

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020  
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**5:30 P.M. – \*CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION AND INSTALLATION MEETING  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor D’Amico called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Rumi Nazemian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM:** Chely Wright sang the National Anthem.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

Assistant City Attorney Langer reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 5:00 p.m. She stated that there was no public comment and that there were no reportable actions. The Closed Session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

City Clerk Quarker provided additional information on Item 3.B. The Public Hearing for this Item is being continued to the June 1<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting; which extends the deadline to submit any protest ballots to June 1, 2020.

Councilmember Duran requested that Items 4.C., 5.A., 5.B., and 5.C. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.L., 2.M., 2.N., and 2.O. respectively.

**Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath to approve the May 18, 2020 Agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned of Charlotte Afriat, Vivian Burke, Little Richard, and Breonna Taylor. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned for the following military adjournment: Army Sergeant Christopher Wesley Curry (23).

**AGENDA ITEM 2.B.**

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of M. Walter Harris, Dick Rosenzweig, Jerry Snyder, and Dr. Tom Clark.

Mayor D'Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Gotovac and Justin Rabalais.

**JANE FONDA ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR LINDSEY HORVATH.**

**CITY CLERK YVONNE QUARKER ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE JOHN HEILMAN.**

**INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:**

L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Los Angeles Councilmember and National League of Cities President Joe Buscaino, Former Presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg (via video), Beverly Hills Mayor Lester Friedman (via video), and Beverly Hills Councilmember Julian Gold (via video).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Video message from V (formerly known as Eve Ensler) to Mayor Horvath.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated incoming Mayor Horvath and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman. He also thanked outgoing Mayor D'Amico for his leadership.

KAREN EYRES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated incoming Mayor Horvath and read a message from Ivy Bottini.

DAN MORRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated incoming Mayor Horvath and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman. He spoke in opposition to Items 2.E., 2.F., and 2.J. due to the fiscal impact on the City.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Horvath and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman. He also expressed gratitude to outgoing Mayor D'Amico. In addition, he spoke regarding providing masks to residents and the safety of residents in multi-family units.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Duran thanked outgoing Mayor D'Amico for his leadership. He congratulated Mayor Horvath and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman. He thanked Councilmember Meister for her service. He noted that people are frustrated with the lack of clarity at the County, State, and Federal level with the COVID-19 response.

Finally, he thanked City Attorney Jenkins, Assistant City Attorney, Langer, and City Manager Arevalo for their leadership and fiscal responsibility.

Councilmember Meister congratulated Mayor Horvath and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and looks forward to working with them through this crisis. She thanked outgoing Mayor D'Amico for his service over the last year. She reported that she attended the SCAG CEHD meeting via Zoom, and they discussed Connect SoCal and possible impacts of COVID-19 on the plan. She asked staff to check addresses on Items 5.A., 5.B., and 5.C. She asked the City Manager to provide an update on various items on the look ahead schedule as well as budget concerns. In addition, she asked for an update on the Stay At Home orders.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked outgoing Mayor D'Amico for his service. He indicated that he looks forward to working with everyone over the next year. He inquired about the rules for multi-unit dwellings and noted that they could use additional guidance from the City.

Councilmember D'Amico thanked the Council staff and the City Clerk staff for their help over the last year. He thanked City Manager Arevalo for his leadership. He thanked the residents for their support. He mentioned his husband Keith and thanked him for his love and support. Finally, he thanked Mayor Horvath for her support and leadership and looks forward to working with her over the next year.

Mayor Horvath thanked City staff for making tonight possible. She thanked City Manager Arevalo for his leadership. She thanked her friends for their support this evening. She thanked outgoing Mayor D'Amico for his leadership over the last year, and thanked Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman for his support and stated that she looks forward to working with him. She thanked her fellow Councilmembers for their support and encouragement. She expressed optimism that the City will prosper post-COVID 19. She provided her vision for West Hollywood in the upcoming year and spoke regarding Transportation, food security and access and housing. She also spoke regarding instituting West Hollywood Day on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Arevalo congratulated Mayor Horvath and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman. He thanked Mayor D'Amico for his leadership during this challenging time. He mentioned two (2) items on the Consent Calendar with fiscal impacts that were mentioned during Councilmember comments (Items 2.E. and 2.F.) and provided additional information. He responded to Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman's comments about confusion in multi-unit dwellings as well as the changing information from Los Angeles County on the Safer At Home orders. He commented on the suggestion to provide masks to seniors in the community. He responded to Councilmember Meister's inquiry on the 1-year minimum lease requirements for dwellings Zone Text Amendment. He noted that Planning and Development Services won an award from SCAG and the American Planning Association of Los Angeles for the City's green initiatives. Finally, he provided a COVID-19 update.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$103,500 in expenditures, \$236,000 in potential revenues, (\$0) in waived fees.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O. Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

**2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:**

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 18, 2020 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Sheriff's Station on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.*

**ACTION:** Receive and file.

**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 May 4, 2020. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 866 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending May 8, 2020 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Approve Demand Register NO. 866 and adopt Resolution No.20-5276, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 866." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2020 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended March 2020 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Receive and file the March 2020 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH WALLSPACE LLC FOR A TEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION OF TWO NEON ARTWORKS BY SCOTT FROSCHAUER [L. BELSANTI, R. EHEMANN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing an Agreement for Services with Wallspace LLC, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, to curate and present a temporary art exhibition of*

*two neon artworks by Scott Froschauer to take place in the traffic median at Santa Monica Boulevard and Holloway Drive from August 2020 – June 2022.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve an agreement with Wallspace LLC in an amount not-to-exceed \$71,000 for a temporary art exhibition of two neon artworks by Scott Froschauer to take place in the traffic median at Santa Monica Boulevard and Holloway Drive from August 2020 – June 2022; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to this agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH RICHARD P. HULSER CONSULTING FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ARCHIVES PROJECT [L. BELSANTI, R. EHEMANN, M. CHE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Richard P. Hulser Consulting for the City of West Hollywood's Archives Project.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approve Amendment 4 to the Agreement for Services with Richard P. Hulser Consulting to expand the scope of services in relation to the City of West Hollywood Archives to include rehousing delicate materials and assessing existing City collections; providing recommendations for digitization and ongoing archive management; and collaborate on an exhibition of items from the City's archive. Increase the amount of the agreement by \$25,000 for a total not-to-exceed \$58,000; 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; and 3) Approve the policy, procedures and related guidelines for the City of West Hollywood Archives project as provided in the attachments which constitute the deliverables from Phase 3 of the West Hollywood Archives Project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. WEST HOLLYWOOD SMART CITY INTELLIGENT LIGHTING PILOT PROJECT [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, F. CONTRERAS, K. KIGONGO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing staff to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from interested vendors who possess the technology and expertise to implement a six-month Pilot Program for Smart City intelligent lighting technology and applications.*

**ACTION:** Authorize the advertising of an RFP for Smart City Intelligent Lighting Pilot Project to test various technologies in the areas of Transportation, Traffic, Communications, and Security. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.H. STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 [L. QUIJANO, B. ROSEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution determining and imposing a street maintenance assessment within the 1996 Street Maintenance Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The assessment rate is unchanged from 2019-2020.*

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 20-5277, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DETERMINING THE COST OF STREET MAINTENANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AND DETERMINING AND IMPOSING A STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT WITHIN 1996 STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENT ACT OF 1982, CHAPTER 6.4 OF PART 1 OF DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 5 OF THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTION OF THE NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2024 [L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ, C. DUNCAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution authorizing and approving the execution of a cooperation agreement with the County of Los Angeles Development Authority (LACDA) for participation in the Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.*

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 20-5278, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.J. "WEHOLIVE" WEEKLY ONLINE MUSIC EXPERIENCE [L. HORVATH, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop "WeHoLIVE", a one-hour virtual music event on Friday evenings featuring local musicians and DJs. The performances will be livestreamed on WeHoTV and the City's social media channels.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct staff to develop the "WeHoLIVE" program – a one-hour virtual performance featuring local musicians and DJs livestreamed on WeHoTV and the City's social media channels; 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote WeHoLIVE such as the City's website and social media tools; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$7,500 from budgeted funds in Fiscal Year 2019-20 in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with providing honorariums to the performers. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. RECOGNITION OF TRANSIT WORKERS APPRECIATION WEEK [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, J. DUCKWORTH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recognizing Transit Workers Appreciation Week during the week of May 25, 2020 in honor of the hard work and dedication of transit workers in our community. The City will light the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard in orange, coordinating with Los Angeles County Metro Division 7, provide certificates of appreciation to transit workers, and encourage community members to participate.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Direct the Engineering Division to turn the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard orange in recognition of Transit Workers Appreciation Day during the week of May 25, 2020; 2) Direct the Communications Department to share messaging in honor of Transit Workers Appreciation Day and post content through all appropriate communication tools, such as the City's website and social media channels; and 3) Direct staff to ask community members to participate in the Transit Workers Appreciation Week in creative ways that allow for continued adherence to Safer at Home orders and social distancing requirements, such as making signs and banners and posting on social media. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. (4.C.) SUSPENDING THE RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, R. GARLAND]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider suspending the red light enforcement program.*

**ACTIONS:** Direct staff to: 1) Suspend the red light enforcement program; and 2) Evaluate and implement other options for improving traffic and pedestrian safety at signalized intersections. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. (5.A.) CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR [P. AREVALO, JANET JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will initiate preliminary proceedings regarding the establishment of the West Hollywood Design District (District) for fiscal year 2020-2021. Preliminary steps include the consideration of approval of the District annual report and adoption of a resolution of intention to levy an assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021 and scheduling a public hearing for June 1, 2020.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 20-5281 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST BUSINESSES WITHIN THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING"; and 2) Direct

staff to notice a public hearing to be held on June 1, 2020 to hear protests or objections to the District's proposed assessment and activities for fiscal year 2020-2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. (5.B.) LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution of intention for the proposed levy of assessments for the Santa Monica Boulevard Maintenance District (District) for fiscal year 2020-2021 which will provide for holiday decorations; and set a public hearing for June 1, 2020.*

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution Number 20-5282, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEER, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. (5.C.) CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will initiate preliminary proceedings regarding the establishment of the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District (District) for fiscal year 2020-2021. Preliminary steps include the consideration of approval of the District annual report and adoption of a resolution of intention to levy an assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021 and scheduling a public hearing for June 1, 2020.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 20-5283 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST BUSINESSES WITHIN THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING;" and 2) Direct staff to notice a public hearing to be held on June 1, 2020 to hear protests or objections to the District's proposed assessment and activities for fiscal year 2020-2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3.A. REVIEW OF THE CITY SEWER SERVICE CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the City Sewer Service Charge for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Program.*

City Clerk Quarker stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

Mayor Horvath opened the public hearing and no speakers came forward.

Mayor Horvath closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Approve Resolution No. 20-5279, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONFIRMING THE LEVYING OF AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SEWER SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 15.12 OF ARTICLE 1 OF TITLE 15 OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

**3.B. CONTINUE TO JUNE 1, 2020 THE REVIEW OF THE CITY SOLID WASTE CHARGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI]:**

*SUBJECT: Staff is requesting City Council continue this item to the next City Council meeting scheduled for June 1, 2020.*

**ACTION: This Item was Continued to June 1, 2020.**

**3.C. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF LEASE REVENUE BONDS IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING CERTAIN PUBLIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS [D. WILSON, J. ALKIRE, L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting the attached resolution approving the issuance and sale of up to \$100 million of 2020 Lease Revenue Bonds (the "2020 Lease Revenue Bonds") in one or more series by the West Hollywood Public Financing Authority (the "Public Financing Authority"). The total bond issue of up to \$100 million will provide financing for: (1) the acquisition and construction of public improvements related to the West Hollywood Park Master Plan Phase II - Implementation Project and related improvements; (2) the acquisition of a commercial property at 8301 Santa Monica Boulevard; (3) the acquisition of a commercial property at 617-621 N. Robertson Boulevard; (4) the development of a surface parking lot at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard, (5) the undergrounding of utility poles at various locations throughout the City, (6) implementation of the Design District Streetscape Master Plan, (7) acquisition and installation of LED street lamps, (8) the purchase and installation of two new traffic signals, and (9) the purchase and installation of upgraded on-street parking meters.*

City Clerk Quarker stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

Assistant City Manager David Wilson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 18, 2020.

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

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding general obligation bonds versus lease revenue bonds.

Councilmember D'Amico asked that staff clarify the difference between general obligation bonds versus lease revenue bonds. City Manager Arevalo provided a background on the City's budget forecast. He spoke about the current reserves for Capital Improvement Projects approved by City Council. He noted that the targeted goal is to lock-in this debt at a lower interest rate. He further noted that this is a long-term finance strategy. Mr. Wilson and the City's Bond Counsel Chris Lynch of Jones Hall provided further background information on issuing bonds as well as the difference between general obligation bonds versus revenue bonds.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman noted that this is a prudent action.

Councilmember Duran commented that this allows the City to utilize reserves and general fund dollars to respond to community needs.

Councilmember Meister stated that she is in support of this item.

Mayor Horvath supports this Item. She noted that if the interest rates are too high that City can decide to not move forward.

Mayor Horvath closed the public hearing.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Hold a public hearing on the proposed lease financing by the City and the Public Financing Authority and the substantial public benefits of the proposed financing; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 20-5280, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF LEASE REVENUE BONDS BY THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FINANCE CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE CITY;" and 3) Authorize the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and/or Director of Finance and Technology Services to execute any documents necessary to issue the 2020 Lease Revenue Bonds, provided the principal amount does not exceed \$100 million. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY: 7:15 PM**

The Public Financing Authority approved the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting, and adopted a Resolution authorizing the issuance of lease revenue bonds in connection with financing certain public capital improvements.

The actions are more fully described in the minutes of the Public Financing Authority.

**THE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE CITY COUNCIL: 7:18 P.M.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. UPDATE ON THE UTILIZATION OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EMERGENCY FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC [P. AREVALO, L. LANGER, C. PLANCK, D. GIUGNI]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the utilization of West Hollywood emergency funds in response to COVID-19 since declaration of a local emergency on March 16, 2020, consider allocation of additional emergency funds and provide additional direction on emergency response measures.*

Assistant City Attorney Langer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 18, 2020.

Mayor Horvath requested that the City Manager outline the key points of the new Executive Order.

Councilmember Duran thanked the City Manager and the City Attorney for the report and thanked the Social Services staff for their work on providing services to community members. He asked Communications to provide more timely information to the residents regarding the executive orders and emergency resolutions. He asked that the residents be informed on information regarding food banks, food delivery as well as the ability to get a second round of financial assistance from the City. He also spoke regarding the needs of the business community as well.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding conversations he had as well with the business community. He spoke in support of working with our State Lobbyists to lobby on behalf of the City. He requested clarification from the City Manager regarding the use of masks in public and an update on when the City's parks and tennis courts can reopen.

Councilmember Meister spoke regarding questions that she received from residents regarding the reopening of parks and dog parks, communal pools and gyms in condominiums and apartment buildings, and the status of greenways and bike lanes. She also inquired about commercial areas and whether the City will be opening streets, alleys and parking lots for the businesses to ensure space for social distancing. She also inquired about SB939 and whether force majeure was included. She mentioned that businesses were concerned about liability issues in terms of reopening. She asked about capacity of Code Enforcement during this time. She asked for the status of hotel pools and gyms in terms of COVID-19 closure. during stated that facial coverings should be required anywhere outside of someone's home.

City Manager Arevalo highlighted some points in the new Executive Order including the requirement of wearing masks, tax relief and deferral of payments for businesses, construction noise, creating a slow streets order to allow for neighborhood walks. He stated that the requirement to wear face coverings will go into effect on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also stated that the annual rent stabilization fee would be deferred to October. and confirmed that he had received information from the city's Legislative Analyst regarding working with the City' lobbyist.

The City Council discussed enforcement of wearing masks.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman inquired about the emergency rental payment. City Manager Arevalo confirmed that funding for emergency rental payments are included as part of this item.

Councilmember Meister requested that information be provided to multi-family dwellings regarding the Stay At Home Orders.

Councilmember Duran noted that Government Affairs Liaison Hernan Molina provided information on updates from Sacramento.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Receive an update on the utilization of West Hollywood emergency funds in response to COVID-19 since the declaration of the local emergency on March 16, 2020; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$250,000 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund to account number 100-3-05-53-536037 for emergency funding related to emergency response activities and services including without limitation, rental assistance and food and nutrition services; and 3) Provide additional direction on emergency response measures. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.**

**4.B. CONSIDER CLOSURE OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK TO FACILITATE AN ACCELERATED PROJECT SCHEDULE [S. CAMPBELL, O. DELGADO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider closing West Hollywood Park in an effort to accelerate the scheduled completion of the Master Plan Phase II Implementation Project.*

Director of Facilities and Recreation Services Steve Campbell provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 18, 2020.

MAURICE PILOSOF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

DEVIN MILLS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the Item.

BRENDAN TICKNER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding what the completion date may be if the Item isn't approved. He spoke regarding the current circumstances and stated that allowing team sports to resume will be part of the final phase of reopening, and will come from the County Health Department; which has the authority to allow it. He also stated that we should utilize this time to finish the park. He expressed his support for the item.

Councilmember Meister inquired about how much time would be saved if the City closed the park. Mr. Campbell indicated that it would shave 250 days off of the timeline for completion. She spoke regarding not knowing when it will be safe to reopen the park and in support of the Item. She also requested that staff look at alternatives for dodgeball and the swim teams.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke in support of the item. He wanted to ensure that Council is not closing the park to accelerate demolition but closing the park to continue the current construction.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman expressed concern with the lack of outreach to the community groups that utilize the park and requested that direction be given to staff as part of the item to look for alternative sites for the user groups that sent emails to Council regarding their teams.

Mayor Horvath spoke in support of the item and in support of staff working with the groups to find alternative locations.

City Manager Arevalo requested that Council approve the item with direction to staff to return in July or August with a plan on how the City will find space for these user groups.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorize staff to close West Hollywood Park to accelerate the project completion date to September 22, 2021; 2) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to facilitate the acceleration of the project; and 3) direct staff to return in July or August with a strategy to create temporary space for the user groups.  
**Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico and approved.**

**4.C. SUSPENDING THE RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, R. GARLAND]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider suspending the red light enforcement program.*

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

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR [P. AREVALO, JANET JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will initiate preliminary proceedings regarding the establishment of the West Hollywood Design District (District) for fiscal year 2020-2021. Preliminary steps include the consideration of approval of the District annual report and adoption of a resolution of intention to levy an assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021 and scheduling a public hearing for June 1, 2020.*

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

**5.B. LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution of intention for the proposed levy of assessments for the Santa Monica Boulevard Maintenance District (District) for fiscal year 2020-2021 which will provide for holiday decorations; and set a public hearing for June 1, 2020.*

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

**5.C. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will initiate preliminary proceedings regarding the establishment of the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District (District) for fiscal year 2020-2021. Preliminary steps include the*

*consideration of approval of the District annual report and adoption of a resolution of intention to levy an assessment for fiscal year 2020-2021 and scheduling a public hearing for June 1, 2020.*

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

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**6. LEGISLATIVE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** Mayor Horvath gave a shout out to Detective Cynthia Mejia for going above and beyond while off-duty to help stop a domestic violence incident in the City and detained the suspect until on-duty Sherriff's arrived and arrested him. She also thanked her colleagues for their support of the Transit Workers Appreciation and gave special thanks to not only the MTA workers, but also the transit workers who are contracted by our City's Social Services Division, including MV Transportation, Ambiance Transportation and American GTS for their services to the City's residents by delivering meals, providing transportation to seniors and for delivering fans and water to older adults when there is a heat advisory.

Mayor Horvath invited everyone to a new Zoom event with DJ Asha and special guests to help bring a little joy to everyone during this stressful time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m. in memory of M. Walter Harris, Dick Rosenzweig, Jerry Snyder, Dr. Tom Clark, Charlotte Afriat, Vivian Burke, Little Richard, Breonna Taylor, Michael Gotovac, Justin Rabalais, and Army Sergeant Christopher Wesley Curry to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. \*via teleconference.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020 by the following vote:

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

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LINDSEY P. HORVATH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK