

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

5:15 P.M. – SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:24 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 AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported on the May 8, 2021 Special Closed Session at 4:00 p.m. and that there was no Public Comment. She further reported that the City Council discussed the one item on the agenda and took no reportable action. Secondly, she reported on tonight’s Closed Session that began at 5:15 p.m. The City Council discussed the two items on the agenda and there was no Public Comment. She announced that David Wilson is the new City Manager, and an employment contract will be on the June 7th City Council agenda for formal approval.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Shyne requested that Items 5.A., 5.B., 5.C., and 5.E. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.N., 2.O., 2.P., and 2.Q., respectively.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 2.I. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Councilmember Shyne to approve the May 17, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the Palestinian and Israeli victims of the current conflict in the region. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Alireza Monfared.

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Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Honorable Cruz Reynoso and Patrick O'Connell.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council honored National Police Week. West Hollywood Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Ed Ramirez accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the West Hollywood Sheriff's station.

The City Council honored International Firefighters' Day. Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief Jason Ghorbani accepted the Proclamation on behalf of West Hollywood Fire Stations 7 & 8.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a positive resident experience on his street and thanked City management and staff.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of HR 2490 and asked for a condemnation of Israeli military action.

SERENA OBERSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her appreciation for the City Council's past support of the Uyghur people of China and condemned genocide worldwide.

VADIM PLOTKIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a tobacco and cannabis smoking prohibition in multi-unit residential dwellings in the City.

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 5.D.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 5.D. and 5.E.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson reported on his attendance at SCAG's 2021 Annual Meeting of the General Assembly, the 3rd District Consolidated Oversight Board, CEA's Analyzing Law Enforcement webinar, the League of California Cities Legislative Action Days, and the Housing Element Task Force meeting. He congratulated Rob Bergstein on 4,200 volunteer hours to the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. He also congratulated Marie Cartier as the Drury Award recipient. He reminded the community about the upcoming One City One Pride taking place May 22 - June 30. He requested additional cleaning at the West Hollywood Dog Park. He also requested additional trash receptacles along Santa Monica Boulevard. Finally, he encouraged the community to get vaccinated and reported on the low COVID-19 cases.

Councilmember Shyne congratulated our new City Manager, David Wilson. She reported that she attended the CalCities Contract Seminar 1.

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Councilmember D'Amico also welcomed David Wilson to his new role as City Manager. He inquired about funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and asked the City Manager to provide information during his comments. He commented on Item 2.G. and thanked his colleagues for their combined efforts to get those affordable housing units filled. Lastly, he briefly discussed public toilets for our unhoused community members and requested that the Public Safety Commission discuss this issue at an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister responded to Councilmember D'Amico's comments regarding public restrooms and suggested including the Human Services Commission and the City's Social Services division. She further noted that the City Council Homelessness Subcommittee has been discussing this issue and will continue to do so. She also congratulated David Wilson on his appointment as City Manager. She reported her attendance at SCAG's Annual Meeting of the General Assembly, the Pride Community meeting held by the Chamber of Commerce, and a panel discussion on the Road to Recovery for Restaurants hosted by Union Bank. She asked the City Manager for an update on recent changes to masking and social distancing requirements. She also inquired when the City Council would return to Council Chambers. She commented on Item 5.E. and thanked Councilmember Erickson for co-sponsoring. She suggested that staff reach out to the Gateway project and inquire if they would like to partner on the lighting proposal. She mentioned the May 19th Robertson Lane Update virtual meeting as well as the public scoping meeting for the City's Housing Element EIR. She noted that this information can be found on the City's website.

Mayor Horvath noted her support of Item 5.E. She congratulated this year's recipients of the West Hollywood Youth Scholarship program: Rayna Zborovsky and Kevin Berookhim. She noted that Rayna will be graduating from the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies in June and plans to attend the University of Southern California to pursue a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Sciences with a goal of pursuing a career in speech pathology. Rayna has performed over 150 volunteer hours with Friendship Circle of Los Angeles working with special needs children. She also shared that Kevin will be graduating from University Senior High in June and plans to attend California State University Northridge with a goal of pursuing a career in dentistry. Kevin has performed over 150 volunteer hours with Teen Talk by JBBBSLA (Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters Los Angeles) working with teens suffering from depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues. She also shared information regarding the West Hollywood Youth Scholarship Program which awards a \$2,000 scholarship that can be used for any expense incurred in pursuing education at their universities. The program was created in 2007 and recognizes the importance of education to our community and encourages young people to perform community service. Scholarship funds come entirely from individual and community donations. Mayor Horvath also congratulated Long Range Planning Manager Robyn Eason for her Women in Sustainability Award. She shared that on May 18th there will be a Vaccine Town Hall for parents hosted by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. She reminded the community to update the COVID-19 flyers in their respective multi-family residential buildings. She reported on her attendance at the West Hollywood Tourism & Marketing Fund meeting. She participated in swearing-in many new appointed officials at various

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City Commission and Advisory Board meetings. She further reported that she attended the California Contract Cities Public Safety Working Group, Executive Board Meeting, and the Annual Municipal Seminar. She also attended the Clean Power Alliance Board Meeting and the Metro Scoping meetings. She participated in a ribbon cutting for Breakfast Republic. She mentioned some concerns raised about safety at OUT on Robertson as well as the Classic Cat. Finally, she promoted the “Out Loud” event at the Los Angeles Colosseum and also via global stream.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo introduced Arts Coordinator Michael Che who presented the City’s 2021 One City One Pride. He responded to various Councilmember inquires including garbage pick-up and public restrooms for our unhoused community members. He provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act, the State’s budget surplus, and plans for those funds. He further noted that this will be part of the overall budget discussion at the June 21st City Council meeting. He shared that Code Enforcement is currently addressing the Classic Cat. He also mentioned that there are no public safety concerns with OUT on Robertson since it is still ramping up as a community resource. LASD Captain Ed Ramirez reported on the Sheriff’s response to these concerns including additional patrols on the Eastside and on Robertson Boulevard. City Manager Arevalo encouraged people to get vaccinated and spoke regarding the current mask guidance. He shared that staff is targeting July 19th for the City Council to return to Council Chambers and that a hybrid model, incorporating both in-person and virtual participation, is planned. He mentioned that he will be absent for the June 7th City Council meeting. Finally, he suggested that the June 21st meeting begin at 5:00 p.m. due to the number of proposed items on the agenda.

Councilmember Erickson congratulated David Wilson on his appointment as City Manager.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Acting City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the additions of Items 5.A., 5.B., 5.C., and 5.E. and the removal of Item 2.I. is \$1,465,508 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$0) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q. Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 17, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Sheriff’s Station on Wednesday, May 12, 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 May 3, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 887 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending May 7, 2021 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 887 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5403, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 887." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1152 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING 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 WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1152, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING 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 WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA."

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1152, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, ADOPTING 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 WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Human Services Commission, Rent Stabilization Commission, Public Facilities Commission, Russian Advisory Board, and the Senior Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.

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

- 2.F. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2021 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended March 2021 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.
ACTION: Receive and file the March 2021 Treasurer's Report. **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. 2021 ONE CITY ONE PRIDE UPDATE [L. BELSANTI, REBECCA EHEMANN, M. CHE]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive information on events, exhibitions, and activities taking place between May 22 - June 30, 2021 for the City's One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival.
ACTION: Receive and file the list of events, exhibitions, and activities for the City's 2021 One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.I. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LIVING WAGE RATE FOR FY 2021-22 OF \$13.91/HR WITH HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS AND \$15.16/HR WITHOUT HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, L. GRANADOS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution that will increase the Living Wage Rate for fiscal year 2021-22 by the Consumer Price Index. The increase will become effective on July 1, 2021.
ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.
- 2.J. CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT OF CITY CONTRACTORS [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:**
SUBJECT: The Council will consider approving amendments to increase the contract values of existing agreements for vital services to ensure a seamless continuation of services by Divisions 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 in Attachment A to 6/30/2022 with a total increase of \$768,120 in contracted value, b. Extend the agreement term of contracts in Attachment B to 12/31/2023 with a total increase of \$192,400 in contracted value; 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 THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MAROON SOCIETY AND UPDATE ON THE 2021 HIV PREVENTION MONTH [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, D. MURRAY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on activities leading to and planned for HIV Prevention Month and consider an amendment to the agreement with Maroon Society for HIV Zero Evaluation Services.

ACTION: 1) Receive an update on HIV Prevention Month; 2) Approve Amendment 5 to the agreement for services with Maroon Society; Increase by \$7,888 for a total not-to exceed amount of \$237,001 to provide HIV Zero Evaluation Services; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the agreement.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.L. AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH THE TAO FIRM [L. LANGER, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing additional expenditures for legal services as it relates to the West Hollywood Park Phase II Project.

ACTION: Approve an increase of \$415,000 to the amount of authorized expenditures for the existing Agreement with the Tao Firm for special legal services as it relates to the West Hollywood Park Phase II Project for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,015,000.

2.M. “WEHO LIVE!” WEEKLY ONLINE MUSIC EXPERIENCE [L. HORVATH, L. BELSANTI, R. EHEMANN, J. TRIBBLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council consider directing staff to develop 2021 “WeHo LIVE!,” a one-hour virtual music event on Friday Evenings featuring local musicians and DJs. The performance will be livestreamed on the performer’s social media channels.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to coordinate “WeHo LIVE!” Program – a one-hour virtual music event featuring local musicians and DJs livestreamed on the performer’s social media channels; 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the “WeHo LIVE!” Program 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 2020-21 in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with providing promotions and honorariums to the performers.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.N. (5.A.) LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 [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 2021-2022 which

will provide for holiday decorations; and set a public hearing for June 7, 2021.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution Number 21-5406, "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 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING".
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.O. (5.B.) CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO WAIVE AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will not levy an assessment against businesses within the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District (District) for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 and will defer the deadline for businesses to pay assessments for FY2020-21 to FY 2021-22.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 21-5407 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD NOT TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST BUSINESSES WITHIN THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, AND DEFERRING THE DEADLINE TO PAY ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2020-21 TO FY 2021-22." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. (5.C.) CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT, ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021-22 , AND DEFERRAL OF DEADLINE TO PAY ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2020-21 TO FY 2021-22 [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will initiate preliminary proceedings regarding the levy of an annual assessment against businesses within the West Hollywood Design District (District) for fiscal year 2021-22. Preliminary steps include the consideration of approval of the District annual report, adoption of a resolution of intention to levy an assessment for fiscal year 2021-22 and scheduling a public hearing for June 7, 2021. This Resolution also defers the collection of assessments for FY 2020-21 to FY 2021-22.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5408 "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 2021-22, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR PUBLIC HEARING"; and 2) Direct staff to notice a public hearing to be held on June 7, 2021 to hear protests

or objections to the District's proposed assessment and activities for fiscal year 2021-22. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. (5.E.) EASTSIDE GATEWAY LIGHTING [J. ERICKSON, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider installing decorative lanterns across Santa Monica Boulevard on the eastside of West Hollywood.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the design and installation of decorative lanterns across Santa Monica Boulevard on the eastside of West Hollywood; and 2) Direct staff to return to City Council with the design options and proposed boundaries, as well as a recommendation to move forward with the construction contract based on the results of the RFP. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. 2021-22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN-LIEU FEE UPDATE AND AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB, A. BARTLE, L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ, C. DUNCAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a resolution updating the Affordable Housing In-Lieu Fee for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and amending the Master Fee Schedule.

Revenue Manager Annie Ruiz provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 17, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister commented on the fees listed in the report and noted that the fees don't reflect the amount it costs to build a unit. She stated that there is a concern that the City isn't charging adequate in-lieu fees to cover the City's cost.

Councilmember D'Amico noted his support of the Item; however, he highlighted the need for a fee study. He encouraged developers to build affordable housing units with their project rather than paying the in-lieu fee.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of abolishing affordable housing in-lieu fees since the practice encourages segregation of the population by class.

Mayor Horvath requested that staff provide information on whether the change in the fees will contribute more to problem.

Property Development Manager Brian League noted staff's support of including affordable housing units in a development project rather than the City creating affordable housing developments since the cost is much higher. Project Development Administrator Alicen Bartle concurred with Mr. League's comments and provided information on previous fee studies conducted by staff.

ACTION: Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-5405 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE MASTER FEE RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION NO. 21-5400) UPDATING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN-LIEU FEE IN THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE RENT STABILIZATION AND HOUSING DIVISION." **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, and approved.**

4.B. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: As a follow-up to the May 3, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council will continue making appointments and re-appointments to the City's Commissions.

Councilmember D'Amico thanked former Public Facilities Commissioner Larry Block and former Public Safety Commissioner Marcy Norton for their service to the City.

ACTION: Councilmember D'Amico appointed **Danny Roman** to the Public Safety Commission with a term ending February 28, 2023. Mayor Horvath's appointment to the Public Safety Commission and Councilmember D'Amico's appointment to the Public Facilities Commission were **TABLED**.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 [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 2021-2022 which will provide for holiday decorations; and set a public hearing for June 7, 2021.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.B. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO WAIVE AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will not levy an assessment against businesses within the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District (District) for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 and will defer the deadline for businesses to pay assessments for FY2020-21 to FY 2021-22.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.C. CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT, ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021-22 , AND DEFERRAL OF DEADLINE TO PAY ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2020-21 TO FY 2021-22 [P. AREVALO, J. JIMENEZ, T. WORDEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will initiate preliminary proceedings regarding the levy of an annual assessment against businesses within the West Hollywood Design District (District) for fiscal year 2021-22. Preliminary steps include the consideration of approval of the District annual report, adoption of a resolution of intention to levy an assessment for fiscal year 2021-22 and scheduling a public hearing for June 7, 2021. This Resolution also defers the collection of assessments for FY 2020-21 to FY 2021-22.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5.D. PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC SPACE [S. SHYNE, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to initiate a Zone Text Amendment to develop a program to encourage privately owned public spaces – such as pocket parks or rooftop terrace spaces – in new residential, commercial, and mixed-use developments. These spaces would be owned and maintained by the private property owner but open to the public.

Councilmember Shyne provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 17, 2021.

Councilmember Shyne mentioned some of the correspondence that the City Council received, and she clarified the following: rooftop public spaces are proposed for commercial and mixed-use only not residential zones; pocket parks may be in residential, commercial, or mixed-use developments; this proposal is not a requirement of developers; and residential public spaces may have limited hours. Further, she indicated that due to the correspondence received, she is requesting that staff conduct a study to solicit feedback from the community via a symposium.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister commented that the community should view these spaces as passive spaces and that the goal is to develop areas for people to enjoy. She requested that the City host a symposium and include funding for it. Finally, she indicated that the City's Urban Design and Architectural Studio (UDAS) is the lead division for this Item.

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

CHARLIE JASPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Grammercy Park in New York, the potential for criminal activity, and inquired who is responsible for maintaining the proposed public spaces.

Councilmember Erickson inquired who will maintain and secure these spaces. Councilmember Shyne responded that property owners will maintain and secure the spaces. Facilities and Field Services Manager Helen Collins provided additional information regarding security and maintenance. Urban Design and Architecture Studio (UDAS) Manager Ric Abramson commented that the issues raised can be addressed during the design process and maintenance protocols. Finally, Councilmember Erickson reiterated that this is a voluntary program.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding the definition of "public space". He noted his support of the Item.

Mayor Horvath commented that she supports the spirit of the Item. She requested that UDAS work with Long Range Planning to ensure that the Zone Text Amendment is clear. She further supports a symposium to engage the community in the discussion of this proposal before the City approves a Zone Text Amendment and implements the program.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister moves the item, including the symposium, defining green space, including UDAS, and allocate up to \$7,500.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to host a Symposium to explore the idea of public spaces on private property and discuss what "public space" means; 2) Allocate up to \$7,500 for the Symposium; 3) Direct the Urban Design and Architecture Studio, Long Range Planning, and Community and Legislative Affairs staff to work on this proposal; and 4) Return to City Council with the results of the outreach and Symposium. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved.**

5.E. EASTSIDE GATEWAY LIGHTING [J. ERICKSON, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider installing decorative lanterns across Santa Monica Boulevard on the eastside of West Hollywood.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.I. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LIVING WAGE RATE FOR FY 2021-22 OF \$13.91/HR WITH HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS

AND \$15.16/HR WITHOUT HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, L. GRANADOS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution that will increase the Living Wage Rate for fiscal year 2021-22 by the Consumer Price Index. The increase will become effective on July 1, 2021.

Councilmember D'Amico requested that the City not distinguish between those with healthcare and those without healthcare in its Living Wage Rate. He noted that individuals in this category receive health insurance through the Affordable Care Act.

City Attorney Lauren Langer responded that staff is working on an Item to address the prior City Council direction regarding minimum wage and living wage. This Item is an update to the Living Wage Rate pursuant to the Municipal Code.

Mayor Horvath clarified the various elements that the City Council will consider regarding minimum wage and living wage per prior Council direction. She requested that this discussion also be included in that Item so that the City Council can discuss the possibility of a policy change regarding the living wage rate.

City Attorney Langer noted that in order to change how the Living Wage rate is calculated, it must be done by Ordinance since it would change the Municipal Code. The annual CPI adjustment may be done by Resolution.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5404 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING, PURSUANT TO WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.20.040, A LIVING WAGE RATE FOR FY 2021-22 OF \$13.91/HR WITH HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS OF AT LEAST \$1.25/HR AND \$15.16/HR WITHOUT HEALTH BENEFITS CONTRIBUTIONS OF AT LEAST \$1.25/HR" and 2) Direct staff to return with an item to discuss a potential amendment of the way the Living Wage Rate is calculated. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico, and approved.**

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in memory of Alireza Monfared, the Honorable Cruz Reynoso, and Patrick O'Connell to its next regular meeting which will be on Monday, June 7, 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 7th day of June, 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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