

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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 6:41 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: David Eichman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council observed a Moment of Silence to remember the victims of the shootings in San Bernardino and Colorado.

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 and no additional Items were added to the Agenda. He reported that the Closed Session adjourned with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Horvath requested that Item 2.L. be tabled. She also requested that Item 4.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.AA.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.BB.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 2.J. be tabled to the December 21, 2015 meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, to approve the December 7, 2015 agenda as amended and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of actress Holly Woodlawn.

Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gladys Ashkenazy Pressman as well as the victims of the San Bernardino and Colorado shootings. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sandy Berger, National Security Advisor to former President Clinton.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Duran presented a Proclamation to Café D'Etoile.

Councilmember Duran presented a Proclamation to Thrive Tribe Foundation.

Mayor Horvath presented Plaques for Service to former Commissioners and Advisory Board members.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a Walk of Fame from Hancock to Robertson. He also spoke regarding the streets lights along Palm Avenue.

NIR ZILBERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Jewish Holiday. He also spoke regarding terrorist attacks.

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

LINDSEY DEATON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the Trans Chorus of Los Angeles and Item 2.I.

MANNY RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.V.

ALEXANDRE PERRINELLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Items 2.Q., 2.R., 2.W., and 6.A.

RICHARD GIESBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.V.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Items 2.R. and 2.Y.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.V.

CYNTHIA BLATT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R.

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

TAI SUNNANON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his incubator business start-up.

JAMES DUKE MASON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the loss of businesses in the City and spoke in support of the creation of a Business Advisory Board in the City.

The following individuals did not wish to speak but wanted to express their opposition to Item 2.R.: Steven Andrews, James Noll, Dixie McKie, Norman Harstein, Robert Switzer, Michael Wojtkielewicz, Robert Gurval, Darlene Chan, London Blitz, Barbra Rubin, and Robert Cefai.

The following individual did not wish to speak but wanted to express their support for Item 4.A., which was moved to the Consent Calendar: Pat Dixon

The following individual did not wish to speak but wanted to express their opposition to Item 6.A., which was moved to the Consent Calendar: Pat Dixon

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Heilman asked Community Development Director Stephanie DeWolfe to address the concerns raised by residents regarding Item 2.R. CDD Director Stephanie DeWolfe provided clarification on the Item as well as the direction given by Council regarding studies to be conducted in the neighboring area. Council asked that she send an email to the residents who submitted correspondence to Council outlining their concerns and as the process moves forward to conduct a community meeting to keep the residents informed.

Councilmember Heilman reported that he attended the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund Conference; which is a Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Conference held in Las Vegas. He commented that Tamara Adrián became the first transgender woman elected to the Venezuela Assembly. He spoke regarding Item 2.X. and directed staff to look at connecting the shuttle to Sunset as well. He mentioned the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service event scheduled for Saturday, January 23rd; which will be a beautification project at West Hollywood Elementary School. He wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas. He reported that he attended the Trevor Project fundraising event to support their work and outreach. He asked that the City Manager look into the comments made by Dan Morin regarding the turn restrictions in the Genesee area. Finally, he thanked the Tribe Foundation for their hard work and commented on statistics from the United Nations AIDS report which stated that there were two million new cases worldwide.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding the recent World AIDS Day event and the AIDS memorial. He mentioned Item 2.Y. and asked that Item 4 be changed so that member of Boards and Commissions could apply for funding. He spoke about the traffic calming measures for the West Hollywood West community and asked the City

Manager if Staff could look at traffic and parking issues on Lexington as well. He provided his campaign disclosures for items on the agenda.

Councilmember Duran wished the City of West Hollywood a Happy Birthday. He reported that he also attended the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund Conference in Las Vegas. He welcomed Planned Parenthood to the City. Finally, he spoke in opposition to Donald Trump's comments targeting minorities.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister reported that she met with L.A. City Councilmember David Ryu to discuss common issues which included West Hollywood residents' concerns surrounding the project at 8650 Sunset Blvd, as well as ongoing homeless issues. She also reported that she attended the recent Westside Cities Council of Government meeting where a list of project priorities were set. She reported that the group has been advocating for a Crenshaw extension. She spoke regarding the recent World AIDS Day event and the opening of the Planned Parenthood office here in West Hollywood. She thanked Staff for their hard work on the Awards Ceremony and thanked Nir Zilberman and David Reed for "AIDS Watch Installed." She indicated her "no" vote on Item 2.S. and wanted to inform her colleagues that although there is a condition to investigate the possibility of a cul de sac, there is no condition that the Developer has to pay for it; and the cost would be between \$1.5-\$2 million. She commented on Item 2.V. and asked staff to look at alleys that run parallel to Melrose between La Cienega and Westmount. She stated that the staff report notes significant cut-through traffic during peak hours on West Knoll, but no mitigation efforts were noted for that area. She thanked her colleagues for supporting Item 2.Z., and thanked the Transgender Advisory Board for bring forward this issue. She asked the City Manager to address recent public safety concerns regarding robberies and also reiterated that Council should receive training regarding emergency situations.

Mayor Horvath expressed her concern regarding the funding source relating to Item 2.S. and the provision for the cul de sac. She asked the City Manager to confirm that funding will be available for this provision. She spoke regarding comments from the last meeting regarding the issues surrounding the fire extinguisher and laundry room inspections at the building on Kings Road. She reported that the City's Code Compliance Manager met with Fire Chief Sullivan and they agreed to expand these types of inspections. She reported on the upcoming El Nino Town Hall meeting on December 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Plummer Park. She commented that the City is joining with 84 other cities to file an amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court on the Texas v. United States lawsuit regarding immigration. She spoke regarding upcoming stakeholder meetings regarding Historic Designation incentives for multi-family housing. She congratulated Sheriff Jim McDonald on his one year anniversary. She asked the City Manager to discuss the recruitment for a new Captain at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. She also mentioned the opening of Planned Parenthood in the City and stated that it is an honor to have them in West Hollywood. She mentioned that she will be traveling to Sacramento to speak on a panel for Governing Magazine focusing on the new innovation economy. She reported that the City of Beverly Hills will be hosting a free California friendly landscaping training, to provide creative ideas for

landscaping during our current drought conditions. She reminded everyone not to drink and drive during the holidays.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo briefly mentioned the El Nino Town Hall meeting on December 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Plummer Park. He spoke regarding Councilmember Heilman's comments regarding Item 2.X. and mentioned the extension of the shuttle from Hollywood and Highland was intended to service the #BOOM event on New Year's Eve, but stated that staff will look into adding Sunset Blvd. to the route. He also stated that the PickUp Line will be running as well along Santa Monica Blvd. on New Year's Eve. He responded to Councilmember D'Amico's request to include Boards and Commissions in applying for grants as it relates to Item 2.Y., and proposed a friendly amendment to have the Board and Commission liaisons submit the application for better consistency.

Acting Captain Aloma discussed recent robberies in the City and provided statistics and information on how the department is handling this issue. Mayor Pro Tempore asked Public Safety staff to keep the Neighborhood Watch groups informed of these types of issues.

City Manager Arevalo briefly discussed the recruitment for a new Sheriff's Captain. Finally, he responded to Council concerns regarding funding for the cul de sac on Norwich (Item 2.S.).

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$446,214 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenue, and (\$13,125) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,K.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X.,Y.,Z.,AA.,BB. Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 7 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Tuesday, December 1.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ACTION: Approve the minutes of November 16, 2015. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 776, RESOLUTION NO. 15-4769:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 776 and adopt Resolution No. 15-4769, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 776". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [C. SCHROEDER, A. WARD]:

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 Demetrious Polychron, Todd Ulman, Keaton Phillips, Denise Butler, Wawanesa Insurance, United Financial Casualty Company, and Linda Cassio Mazon and refer them to the City's Claims Adjuster for action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, Human Services Commission, Planning Commission, Public Safety Commission, Transportation Commission, and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.F. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, TIME PERIOD TO OBTAIN BUILDING PERMITS AND TIME PERIOD TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION BY SIX (6) MONTHS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-967 amending a development agreement to extend term of the development agreement, time period to obtain building permits and time period to commence construction by six (6) months for the property located at 9001 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-967, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO EXTEND TERM OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, TIME PERIOD TO OBTAIN BUILDING PERMITS AND TIME PERIOD TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION BY SIX (6) MONTHS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9001 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 10.08.160 G. OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.08 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ELIMINATING THE COMMUNITY GARDENS PARKING PERMIT IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 1 AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-968 amending Section 10.08.160 G. of Title 10, Chapter 10.08 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code eliminating the community gardens parking permit in Preferential Parking District 1 and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-968, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 10.08.160 G. OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.08 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ELIMINATING THE COMMUNITY GARDENS PARKING PERMIT IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 1 AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REPEALING SECTION 10.07.090 OF THE PARKING CODE AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-969 repealing Section 10.07.090 of the Parking Code and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 15-969, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REPEALING SECTION 10.07.090 OF THE PARKING CODE AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION 2016 ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL, M. CHE]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission's recommendation to award annual Arts Grant Program grants to 20 arts organizations and artists in accordance with guidelines previously adopted by City Council.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award City Arts Project grants totaling \$47,000 to 8 nonprofit arts organizations as outlined in this staff report; 2) Approve recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award Cultural Resource Development grants totaling \$16,000 to 4 nonprofit arts organizations as outlined in this staff report; 3) Approve recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award One City One Pride grants totaling \$42,200 to 9 artists, artist collectives, and arts

organizations as outlined in this staff report; 4) Approve the use of City venues and waive event permits and facility use fees for the West Hollywood Library Public Meeting Room (Council Chambers) and other City facilities for specific performances and presentations by grantees in fulfillment of their Art Grant projects as indicated in this staff report; 5) Authorize an additional hour of validated parking for event participants, at the West Hollywood Public/Park 5-Story parking structure, for a total of 3 hours, for those grant funded events scheduled for the Council Chambers which exceed two hours; and 6) Allow grantee organizations to charge admission or accept donations to offset production costs for performances or projects while using City facilities. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. ACCEPTANCE OF ASSETS OF WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT [M. JENKINS, D. WILSON]:

SUBJECT: This item recommends that the City Council accept the transfer of assets of the West Hollywood Library Foundation (“WHLF”) remaining at the time of its dissolution and liquidation, and approve a related assignment and assumption agreement whereby the WHLF assigns and the City assumes the rights and obligations of the WHLF and the City indemnifies the Directors of the WHLF from future claims related to the dissolution.

ACTIONS: This Item was Tabled.

2.K. ANNUAL ROE V. WADE COMMEMORATION [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider commemorating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and the City’s ongoing commitment to women’s reproductive rights.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to coordinate and promote an appropriate commemoration of the 43rd Anniversary of Roe V. Wade; 2) Co-sponsor the National Council of Jewish Women/LA’s Roe v. Wade event and approve the use of the City’s logo on all collateral promotional materials; and 3) Approve the use of City facilities as needed including the Library Auto court. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. CITY CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE SIERRA CLUB FILM SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION OF “THE JEFFERSON DRILL” [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO, C. HARDY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the Sierra Club film screening and panel discussion of “The Jefferson Drill” on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 7-9 pm in City Council Chambers.

ACTIONS: This Item was Tabled.

- 2.M. 2016 WEST HOLLYWOOD MLK DAY OF SERVICE [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH, L. FOOKS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the coordination of a MLK Day of Service activity in January 2016 to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the city.
ACTIONS: Direct staff to coordinate and promote an appropriate 2016 MLK Day of Service activity to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.N. AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INSPECTION, AND MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR CIP 1607, SANTA MONICA BLVD PAVEMENT REPAIR PROGRAM [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. for construction management, inspection, and material testing services on the Santa Monica Blvd. Pavement Repair Program, CIP 1607.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Michael Baker International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$68,099 for construction management, inspection, and material testing services on the Santa Monica Blvd. Pavement Repair Program, CIP 1607; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.O. AGREEMENT WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL FOR SEWER DESIGN SERVICES [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement for professional engineering services with Brown and Caldwell to prepare construction documents for sewer rehabilitation projects on Beverly Blvd between Doheny Drive and Robertson Boulevard and to update the plans and specifications for CIP 1609 – Sewer Repair & Rehabilitation in the Mid-City Area - Group B.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Brown and Caldwell in an amount not to exceed \$78,500 for professional engineering services to prepare construction documents for sewer rehabilitation projects on Beverly Blvd between Doheny Drive and Robertson Boulevard and to update the plans and specifications for CIP 1609 – Sewer Repair & Rehabilitation in the Mid-City Area - Group B; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.P. AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH HEERY INTERNATIONAL INC. [O. DELGADO, D. UYENO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the second amendment to the Agreement for Services with Heery International, Inc. for construction administration for the Automated Parking Garage Project at City Hall.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the second amendment to the Agreement for Services with Heery International, Inc. and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement by \$125,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,400,000; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING TO CONSTRUCT A FIVE-UNIT TOWNHOUSE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT AT 8557 WEST KNOLL DRIVE [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, A. CASTILLO]:

SUBJECT: City Council will adopt a Resolution approving the appeal filed by Edward Levin and modifying the Planning Commission's decision to approve a three-story, five-unit townhouse condominium development over one level of parking.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving the appeal and modifying the Planning Commission's approval with amended conditions by adopting Resolution No. 15-4770, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AN APPEAL FILED BY EDWARD LEVIN AND OVERTURNING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A DEMOLITION PERMIT, DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, AND VARIANCES FOR MINIMUM DENSITY, FRONT YARD SETBACK, AND MAXIMUM UNIT SIZE, PERTAINING TO THE APPROVAL TO DEMOLISH A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND CONSTRUCT AN 9,600-SQUARE-FOOT, FIVE-UNIT TOWNHOUSE BUILDING OVER SUBTERRANEAN PARKING GARAGES, LOCATED AT 8557 WEST KNOLL DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" (ATTACHMENT A). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 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, R. DIMOND, S. LUNCEFORD]:

SUBJECT: Based on direction from City Council and subsequent findings of the City Attorney, staff has revised the draft Resolution (Exhibit A) to approve the request to demolish two existing single family residences and construct a four-story, 30-unit condominium building located at 1028-1030 N. Kings Road.

ACTIONS: Staff recommends that the City Council deny the appeal and approve the project, adopt findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and adopt the following: 1) Resolution No. 15-4771, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING THE APPEAL OF ANTHONY ARN, AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVING DEMOLITION PERMIT 14-0026, DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 14-0043, AND MODIFICATIONS 15-0001 AND

15-0010, FOR THE DEMOLITION OF TWO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STORY, 30-UNIT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING OVER ONE LEVEL OF SUBTERRANEAN PARKING, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1028-1030 N. KINGS ROAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” (EXHIBIT A); and 2) Resolution No. 15-4772, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING THE APPEAL OF ANTHONY ARN, AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVING A TENTATIVE TRACT MAP (MAJOR LAND DIVISION NO. 73197), FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1028-1030 N. KINGS ROAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” (EXHIBIT B). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.S. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 18,571 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH RETAIL AND OFFICE USES LOCATED AT 8650 MELROSE AVENUE AND 2ND READING OF ORDINANCE 15-970 APPROVING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT AND A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY IN THE AVENUES BONUS OVERLAY DISTRICT [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, J. ALKIRE]:**

SUBJECT: City Council will adopt a revised Resolution approving the construction of a new 18,571 square-foot commercial development with retail and office uses located at 8650 Melrose Avenue.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council consider additional information provided, adopt the following Resolution, and waive further reading and adopt: 1) Resolution No. 15-4755, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A MODIFICATION PERMIT, VARIANCE, AND AN AMENDMENT TO A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 8650 MELROSE AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” (ATTACHMENT 1); and 2) Ordinance No. 15-970, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8650 MELROSE AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA WITHIN THE AVENUES BONUS OVERLAY ZONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT” (ATTACHMENT 2). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the “no” vote of Mayor Pro Tempore Meister.**

- 2.T. RESOLUTION SUMMARILY VACATING A PORTION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED WEST OF LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD AND SOUTH OF SUNSET BOULEVARD [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution authorizing a summary vacation of a sanitary sewer easement located west of La Cienega Boulevard and south of Sunset Boulevard.

ACTIONS: 1) Make the finding that the sanitary sewer easement located at Lots 6, 7, and 8 of Tract 6140, is unnecessary for present or future use by the City of West Hollywood and that it may, therefore, be vacated under the authority of Section 5400 of the California Health and Safety Code; 2) Make the finding that the sanitary sewer easement located at Lots 6, 7, and 8 of Tract 6140, has been superseded by relocation; that there are no other public facilities located within the easement; and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(c) of the California Streets and Highways Code; 3) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4773, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUMMARILY VACATING A PORTION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED WEST OF LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD AND SOUTH OF SUNSET BOULEVARD"; and 4) Direct the City Clerk to submit certified copies of Resolution No. 15-4773 for recordation by the Office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. KINGS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT C.I.P. 55-2015/16-03 – 1000 KINGS ROAD [O. DELGADO, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Amendment to the Agreement with the IDS Group for Architectural and Design Services, authorizing staff to proceed with construction drawings, and authorizing the solicitation for construction bids after construction documents are complete.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize Amendment #1 to the Agreement with IDS Group for Architectural Services in the amount of \$10,000 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$39,000; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to the Agreement and all other related documents with IDS Group for Architectural Design Services for the Kings Road Project; 3) Authorize the Department of Public Works to proceed with construction documents for the Kings Road Improvement Project C.I.P. 55-2015/16-03; 4) Authorize the Department of Public Works to publicly bid the project for construction upon the completion of the documents and drawings; and 5) Authorize the Facilities and Field Services Manager to negotiate and execute one or more change orders to the contract with IDS Group for additional but unforeseen design work, which may develop during the project; the total value of which shall not exceed 10% of total contract amount (\$3,900). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. WEST HOLLYWOOD WEST NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING IMPROVEMENTS [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, W. DAVIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the approval of the installation of test traffic calming improvements for the West Hollywood West neighborhood.

ACTIONS: Approve the installation of the following test traffic calming proposals: 1) Curb extensions on Ashcroft Avenue and Dorrington Avenue, at the alley between Doheny Drive and Almont Drive; 2) Traffic

circles along Almont Drive at Rangely, Dorrington and Ashcroft; 3) Chicanes along Ashcroft Avenue and Dorrington Avenue, from Robertson Boulevard to Almont Drive; 4) Midblock choker on Ashcroft Avenue and Dorrington Avenue, between Robertson Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard, and curb extensions at Dorrington / San Vicente and at Ashcroft / Sherbourne / San Vicente; 5) Alternate midblock bulb-outs and speed lumps along Huntley Drive between Melrose Avenue and Rosewood Avenue; and 6) Speed lump on Westmount Drive between Melrose Avenue and Rosewood Avenue. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. NIGHTTIME TURN RESTRICTIONS REMOVAL IN THE LA JOLLA NEIGHBORHOOD [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, W. DAVIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the permanent removal of the nighttime turn restriction and related signage in the La Jolla neighborhood, south of Santa Monica Boulevard.

ACTION: Authorize the permanent removal of the nighttime turn restriction signs in the La Jolla neighborhood, south of Santa Monica Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. NEW YEAR'S EVE SHUTTLE SERVICE TO HOLLYWOOD/HIGHLAND METRO STATION [J. D'AMICO, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop marketing and promotional materials for the New Year's Eve shuttle service from West Hollywood to the Hollywood/Highland Metro station.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the Communications Division to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the shuttle service including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with marketing the shuttle service. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Y. CREATION OF WEHOX X-TEAM, AND INNOVATION ACADEMY [P. AREVALO, F. CONTRERAS, K. MAYERSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an expansion of WeHoX, the city's civic innovation program, to include the development of an external pool of qualified consultants (X-Team) to implement WeHoX projects, and an Innovation Academy training program for City employees.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize staff to release a Request for Qualifications to develop the X-Team, an on-call pool of tech and creative media consultants to help implement WeHoX projects; and 2) Authorize staff to release a Request for Proposals for the development of a WeHoX Innovation Academy training program for City employees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Z. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2867 (SEWELL, D-AL) AND S. 1659 (LEAHY, D-VT) “VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2015” [L. MEISTER, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of two identical bills, H.R. 2867 (SEWELL,-D-AL) and S. 1659 (LEAHY, D-VT), both known as the “Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015”, which aim to amend different sections of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 to prevent discriminatory practices that can result in voter disenfranchisement and vote dilution.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4774, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2867 (SEWELL – D, AL) AND S. 1659 (LEAHY, D-VT) – VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2015”; and 2) Direct staff to send signed copies of the adopted resolution to the offices of President Barack Obama, U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Congressmembers Terri Sewell and Adam Schiff.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.AA. (4.A.) RESOLUTION OF IMPASSE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL DEPUTIES OVER THE PROPOSED LAYOFF EFFECTS AND/OR TRANSFER OF WORK OUT OF UNIT BY IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY’S LAST, BEST AND FINAL OFFER [C. SCHROEDER, S. SCHUMACHER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will resolve the current impasse in negotiations with the Association of Council Deputies over the proposed layoff of the Council Deputies, including the transfer of bargaining unit work out of the unit.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve and adopt the attached Resolution 15-4778 (Exhibit 1) which unilaterally imposes the City’s Last, Best and Final Offer regarding the layoff of Council Deputies and transfer of bargaining unit work out of the unit; and 2) Eliminate the Council Deputy Classification.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.BB. (6.A.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.070 AND REPEALING SECTION 2.08.060 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, M. JENKINS, S. COATES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to increase monthly compensation for Council Members from \$825 per month to \$1,237 per month.

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 15-972, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.070 AND REPEALING SECTION 2.08.060 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. THE CREATION OF THE CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION SPECIFIC PLAN AND DEMOLITION OF 68,350 SF OF EDUCATIONAL, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AND CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF 67,000 SF OF NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 521-523, 533, AND 563 N. ALFRED STREET AND 542-548 AND 526-532 N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, R. DIMOND]:

SUBJECT: The applicant, TGPM, Inc., representing the Center for Early Education (CEE), requests to create a specific plan, reconfigure and renovate the existing campus with no increase in current enrollment of the Center For Early Education at the properties located at 521-523, 533, and 563 N. Alfred Street and 542-548 and 526-532 N. La Cienega Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

This item was noticed as required by law.

The City Councilmembers provided their disclosures.

Senior Planner Rachel Dimond provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 7, 2015. Urban Designer Stephanie Reich commented on the urban design of the development.

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

DJ MOORE and REVETA BOWERS, APPLICANT, spoke regarding the development.

ROYA LEVIAN, BEVERLY HILLS, spoke in opposition of the development.

SAUL REISS, LOS ANGELES, spoke as a representative of the owner of 534 La Cienega and opposed the development. He requested that the development be returned to the Planning Commission for further review.

ERIC D'ARBELOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the development.

MARY GALLAGHER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the development. She expressed concern with the demolition aspect of the project and asked for consideration of the neighbors during this phase.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the project.

JARED MEISLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project.

MERRY NORRIS, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding her work as the Art Consultant and in support of the project.

JILL BRACKETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her work at the Center as a 2nd grade teacher, and in support of the development.

LILIAN HOM, LOS ANGELES, spoke on behalf of Joan Hushahn, in support of the project.

ROGER LAGRANGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project.

JESSICA LICHTENSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project.

AMY WALIA-FAZIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of the development.

BRIAN LEVIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the development.

KEITH STEPHENS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the development.

MICHAEL LEVIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the development.

GEORGE REYES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the development.

ELLA HARRINGTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the development.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his concern with the loss of the affordable housing units and asked that the developer provide funding into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

MATT LOUCHHEIM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the development.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his concern with the loss of the affordable housing units.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her concern with the loss of the affordable housing units.

CYNTHIA BLATT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project and the school, but expressed concern with the loss of affordable housing, and the low numbers of West Hollywood residents attending the school.

DJ MOORE, APPLICANT, provided a brief rebuttal.

Mayor Horvath closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Heilman inquired about the construction mitigation plan and any sound mitigation measures. Staff clarified that construction mitigation measures are required and that post construction noise mitigation will include an 8ft wall.

Councilmember Duran thanked everyone who spoke this evening. He indicated that he supports the project and that the City has a responsibility to support families and quality education.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke in support of the project. He expressed his concern with the dead end alley and directed staff to request that the school provide lighting for that area. He thanked staff and the architect for the development's sustainability standards.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister indicated that although she thinks highly of the school, she cannot support the proposed project and the proposed Specific Plan. She expressed concerns with losing rent-stabilized units in the residential neighborhood and small businesses on La Cienega. She provided the code sections from the City's Zoning Ordinance and the sections of the City's General Plan that supports the denial of the Specific Plan.

Councilmember Heilman thanked everyone who spoke on this item. He commented that the Clinton Street façade is stark in places and asked for additional color. He expressed concern with vertical slats along the school exterior. He inquired about the Alfred Street façade and the fencing. He expressed concern with the art along the La Cienega side and the potential for it to become dead space. He asked the applicant be required to post a bond to deal with potential construction mitigation issues. He is concerned with the loss of the nine (9) rent stabilized units and indicated that City policy needs to change so that when residentially zoned areas become commercial that an in lieu fee be paid. He spoke in support of the development.

Mayor Horvath commented that the City's quality of life is enhanced because of the Center for Early Education. She indicated that she walks past the school daily and commented on the instability of the local businesses in that project area. She spoke regarding the synergy between the Center and Rosewood Elementary and in support of the on-site daycare for working parents. She agreed with Councilmember Heilman's comments regarding the need for policy changes to deal with the loss of rent stabilized units. She also asked that Staff begin to look at the possibility of increasing the relocation fees given to individuals that have been Ellised.

ACTIONS: Staff recommends the City Council hold the public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, and adopt the following resolutions and ordinance: 1) Draft Resolution No. 15-4775, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 521-523, 533, AND 563 N. ALFRED STREET AND 542-548 AND 526-532 N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" (EXHIBIT A); 2) Draft Ordinance No. 15-971, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING THE CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION SPECIFIC PLAN, A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT ADDING A NEW SECTION §19.16.030 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND ZONE MAP AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE ZONING OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES TO "CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION SPECIFIC PLAN" LOCATED AT 521-523, 533, AND 563 N. ALFRED STREET AND 542-548, 526-532 N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" (EXHIBIT B); 3) Draft Resolution No. 15-4776, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEMOLITION PERMIT, DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 68,350SF OF EXISTING EDUCATIONAL, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF 67,000SF OF NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS, RESULTING IN A 106,200SF ENHANCED CAMPUS AT THE CENTER FOR EARLY EDUCATION LOCATED AT 521-523, 533, AND 563 N. ALFRED STREET AND 542-548 AND 526-532 N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" (EXHIBIT C); 4) Draft Resolution No. 15-4777, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AN ALLEY VACATION AND DEDICATION, LOCATED ADJACENT TO 521-523, 533, AND 563 N. ALFRED STREET AND 542-548 AND 526-532 N. LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA" (EXHIBIT D); 5) Direct staff to work with Developer to review safety lighting, sound mitigation, art component, additional color on Clinton Avenue side, and the proper materials used for the vertical beams.

Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved noting the “no” vote of Mayor Pro Tempore Meister.

3.B. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FIVE-STORY, 14-UNIT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING LOCATED AT 1216 FLORES STREET [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, J. ALKIRE]:

SUBJECT: This item is regarding an appeal of the Planning Commission’s approval of Resolution No. PC 15-1120 and No. PC 15-1121 conditionally approving construction of a new, five-story condominium building with 14 residential units and semi-subterranean parking located at 1216 Flores Street.

This item was noticed as required by law.

The City Councilmembers provided their disclosures.

Senior Planner Jennifer Alkire provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 7, 2015. Urban Designer Stephanie Reich commented on the architectural design of the project.

Councilmember D’Amico inquired about the affordable housing units and why they were not spread throughout the project. He expressed concerns with clustering these units. He also expressed concern with the stairs in the front of the building.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister commented on the clustering of the affordable units and noted that the developer had received concessions for providing additional affordable housing units and therefore, clustering was not necessary.

Mayor Horvath inquired about the green space at the project.

Senior Planner Jennifer Alkire and Urban Designer Stephanie Reich provided clarification on the project and the approvals and concessions the Developer has received. They also clarified that the developer has met the open space requirement as well.

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

MICHELLE BLACK AND GEORGE CREDLE, APPELLANT, spoke regarding the appeal and provided the reasons for appealing the Planning Commission’s decision to approve the project.

KATE BARTOLO, APPLICANT, REPRESENTING THE APPLICANTS, Spoke in support of her client's project.

CYNTHIA BLATT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.
VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the West Hollywood Preservation Alliance in support of the appeal.

CHRIS STAVROUDIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the appeal.

The following individuals did not wish to speak but wanted to express their opposition to the Item and in support of the Appeal: Lark Stavroudis, Jennifer Clingo, Dixie McKie, Jeanne Dobrin, Michael Wojtkielewicz, Robert Switzer, Norman Hartstein, Roberg Gurval, Darlene Chan, Gary Swinton, Gary More, James Noll, and Steven Andrews.

KATE BARTOLO, APPLICANT, provided her rebuttal.

MICHELLE BLACK AND GEORGE CREDLE, APPELLANT, provided their rebuttal.

Mayor Horvath closed the public hearing.

Councilmember D'Amico commented on the project's design. He also mentioned his concerns with the clustering of the affordable housing units, the size of the units, and the location of the stairwell.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired if the Planning Commission was provided with the proposed size of the current market rate size of units, and staff indicated that they were provided with the current information. She stated that she did not agree with the Urban Designers assessment and that the proposed project is not compatible with the neighborhood. She expressed concern with clustering affordable units to provide a better view to those living in the market-rate units. She spoke in support of remanding the project to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Heilman thanked everyone who came out to speak this evening. He agrees that the exterior stairwell needs revision. He mentioned reducing the unit sizes and balconies to reduce the size. He mentioned that the street has a mix of different architectural styles. He

indicated that he is fine with the CEQA aspects but feels the design needs further refinement.

Mayor Horvath expressed concern with various aspects of the project, including the size of the units, and the height of the project. She also stated that after reviewing various aspects of SB 1818 and speaking with Staff and the City Attorney regarding possible drought and environmental impacts, there is not enough evidence to overturn the Planning Commission's decision. She did however, express concern with the cumulative impacts on the community and asked staff to look at lowering the traffic impact threshold and to conduct a City-wide traffic study.

Ms. Alkire provided the City's municipal code section that discusses clustering of affordable housing units.

Councilmember Duran agrees with the issues raised regarding the exterior stairwell. He stated that he would be o.k. with having only one affordable unit if it reduces the mass. He supports a project at the site however, he is not sure that this is the right project given the style of the adjacent building.

ACTIONS: Continue the Public Hearing to a date uncertain. Direct Staff to work with the Developer and return to Council with a redesign based on Council comments relating to the front façade, the size of the units and balconies on the north side, the exterior stairwell, and the relation of the project to the neighboring buildings. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. RESOLUTION OF IMPASSE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL DEPUTIES OVER THE PROPOSED LAYOFF EFFECTS AND/OR TRANSFER OF WORK OUT OF UNIT BY IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY'S LAST, BEST AND FINAL OFFER [C. SCHROEDER, S. SCHUMACHER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will resolve the current impasse in negotiations with the Association of Council Deputies over the proposed layoff of the Council Deputies, including the transfer of bargaining unit work out of the unit.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS FOR EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 7522.56 AND 21224 [P. AREVALO, M. JENKINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting two resolutions approving exceptions to the 180-Day Wait Period pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224 to retain the services of retired Assistant City Manager Samuel Baxter and retired Administrative Services Director LuNita Bock to fill critically needed extra help positions performing limited duration special project work.

City Manager Arevalo provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 7, 2015. The resolutions would retain recently retired Assistant City Manager Sam Baxter and Director of Administrative Services LuNita Bock due to their need to fill critical knowledge.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister expressed her concerns with the Item and waiving the 180-day waiting period. She stated that LuNita Bock is not the appropriate person to handle the issues with the Council Deputy system, and stated that when people retire, they are not of the same mindset.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of the Item and stated that both LuNita Bock and Sam Baxter provide critical history and knowledge as it relates to the ongoing legal issues.

Councilmember D'Amico also expressed their concern with waiving the 180 day waiting period and stated that it is not a good policy to have employees retire and then return and receive a salary.

Councilmember Duran spoke in support of the item and stated that both of these employees have information and knowledge regarding the ongoing litigation and agreed to assist the City.

Mayor Horvath stated she does not have concerns with these individuals working within this limited and specific scope as it relates to ongoing litigation.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of retaining the Council Deputy system.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of this item.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4779, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD GC SECTION 7522.56 & 21224 FOR SAMUEL BAXTER IV"; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4780, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD GC SECTION 7522.56 & 21224 FOR LUNITA BOCK". **Motion**

by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved, noting the “no” votes of Councilmember D’Amico and Mayor Pro Tempore Meister.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.08.070 AND REPEALING SECTION 2.08.060 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, M. JENKINS, S. COATES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to increase monthly compensation for Council Members from \$825 per month to \$1,237 per month.

RECOMMENDATION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LORI LYNNER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a proposed event entitled “Gender Empathy Day” on February 12th.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:45 p.m. in memory of Holly Woodlawn, Gladys Ashkenazy Pressman, Sandy Berger, and the victims of the shootings in San Bernardino and Colorado. The City Council adjourned to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, December 21, 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 21st day of December, 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