

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

6:00 P.M. – CITY COUNCIL MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember D'Amico, Councilmember Erickson, Councilmember Shyne, Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and Mayor Horvath.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Langer, Acting City Clerk Crowder, and Administrative Specialist IV Poblador.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Langer reported on the April 22, 2021 Special Closed Session. She reported that the meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with no Public Comment. She further reported that the City Council discussed the one item on the posted agenda and took no reportable action. The Special Closed Session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar, as Item 2.S.

Councilmember Erickson requested that Item 4.C. and Item 4.E. be moved to Consent Calendar, as Items 2.Q. and 2.R., respectively.

Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister to approve the May 3, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Norman G. Rudman, Esq.

Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mallette Lamy, Saul De La Rosa, and the Honorable Pat Russell.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Erickson presented a Proclamation to NAMI Westside Los Angeles in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mayor Horvath presented a Proclamation to Senior Advisory Board Chair John Allendorfer in recognition of May as Senior Month.

Mayor Horvath presented a Proclamation to Vice President of the Love Foundation John Goltz in recognition of Global Love Day.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.M.

WEST SEEGMILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.R. and expressed concern with the Sheriff's deputies enforcing the City's mandate.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent Finance & Budget Subcommittee meeting, his opposition to the proportion of funding in the budget for public safety, and requested more funding for social services.

TED LISO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the new City Council and welcomed them. He spoke in support of Item 2.Y. from the April 19th City Council agenda.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding discrepancies in approving development projects and erosion of public trust in the process.

MICHAEL KING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his previous comments regarding Item 2.I. and thanked staff for their favorable response to his comments. Additionally, he spoke in support of Items 2.M., 2.N. 2.O., and 5.B.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember D'Amico commented on the length of City Council meetings. He proposed ways to assist in managing the length of the meetings. He apologized if anyone was offended that he left the April 19th meeting early. He requested that the City Manager return with a staff report at the next City Council meeting to address managing the length of the City Council meetings, as well as a plan for returning to Council Chambers. Finally, he noted that he is interested in exploring hybrid City Council meetings once we return to Council Chambers.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister thanked Councilmember Erickson for co-sponsoring Item 2.M. She thanked Councilmember Shyne for asking her to co-sponsor Item 2.O. She commented on Item 4.C., agrees that staff should provide examples of stellar Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's), and conduct appropriate outreach. Also, regarding Item 4.C., she spoke regarding the First Time Home Buyer program and Community Land Trusts

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and suggested utilizing affordable housing trust fund monies to assist with this program. She reported that she attended both the Homelessness and Finance & Budget Subcommittee meetings. She commented that in the future, staff should include the subcommittee member comments from those meetings in staff reports when they come before the full City Council for consideration. She shared that a letter was sent to the Principal Real Estate Office at Metro requesting the usage of the Metro's surface parking lot on Santa Monica Boulevard and that the Homelessness Subcommittee will discuss it at the next meeting. She thanked those who participated in the Urban Forestry & Biodiversity Panel discussion. Finally, she noted that May is Senior Month as well as Russian Arts and Cultures Month.

Councilmember Shyne spoke regarding Item 4.E. and requested clarification regarding mask enforcement from the City Attorney. She mentioned Item 4.C. and noted that during the Homelessness Subcommittee meeting that she provided clear direction to staff regarding ADU's and evictions. She commented that she has received calls regarding overflowing trash bins along Santa Monica Boulevard and requested additional trash pick-ups to address this issue. She also acknowledged that May is Mental Health Awareness Month as well as Senior and Russian Arts Month. She reported that she attended the Homelessness Subcommittee meeting as well as the ribbon cutting for OUT on Robertson. She discussed the inaccurate article regarding crime statistics in West Hollywood and requested that Communications conduct outreach with accurate figures to reassure the community that West Hollywood is a safe City. She spoke about concerns expressed by residents that landlords and owners are using illegal tactics to force tenants to move and encouraged residents to contact the City for accurate information. She thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Meister for co-sponsoring Item 2.O. as well as Councilmember Erickson for co-sponsoring Item 2.N. Finally, she asked the City Manager to report on the status of this year's National Night Out.

Councilmember Erickson agrees with Councilmember D'Amico regarding returning to Council Chambers. He also mentioned re-opening City Hall. He reported that he attended the ribbon cutting for OUT on Robertson and enjoyed the feeling of community with the residents and his colleagues. Additionally, he thanked the Communications Department for their daily West Hollywood-specific COVID updates. He shared that 63% of West Hollywood residents are vaccinated per the 2019 population data. He thanked Handle with Care for the event at the Andaz aimed at helping our unhoused community members. He reported that he is attending the 3rd District Consolidated Oversight Board meeting next week. Finally, he mentioned that he has heard from Eastside residents regarding confusing parking signage related to the many construction projects on Detroit and Formosa and asked the City Manager to address it during his comments.

Mayor Horvath reported that she participated in the Clean Power Alliance Executive and Legislative Board meetings. She attended the California Contract Cities Board Meeting, the Sanitation District Personnel Board meeting, the California Cities Board meeting, and the Finance & Budget Subcommittee meeting. Additionally, she attended the Ivy Bottini Remembrance Event as well as the West Hollywood Elementary Tree Planting. She noted her participation in the County's HIV Committee and spoke about procuring additional funding and resources for HIV testing and syringe programs for the City. She

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attended the first of the Metro Scoping series meetings and encouraged everyone's comments. Finally, she commented on Item 4.C. and noted that any public funds used to help create ADU's in the City are made available to the public.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo commented that Public Works will address trash pick-up along Santa Monica Boulevard. He responded to the inquiry regarding National Night Out and noted that staff is ready to pivot depending on LA County Health Orders. He indicated that staff will investigate the signage along Detroit and Formosa to ensure that it is clear. He reported on the status of negotiations between Faring Capital and West Hollywood Housing Corporation for the Harland Project. He commented that the City's mask ordinance enforcement will be curbed unless the individuals are inside a closed facility. He reminded the community that anyone 16 years or older is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. He mentioned the vaccine clinic for our unhoused community members tomorrow. He spoke about a few upcoming meetings for the City's Long Range Planning Division specific to Metro and more information can be found at www.weho.org/rail. He responded to the inquiry regarding returning to Council Chambers and City Hall. He noted that staff has a repopulation plan in place. He reported that the management team will return to City Hall on June 1st. In July, all other City employees will return utilizing a hybrid schedule to allow for social distancing while in City Hall. Finally, he indicated that staff is targeting the July 19th City Council meeting to return to Council Chambers for City Council, City Clerk, and other key staff.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Acting City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the additions of Items 4.C., 4.E., and 5.A. is \$4,623,164 in expenditures, \$964 in potential revenues, (\$1,100) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,K.,L.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 3, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Sheriff's Station on Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ACTION: Approve the minutes of April 19, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 886 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending April 23, 2021 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 886 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5399, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 886." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1149 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 17.52.110 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TEMPORARY REPOSSESSION OF A RENTAL UNIT BY A LANDLORD FOR AUTHORIZED CORRECTIONS" [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1149, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 17.52.110 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TEMPORARY REPOSSESSION OF A RENTAL UNIT BY A LANDLORD FOR AUTHORIZED CORRECTIONS."

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1149, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 17.52.110 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TEMPORARY REPOSSESSION OF A RENTAL UNIT BY A LANDLORD FOR AUTHORIZED CORRECTIONS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1150 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 10.07 (PARKING CODE), OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATIONS RELATED TO PARKING METERS AND PARKING PAYMENT DEVICES" [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1150, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 10.07 (PARKING CODE), OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATIONS RELATED TO PARKING METERS AND PARKING PAYMENT DEVICES."

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1150, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 10.07 (PARKING CODE), OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATIONS

RELATED TO PARKING METERS AND PARKING PAYMENT DEVICES.”
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission, Public Safety Commission, Transportation Commission, Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, and the Women’s Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.

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

2.G. THE HARLAND (702 N. DOHENY) LEASE-UP UPDATE [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the progress of the lease-up of the 12 inclusionary housing units located at 702 N. Doheny.

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

2.H. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive information on activities taking place during May in recognition of Senior Month.

ACTION: Receive and file the list of activities for Senior Month 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. UPDATE ON PERMIT-BY-PLATE PARKING PROGRAM [J. ROCCO, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report on the status of the Permit-by-Plate (PBP) Parking program.

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

2.J. EXTENSION OF FACILITIES AND FIELD SERVICES DIVISION ON-CALL SERVICES CONTRACTS [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The Council will consider approving amendments to increase the contract value of existing agreements for on-call services contracts to ensure a seamless continuation of services provided by the Facilities and Field Services Division to be delivered during the City’s response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency.

ACTION: 1) Approve extending the term and revising the contract values as follows: a. Extend the agreement term of contracts listed in Attachment A to 12/31/2022 if specified, with a total increase of \$715,000 in contracted value for on-call services agreements; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the amendments to the Agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH ABM ONSITE SERVICES-WEST, INC. [J. ROCCO, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with ABM Onsite Services for parking management services to modify the scope of services, increase the not-to-exceed amount, and extend the agreement.

ACTION: 1) Approve Amendment No. 5 to the agreement for services with ABM Onsite Services-West, Inc. to expand the scope of services to include support of the City's Dockless Micro-mobility Pilot program; increase the amount of the agreement by \$3,082,384 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$12,647,840 and extend the agreement by 18 months from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE OGDEN DRIVE FRONTAGE OF THE HOLLYWOOD TOWERS DEVELOPMENT, LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 1011 OGDEN DRIVE [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the Ogden Dr frontage of the Hollywood Towers Development, LLC development project, located at 1011 Ogden Dr.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5401 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES AT 1011 OGDEN DRIVE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution, as well as the Easement for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM [L. MEISTER, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to temporarily re-establish the community garden program at 1201 N. Detroit Street and to include consideration for a permanent community garden in the visioning process for Plummer Park.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to increase garden space in the community by taking steps to temporarily re-establish the community garden program at 1201 N. Detroit Street, including entering into an agreement with EAH Housing to use the property for this purpose until development begins on the proposed affordable housing project; 2) If there are available plots when the community garden re-opens, direct staff to use one or two of the plots as demonstration plots to give examples of how to create wildlife habitats, monarch-friendly gardens, or other educational purposes; 3) Direct staff to increase garden space in the community by continuing outreach to owners of vacant properties within the City to gauge interest in participating in the

Community Garden Program; 4) Direct staff to include consideration for a permanent community garden in the visioning process for Plummer Park; and 5) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$16,800 from the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531003 for costs associated with maintaining the community garden in Y1 of the program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A WORLD REFUGEE DAY PANEL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIAS [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the World Refugee Day panel discussion with HIAS, a nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian aid and assistance to refugees. The virtual event will be held on June 22, 2021 at 11 a.m.

ACTION: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of a virtual World Refugee Day Panel in partnership with HIAS, on June 22, 2021 at 11 a.m.; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, such as the City's website and social media tools; and 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the co-sponsorship agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. SPONSORSHIP OF A PANEL DISCUSSION ON WELLBEING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 [S. SHYNE, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a panel discussion focusing on physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellbeing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and re-opening of the economy and society.

ACTION: 1) Approve sponsorship of a panel discussion focusing on emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical wellbeing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and re-opening of the economy and society; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on marketing materials associated with the event; 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; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,250 from Fiscal Year 2020-21 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PUBLIC DECORATIVE STREET ENHANCEMENT ON ROBERTSON BOULEVARD [L. HORVATH, P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a co-sponsorship of a public decorative street enhancement on Robertson Boulevard from May 22, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

ACTION: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of a public decorative street enhancement on Robertson Boulevard from May 22, 2021 to June 30, 2021; 2) Approve fee waivers and potential loss of revenue in the amount not to exceed \$2064, which includes the waiver of Event Permits (\$200), Encroachment Permits (\$100), Film Permits (\$800), and potential loss of Parking Meter Revenue (not to exceed \$964); 3) Approve the use of Robertson Boulevard from Santa Monica Boulevard to 100 feet south for the public street mural from May 22, 2021 to June 30, 2021; and 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. (4.C.) UPDATE ON EXPLORATION OF PILOT PROGRAMS FOR INCREASING AFFORDABILITY IN THE WEST HOLLYWOOD HOUSING MARKET [O. DELGADO, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, R. EASON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the housing pilot programs that were studied to potentially increase affordability in the West Hollywood housing market, provide feedback, and confirm which pilots will proceeded forward and be launched as a local pilot.

ACTION: 1) Receive the pilot programs update presentation and provide feedback on programs proposed; 2) Direct staff to clarify and streamline ADU services, including assistance such as a specialized brochure and a detailed web page or guide to homeowners seeking permit approval for ADU production; 3) Direct staff to launch a pilot program to encourage affordable ADU production. The program will be incentivized by a forgivable loan structured to be forgiven in stages corresponding to successful program completion; 4) Direct staff to analyze other zoning constraints that may constrain the production of ADUs including height, setback, and floor area; 5) Direct staff to research feasibility of forming a Community Land Trust (“CLT”) to facilitate the preservation of affordable housing; and 6) Direct staff to return to City Council six months after implementation with an evaluation of the program and recommendations for Council consideration. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. (4.E.) UPDATE TO COVID-19 FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS [P. AREVALO, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution aligning face covering requirements with the updated regulations for face coverings issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21-5402, “RESOLUTION TERMINATING AND SUPERSEDING REGULATIONS REQUIRING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS TO ALIGN WITH THE REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.S. (5.A.) AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH KABBARA ENGINEERING [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:** *SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Kabbara Engineering for engineering design services to modify the scope of services, increase the not-to-exceed amount, and extend the agreement.*

ACTION: 1) Approve Amendment No. 5 to the agreement for services with Kabbara Engineering to modify the scope of services, increase the amount of the agreement by \$1,167,730, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,260,464, and extend the agreement to June 30, 2023, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocation \$807,730 from unallocated reserves (proceeds of the 2020 Lease Revenue Bonds) in fund 301-Debt Funded Capital Projects for engineering design services of the Design District Street Improvement Project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY at 7:01 p.m.

The Successor Agency approved the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting and adopted a Resolution refinancing the City’s former redevelopment agency bonds to lower interest rates.

The actions are more fully described in the minutes of the Successor Agency meeting.

THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY RECESSED AND RECONVENE DAS THE CITY COUNCIL at 7:07 p.m.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 3.A. PROPOSED FEE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 [L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ, C. DUNCAN]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony, and consider adopting a resolution establishing fees and charges for certain services provided by the City of West Hollywood for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Acting City Clerk Crowder reported that this Item was noticed as required by law.

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

Revenue Manager Annie Ruiz provided background information as outlined in the May 3, 2021 staff report.

Councilmember D'Amico requested that the City Council defer the Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fee because of the way that staff is proposing to calculate this fee.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired about the outdoor dining parking meter fee. Director of Public Works Jackie Rocco clarified that this fee is a licensing fee charged to businesses that want outdoor dining that encroaches onto the street where parking meters exist.

City Attorney Langer provided direction on approving the Resolution with the removal of the Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fees.

Councilmember D'Amico clarified that it is the Human Services and Rent Stabilization Department New Construction Fee Schedule Fee Schedule FY 21-22 (page 29 of Attachment B – Fee Resolution).

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5400, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD READOPTING FEES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, REPEALING RESOLUTIONS NO. 20-5287, 21-5367, AND 21-5369, AND ADOPTING AN AUTOMATIC CLEARING HOUSE RETURN ITEM FEE" excluding the Human Services and Rent Stabilization Department New Construction Fee Schedule FY 21-22; and 2) Return to the May 17th City Council meeting with an item addressing the Human Services and Rent Stabilization Department New Construction Fee Schedule FY 21-22. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved.**

3.B. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO MODIFY DRIVEWAY WIDTH REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES, CITYWIDE, IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. KEHO, R. EASON, R. DIMOND, J. VIDHEECHAROEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to amend allowable driveway width in residential districts to align with Zoning Interpretation 20-0001.

Acting City Clerk Crowder reported that this Item was noticed as required by law.

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

Senior Planner Rachel Dimond provided background information as outlined in the May 3, 2021 staff report.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Introduce the following Ordinance on first reading: ORDINANCE 21-1152: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE, TO MODIFY DRIVEWAY WIDTH REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*****Items 4.A. and 4.B. were heard together*****

4.A. COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT REPORT [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a report regarding the West Hollywood Small Business Grant Program.

Councilmember D'Amico recommended that \$35,000 from the unused funds that were allocated for the Small Business Grants Program be transferred to the City's Arts Grants program. City Manager Arevalo commented that the Small Business Grants funds are emergency funds, and that the City will seek reimbursement from the federal government for this expenditure. He further commented that the remaining funds could be returned to the General Fund and reallocated from General Fund Reserves if that is the recommendation of the City Council.

The City Council expressed interest in providing additional rental assistance to residents. They will discuss this during the 2021/2022 budget discussion in June.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister recommended that staff review the Small Business Grant applications that were close to the City's eligibility requirements and determine why didn't they qualify. If the business received funding from the County, State, or Federal government that disqualified them from the City's Grant, inquire about the amount of other funding they received. If it was less than \$5,000 then adjust our eligibility requirements so that they can receive the difference between what they received and \$5,000.

ACTION: 1) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to re-allocate \$200,000 from account number 100-1-01-01-536037 to 100-1-01-01-531037 for the Outdoor Use Temporary Zone (OUT Zone) Program to provide additional City sponsored parklets and authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to return \$35,000 in previously allocated emergency funds from account number 100-1-01-01-536037 to the appropriate City Reserves; 2) Review the small business grant applications, return to the City Council with this information, and the cost to supplement the funding. **Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

4.B. APPROVAL OF 2022 ARTS GRANT PROGRAM [L. BELSANTI, R. EHEMANN, E. ANGELOFF]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the City of West Hollywood’s 2022 Arts Grant Program as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

(See City Council discussion in Item 4.B.)

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the implementation of the City of West Hollywood’s 2022 Arts Grant Program as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$35,000 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund for additional one-time Arts Grant Program Awards to support artists and the City’s entertainment districts in order to supplement and encourage a summer full of arts and arts programs. **Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved.**

4.C. UPDATE ON EXPLORATION OF PILOT PROGRAMS FOR INCREASING AFFORDABILITY IN THE WEST HOLLYWOOD HOUSING MARKET [O. DELGADO, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, R. EASON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the housing pilot programs that were studied to potentially increase affordability in the West Hollywood housing market, provide feedback, and confirm which pilots will proceeded forward and be launched as a local pilot.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.D. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: As a follow-up to the April 5, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council will make Appointments to the City’s Commissions and Advisory Boards.

ACTION: Make new appointments or re-appointments to City Commissions and Advisory Boards; with terms ending February 28, 2023, as follows: 1) Mayor Horvath to made the following direct appointment: Rent Stabilization Commission – **Estevan Montemayor**; 2) Mayor Pro Tempore Meister to made the following direct appointment: Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board

(Male) – **Eric Hensley aka Miss Tiger**; 3) the City Council made the following At-Large Appointments: Public Safety Commission - **Kerri Balbone and Robert Oliver**; Disabilities Advisory Board: **Yola Dore, Danny Kang, Patrick Blood, and Rick Watts**; 4) Mayor Horvath's Direct Appointment to the Public Safety Commission – **TABLED**; and 5) Councilmember D'Amico's Direct Appointment to the Public Safety Commission – **TABLED**.

4.E. UPDATE TO COVID-19 FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS [P. AREVALO, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution aligning face covering requirements with the updated regulations for face coverings issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH KABBARA ENGINEERING [J. ROCCO, H. DEMITRI, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Kabbara Engineering for engineering design services to modify the scope of services, increase the not-to-exceed amount, and extend the agreement.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. MULTI-STALL GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOM FACILITIES [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff and the City Attorney to evaluate and draft an ordinance to require all multi-stall bathroom facilities in businesses and places of public accommodation to be gender neutral. This ordinance would apply to new developments as well as significant remodels and new commercial leases. This ordinance will complement the City's existing ordinance requiring single-stall restrooms to be gender neutral, creating a safe and accessible environment for everyone in all bathroom facilities.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

LONDON TAYLOR, POLITICAL VICE-PRESIDENT STONEWALL YOUNG DEMOCRATS, spoke in support of the Item.

RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR, EQUALITY CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, spoke in support of the Item.

ADAM KROLL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired about pool facilities, gymnasiums, and/or any bathroom facilities with showers. She also inquired about public spaces, park restrooms, and other City facilities. Councilmember Shyne responded to this inquiry.

Councilmember D'Amico recommended that the City lobby to change the State's the Plumbing Code. He shared his professional experience and challenges with these types of projects and conformance with existing building codes. Specifically, he cited complications around the Americans with Disabilities Act, changing areas for babies, and young children going to the restroom with a guardian.

Building and Safety Manager Ben Galan noted that the Plumbing Code was amended to allow for multi-stall gender neutral bathrooms.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff and the City Attorney to evaluate and draft an ordinance to require all multi-stall bathroom facilities in new developments as well as significant remodels and new commercial leases to be gender neutral; 2) As part of the ordinance, include information about proper signage to ensure the signs used are also gender inclusive; and 3) Direct staff to perform community outreach to help the community understand the purpose and need for such an ordinance and to gather feedback from community stakeholders, including but not limited to the Transgender Advisory Board, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, Disabilities Advisory Board, Women's Advisory Board, Public Safety Commission, Public Facilities Commission, and the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by Councilmember Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RAMIN BASSAM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about co-living designs and communities for affordable housing for the City of West Hollywood.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Palm Avenue appeal at the last Council meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m. in memory of Norman G. Rudman, Esq., Mallette Lamy, Saul De La Rosa, and Pat Russell to its next regular meeting which will be on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. *via teleconference.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 17th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

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

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