

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021
REGULAR TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

5:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION: See attached Closed Session Agenda

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Wilson, City Attorney Langer, City Clerk Crowder, and Administrative Specialist IV Poblador.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported that the Closed Session convened at 5:30 p.m. There were no members of the public that spoke. She noted that the City Council spoke regarding the one item on the revised agenda and took no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Erickson requested that Item 2.P. be Tabled to the September 20th City Council meeting.

Councilmember Shyne requested that Item 2.O. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 3.A. be Tabled to the October 18th meeting since the State legislature is considering AB 1276 which is a bill to address single-use food ware accessories and standard condiments.

Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, to approve the August 16, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bob Berry and Jeffrey Yuji Suji.

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Councilmember Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the Haitians and others killed due to the earthquake. She also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those killed as a result of the 20 year war in Afghanistan including American service members, U.S. contractors, Afghan national military and police, other allied service members, Afghan civilians, Taliban and other opposition fighters, aid workers, and journalists.

Mayor Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Richard Trumka, Lee Mentley, Paul Singerman, and James Hormel.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Horvath introduced the representatives of the Joint Planning Subcommittee from the Women's Advisory Board, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, and the Transgender Advisory Board in recognition of their work in organizing Ivy Bottini Day.

Mayor Horvath introduced representatives from the Women's Advisory Board in honor of Women's Equality Day.

Mayor Horvath recognized 34 outgoing Commissioners and Advisory Board Members and thanked them for their years of service to the City.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.J. He also spoke about the lack of soap and paper towels in the Community room at the Sierra Bonita property.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the women in Afghanistan as well as in support of Item 2.Q.

EUGENE MAYSKY, on behalf of CES, spoke in support of renter's rights and shared information on the tenant rights clinics for West Hollywood residents.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Ivy Bottini Day, his time as her roommate and caregiver, and not being included in the events honoring her.

SARAH SLACK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her support for a Behavioral Crisis Response Unit and reimagining public safety systems.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister reported that she attended the Westside Cities COG. She also reported that she attended National Night Out and thanked the host neighborhoods. She inquired if the City Manager would consider rescheduling the August 31st Study Session to discuss the City's Living Wage/Minimum Wage in order for the City Council to receive and review information from the UCLA Labor Center. She

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thanked Councilmember Shyne for asking her to co-sponsor Item 2.Q. She announced that there will be a free COVID vaccine drive on August 24th at Poinsettia Park with free testing as well. Finally, she thanked Adam Darvish for his comments and also expressed her sadness for the people of Afghanistan.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding CES. He also spoke regarding Item 2.R. and noted his "no" vote for the record.

Councilmember Erickson reported that he attended National Night Out and thanked the organizers. He mentioned an outbreak alert for canine influenza and requested extra cleaning at the City's dog parks and conduct outreach to doggy daycares and boarding facilities in the City. He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming Gubernatorial Recall Election. He shared that the Eastside Town Hall will be conducted via Zoom tomorrow. He mentioned reports of pool parties at The Montrose and homophobic incidents. He also mentioned the recent incidents at various nightlife businesses in the City and asked the City Manager about trainings on GHB for those businesses.

Councilmember Shyne thanked the Women's Advisory Board for both Women's Equality Day and Ivy Bottini Day. She asked them to reach out to Dan Morin to ensure that he is included. She expressed concern with the City's nightlife establishments and asked the City Manager to report on what the City and the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department are doing to address the incidents. She also expressed concern with the expiration of THE eviction moratorium on September 30th. She requested that staff provide a Staff Report for the September 20th City Council providing options for the Council to discuss regarding the eviction moratorium. She shared her personal experience as a refugee and the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. She reported that she is the Chair of the Westside Cities COG for the next year. She also reported that she attended National Night Out. Finally, she thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Meister for co-sponsoring Item 2.Q and thanked Mayor Horvath for Item 2.R.

Mayor Horvath mentioned Item 2.N. and expressed concern with Recommendation #2. She asked staff to monitor the traffic patterns to ensure that traffic isn't diverted to neighboring streets as a result of the installation of the speed lumps on Sweetzer. She mentioned Item 2.R. and her reasons for agendaizing the Item. She commented that the City's website has been updated for the Gubernatorial Recall election on September 14th. She reported that she participated at National Night Out, thanked everyone involved, and mentioned that Congressman Schiff attended. She also reported that she attended the Clean Power Alliance Board meeting, the LA County Division of the League of California Cities, the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board and Oversight Committee, BizFed, and the California Contract Cities Executive Board meeting. She shared that there will be COVID-19 Rent Relief Program Virtual Town Hall hosted by Assemblymember Bloom, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and Bet Tzedek on August 17th. She indicated that the Los Angeles County Library system is now a fine free library system effective September 1st. Finally, she provided an update on the annual Rainbow Key Awards and Ethridge Award taking place this week which recognizes individuals and groups who have contributed to the Gay & Lesbian community.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson responded to Mayor Pro Tempore's inquiry regarding the August 31st Study Session and the data from Los Angeles County EDC and UCLA Labor Center will be provided as requested. He reported that the City's dog parks are cleaned and disinfected daily with a deep cleaning once per week. He noted that the City's Vote Center at Plummer Park will be open on September 11th. He shared that an update on the eviction moratorium will be provided at the September 20th City Council meeting. He reported that staff will follow-up on the public comment regarding the Sierra Bonita building. He commented that the COVID testing center at Plummer Park has seen increased demand and that the County is working to establish another location to ease demand on this testing site. He reported that the City will begin its Annual Tree on September 13th. He provided an update on how the City is addressing incidents at nightlife establishments. He further reported that the Code Compliance Division is exploring expanding its alcohol server training to include GHB. West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Lt. Bill Moulder spoke regarding the sheriff's response to these incidents.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items 2.O. and 2.P. is \$166,000 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$3,156) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,Q.,R. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved noting the "no" vote of Councilmember D'Amico on Item 2.R.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, August 16, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, August 11, 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 August 2, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 892 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending August 6, 2021 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 892 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5435, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 892." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1160 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REMOVE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CITY'S URBAN ART PROGRAM GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND CITY-LED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS." [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1160, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REMOVE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CITY'S URBAN ART PROGRAM GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND CITY-LED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS."

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1160, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REMOVE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CITY'S URBAN ART PROGRAM GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE ALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND CITY-LED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1161 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD 8752 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1161, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD 8752 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA."

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1161, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD 8752 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1162 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ASSOCIATED WITH A NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING DIGITAL BILLBOARD AT 8752 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1162, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ASSOCIATED WITH A NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING DIGITAL BILLBOARD AT 8752 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.”

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1162, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT ASSOCIATED WITH A NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING DIGITAL BILLBOARD AT 8752 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 21-1163 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING RIGHT OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO CHAPTER 5.04 (BUSINESS LICENSES - GENERALLY) AND REMOVING RIGHT OF ENTRY LANGUAGE FROM SECTION 5.08.210.” [M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 21-1163, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING RIGHT OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO CHAPTER 5.04 (BUSINESS LICENSES - GENERALLY) AND REMOVING RIGHT OF ENTRY LANGUAGE FROM SECTION 5.08.210.”

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 21-1163, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING RIGHT OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO CHAPTER 5.04 (BUSINESS LICENSES - GENERALLY) AND REMOVING RIGHT OF ENTRY LANGUAGE FROM SECTION 5.08.210.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

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

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

2.I. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2021 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended June 2021 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Receive and file the June 2021 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. REPORT FROM THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (WHCHC) SEMI-ANNUAL YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2020-2021 [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

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

2.K. REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES UTILIZATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF COLOR AND AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG, F. GOMEZ, D. NGUYEN, K. EGAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an analysis of demographic data, by service category, focused on community members of color who utilized social services over the last ten contract years and consider authorizing staff to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to select a consultant to conduct a needs assessment to identify barriers to and gaps in service.

ACTION: 1) Receive the report on social services utilization by community members of color over the last decade; and 2) Authorize the release of an RFQ for consultant services to conduct a Needs Assessment of access to social services by community members of color. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MYDATT SERVICES, INC. D/B/A BLOCK BY BLOCK AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXPENDITURE OF PROP C FUNDS FOR SECURITY AMBASSADOR SERVICES FOR THE PICKUP TROLLEYS [C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI, F. GOMEZ, K. COOK, M. KUSTANOVICH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Mydatt Services, Inc. d/b/a Block by Block and authorizing the expenditure of Prop C funds for security ambassador services for The PickUp trolleys.

ACTION: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Mydatt Services, Inc. d/b/a Block by Block in the amount of \$126,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.M. AMENDMENT TO CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE ELIZABETH TAYLOR AIDS FOUNDATION BALL TO END AIDS [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an additional request from the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation relating to the co-sponsorship of their Ball to End AIDS on Friday, September 17, 2021, in West Hollywood Park.
ACTION: Authorize a reduced rate for the event's use of the 5 Story Parking Structure, resulting in fee waivers of an amount not to exceed \$3,156. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.N. NEIGHBORHOOD TEST TRAFFIC CALMING AND SAFETY TREATMENTS [J. ROCCO, R. GARLAND, W. DAVIS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the approval of test traffic calming measures as part of the on-going Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.
ACTION: Approve test speed lumps on the following streets: 1) 8300-8400 block of De Longpre Avenue; 2) 1200 block of Sweetzer Avenue; and 3) 400-500 block of Norwich Drive. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.O. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION, ADVISORY BOARD, AND TASK FORCE BY-LAWS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving amendments to the by-laws for the City's Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Task Force regarding the eligibility and procedures for selecting its officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs).
ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.
- 2.P. STREAMLINE APPROVAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS [J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to research options for streamlining the approval of 100% affordable housing projects in the City of West Hollywood. Staff will return to City Council with a summary of findings and recommendations.
ACTION: This Item was Tabled to September 20, 2021.
- 2.Q. INITIATIVE TO HIGHLIGHT PET-FRIENDLY BUSINESSES AND DEVELOP "PET WEEK" IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [S. SHYNE, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider working with community partners to develop a webpage with information on pet-friendly West Hollywood businesses and developing a "Pet Week" with programming and an event focused on companion animals.
ACTION: 1) Direct staff to work with our community partners, such as Visit West Hollywood and the Chamber of Commerce, to develop a webpage that includes information about pet friendly local businesses; 2) Direct staff

to develop an annual “Pet Week”, which will include a social media campaign, community programming, and an event focused on companion animals; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote Pet Week including, but not limited to, the City’s website, a press release, and social media tools; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from Fiscal Year 2021-22 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with pet week. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE RECALL ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition to the recall election of the Governor of California.

ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 21-5436 “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE RECALL ELECTION OF THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.”

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the “no” vote of Councilmember D’Amico.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 15.76 (PLASTIC STRAWS AND UTENSILS UPON REQUEST) TO REQUIRE FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROVIDERS TO DISTRIBUTE PLASTIC BEVERAGE STRAWS AND PLASTIC UTENSILS ONLY UPON REQUEST BY A CUSTOMER AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) TO MAKE VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES; DETERMINING THE ORDINANCE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND AMENDING THE MASTER FEE RESOLUTION TO ADD VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 15.76 (PLASTIC STRAWS AND UTENSILS UPON REQUEST) TO SCHEDULE C OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEE SCHEDULE [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, P. PORTWOOD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ordinance amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to require food and beverage providers to distribute plastic beverage straws and plastic utensils only upon request by the customer; amending Chapter 1.08 in Title 1 by adding violations of the new chapter to the list of municipal code chapters and sections that are subject to administrative penalty procedures; and amending the Master Fee Resolution to add violations of the new chapter to the Administrative Citation Fee Schedule.

ACTION: This Item was Continued to a Date Uncertain.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. UPDATE ON DOCKLESS MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM [J. KEHO, R. EASON, R. DIMOND, J. ROCCO, V. GUARINO, C. WAGMAN]:
SUBJECT: The purpose of this item is to present an update to the City Council on the Dockless Mobility Pilot Program, which launched on July 1, 2021 in the City of West Hollywood.

Senior Planner Rachel Dimond provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 16, 2021.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to dockless mobility modes of transportation and shared personal experiences of almost being hit by one while walking on the sidewalk.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a program by the City to provide assistance to low income individuals to purchase personal e-scooters.

Mayor Pro Tempore inquired about the number of citations issued for riding on sidewalks or blocking walkways. Parking Operations Supervisor Coby Wagman indicated that no citations have been issued. Ms. Dimond commented that currently staff is focusing on educating riders with regulations rather than enforcement. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired who checks on scooters/bikes left in residential areas. Ms. Dimond noted that they can be left in the "furniture zone". If they are left on the sidewalk they are relocated. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired if the usage is first and last mile or recreational. She also inquired if they are being used by residents and asked that a phone number with a live person answering be provided for complaints. She asked that all of this information be provided in the next update from staff.

Councilmember Erickson asked that staff be proactive in providing information to the public on who to submit complaints. He also commented on the need for collaboration by the vendors. He mentioned the safety concerns expressed by residents and that they are valid concerns that need to be addressed.

Councilmember Shyne agreed with her colleagues' comments and inquired about scooters and e-bikes that have the technology that slows the device down when it's on the sidewalk. She would like an update from staff every three months.

Councilmember D'Amico requested that staff display a map of the rebalancing points in the City. Mr. Wagman shared the map.

Motion by Councilmember D'Amico to require that a phone number or email address to issue complaints is placed on the scooters and e-bikes, require new stations to be placed in the street, and provide updates to the City Council every 60 days. Councilmember Erickson seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister inquired if Parking Enforcement is reporting scooter and e-bike issues to staff. Mr. Wagman stated that it's encouraged but not required. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister asked that it be required of Parking Enforcement staff.

Mayor Horvath inquired if the vendors could assist with facilitating in reporting crimes. Mr. Wagman indicated that they have been cooperative and have met with the Sheriff's Department. She agrees with Councilmember D'Amico that if a scooter starts and ends on a sidewalk, it may be unclear to users that they shouldn't stay on the sidewalk. She inquired about helmets. Ms. Dimond indicated that staff is working to provide free helmets to the public and make them available throughout the City.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to include a phone number or email address for ABM to report that a scooter needs to be picked up or moved by placing either a sticker or an affixed hang tag; 2) Place new parking stations in the street; and 3) Provide updates to the City Council every 60 days. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

4.B. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: Mayor Horvath will make her direct appointment to the Public Safety Commission. Councilmember D'Amico will make his direct appointment to the Public Facilities Commission. The City Council will make an at-large appointment to the Transgender Advisory Board.

ACTIONS: Make new appointments to the Public Safety Commission, Public Facilities Commission, and Transgender Advisory Board with terms ending February 28, 2023, as follows: 1) Mayor Horvath - Public Safety Commission – **Nika Soon-Shiong**; 2) Councilmember D'Amico Public Facilities Commission – **Richard Larry**; and 3) Table the At-Large appointment to the Transgender Advisory Board to a meeting in October.

The City Council took a recess at 8:12 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. DEVELOPMENT OF CITYWIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT [J. ERICKSON, S. SHYNE, C. SCHROEDER, C.

PLANCK, E. ANDERSON, D. KAHN-EPSTEIN, D. GIUGNI, L. ISENBERG, K. EGAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to further explore the development of a Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit to serve the West Hollywood community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister indicated her support of the Item. She inquired about 5150 holds and where individuals are taken as well as the outcomes that the City was hoping to achieve. She inquired about the difference between this proposal and the MET Team. She inquired if it will be modeled after the CAHOOTS model (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets). She inquired why this wasn't brought forward when the City Council Homelessness Subcommittee expressed interest in the CAHOOTS model. Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck responded to this inquiry. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister expressed her dissatisfaction with the process and questioned the purpose of the subcommittee if staff was not going to bring items forward based on subcommittee discussion.

JAMIE PENN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the item.

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

ALANNA BLAIR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of item.

ENOCH MILLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the current behavioral health crisis teams in Los Angeles County (PET and PMRT). He suggested addressing known inefficiencies with those programs. He further stated that the decreasing number of hospitals that accept patients requiring psychiatric care contributes to the issue and won't be solved with this proposal. Finally, he shared that while CAHOOTS may work in Lane County it might not be the best solution for a populous city like West Hollywood.

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

DANIEL REIF, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the item.

BELLA DE SOTO, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the item.

JESS STEEVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

REINA CABRERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

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

MAEBE A. GIRL, SILVER LAKE, spoke in support of the item.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about expected outcomes since it was not addressed in the staff report.

Mayor Horvath commented on the items brought by her and her colleagues in the past that requested staff to address this issue. She further commented that there will be a public safety focused item at the November 15th City Council meeting. She also noted that direction was given as part of the budget discussion. She commented that the goal is to provide a holistic approach to public safety. Finally, she requested that staff gather feedback from the City's Advisory Boards.

Councilmember Shyne commented that she agrees with including more Advisory Boards for feedback.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that the Public Safety Commission is included for feedback and input. She also shared that having this information come back to the meeting in November so that the City Council can engage in a holistic conversation around public safety and behavioral health for the community.

City Manager Wilson responded to the public comments regarding a 3-month time period for a study. He noted that a study with a consultant is different than implementing a new program by City staff.

Councilmember Erickson asked that staff share outcomes. Ms. Planck responded to this inquiry.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to report back to Council in three months on Phase I of the program as well as expected outcomes; and 2) Solicit feedback and public input from the City Council's Subcommittee on Homelessness, the Human Services Commission, the Public Safety Commission, all of the City's Advisory Boards, and the Social Justice Task Force regarding recommended aspects of the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Unit's scope that would serve community members, both housed and unhoused, in need of immediate behavioral health support.
Motion by Councilmember Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.

5.B. COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICIES AND MANDATES [L. LANGER, D. WILSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider COVID-19 vaccine mandates for employees, private businesses and public buildings and facilities.

City Attorney Lauren Langer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated August 16, 2021.

Mayor Horvath inquired if the County's proposed action on this issue will include all cities in the County or only the unincorporated areas of the County. Ms. Langer responded to this inquiry. She further inquired if we know the impacts, if any, to businesses that are currently requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test.

Councilmember Erickson inquired about emergency powers given to the City Manager.

Councilmember Shyne inquired if it will apply to City contractors such as Block by Block.

KAREN O'KEEFE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, began to address comments made by Councilmember D'Amico for Item 5.B. Both the City Clerk and Mayor Horvath indicated that this isn't the appropriate time for those comments.

Councilmember Shyne provided the following recommendations:

- Continue to work with the City's bargaining units towards a mandate for City employees and contracted employees.
- City contractors that interface with City employees and members of the public, including Block by Block.
- Monitor actions by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on mandates for its employees which includes the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department employees.
- Consider a mandate for private businesses similar to the City of San Francisco.
- Monitor unionized businesses as they meet and confer with their bargaining units.
- Develop guidelines for large groups that gather outdoors as well as businesses indoors where people are unmasked for longer than 15 minutes.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister requested that we implement measures that are as strict as possible to include all City employees, users of any City facilities, public transport users, healthcare, and both indoor/outdoor should be treated the same.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the possibility of opting-in to Los Angeles County's requirements. He agrees that it should be as strict as possible.

Councilmember Erickson also favors being as strict as possible to protect the public health of the community.

Mayor Horvath shared that we need to create a culture that encourages everyone to get vaccinated. She supports the item and expressed interest in opting-in to LA County's order. She confirmed with Code Compliance Manager Danny Rivas that compliance with the orders will be enforced by Code Enforcement.

ACTIONS: 1) Continue to work with the City's bargaining units towards a mandate for City employees and contracted employees; 2) City contractors that interface with City employees and members of the public; 3) Monitor actions by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on mandates for its employees which includes the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department employees; 4) Consider a mandate for private businesses similar to the City of San Francisco; 5) Monitor unionized businesses as they meet and confer with their bargaining units; 6) Develop guidelines for large groups that gather outdoors as well as businesses indoors where people are unmasked for longer than 15 minutes; 7) Explore mandates for the City's appointed officials; 8) Require anyone entering a City facility to be subject to the same mandates as private businesses; and 9) Draft an Executive Order which would be ratified at the September 20th City Council meeting.
Motion by Councilmember Shyne, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.

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

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

Mayor Horvath nominated Mayor Pro Tempore Meister to be Mayor. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister accepted the nomination. Mayor Pro Tempore Meister was elected as Mayor to be installed on September 20th for a term ending in January 2023.

Mayor Horvath nominated Councilmember Shyne to be Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Shyne accepted the nomination. Councilmember Shyne was elected as Mayor Pro Tempore to be installed on September 20th for a term ending in January 2023.

ACTIONS: 1) Mayor Pro Tempore Meister was elected as Mayor to be installed on September 20th for a term ending in January 2023; and 2) Councilmember Shyne was elected as Mayor Pro Tempore to be installed on September 20th for a term ending in January 2023.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.O. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION, ADVISORY BOARD, AND TASK FORCE BY-LAWS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS [L. HORVATH, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving amendments to the by-laws for the City's Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Task Force regarding the eligibility and procedures for selecting its officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, or Co-Chairs).

Councilmember Shyne requested that the following amendments be made to the by-laws: 1) The six-month requirement should be of the total service on any Commission or Advisory Board; 2) The Chair should not be allowed to be nominated as Vice Chair; 3) LGAB bylaws requested more inclusive language; and 4) For Rules of Decorum it should indicate "security guard" rather than "Sheriff".

Councilmember D'Amico commented on the Chair's role as presiding officer and tools that can be used without requiring a Sheriff.

Mayor Pro Tempore Meister would like to leave the six (6) month requirement for the specific Commission or Advisory rather than total service. She agrees with all of Councilmember Shyne's other recommendations.

ACTIONS: 1) Amend Section 3.2 of the Commission, Advisory Board, and Task Force by-laws to require the City Clerk or the City Clerk's designee to administer the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Co-Chairs in accordance with the process developed by the City Clerk's Office; 2) Amend the Commission, Advisory Board, and Task Force by-laws to include a new section outlining the "Eligibility Requirements of the Chair"; 3) The Chair should not be allowed to be nominated as Vice Chair; 4) LGAB bylaws update with more inclusive language; and 5) For Rules of Decorum update to remove the reference to Sheriff and included language on ways that the Chair can manage the meeting effectively. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister, seconded by Mayor Horvath, and approved.**

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 2.40, SECTION 2.40.020 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending Title 2, Article 3, Chapter 2.40, Section 2.40.020 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to include desirable qualifications of appointed Commissioners to the Historic

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Preservation Commission as recommended by the Certified Local Government (CLG) preservation program.

Mayor Horvath requested that the language change from “encouraged” to “required” in the ordinance to maintain the City’s Certified Local Government preservation status.

ACTION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance 21-1164 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 2, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 2.40, SECTION 2.40.020 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE” as amended. **Motion by Mayor Horvath, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember D’Amico inquired if the Executive Order could be ratified at the Study Session.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the information on the vaccine mandates be provided as soon as possible so that the Councilmembers can respond to members of the public.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:24 p.m. in memory of Bob Berry, Jeffrey Yuji Suji, the Haitians and others killed from the earthquake, those killed as a result of the 20 year War in Afghanistan, Richard Trumka, Lee Mentley, Paul Singerman, and James Hormel to its Study Session, which will be on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 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 September, 2021 by the following vote:

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

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