

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Larry Block led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: **Councilmember Duran, Councilmember Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Mayor D’Amico**

ABSENT: **None**

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 2.L. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Mayor D’Amico requested that Items 2.F., 2.G., and 4.A. be Tabled to a future meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, to approve the March 16, 2015 agenda as amended and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dirk Shafer.

Mayor D’Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of consumer advocate Judd McIlvain.

PRESENTATIONS:

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang presented commendations to the Councilmember Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

Steve Zimmer’s representative presented a Proclamation to Councilmember Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

Congressman Adam Schiff’s representative presented a Proclamation to Councilmember Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

SPECIAL ITEM:

A. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF MARCH 3, 2015 [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution declaring the results of the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

ACTIONS: 1) Declare John D'Amico, Lauren Meister, and Lindsey Horvath elected as Members of the City Council to a full term of four years; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4661, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 3, 2015, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW." **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and approved.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor D'Amico presented a key to the City to Councilmember Land.

Senator Feinstein's representative presented a Proclamation to Councilmember Land.

Assemblymember Richard Bloom's representative presented Resolutions to Councilmember Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

Women's Advisory Board Chair Dr. Molly Casey presented a keepsake book to Councilmember Land on behalf of the Board.

B. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Duran expressed kind words and thanks to Councilmember Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman for their service. He also spoke regarding looking forward to working with Councilmember-elect Meister and Councilmember-elect Horvath.

Mayor D'Amico presented a key to the City to Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

Councilmember Land thanked the Mayor for the key to the City. She congratulated the incoming Councilmembers. She expressed her gratitude thanks to City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Attorney Mike Jenkins, and the City staff. She acknowledged L.A. Counter Assessor Jeffrey Prang, and thanked her fellow Councilmembers. She enumerated all of the accomplishments over the last 12 years.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked his colleagues. He thanked City staff, the City Manager and the City Attorney. He thanked the Commissioners and Board members. Finally, he thanked the residents of West Hollywood for their support through the years.

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

The oath will be administered to the newly elected members of the City Council.

City Clerk Quarker administered the oath of office to John D'Amico.

Former Los Angeles Councilmember Bill Rosendahl administered the oath of office to Lauren Meister.

Attorney Gloria Allred administered the oath of office to Lindsey Horvath.

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar Consent and requested that this be included with the approval of the Agenda. With no objection, Item 5.A. was moved to the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Meister spoke briefly about the outgoing Councilmembers and her hope for Council to work together the next four years. She thanked her family and friends for their support.

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of labor activist Vernon Watkins. She spoke regarding the creation of an Ethics Task Force.

Mayor D'Amico thanked the residents for their vote and for voting. He thanked his husband. He also suggested the creation of an Ethics Task Force, and spoke regarding the future of the City.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ELYSE EISENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.G.

HUGO BRAHAM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.O.

MIKE RIZZO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.O.

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

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.F.

BRENDA SIMMONS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.O.

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

A. LEE WALKUP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Gay Men's Chorus Spring Chorus.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.O. and 2.Q.

MICHELLE DENNIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the transgender community.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Councilmembers Horvath and Meister and expressed kind words to outgoing Councilmembers Land and Heilman.

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

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Councilmembers Horvath and Meister and expressed kind words to outgoing Councilmembers Land and Heilman.

SIBYL ZADEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

NIR ZILBERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Councilmembers Horvath and Meister and expressed kind words to outgoing Councilmembers Land and Heilman.

RICHARD EASTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues in the City.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March election.

BOB BISHOP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the proposed development at 826 N. Kings Road.

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 5.A.

REINA G. MARTINEZ, REPRESENTING HOLLYWOOD NOW, congratulated Councilmember Horvath.

LYNN HOOPINGARNER, spoke regarding the Women's Advisory Board.

JOE GUARDARRAMA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Councilmembers Horvath and Meister and expressed kind words to outgoing Councilmembers Land and Heilman. He also spoke in support of the creating of an Ethics Committee.

MARINA BERKMAN, REPRESENTING JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, congratulated Councilmembers Horvath and Meister and expressed kind words to outgoing

Councilmembers Land and Heilman. She spoke regarding the continued relationship between JFS and the City of West Hollywood.

HEIDI SHINK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the new City Council.

JEFF KIERNAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the change in the Council.

ALLEGRA ALLISON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the change in the Council.

MAX KANIN, LOS ANGELES, expressed kind words for outgoing Councilmember John Heilman.

MICHAEL CAPP, REPRESENTING L.A. COUNTY ASSESSOR JEFFREY PRANG, presented Proclamations to City Manager Arevalo, Mayor D'Amico, and Councilmembers Meister and Horvath.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding Item 2.L. He spoke regarding his recent attendance at the APAC Conference in Washington, D.C. He spoke in support of the Big Belly trash cans. He also reported that the "Alice in WeHoland" campaign is a finalist for an award honoring Government agencies and their use of social media. He thanked his colleagues for supporting Item 2.O. He encouraged residents to apply for the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards. He also provided his campaign disclosures.

Councilmember Horvath commented on Item 2.H. and asked that Staff take into consideration the recent report regarding California's increasing drought when preparing the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She also announced that Kiran Hashmi will be her interim Council Deputy.

Councilmember Meister thanked her colleagues for supporting Item 2.K.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo commented that representatives for Item 2.G. are in attendance and have heard Council comments regarding this Item. He indicated that staff will add information regarding the State's drought in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He thanked Abbe Land and John Heilman for their service and welcomed the new Councilmembers.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$217,405.00 in expenditures, \$20,000.00 in loss revenue, and (\$21,385.00) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,H.,I.,J.,K.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V. Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved with Councilmembers Horvath and Meister abstaining on Item 2.B.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, March 16, 2015 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, March 12, 2015.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ACTION: Approve the minutes of March 2, 2015. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar with Councilmember Meister and Councilmember Horvath abstaining.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 761, RESOLUTION NO. 15-4662:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 761 and adopt Resolution No. 15-4662, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 761". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

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

ACTION: Deny the claim of Carol Gedney and refer 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 and the Disabilities Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.F. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION SECOND QUARTER REPORT FOR 2014-2015 [E. SAVAGE, P. NOONAN, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC) Administrative Contract Report for the Second Quarter of fiscal year 2014-2015.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

2.G. SUNSET LA CIENEGA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT YEARLY REVIEW [S. DEWOLFE, J. KEHO, J. HANKAMER]:

SUBJECT: Pursuant to Section 4.3.1 of the Sunset La Cienega Project Development Agreement, the City must review the extent of good faith substantial compliance by the Project Owner with the terms of the Development Agreement. This report serves as the review that is required at least every twelve (12) months during the term of the Development Agreement.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

2.H. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – FIVE YEAR UPDATE [K. COOK, B. SMITH, S. BERRY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the City of West Hollywood's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 15-4663, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE UPDATED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN"; 2) Direct staff to forward copies of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and Resolution No. 15-4663 to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and 3) Authorize staff to make modifications to the Hazard Mitigation Plan as necessary or as required by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services before the next formal update. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RBF CONSULTING FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES ON CIP 1503, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM EAST SIDE – PHASE IV [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a professional service agreement with RBF Consulting for construction management and inspection services on CIP 1503, Concrete Repair Program East Side – Phase IV.

ACTION: Approve a professional services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$76,455 with RBF Consulting for construction management and inspection services on CIP 1503, Concrete Repair Program East Side – Phase IV, and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. VEHICLE PURCHASE OF A RAM PROMASTER FULL SIZE HIGH ROOF VAN [K. COOK, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the purchase of a 9,350 lbs. minimum gross vehicle weight rating Ram Promaster Full Size High Roof Van to be utilized as a Mobile Command Post (MCP) and community education vehicle.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to McPeek's Dodge of Anaheim, California in an amount of \$36,406.00 for the purchase of a Ram Promaster Full Size Roof Van, to include taxes, fees and delivery; and 2) Authorize the Public Safety Director to work with the County of Los Angeles Fire Fleet Services and Sheriff's Fleet Services to select a vendor in accordance with West Hollywood purchasing policies to upfit the vehicle to meet the rigorous requirements for emergency support services. The completed vehicle upfitting shall not exceed \$100,000, a cap which also includes the purchase price of \$36,406.00. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. ADDITION OF CESAR E. CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY TO THE ANNUAL CALENDAR SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING METER AND TIME LIMITED PARKING ZONES [L. MEISTER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to suspend the enforcement of meter violations and violations of the time limited parking zones on certain federal and state holidays.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 15-4664, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 656 BY ADDING CESAR E. CHAVEZ BIRTHDAY TO THE ANNUAL CALENDAR SUSPENDING ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING METER AND TIME LIMITED PARKING ZONES". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TIME WARNER CABLE AND COMCAST CORPORATION MERGER [J. D'AMICO, M. REX]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to the proposed merger of Time Warner Cable and Comcast Corporation.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.M. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TRAVEL ASSOCIATION (IGLTA) CONVENTION [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, L. MINNICH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider in-kind City support for the 2015 International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA) convention to be held April 8th – 11th.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the 2015 IGLTA convention. Events that will be held in West Hollywood during the convention are the Visit West Hollywood Reception on April 10th at The Abbey and the

Consumer Trade Show on April 11th at West Hollywood Park; 2) In relation to the Visit West Hollywood Reception on April 10th, approve the waiver of related fees totaling \$260, comprised of an Encroachment Permit Fee of \$100 and Parking Meter Fees of \$160; 3) In relation to the Consumer Trade Show on April 11th, approve the waiver of related fees totaling \$1,060, comprised of a Special Event Permit Fee of \$800, an Encroachment Permit Fee of \$100, and Parking Meter Fees of \$160; 4) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 5) Authorize the Arts & Economic Development Division as well as the Public Information Division to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the 2015 IGLTA convention, including, but not limited to the City's website and social media; and 6) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign and execute any and all documents essential to the implementation of these recommendations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. UNITY IN DIVERSITY ARTS FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY [K. COOK, B. SMITH, T. RODZINEK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring and authorizing the use of Fiesta Hall for an upcoming series of cultural events produced by the Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation. The events will take place on the dates indicated in the background analysis. The events are co-sponsored by the Russian Advisory Board.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the use of Fiesta Hall for the arts and cultural events as outlined in this report; and 2) Approve the waiver of facilities use fees for the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. CITY CO-SPONSORSHIP OF #SIZZLE! AT 2015 LA PRIDE FESTIVAL [J. DURAN, B. SAFIKHANI, J. GUZON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of #SIZZLE! at Christopher Street West's LA PRIDE Festival, June 12-14.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of #SIZZLE!, organized by the collaborative group of the Global Institute for Public Strategies, L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center, Christopher Street West and the Tweakers Project; 2) Approve use of the City's logo on all collateral promotional materials related to #SIZZLE and direct staff to coordinate with #SIZZLE! organizers regarding the City's participation; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$10,000 from allocated funds in the City Council budget for Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs related to #SIZZLE!. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. DOCUMENTARY SCREENING DEDICATED TO THE HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE [K. COOK, B. SMITH, T. RODZINEK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring and authorizing the use of West Hollywood Council Chambers for a screening of the documentary "Holocaust - Is that Wallpaper Paste?" dedicated to the

Holocaust remembrance on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The events are co-sponsored by the Russian Advisory Board and American-Russian Business Council.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the use of the West Hollywood City Council Chambers, and waiver of facilities use fees, for the documentary screening dedicated to the Holocaust remembrance as outlined in this report; 2) Approve an additional one hour of validated parking (for a total of 3 hours) at the 5-story parking structure for attendees of the event; and 3) Authorize use of the City name and logo on promotional and collateral materials and the promotion of the event through the City's website, calendar and social media networks. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. SPONSORSHIP OF THE DOCUMENTARY I'LL BE ME FOR SENIOR MONTH [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, C. ROSKIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring a screening of the documentary I'll Be Me in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 11, 2015 as part of this year's Senior Month programming.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve use of the City Council Chambers, and waive the facility use fee, for a screening of *I'll Be Me* on Monday, May 11, 2015; 2) Waive parking fees for attendees of the screening (\$6 per car, for approximately 100 cars) in the 5-story parking structure; and 3) Direct the Public Information Office to assist with promotion of the event through issuing a press release. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. RUSSIAN ARTS AND CULTURE WEEK AND COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION [K. COOK, B. SMITH, T. RODZINEK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing staff to coordinate Russian Arts and Culture Week that will include the Community Awards Presentation on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers, and a number of Russian cultural events during the week of May 2 through May 9, 2015. Russian Arts and Culture Week will also include the Russian Arts and Culture Festival to take place on Sunday, May 3 in Plummer Park. The event will culminate with a Victory in Europe Day Celebration on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at Plummer Park.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize staff to solicit and receive sponsorships and donations to support Russian Arts and Culture Week. Approve the booth and exhibitor fees that vendors are charged for the event, as referenced in the fiscal impact; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to increase budgeted revenues in account 100-463007 and budgeted expenditures in the account 100-1-01-18-535012 in the amount of sponsorships, donations and vendor fees received; 3) Waive all city fees, including building and safety permits (approximately \$750), special event permit fees (approximately \$2,740), and Plummer Park facility fees for the week of May 2 through May 9, 2015 (approximately \$3,000), for the events associated with Russian Arts and Culture Week; 4) Waive permitted parking on Vista Street and Fuller Avenue from 7:00 a.m. until

Midnight on Sunday, May 3, 2015; 5) Provide parking validation for approximately 250 people at the 5 story parking garage (\$1,500) on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 for the Russian Community Awards Presentation from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.; 6) Approve use of West Hollywood City Council Chambers from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 for the Russian Community Awards Presentation, and waive associated facility rental fees (\$285); and 7) Authorize staff to negotiate event sponsorship agreements in consultation with the City Attorney, and authorize the City Manager to execute event sponsorship agreements. (Attachment A) **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. 20th ANNUAL WEST HOLLYWOOD KIDS' FAIR, 2015 [E. SAVAGE, D. GIUGNI, C. ROSKIN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing Social Services, Public Safety, Public Works and Recreation staff to coordinate the 20th annual Kids' Fair on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in West Hollywood Park.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve staff's coordination of the 20th annual Kids' Fair; 2) Approve waiver of special event and facility use fees for the event; and 3) Approve the waiver of parking fees in the five-story parking garage for 80 vendors and 200 attendees of the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2015 CEDARS-SINAI NATIONAL DONOR AWARENESS MONTH BLOOD DRIVE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [E. SAVAGE, C. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider in-kind support of the 2015 Cedars-Sinai National Donor Awareness Month Blood Drive.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve fee waivers related to the parking of a blood drive vehicle on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in front of the Cedars-Sinai Transplant Center, located at 8900 Beverly Boulevard. Total fee waivers, comprised of Encroachment Permit Fee (\$100.00) and Parking Meter Fee (\$40.00), amount to \$140.00; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct Public Information Office to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, including but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools; and 4) Authorize City Manager or his designee to negotiate with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center regarding additional requests. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. TELEBRIDGE INSPIRED BY AMERICA: "ETERNAL QUESTIONS – INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS" [K. COOK, B. SMITH, T. RODZINEK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring and authorizing the use of the West Hollywood Council Chambers for an upcoming cultural event entitled Telebridge Inspired by America: "Eternal Questions – Individual Answers". The event will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of West

Hollywood. The event is co-sponsored by the Russian Advisory Board and the International Academy for Leadership in Business and Administration. This event will provide the opportunity to telebridge between Russian speakers in West Hollywood with prominent Russian writers, artists, historians and philosophers who reside in different parts of the world.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the use of the West Hollywood Council Chambers for the Telebridge Inspired by America: “Eternal Questions – Individual Answers” event; and 2) Approve the waiver of facilities use fees for the event and associated fees for one additional hour of validated parking at the 5-story parking structure. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. (5.A.) PROPOSED GIFTS TO THE CITY OF TWO SCULPTURES FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY’S URBAN ART COLLECTION [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting two different sculptures that are being offered to the City as gifts of art which will be added to the City’s permanent Urban Art Collection: “Doggie Dog: Homage to Giacometti” by artist Tsipi Mani, and a recently conserved sculpture of cartoon characters Rocky and Bullwinkle titled “The Bullwinkle Show”.

ACTIONS: 1) Accept “Doggie Dog: Homage to Giacometti” as a gift from the artist Tsipi Mani; 2) Accept “The Bullwinkle Show” sculpture as a gift from the Jay Ward Family; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$20,385 from undesignated funds in the City’s Public Art & Beautification Fund to account 209-1-01-10-531005 for costs associated with the installation of “The Bullwinkle Show” sculpture; and 4) Authorize the City Manager to sign any necessary documents to acquire the pieces gifted to the City. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE [K. COOK, G. HONINGS, A. WHITTLE, J. AUBEL]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on public safety activities and give additional direction to staff.

ACTIONS: This Item was Tabled.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. PROPOSED GIFTS TO THE CITY OF TWO SCULPTURES FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY’S URBAN ART COLLECTION [P. AREVALO, M. LOUIE, A. CAMPBELL]:

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ACTIONS: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AS DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS [P. AREVALO, S. BAXTER, C. SCHROEDER, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider appointing members of the City Council as Delegate and Alternate to the Westside Cities Council of Governments.

ACTION: City Council made the following appointments to the WSCCOG: Delegate – Councilmember Meister; Alternate Delegate- Mayor D'Amico.

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

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

MICHAEL DOLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Item.

ACTION: Appoint Councilmember Lindsey Horvath as Mayor and Councilmember Lauren Meister and Mayor Pro Tempore to be installed, on April 20, 2015 at the Reorganization Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico and approved.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.L. OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED TIME WARNER CABLE AND COMCAST CORPORATION MERGER [J. D'AMICO, M. REX]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to the proposed merger of Time Warner Cable and Comcast Corporation.

Mayor D'Amico expressed concern with the proposed merger as it relates to pricing and the limitations it may bring on the choices residents will have for cable services.

RICHARD BENBOW, REPRESENTING TIME WARNER CABLE, spoke regarding the Item and requested that Council table the Item to provide Time

Warner Cable the opportunity to clarify some of the misinformation included in the staff report.

PHIL CURTIS, REPRESENTING AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and Time Warner's continued partnership with AIDS Project Los Angeles.

CHRIS MCDONALD, REPRESENTING COMCAST, spoke regarding the benefits of the merger.

KATHY BANUELOS, REPRESENTING NBC UNIVERSAL, spoke regarding the benefits from the recent merger between Comcast and NBC Universal.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Time Warner Cable.

Councilmember Duran inquired about the March 29, 2015 deadline by the FCC. Mr. McDonald responded that the FCC has placed the review on hold.

Councilmember Duran further commented that the California Public Utilities Commission deadline is set to hear this Item at their March 26, 2015 meeting.

Mayor D'Amico indicated that his concern is that the quality and cost of Comcast's services versus those same services from Time Warner.

Councilmember Horvath inquired about rate changes and asked for clarification regarding what affordable options would be offered.

Councilmember Duran stated that he could not support the Item as presented, and requested additional information.

Councilmember Meister suggested that in place of a Resolution of opposition to the merger, Council send a letter to the California Public Utilities commission stating the City's concerns about the merger.

ACTION: Direct the Mayor to send a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) expressing the City's concerns with the merger; only if the Item is scheduled to be discussed at the CPUC March 26, 2015 Meeting. If the issue is not discussed as part of the CPUC March 26, 2015 Agenda, a new Item will be presented to Council at a future meeting for discussion.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m. in memory of Dirk Shafer, Judd McIlvain, and Vernon Watkins. The City Council adjourned to its next regular

meeting, which will be on Monday, April 6, 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 6th day of April, 2015 by the following vote:

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

JOHN D'AMICO, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK