

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

5:30 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Horvath called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Horvath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

Assistant City Attorney Lauren Langer reported that the regularly scheduled Closed Session was called at 5:00 p.m. She stated that there was no public comment and that there was no reportable action. The Closed Session adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Quarker indicated that staff is requesting that Item 2.J. be Tabled.

Mayor Horvath noted that Item 3.A. is continued to the August 3rd meeting.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman to approve the July 6, 2020 Agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Carl Reiner and Jeanne Marie Gentile Pelusi.

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joe Praml and Harry Britt.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joe Praml.

Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michelle Osborn and John Land. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned for the following

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military adjournments: Army Specialist Vincent Sebastian Ibarria (22) and Army Specialist Nick Bravo-Regules (20).

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Horvath presented a Proclamation to Recreation Services staff recognizing July as Recreation and Parks month and a brief video was played spotlighting how the Recreation and Parks division has adapted during COVID-19.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ARTHUR BERNSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.F.

JESICA RYZENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.F.

ROGER HARGEAR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Thrive Tribe.

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of various items on the agenda and the removal of the Trans Flag from Santa Monica Blvd.

ALEXANDER BAZLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Council for acting on social justice issues and for Items 2.M., 5.B., and 5.C.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding homelessness issues in the City and the lack of night and weekend services. He also spoke regarding proposed ballot measures relating to cannabis and taxes.

CHRIS V., WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Thrive Tribe's contract not being renewed.

ALEC WHITE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 4.A.

REMY SOLOMON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding West Hollywood's relationship with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department and the need to reduce police funding, increase social services' funding, and moving towards a model of defunding the Sheriff's Department.

SHANE NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember Duran's comments about the Trans Flag that was painted on Santa Monica Blvd. and comparing it to the Confederate Flag.

SUSAN MILROD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember Duran's comments about the Trans Flag that was painted on Santa Monica Blvd

MADISON FAIRCHAILD, CHAIR OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD, spoke regarding the Trans Flag and its correlation to the Black Lives Matter movement.

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KEVIN MORRIS SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Thrive Tribe's contract not being renewed.

JONATHAN, , spoke regarding Thrive Tribe's contract not being renewed.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, on behalf of Bi-Pride West Hollywood regarding Councilmember Duran's comments regarding the Trans Flag on Santa Monica Blvd. and its removal.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding Item 2.F. and stated that he could support the Item if the paragraph regarding the Wetherly Project and provide an update separately to City Council regarding the Project. He responded to the public speakers that spoke regarding Thrive Tribe and suggested that David Giugni reach out to them and that the Mayor send a letter in support of Thrive Tribe's funding from the County and State. He noted that we are "knee deep" in the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic and asked that the Council continue to handle public meetings. Finally, he spoke about the Trans Flag, its installation, and removal.

Councilmember Duran thanked Councilmember Meister for Item 2.O. He thanked Mayor Horvath thanked her for Item 2.L. He spoke regarding Item 2.F. and the Wetherly Project. He asked the City Manager to have Human Services staff write a letter in support of the Thrive Tribe. He requested that the City Manager bring back an Item extending of the eviction moratorium and adjust the ordinance to require individuals provide financial records for the last 120 days. He mentioned reforming the Sheriff's Department. He addressed the Trans Community and his comments regarding the Trans Flag on Santa Monica Blvd. Finally, he spoke regarding Gay and Bisexual men and the historic Boys Town.

Councilmember Meister reported that she attended the SCAG CEHD meeting and they approved a contract with the California Community Foundation for Census outreach. She indicated her support of Item 2.F. with the removal of the paragraph discussing the Wetherly Project and suggested WHCHC have a more interactive community meeting. She also suggested that the West Hollywood Housing Corporation invite the Urban Design and Architect Studio Manager to assist with the design phase and that the Blue Hibiscus project should be used as a model. She addressed the public comments regarding the Thrive Tribe Foundation. She thanked her colleagues for supporting Item 2.N. and suggested that AARP be included as well. She also thanked her colleagues for their support of Item 2.O. She also responded to the comments on the painting of the Trans flag in the intersection without City approval, reiterating her concerns about public official's oath of office, process, and protocol.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman commented that he referred the Thrive Tribe issue to Hernan Molina when he learned about it last week. He noted that more information needs to be pushed out to condominium and apartment managers regarding what they can open in the building and what needs to remain closed and asked staff to follow-up. He also

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requested that all residents are made aware about which rental assistance programs they qualify to apply. He spoke about the protests, curfews, Sheriff's response, and staff's response and requested that a debrief occur on what worked and what did not work and best practices for the future. He mentioned the eviction moratorium. He thanked Councilmember Meister for Item 2.N. and agreed with adding AARP and local banks. Finally, he addressed the Trans Flag on Santa Monica Blvd.

Mayor Horvath wished James Litz a Happy Birthday. She also wished Councilmember D'Amico and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman a Happy Birthday. She mentioned Item 2.L. and the work that the National League of Cities and the California Contract Cities are doing regarding police reform and the creation of a working group to focus on public safety issues. She mentioned WeHo Live which occurs on Friday evening's at 6:00 p.m. She shared that ribbon cuttings for new businesses are on hold for everyone's safety. She spoke regarding Mayor Garcetti's call with all Los Angeles mayors. She asked the City Manager to address the timeline for in-person Council meetings and City Hall re-opening. She congratulated Emma Mealy, who is this year's recipient for the City's Youth Scholarship program. She congratulated Cedars Sinai for receiving a research grant studying older adults. She thanked all the speakers who spoke under Public Comment. Finally, she mentioned the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors meeting and the comment regarding sexual assault investigations.

Councilmember Meister noted that Item 2.N. can include adults 50 years old plus. She also mentioned the complaints that she received regarding fireworks on the 4th of July.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo reported that Facilities is painting addresses along the curbside throughout the City. He mentioned the streamlined permitting process for outdoor dining. He noted that Hernan Molina is working with Thrive Tribe and will draft a letter from the Mayor in support of continuing their contract. He indicated that the Eviction Moratorium item will be on the July 20th City Council agenda. He responded to Mayor Horvath's inquiry about City Hall re-opening. He spoke about the fluid response to the changing County Orders regarding the pandemic and how that information is disseminated to the public. He spoke about the coronavirus testing at Cedars Sinai and conversations with Sheila Kuehl's office. Finally, he noted that the Wetherly Project has not been formally submitted to Planning and about a community engagement plan.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Quarker stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$557,628 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$0) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, July 6, 2020 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Sheriff's Station on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

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 June 15, 2020. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 869 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending June 26, 2020 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 869 and adopt Resolution No.20-5304, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 869." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [D. WILSON, A. WARD]:

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

ACTION: Deny the claims of Carolos Arias, Carol Carvel, Andrew Shiv Arora, and Eileen Traub. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Human Services Commission and the Rent Stabilization Commission regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.F. REPORT FROM THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (WHCHC) FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING [C. PLANCK, P. NOONAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report of initiatives undertaken and ongoing activities of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation during the second half of the fiscal year.

ACTION: 1) Receive and file; 2) Remove the paragraph referencing the Wetherly Project; and 3) Create a Community Engagement Plan. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. AMENDMENT TO TYLER TECHNOLOGIES EDEN SOFTWARE LICENSES AGREEMENT TO ADD THE TYLER-EDEN LASERFICHE INTEGRATION [L. QUIJANO, B. ROSEN]:

SUBJECT: Council will consider approving amendments with Tyler Technologies Eden Division to add the Tyler Output Processor and Laserfiche connector to the City's existing Finance and Human Resources System software licensing agreement and software maintenance agreement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment #21 to the Tyler Technologies Eden Software Licensing Agreement to add the Tyler Output Processor and Laserfiche connector including software licenses and implementation services for an additional \$ 22,416.00; 2) Approve Amendment #5 to the Tyler Technologies Eden Maintenance Agreement to add the annual maintenance fees for Tyler Output Processor and Laserfiche connector for an annual amount of \$3,870.00; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. AMENDMENT FOR SERVICES FOR MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 IMPLEMENTATION, RELATED SOFTWARE AND LICENSES [L. QUIJANO, E. TSIPIS, K. DEVINE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an amendment to Agreement #009399 with ConvergeOne, Inc. to increase the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$100,000 by an additional \$150,000 for remote on-site engineering resources to support the City's Microsoft Office 365 environment, remote workforce implementation and related professional services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment #1 with ConvergeONE (Sharp) for an additional \$150,000 for a total of \$250,000 for remote on-site engineering resources to support the City's Office 365 implementation and related professional services; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident and appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent relating to this amendment. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR ENHANCED CLEANING SERVICES TO COMMERCIAL AREAS [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Superior Property Services Inc. for enhanced cleaning services to commercial areas to increase the amount by \$381,342, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,815,342, and extend the term of the Agreement for 60 days, expiring on October 31, 2020.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Superior Property Services Inc. to provide enhanced cleaning services to commercial areas to increase the amount of the Agreement by \$381,342 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,815,342; 2) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the

Agreement with Superior Property Services, Inc. to provide enhanced cleaning services to commercial areas to extend the term for 60 days, expiring on October 31, 2020; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the award of the Amendment.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.J. AMENDMENT ONE TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT M. SNIDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER SERVICES [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of the first amendment to the Agreement with Robert M. Snider to provide administrative hearing officer services.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

2.K. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULES FOR THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM FOR 2020-2021 [C. PLANCK, P. NOONAN, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution amending the schedules for the Inclusionary Housing Program setting 2020-21 rent limits, income requirements, and sale prices.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 20-5305 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING SCHEDULES". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. RESOLUTION URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP: CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST - HEALTH AND RACIAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES [J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution urging the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to implement the strategies and recommendations included in the Los Angeles County Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group's report-- "Care First, Jails Last – health and racial strategies for safer communities."

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 20-5306, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRATEGIES DEVELOPED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK GROUP: CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST - HEALTH AND RACIAL JUSTICE STRATEGIES FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES"; and 2) Direct Community & Legislative Affairs staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and other members of the Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and other individuals and

organizations as deemed appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 7120 THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2020 [J. LEONARD, H. MOLINA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020. In addition, the City Council will consider directing staff to support other legislative initiatives and executive actions aimed at holding law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improving transparency through data collection, and reforming police training and policies.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 20-5307, "A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 7120, GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2020 (BASS, D-CA-37)"; 2) Direct Community & Legislative Affairs division staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, United States Representatives Adam Schiff and Karen Bass, and other parties as deemed appropriate; and 3) Direct staff to review and monitor related bills and write letters of support for those bills that are consistent with the reforms included in H.R. 7120 and/or the City's core values, previously-adopted policies related to justice and police reform, and the City Council-approved 2019-2020 legislative priorities. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS IN OR NEAR RETIREMENT [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop a program to increase financial literacy among older adults, specifically focusing on retirement planning and budgeting on a fixed income. ACTION:

1) Direct staff to develop a program focused on increasing financial literacy for older adults who are in retirement or nearing retirement; 2) Include AARP and local banks; and 3) include adults over 50 years of age. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. SPONSORSHIP OF A PANEL DISCUSSION ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a panel discussion about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) health pandemic — what is known about the virus, the current response, and future outlook.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve sponsorship of a virtual panel discussion about the impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) health pandemic; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on marketing materials associated with the event; and 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event, such as the City's website, social media tools, and available on-demand streaming platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. CONTINUE TO AUGUST 3, 2020 THE APPEAL OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DENY CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY CONTAINING TWO BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 8001-8003 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND 1105 NORTH LAUREL AVENUE [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, D. VU]

SUBJECT: Staff is requesting City Council continue this item to the City Council meeting scheduled for August 3, 2020.

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

Mayor Horvath indicated that staff requests that the Public Hearing be continued to the August 3, 2020 City Council meeting.

ACTION: The Public Hearing is continued to August 3, 2020.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. UPDATES TO THE TEMPORARY OUTDOOR EXPANSION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING PROGRAM [P. AREVALO, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT, O. DELGADO, J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amendments to the Temporary Outdoor Expansion Program (TOEP) Urgency Ordinance for Social Distancing to: (1) allow retail establishments to safely expand business operations outside onto sidewalks; (2) to permit gyms/fitness facilities to expand fitness areas on private property and off-street parking lots; and (3) to amend the existing program for restaurants, including temporarily waiving conditions of approval that otherwise impede the use of the Temporary Outdoor Expansion Permit (such as valet requirements), amendment hours of operation for the expansion area, and clarifying provisions on the use of curbside parking spaces.

Business Development Analyst Tara Worden provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 6, 2020.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the number of people that have taken advantage of the program and how the program helps other businesses, not only restaurants. Ms. Worden responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the use of music. Ms. Worden noted that there is no amplified music allowed.

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE spoke in support of the Item. She noted that businesses need additional help.

Councilmember Duran spoke about the City's revenue sources. He noted his concern with landlords allowing big box stores, chains, etc. and indicated a need for salvaging and triaging the businesses.

Councilmember Meister noted her support of this Item. She indicated that in the past she has brought agenda items forward regarding chain stores and the City has changed policies to help manage certain types of uses in certain areas, such as limiting the number of banks on the Sunset Strip.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the 12 applications in the process. Ms. Worden identified what was holding up those applications, such as refining their site plan.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman noted that this Item is the result of the City working with the business community. He suggested that the City Manager should be empowered to make changes to the ordinance, as necessary to allow the City to quickly adapt to changing conditions."

Mayor Horvath commended this process for allowing businesses to be creative. She requested that staff continue to monitor how the outdoor spaces are being used to ensure that those sites do not become spaces for the spread of the coronavirus.

Assistant City Attorney Langer responded to Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman's request regarding allowing the City Manager to make changes to the program as needed. She noted that the City Manager could amend the exhibits to the ordinance, which outlines the standards for businesses and return to the City Council to confirm those changes. Any changes to the Urgency Ordinance itself, would need to be made by the City Council.

Assistant City Attorney Langer read the revised language for Section 2(J) of the Ordinance into the record as follows: *"The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement the requirement of this ordinance and modify the terms of the attachments to this Ordinance and add additional businesses, subject to the confirmation by the City Council as early as is practical"*

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt a Revised Urgency Ordinance 20-1110U, "AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE TEMPORARY OUTDOOR EXPANSION PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING TO ASSIST IN THE REOPENING OF BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY"

Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and approved.

4.B. RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO SAFELY REOPENING PARKS AND DOG PARKS AND CLARIFYING FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS AND EXPANDING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION AUTHORITY TO COVER NEWLY REOPENED BUSINESSES [P. AREVALO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution ratifying the City Manager/ Director of Emergency Services Order implementing emergency measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and clarifying face covering requirements in light of recent County and State Health Orders. The Council will also amend its Urgency Ordinance to expand the administrative citation authority to cover newly reopened businesses. The Council may also provide any additional direction on the City’s emergency response measures, as necessary.

Assistant City Attorney Langer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 6, 2020.

Councilmember Meister expressed confusion with “remove all personal items before leaving the park”. Ms. Langer clarified the section and stated that personal items relates to trash or belongings that should not be left in the park. She also inquired about face coverings.

Mayor Horvath inquired about the possible closure of the Cedars Sinai testing site. Mr. Arevalo responded to this inquiry. Mayor Horvath noted additional sites that want to be a testing site and inquired how they would be able to do that. Mr. Arevalo noted that we would have to change our code and indicated that we have testing sites in the City, but if the Cedars site closes then we will lose a free testing site. She also inquired about the process for issuing citations. Mr. Arevalo responded to this inquiry.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 20-5308, “RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RATIFYING EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO SAFELY REOPENING PARKS AND DOG PARKS AND FACE COVERINGS”; 2) Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 20-1111U; “URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19”. Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance requires 4/5 vote of the City Council; and 3) Provide any additional direction on the City’s emergency response measures, as necessary. **Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and approved.**

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

5.A. POTENTIAL CITY BALLOT MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT TO INCREASE THE SALES TAX RATE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [P. AREVALO, D. WILSON, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a presentation of the results from a recent community survey regarding a potential sales tax rate increase in the City and potentially direct staff to place a ballot measure on the November 2020 ballot seeking a ¾ cent sales tax rate increase within the City.

Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 6, 2020. Richard Bernard of FM3 Research provided information on the survey that they conducted on the City's behalf to gauge the community's support of a tax measure on the November ballot.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of the Item. She noted that additional outreach needs to be done, funds are set aside for voter outreach to educate the voters, and a sunset clause that would reallocate the additional funds to the metro extension and small businesses.

Councilmember Meister spoke about an oversight committee and/or community surveys. Mr. Leonard responded to this inquiry. She also asked Mr. Leonard to clarify the difference between budget surplus and reserves for the public. He clarified these definitions and provided additional information on how reserves can be utilized.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive and file a presentation of the results from a recent community survey regarding a potential sales tax rate increase in the City; and 2) Direct staff to prepare the documents necessary to place a ballot measure on the November 2020 ballot seeking a ¾ cent sales tax rate increase within the City. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, and approved.**

5.B. PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT A REPORT ON POLICING IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. MEISTER, J. D'AMICO, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to hire an independent expert in policing to review best practices and provide recommendations to promote justice and equity in policing. The recommendations will be reviewed by the Public Safety Commission and City Council for further consideration. As appropriate, findings and recommendations will be shared with the California Contract Cities Association, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding an analysis of the types of calls that Sheriff's respond to and if those calls could be handled by a social services provider or trained mediator rather than an armed law enforcement officer.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman noted that he wants to see the City be a leader in this area. He stated that he does not want the conversation to only be in West Hollywood but County-wide. He noted that City Manager Arevalo has discussed this issue with other city managers in the County. Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman commented that when West Hollywood became a City that the Sheriff's Department did not want to include language in the contract that stated individuals would not be discriminated against based on sexual orientation. At the time, the Sheriff's Department did not want to include the language, but the City fought for it and it is now included in all of the contracts. City Manager Arevalo noted that a small working group was created within the City Manager's Department of the California Contract Cities Association to discuss policing policies county-wide. He indicated that the more challenging discussion needs to occur at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors level.

Mayor Horvath commented that a Public Safety Working Group was created within California Contract Cities with the hope of creating legislation that addresses concerns with law enforcement.

Councilmember D'Amico commented that we have not solidified what changes need to take place. He noted that we need to take our time and be thoughtful about the changes. Finally, he indicated that his main concern is with the City of West Hollywood and how we handle law enforcement in the City.

Councilmember Meister shared her ideas for this Item, and stated that she would like to have an expert who can do secondary research and look at our statistics and determine how incidents are being handled and if there is a need for a Sheriff or other party, such as a mental health team. She stated that while she appreciates the discussion occurring on the County level, she would like to see something done in a more timely fashion in West Hollywood.

Mayor Horvath spoke about the liabilities that West Hollywood has faced and noted that they were not addressed in the report. She noted that we have to look at the Sheriff's Department county-wide. She commented that we need to be careful with choosing the expert. Finally, she noted that this item may not accomplish what Councilmembers D'Amico and Meister desire.

Councilmember Duran suggested that staff return with a broader staff report on police reform and actionable items for West Hollywood that the Council may have the ability to request now.

Councilmember D'Amico agreed with Councilmember Duran. He expressed concern with California Contract Cities delaying moving forward on this issue.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke regarding the need for an evaluation of West Hollywood's specific needs for law enforcement and stated that we could influence the conversation County-wide by leveraging our power.

Mayor Horvath suggested an audit of the City's contract and provided suggestions for experts. She expressed concern with only elected officials moving this forward and hopes that community engagement occurs.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Manager's Department to hire an independent expert in policing to review best practices, recent public safety statistics and other West Hollywood-specific data, as well as relevant Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department policies on use of force and arbitration in order to provide recommendations on how to promote justice and equity in policing; 2) Present recommendations to the Public Safety Commission for review and Commission input and then bring to City Council for discussion and next steps in 90 days; and 3) As appropriate, share findings and recommendations with the California Contract Cities Association, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, as well as relevant City Commissions and Advisory Boards such as Human Services Commission, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, and the Transgender Advisory Board.. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Duran, and approved.**

5.C. OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH AS A CITY HOLIDAY & DEVELOPMENT OF RACIAL EQUITY DISCUSSION SERIES [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider establishing Juneteenth as an observed City holiday, including hosting an annual commemorative event and suspending parking meter enforcement. The City Council will also consider developing a discussion series on racial equity issues, either as part of the Human Rights Speaker Series or as a new series.

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item and suggested that the City partner with a black organization.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman indicated that he does not support waiving parking meter fees and parking enforcement. He supports the rest of the Item.

Councilmember Meister supports the Item and noted that the City recognizes Harvey Milk Day similarly.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman suggested that a conversation about when it is appropriate to waive parking meter fees for holidays.

ACTION: 1) Establish Juneteenth, June 19, as an observed City holiday in which the City hosts an annual commemorative event and suspends the enforcement of parking meter violations and parking meter hours of enforcement; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$2,000 from the Council Special Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the annual Juneteenth event; 3) Direct staff to develop educational information about the significance of Juneteenth for the City's website, City Hall lobby, to be shared with local schools, and to be included as communications materials for the City's annual commemoration; 4) Direct the Community & Legislative Affairs Division to advocate for California to make Juneteenth an official state holiday, and to support legislation at the federal level to make Juneteenth a national holiday; and 5) Direct staff to develop a speaker series on racial justice issues, which can be included as part of the upcoming Human Rights Speaker Series events or a separate series. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Meister and approved.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AMENDMENT TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING CAMPAIGN MATERIALS AND ELECTRONIC FILING OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS [M. JENKINS, L. LANGER, Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code updating the definition of Campaign Materials and require electronic filing of campaign materials.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman expressed concerns with the Ordinance as presented. He stated that the Ordinance should be more clear as it relates to the definition of mass mailings, the types of emails, and also stated that he wasn't sure why campaign signs would need to be uploaded, since they are already visible to the public.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the item and stated that he did not want the requirement to be a hinderance to those that may be running a more grass-roots type election and also spoke regarding how this would be enforced.

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Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding this possibly be a requirement for Independent expenditure committees for this election and then phase in the candidates for the next election.

Councilmember Meister agreed with Councilmember D'Amico and stated that having the requirement only for independent expenditure committees would be a test of the program.

Mayor Horvath spoke regarding the timing of this Ordinance and stated that although no one is an official candidate yet, individuals have opened campaign committees, and have begun sending out fliers and emails, etc. She stated that a lot of campaigning that has happened, is not being capture by this item.

ACTION: 1) Council directed staff to return with an ordinance with clearer definitions relating to the requirements of the program; 2) encourage candidates for the November 2020 election to voluntarily submit campaign materials through Netfile to test the program; and 3) Make the requirements mandatory for the November 2022 election. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

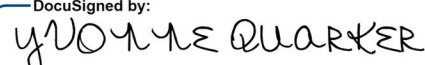
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:42 p.m. in memory of Carl Reiner, Jeanne Marie Gentile Pelusi, Joe Praml, John Land, Michelle Osborn, Vincent Sebastian Ibarria, and Nick Bravo-Regules to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. *via teleconference.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 20th day of July, 2020 by the following vote:

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| AYES: | Councilmember: | D'Amico, Duran, Meister, Mayor Pro 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