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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mason Sommers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, Deputy City Attorney Langer, City Clerk Quarker, and Assistant City Clerk Crowder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Meister indicated that staff has requested in the Staff Report that Item 4.A. be tabled to a future meeting. She also requested that Item 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.Y.

Councilmember Horvath requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X. Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman commented that he agrees with the item being moved, but requested that staff return in five years for a re-evaluation by Council.

Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Karen Elaine Smith and Jonathan Martinez. She also asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of military service personnel who lost their lives in service to our country since the last meeting: Staff Sergeant Mark R. De Alencar (37).

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Duran presented a proclamation to Deputy Daniel Martinez for his assistance surrounding an assault on St. Patrick’s Day.
Mayor Meister presented a proclamation to Mason Sommers in recognition of Donate Life Month.
Mayor Meister presented a proclamation to the members of the Public Facilities Commission honoring Arbor Day.

SPECIAL ITEM:

A. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 7, 2017 CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution declaring the results, and accepting the official canvass and official statement of votes cast from the L.A. County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk for the Consolidated Municipal Election held March 7, 2017.

ACTIONS: 1) Declare JOHN HEILMAN and JOHN J. DURAN elected as Members of the City Council to shortened terms of three years and eight months respectively; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 17-4935 , “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICIAL CANVASS AND OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST FOR THE CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 7, 2017, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW.” Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico and approved.

B. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Duran thanked the residents of West Hollywood and spoke about his tenure on the City Council. Finally, he thanked his campaign manager, George Urch.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked the residents of West Hollywood, especially those who voted on March 7th. He thanked his campaign staff and volunteers. He thanked the other candidates in the election. Finally, he thanked City staff, the City Clerk, and his City Council colleagues.

C. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS:

City Clerk Yvonne Quarker administered the oath of office to Councilmembers John J. Duran and John Heilman.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.I.
TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

CATHERINE GREY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.S.
AMANDA GOODWIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the opening of Dean and Deluca and the impact to the community, traffic mitigation, and homelessness.

ANNA SWETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the opening of Trader Joe’s at Movie Town Plaza and Item 2.P.

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.E.

ODALYS NANIN, MACHA THEATER, spoke regarding Item 4.A.

DANIELLE FREY, CHINO HILLS, spoke regarding Item 4.A.

JAVIER MULERO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 4.A.

KELLY FALVEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 4.A.

AARON GREEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 4.A.

VICTOR BUMBALO, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Item 4.A.

GEORGE CREDLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 4.A.

DIANE FORTE, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, spoke regarding Item 5.A.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the loss of long-time West Hollywood resident Tad Myroskov, and the subsequent actions of the Jon Stewart Company.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 5.C. on the April 3, 2017 City Council agenda.

RICHARD GIESBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City’s FM3 study on affordable housing.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Wells Fargo Bank.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the disabled community in West Hollywood as well as the City’s Disabilities Advisory Board.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Horvath wished everyone a belated Happy Easter and Passover. She commented that she attended the Metro Mayor’s roundtable discussion. She also attended the Liability Trust Fund claims Board and Oversite Committee in Norwalk.
She thanked staff for various items on the Consent Calendar. She thanked her colleagues for their support and approval of Items 2.T. and 2.W.

Councilmember D'Amico congratulated Councilmember Duran and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman on their re-election. He thanked his colleagues for supporting Item 5.A. Finally, he provided his campaign disclosures.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman asked Public Works Director Oscar Delgado to respond to the public comments regarding how the City handles parking handicap vehicles in the automated parking garage. He also responded to public comments regarding Item 2.E. and animal slaughter as well as public comments regarding the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Finally, he commented that he attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington March 11 -15, 2017.

Mayor Meister spoke regarding the upcoming Yom Hashoah event on April 23rd from 1 p.m. – 2 pm., and the upcoming free turf removal class on May 3rd, hosted by the West Basin Municipal Water District at Plummer Park. She spoke regarding Item 2.I. and asked if the City could have another parking meter week or weekend event where the funds from parking meters are allocated to the Youth Scholarship Program. She spoke regarding Item 2.K., and requested that when the traffic and mobility study is conducted, to include what traffic will look like if the city is “built out” as this was not analyzed in the General Plan Program EIR. She spoke regarding Item 2.W. and requested that Staff also send a letter to the United Nations representative. She spoke regarding Item 2.M. and requested that training on ADA and design for Aging in Place be included in the staff trainings. She spoke regarding businesses being provided banners and flags as a welcome to visitors, during the upcoming Los Angeles Pride March. She stated for the record that she has concerns with a three-year commitment with Christopher Street West. Finally, she clarified the recommendations she proposed in the Item relating to a moratorium on hotels from the April 3rd meeting, and stated that there were questions surrounding the legalities of the proposed moratorium, and stated that it was no different than the one approved by Council relating to Craftsman homes.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo provided clarification on Item 2.L. and the hotel voucher program. He mentioned the City-wide traffic study and current approved traffic light synchronization and clarified that the RFP will include traffic light synchronization for the City-wide study as well. Lastly, he spoke regarding the Chamber of Commerce’s efforts in working with businesses along Santa Monica Blvd. for the upcoming Los Angeles Pride March.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is $971,379 in expenditures, $885,583 in potential revenue, and ($4,273) in waived fees.
2. CONSENT CALENDAR:


2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:
SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, April 17, 2017 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.
ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of the prior Council meeting.
ACTION: Approve the minutes of April 3, 2017. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 801 [D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO]:
SUBJECT: The City Council shall approve or reject the Demand Register for period ending April 7, 2017 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.
ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 801 and adopt Resolution No.17-4934, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 801.” Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 17-1004 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING SEISMIC STRENGTHENING REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO CATEGORIES OF EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE CITY AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 17-1004 establishing seismic strengthening requirements for two categories of existing buildings in the city and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.
ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 17-1004, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING SEISMIC STRENGTHENING REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO CATEGORIES OF EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE CITY AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE”. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 17-1003 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO LOS
ANGELES COUNTY CODE TITLE 10-ANIMALS BY REFERENCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.48 (ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO (1) AMEND THE LIST OF VIOLATIONS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; (2) AMEND CERTAIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE SECTIONS RELATED TO LICENSING FEES AND SPECIFIED NUISANCES; AND (3) AMEND THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO SEIZING AND IMPOUNDING DANGEROUS ANIMALS POSING AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY; AMENDING SECTION 9.52.040 TO EXPLAIN THAT VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 9.52 (DISPLAY OR PERFORMANCE OF WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS) ARE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.54 (PYGMY GOATS AND CHICKENS) TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF PYGMY GOATS AND CHICKENS IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT THESE CHANGES” [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 17-1003 adopting amendments to Los Angeles County Code Title 10-animals by reference, amending Chapter 9.48 (Animal Control Regulations) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to (1) amend the list of violations which are subject to administrative penalties; (2) amend certain Los Angeles County code sections related to licensing fees and specified nuisances; and (3) amend the provisions related to seizing and impounding dangerous animals posing an immediate threat to public safety; amending Section 9.52.040 to explain that violations of Chapter 9.52 (display or performance of wild or exotic animals) are subject to administrative penalties; adding a new Chapter 9.54 (pygmy goats and chickens) to the West Hollywood Municipal Code to regulate the keeping of pygmy goats and chickens in the City of West Hollywood; and amending Chapter 1.08 (general penalty provisions) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to reflect these changes.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 17-1003, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TITLE 10-ANIMALS BY REFERENCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.48 (ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO (1) AMEND THE LIST OF VIOLATIONS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; (2) AMEND CERTAIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE SECTIONS RELATED TO LICENSING FEES AND SPECIFIED NUISANCES; AND (3) AMEND THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO SEIZING AND IMPOUNDING DANGEROUS ANIMALS POSING AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY; AMENDING SECTION 9.52.040 TO EXPLAIN THAT VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 9.52 (DISPLAY OR PERFORMANCE OF WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS) ARE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; ADDING A NEW
CHAPTER 9.54 (PYGMY GOATS AND CHICKENS) TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF PYGMY GOATS AND CHICKENS IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT THESE CHANGES”. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORT [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report from the Women’s Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meeting.
ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.G. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017 [D. WILSON, L. QUIJANO, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 2017 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.
ACTION: Receive and file the February 2017 Treasurer’s Report.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.H. UPDATE ON SANCTUARY CITIES [P. AREVALO, H. MOLINA]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a written update on sanctuary cities and the role of local government and law enforcement agencies as it relates to enforcement of federal immigration laws.
ACTION: Receive & File. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.I. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, C. ROSKIN]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Social Services staff to work with the Communications, Economic Development and Finance & Technology Services Departments to increase visibility of the Youth Scholarship Program.
ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.J. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CITYWIDE TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY STUDY [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, B. CHEUNG]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing staff to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a Citywide Traffic and Mobility Study.
ACTION: Approve the release of a Request for Proposals for a Citywide Traffic and Mobility Study. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.K. AUTHORITY TO RELEASE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FIXED ROUTE, DEMAND RESPONSE, AND “ON-DEMAND” (TAXI) TRANSIT SERVICES [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, P. GOODMAN, F. GOMEZ]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the release of a Request for Proposals for its Fixed Route (CityLine/CityLine X), Demand Response (Dial-A-Ride/TLC) and “On-Demand” (Taxi-type) transit services.

ACTION: Approve the release and related schedule for a Request for Proposals for Fixed Route, Demand Response and On-Demand transit services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH STEP UP ON SECOND FOR AN EMERGENCY SHELTER/HOTEL BED NIGHT PROGRAM [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, C. PLANCK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider awarding a one-year agreement with Step Up On Second for an emergency shelter/hotel bed night program.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Step Up On Second in an amount not to exceed $5,000 for an emergency shelter/hotel bed night program; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents related to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GYWNNE PUGH URBAN STUDIO [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement in order to continue providing design review services and add urban design and architectural design training for staff and the Planning Commission Design Review Subcommittee.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for services with Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by $55,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of $80,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR EXCHANGE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR LOCAL HIGHWAY FUNDS [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the approval of an agreement between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to exchange Federal Surface Transportation Program - Local Funds.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign an Exchange Agreement between the City of West Hollywood and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program - Local Funds; and 2) Authorize the Director of
Finance to increase budgeted revenues and expenditures in the Special Grants Fund, account numbers 202-422013 and 202-4-08-84-704031 by $891,583. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 1701, BETTY WAY SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 1701, Betty Way Sewer Construction Project.
ACTIONS: 1) Accept the work and authorize the following: a. Filing a Notice of Completion by the City Engineer, b. Final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35 day lien period, c. Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, d. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of the recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE AUTOMATED PARKING GARAGE PROJECT, PROJECT NO. DPW 14-001 [O. DELGADO, D. UYENO]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for the Automated Parking Garage Project, Project No. DPW 14-001, by T.B. Penick and Sons.
ACTIONS: 1) Accept the work and authorize the following: a. Filing a Notice of Completion by the Director of Public Works, b. Final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35 day lien period, c. Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, d. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of the recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices; and 2) Authorize the addition of $170,884 from account #213-4-08-08-707033 (Mid-City Parking - Construction) to contract #006732 with T.B. Penick and Sons for construction contingency above the previously approved 10%. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION, ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MELROSE PARKING LOT 1-1GE [O. DELGADO, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement from the County of Los Angeles for the Installation, Access and Maintenance of Underground Utilities and Improvements at the Melrose Parking Lot 1-1GE.
ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 17-4936, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION, ACCESS AND MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, AND IMPROVEMENTS AT MELROSE PARKING LOT 1-1GE A.I.N 433-007-904 IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD;" and 2) Direct the City Clerk
to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 17-4936, as well as the Easement in Exhibit C for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AIDS LIFECYCLE 2017 [J. DURAN, A. LOVANO]:**

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider fee waivers and closure requests related to AIDS/LifeCycle 2017 participants’ passage through West Hollywood along Santa Monica Boulevard on their way to the Finish Line Festival, taking place at Fairfax High School on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

**ACTIONS:**

1) Approve partial closures of Santa Monica Boulevard, Doheny Drive and Ogden Drive on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in preparation for arrivals; 2) Approve fee waivers and potential loss of revenue in an amount not to exceed $4,550, which includes the waiver of Special Event Permit fees ($1,250), Encroachment Permit fees ($300) and potential loss of Parking Meter revenue (not to exceed $3,000); 3) Authorize City Manager or his designee to negotiate with AIDS/LifeCycle regarding additional requests; and 4) Approvals are conditional upon the execution of an Event Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Event Organizer per attached agreement template (Attachment A). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE LIVE LOVE THRIVE WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE [L. MEISTER, L. HORVATH, A. LOVANO]:**

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the Live, Love, Thrive Women’s Empowerment Conference on November 3-4, 2017 in the City Council Chambers and West Hollywood Auditorium.

**ACTIONS:**

1) Approve the co-sponsorship of the Live, Love, Thrive Women’s Empowerment Conference on November 3-4, 2017 in the City Council Chambers and West Hollywood Auditorium; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on promotional and collateral materials; 3) Approve the use of the City facilities and waive facility use fees, film permit fees, and parking fees for all day parking at the 5-story parking structure for attendees of the event (estimated $5,723 in waived fees); 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City’s website and social media tools; 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate $1,600 for associated costs from next fiscal year’s FY 17-18 Budget, in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001; and 6) Approvals are conditional upon the execution of an Event Co-sponsorship Agreement with the Event Organizer per the attached agreement template (Attachment 1). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
2.T. A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTIMS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND TO CONDEMN MASS ATROCITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST ANY PEOPLE [L. HORVATH, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to commemorate the victims of the Armenian Genocide and to condemn mass atrocities and human rights violations against any people.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 17-4937, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTIMS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE ON APRIL 24TH AND TO CONDEMN MASS ATROCITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST ANY PEOPLE;” 2) Direct the Communications Department to issue a press release regarding the City’s resolution; and 3) Lower the flags of all public facilities in West Hollywood to half-mast on April 24, 2017 and annually on this day in remembrance of the victims of the Armenian Genocide. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.U. A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO COLLECT DATA ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY [J. HEILMAN, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to urge the United States Census Bureau to include questions about sexual orientation and gender identity in the 2020 Census and the American Community Survey.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 17-4938, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD URGING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO COLLECT DATA ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY;” 2) Direct staff to send signed copies of the adopted resolution to the offices of President Donald Trump, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, U.S. Representative Adam Schiff, U.S. Census Bureau Director John H. Thompson, and other partners as appropriate; and 3) Direct the Legal Services & Legislative Affairs Division to actively advocate for inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity data collection on the Census and American Community Survey. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.V. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR CALIFORNIA AND SB 562, THE HEALTHY CALIFORNIA ACT [L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of a universal health care program for California and SB 562, the Healthy California Act, which would create a single-payer healthcare system in the state.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 17-4939 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB 562 (LARA AND ATKINS), THE HEALTHY CALIFORNIA ACT;” and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolutions to Governor
Jerry Brown, Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, CA State Senators Ben Allen, Ricardo Lara, and Toni Atkins, CA State Assembly Member Richard Bloom, California Nurses Association, and other legislators and statewide partners as appropriate. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.W. A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHECHNYA’S OPENING OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR DETENTION OF LGBT PEOPLE AND CALLING ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO SANCTION THAT COUNTRY FOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS [L. HORVATH, J. HEILMAN, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution condemning Chechnya for opening concentration camps to detain and torture LGBT people for their sexual orientation.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution 17-4940, “RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDEMNING CHECHNYA’S OPENING OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR DETENTION OF LGBT PEOPLE AND CALLING ON THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO SANCTION THAT COUNTRY FOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS;” 2) Direct staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to President Donald J. Trump, the United States Department of State, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, Congressman Adam Schiff, and other offices as appropriate; and 3) Direct staff to work in collaboration with Human Rights Watch, the Human Rights Campaign, the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board and the Russian Advisory Board to ensure that constituents and allies join efforts to denounce these human rights violations. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.X. (5.A.) 2 HOUR FREE PARKING VALIDATION FOR PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES (PEV) AND PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES (PHEV) CHARGING IN CITY OWNED PARKING STRUCTURES [O. DELGADO, V. GUARINO, R. MARQUEZ, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: This City Council will consider authorizing a 2 hour free parking validation for plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) charging at the City Owned Parking Structures and will support ongoing efforts to promote electric vehicle charging readiness within the City.

ACTION: Approve a recommendation to adopt a program to provide 2 hour free parking validation for plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) that have charged in the City Owned Parking Structures. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.Y. (6.A.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS [K. COOK, L. CAMPBELL]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the first reading of an Ordinance adding a new section to the West Hollywood Municipal Code regarding interference with special events.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Council adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 17-1006 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING A NEW SECTION 9.04.340 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS.” Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM INCENTIVES [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, R. EASON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the West Hollywood Zoning Ordinance to eliminate the Green Building Program incentives.

This item was noticed as required by law.

Senior Sustainability Planner Robyn Eason provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 17, 2017.

Mayor Meister opened the Public Hearing and the following speakers came forward.

EDWARD LEVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the various recommendations from staff and expressed concern with some portions of the report.

RIC ABRAMSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the various recommendations from staff and expressed support for the item.

Mayor Meister closed the Public Hearing.

Council commented on the various incentives and provided feedback, and expressed support for eliminating Items #4 and #6 from the Green Building Program Incentives, and in support of the Alternative Recommendation.

Deputy City Attorney Lauren Langer stated for the record, that Council would be adopting on first reading the Ordinance provided to Council as a part of the Alternative Recommendation and that Subsection 19.20.060.C:6 would be deleted as well.

19.20.060.C6 OF TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM INCENTIVES, CITYWIDE. Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. INFORMATION ON TEN INELIGIBLE PROPERTIES FROM THE COMMERCIAL HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA, A. CASTILLO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider continuing the item before receiving additional information on ten properties identified by the West Hollywood Preservation Alliance and the City Council, explaining the methodology in determining how the properties were found to be ineligible for designation through the Commercial Historic Resources Survey prepared by GPA Consulting.

ACTION: This item was tabled.

4.B. MULTI-UNIT NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY, INCLUDING UPDATE ON SURVEY, ACTION PLAN, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, D. DEGRAZIA, R. DIMOND, E. SAVAGE, P. NOONAN]:

SUBJECT: This report presents the results of the public opinion survey regarding multi-unit development, and proposes for approval an action plan and community engagement program in response to community concerns identified in the survey.

Senior Planner Rachel Dimond provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 17, 2017. City consultant Richard Bernard of FM3 presented the results of the community survey that his firm conducted.

Council posed questions to the consultant regarding the survey results.

EDWARD LEVIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the items that the City needs to address such as density, height, and scale.

RIC ABRAMSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the items that the City needs to address such as development standards.

DAVID WARREN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding affordable housing versus housing that is affordable.

NASIM KABLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding supporting the elimination of the density bonus.
MICHAEL WOJTKELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding affordable housing and housing that is affordable.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding zoning and form-based code.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the survey results.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding building height and parking.

Council provided feedback and further direction relating to the three categories of recommendations provided by staff.

Assistant Director of Community Development John Keho spoke regarding the state legislature’s efforts to address the state’s housing shortage.

Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager Peter Noonan and Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage responded to questions regarding Inclusionary Housing in new developments and the number of very low, and low income units being built in comparison to moderate income units.

Council also directed staff to look at parking shortages in areas where there isn’t proposed development and to include A-3 with the housing typology study to be conducted by the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division.

**ACTIONS**: 1) Direct staff to implement recommendations A-1, A-2, B-2, B-3, and B-4 as part of Group A: Immediate Actions and to include the exploration of height, density, open space, zoning, sustainability, height averaging, parking requirements, and increasing supply of moderate-income housing; 2) Direct staff to initiate the process to prepare Multi-unit Design Guidelines as part of the amended contract with Raimi + Associates; 3) Direct staff to evaluate recommendations detailed in Group B, as part of the amended contract with Raimi + Associates; 4) Direct staff to implement a Task Force comprised of members of the community; and 5) Direct staff to amend Raimi + Associates scope of work and modify the contract to incorporate the work plan described in this report and bring the contract back for approval at the next Council meeting. **Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.**
4.C. TRANSIT SERVICES EVALUATION AND STRATEGIC PLAN [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, P. GOODMAN, F. GOMEZ]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will review the evaluation of and priorities for the City’s transit services.

Councilmember D’Amico spoke in opposition to Taxi enhancement fees and Transportation Program Administrator Perri Sloane Goodman responded to questions and provided clarification on the history of the taxi enhancement fees the City charges.

Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Elizabeth Savage spoke regarding transit needs for seniors.

Mayor Meister spoke about providing transit services that would help our businesses and hotels and requested that staff work with the Transportation Commission on suggestions submitted by Transportation Commissioner David Warren.

ACTION: Receive draft evaluation report, provide comments, adopt goals for the City’s transit programming, and direct staff to look at additional transportation options on Sunset as well as hotel/airport shuttles. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.

4.D. CITY EVENT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS [M. LOUIE, C. SMITH, M. GERLE]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of event permitting and policies for event selection, application requirements and post event analysis.

Director of Economic Development Maribel Louie introduced Event Services Manager Cleo Smith and Event Services Coordinator Mikel Gerle.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding sidewalk sales and the permit issues.

The following individual did not wish to speak, but submitted a citizen position slip in support of the recommended Item: West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

Council posed questions and commented on various aspects of the proposed changes to the City’s event policy, including their concerns relating to small groups and non-profits being negatively affected by the proposed changes and requirements.
ACTIONS: 1) Approve staff recommendations for revised event classifications; 2) Approve standardized financial policy for major events only; 3) Direct the Revenue Management Division to include the fee changes shown in Table 5 in the proposed fiscal-year 2017-18 Fee Resolution that will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting prior to July 1, 2017; 4) Approve staff recommendation to develop a data collection system to review, approve, and collect pre and post-event data on all City events for periodic reporting and analysis; 5) Appoint Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Councilmember Horvath to a sub-committee to further review policies. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.

4.E. SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD’S NEW URBANISM – FINAL REPORT [M. LOUIE, J. ROCCO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a final report and recommendations on the Council directive to conduct community outreach with commercial property owners, small business owners and other stakeholders to gather feedback on proposed tools and policies to help small businesses in West Hollywood’s new urbanism.

Items 4.E. and 4.F. were presented simultaneously.

IRINA ZHURA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding wraps and signs such as “coming soon”.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding reducing parking requirements.

The following individual did not wish to speak, but submitted a citizen position slip in support of the recommended Items: Darren Embry, Jason Illoulian, and the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

Council commented on the item and provided feedback.

Mayor Meister requested that the expansion of local transit be added to recommendation #2 in Item 4.E., and relating to Item 4.F., spoke in support of the recommendation that requests that extended hours be brought before the Business License Commission for approval.

Councilmember Horvath spoke in support of creating a Business Concierge position to assist businesses throughout the start-up process.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff from the Business Development Division to incorporate proposed recommendations into their work plans for the Fiscal Year 17-18; 2) Approve staff recommendation to initiate an analysis of the feasibility of reducing parking requirements in commercial areas of the City and expand local transit; and 3) Approve staff recommendation to
amend current sign standards to expand the size and types of temporary signs for construction, future occupant and commercial real estate signs. 

**Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.**

4.F. **EVALUATION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMS SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES IN WEST HOLLYWOOD – FINAL REPORT [M. LOUIE, J. ROCCO]**:

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will receive a final report of the evaluation of policies and programs supporting small businesses in West Hollywood.

**Items 4.E. and 4.F. were presented simultaneously.**

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to incorporate proposed recommendations into their work plans for the next fiscal year; 2) Approve staff recommendation to initiate an analysis of the feasibility of reducing parking requirements in commercial areas of the City; 3) Approve staff recommendation to change the application process for extended hours of operation from the current MCUP to a Business License; and 4) Train the Business License Commission on their new charge. 

**Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.**

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

5.A. **2 HOUR FREE PARKING VALIDATION FOR PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES (PEV) AND PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLES (PHEV) CHARGING IN CITY OWNED PARKING STRUCTURES [O. DELGADO, V. GUARINO, R. MARQUEZ, B. BORTFELD]**:

**SUBJECT:** This City Council will consider authorizing a 2 hour free parking validation for plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) charging at the City Owned Parking Structures and will support ongoing efforts to promote electric vehicle charging readiness within the City.

**ACTION:** This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]**:

**SUBJECT:** The City Council will consider electing a new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

**ACTION:** Elect John Heilman as Mayor and John Duran as Mayor Pro Tempore to be installed on May 15, 2017 at the Reorganization Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. 

**Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico, and approved.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING INTERFERENCE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS [K. COOK, L. CAMPBELL]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the first reading of an Ordinance adding a new section to the West Hollywood Municipal Code regarding interference with special events.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MONIQUE LUKENS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 4.A. and the Macha Theater.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:21 p.m. in memory of Karen Elaine Smith, Jonathan Martinez, and Staff Sergeant Mark R. De Alencar to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, May 1, 2017 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 1st day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

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

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LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK