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

G. WENDELL JONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

VINCE RONCONE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed development.

CRAIG CHARLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

RAYNARD PACE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

KAREN OKEEFE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

JOSH KURPIES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed of the development.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed development.

BRIAN HARRIS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of the proposed development.

The following individuals did not wish to speak but submitted Citizen Position slips in support for Staff's recommendation to deny the Appeal: Jay Fuentes, Jim Chud, Michael Zannella, Richard Blonds, Yawar Charlie, and Dani Shaker

The following individuals did not wish to speak, but submitted Citizen Position slips in opposition to Staff's recommendation and in support of the Appeal: Jose Camilo, David Stanley, Gordon Blitz, Andrea Ferretti, George Credle, Becky Manukyan Robert Cefai, Anita Kaye, Thomas Paul, Carole Propp, Boris Blanovsky, Anatoly Blanovsky,

Ernest Back, Laura Boccaletti, Stan Madson, Fran Madson, Gwen Speros, Nick Speros, Robert Switzer, Bruce Smith, Dixie McKie, Martin Lowery, Steven Sylvester, Liomdnila Bibe, Aida Ashkinar, James Duke Mason, Steven Andrews, Jim Noll, Michael Wojtkielewicz, Karen Bennett, Kaye McKlaine, Kate Eggert, Krisy Gosney, Estevan Montemayor, and Robert Gurval

TONY ARN, APPELLANT, provided a brief rebuttal.

TODD ELLIOTT, ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT, provided a brief rebuttal.

Councilmember Duran inquired with staff about cumulative traffic counts. Associate Planner Scott Lunceford responded that due to the size of the project, it fell below the threshold to warrant a traffic study. Councilmember Duran thanked everyone who spoke, and asked that staff review the construction mitigation given the other development projects along Kings Road. He asked that the public speak with more civility toward one another.

Councilmember D'Amico also commented on civility during public hearings. He spoke regarding comments made by the Applicants' attorney regarding the Appeal and stated that there is actually new evidence being presented, but the submitted Appeal is not the solution to this development. He suggested that Kings Road be studied for traffic impacts and parking issues as a result of the recently approved projects. He also suggested that the sewer needs to be investigated to ensure it can meet capacity. He mentioned Item 9.8 under Design Requirements in the Resolution and asked that the language include that the building meet LEED Silver Designation, and meet Title 24 plus 20%. He spoke in support of the design and further suggested that the landscaping plan be modified to "soften" the areas around the building. He also spoke regarding recent legislation regarding required parking for new developments and how this may affect future Council decisions.

Councilmember Heilman thanked everyone who spoke this evening. He requested clarification regarding the proposed tandem parking spots. Staff clarified that the tandem parking spots would be shared by those who live in the same unit. He commented on the design of the building as well as the size. He spoke to the comments regarding existing parking, sewage, and traffic issues. He spoke to the positive cumulative impact of affordable housing units being added due to these types of new developments. He agrees with Councilmember D'Amico's suggestion to improve the environment quality of the building and the landscape architecture. He further commented that staff needs to review the sewer, traffic, and parking impacts for the area as a separate item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister commented that the Appeal is not about affordable housing; but about increasing traffic and parking issues in the area. She expressed concerns with the decision of the Planning Commission because there seemed to be no efforts made to mitigate any of these issues. She agreed that if she viewed the project in isolation she would support the development; however if viewed in conjunction with the other developments on the street there are cumulative environmental impacts on Kings Road, that need to be mitigated. She agrees with staff's recommendation to deny the appeal, but thanked the Appellant for shedding light on water, traffic and parking issues in the neighborhood and spoke in support of directing staff to study this further. She also spoke in support of allowing Kings Road residents to purchase parking permits at nearby parking lots, as well as a revised landscape plan and revising condition 9.8 in the Resolution.

Mayor Horvath compared and contrasted this development with the 826 N. Kings Road project. She agrees with the comments regarding trash receptacles blocking the streets, the LEED Silver certification, and landscape architecture changes. She also spoke in support of directing staff to develop a cumulative construction mitigation plan for this street, and review the infrastructure (sewer, water, etc.). Finally, she spoke to the affordable housing units in the development and stated that those five units may seem small to some, but would be a great benefit to those five households who would reside there.

Mayor Horvath closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: Direct Staff to return with a revised Resolution based on Council's comments that include: 1) Revisions to Condition 9.8; and 2) additional language to improve the Conditions for landscaping for the project. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran and approved.**

Council directed staff, as a separate issue, to study sewer, traffic, water, and parking issues in this area due to all of the construction. They also directed staff to develop a construction mitigation plan for all the projects in the area.

3.A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO INTRODUCE NEW STANDARDS FOR MECHANICAL PARKING LIFTS AND AUTOMATED PARKING STRUCTURES [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, G. SHERIDAN, G. SRAPYAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a draft ordinance amending the West Hollywood Zoning Ordinance to introduce new standards for mechanical parking lifts and automated parking structures.

This item was noticed as required by law.

Assistant Planner Garen Srapyan provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 19, 2015.

Mayor Horvath opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward.

PAULA ZINNEMANN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of Park Plus, Inc.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his concern with Zone Text Amendments.

The following individuals did not wish to speak but expressed their support for Staff's recommendation: Dani Shaker

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about R-1 and R-2 zones. Deputy Director of Community Development John Keho spoke to Councilmember D'Amico's concerns regarding these structures in the R-1 and R-2 zone.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister spoke regarding parking overlay zones in the residential neighborhoods. Deputy Director of Community Development John Keho responded to Mayor Pro Tempore Meister's concerns and indicated that the code currently allows for parking structures in the parking overlay zones.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of the Item and asked Staff to return once four or five applications have been received to determine the impact.

ACTION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 15-965, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO INTRODUCE NEW STANDARDS FOR MECHANICAL PARKING LIFTS AND AUTOMATED PARKING STRUCTURES." (ATTACHMENT A) **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico and approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. ADVANCED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS [K. COOK, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct staff to work with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to install both fixed post and vehicle Advanced License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. INCREASE IN THE GRANTS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM BUDGET [J. HEILMAN, A. LOVANO, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ongoing increase to the total budget of the West Hollywood Grants in the Schools Program.

Social Services Manager David Giugni and Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 19, 2015.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke in support of the Item and inquired as to whether the requested funding was sufficient. He encouraged staff to review the program to determine if an increase is needed in the future. Staff indicated that the requested funding is sufficient at this time and that they will look at the program during the next budget-cycle to determine if additional funding is warranted.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested a performance audit be prepared for this program.

ACTIONS: *Direct staff to 1) Increase the budget for the Grants in the Schools Program from \$10,000 to \$24,000; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$14,000 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund to account number 100-3-05-53-536025, Family & Community Programs, for the Grants in the Schools Program; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute all necessary documents related to the additional funding for the Grants in the Schools Program. Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor Horvath and approved.*

5.B. COMMISSION, ADVISORY BOARD AND EASTSIDE WORKING GROUP APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making direct and at-large appointments to City Commissions, Advisory Boards and the Eastside Working Group.

NIR ZILBERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concern with the recent appointments made to Commissions and Advisory Boards.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Councilmember D'Amico made the following direct appointments:
Eastside Working Group – Tod Tallman and Emily Gable
- 2) Councilmember Duran made the following direct appointments:

Eastside Working Group – Neal Zaslavsky and Jesse Slansky

- 3) Councilmember Heilman made the following direct appointments:
Russian Advisory Board – Alex Tolocenco
Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board – Elizabeth Cheney
Eastside Working Group – Carlos Flores and Lisa Andreson
- 4) Mayor Pro Tempore Meister made the following direct appointments:
Eastside Working Group – Steve Martin and Jared Meisler
- 5) Mayor Horvath made the following direct appointments:
Eastside Working Group – Deni Shaker and Rose DiSarno
- 6) Council made the following at-large appointments:
Rent Stabilization Commission – Rob Bergstein and Josh Kurpies

Russian Advisory Board – Andrey Pronin, Alla Feldman, Diana Volman, and Luybov Levitan

5.C. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO THE METRO COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider appointments to the Metro Council sub-committee.

ACTION: Council made the following appointments to the Metro Council Sub-Committee: **Councilmember John Duran and Councilmember John Heilman.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various items on the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Horvath asked the City Manager to follow up with Public Safety Staff, regarding a recommendation from the Public Safety Commission that an Item be brought to Council to discuss other types of license plate readers and cameras in general.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:55 p.m. in memory of Jonathan Pena, Helen Hansen, Robert Cook, Faith “Hope” Hindrichs, Helen Z. Pearl, Alfredo

Lamont, Mary Eastwood, Patricia Anawalt, Master Sergeant Gregory T. Kuhse (38) and Major Phyllis J. Pelky (45). The City Council adjourned to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, November 2, 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 2nd day of November, 2015 by the following vote:

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| 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