

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING (IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE)**

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

6:00 P.M. – HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING (In-Person and via Teleconference)

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Meister called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Steve Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Wilson, City Attorney Langer, City Clerk Crowder, and Assistant City Clerk Poblador.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported that the Closed Session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. She stated that there was no public comment, no items added to the agenda, and that there were no reportable actions taken by the Council. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Staff requested that Item 4.D. be Tabled.

Councilmember Horvath requested that Items 2.M. and 2.N. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 5.A. be moved to Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, to approve the October 18, 2021 Agenda as amended, and approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Colin Powell.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Vertino Heard.

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Councilmember D'Amico requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Margo Leavin.

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ronald S. Kates.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council presented a Proclamation recognizing Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week to the Code Compliance Division staff.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.A.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Disabilities Awareness month and the events throughout the month.

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

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding funding for women/BIPOC-owned businesses in the City as well as her support for the women's freedom festival at Pride. She also spoke regarding Item 5.B. indicating that she does not support term limits for appointed officials.

MIKE GREENSPAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about ethics and elected officials.

JORDAN DAVID, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 5.A.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson thanked the City Clerk, Facilities, and City staff for facilitating the technology and safety adjustments to the Council Chambers so that the City Council could meet in person. He reported on his attendance at the TransCanWork Center grand opening. He attended the Visit West Hollywood event regarding tourism and hotels at Soulmate restaurant. He thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for presiding over the Westside Cities Council of Governments meeting and prioritizing Metro funding. He announced that the Friends of West Hollywood Library site is open again. He congratulated West Hollywood resident Karen Ocamb for being awarded Journalist of the Year. He spoke about the \$3 COVID-related fee to attend the City's Movies in the Park events and offered to pay for anyone who wishes to attend the screening of "The Nightmare Before Christmas". He commented that he received a tour of the West Hollywood Park, and he highlighted the green space and view from the pool. Additionally, he announced that West Hollywood is over 80% vaccinated. He thanked the businesses for doing their diligence in checking vaccine statuses.

Councilmember Horvath reported on her attendance at the Clean Power Alliance Board meeting as well as the BizFed Regional Broadband discussion. She represented the City at the Liability Trust Fund Claims Board and Oversight Committee meeting and

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attended the grand opening of the TransCanWork Center. She congratulated former LA Blade editor Karen Ocamb who was awarded Journalist of the Year by the LA Press Club. She acknowledged that there has been past direction related to Item 5.A. and expressed her desire that the action will reflect past direction reflecting 2021 community needs. She spoke regarding Item 2.J. and congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne who serves as Chair of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG). At the last WSCCOG meeting they approved the City's request to allocate \$40 million in funding for the Metro Crenshaw/Northern Line extension project.

Councilmember D'Amico briefly touched upon Item 5.A. and wants to ensure that the kiosk helps community members. Further, he cautioned that it shouldn't turn into a surveillance tool.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne spoke about being in Council Chambers in the hybrid meeting format. She spoke about the recent WSCCOG meeting. She requested that staff provide an update as outlined in Item 2.J. and any other updates since the staff report was published regarding Metro. She thanked Councilmember Horvath for her support and advocacy for the Metro line extension. She reported that she attended a tour of the senior and youth housing facilities at the LGBT Center along with Mayor Meister and encouraged staff to look into modeling similar development projects with this type of design and architecture. She further reported that she attended the Visit West Hollywood Tourism & Client Appreciation Event at Soulmate restaurant as well as the TransCanWork offices at the Connie Norman Transgender Empowerment Center. She also congratulated Karen Ocamb for her distinguished award.

Mayor Meister highlighted that on October 21st at 10:21 AM, the City will participate in the Great California Shakeout drill. She reported on her attendance at the SCAG CEHD meeting as well as the All Mayors weekly meeting hosted by the US Conference of Mayors, the WSCCOG meeting, the grand opening of TransCanWork offices, the Visit West Hollywood Client Appreciation event, and the LGBT Center tour. She commented on several Consent Calendar items including Items 2.I., 2.K., and 2.P. Lastly, she commented on Item 5.A. noting that she is supportive of the Item; however, she thought that the Item should be discussed at the November 15th City Council meeting focusing on community safety.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson expressed his appreciation to the Code Compliance team for the support they offered businesses and residences during the pandemic. He indicated the contract amendment for the Block by Block kiosk referenced in Item 5.A. will be on the November 15th City Council agenda for consideration. He shared information on the vaccination clinic taking place on October 21st from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Plummer Park. He announced that the California COVID-19 rent relief program is providing financial assistance to renters and landlords and directed interested individuals to visit www.housingiskey.com. He announced that the City is hosting its first State of the Community discussion with the theme of "Moving Forward Together" which will take place on October 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. He noted that community members may go to www.weho.org/news to register. In advance of the November 15th meeting, the City

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has partnered with a research firm to conduct a survey regarding community safety priorities which is being sent by email, phone, and text in the next few weeks.

Associate Planner David Fenn provided an update on the City's rail advocacy efforts. He indicated that the WSCCOG's allocation of \$40 million in subregional equity program funding will help ongoing CEQA environmental work that Metro is conducting, assist with additional engineering and design work needed to get the project shovel-ready, and potentially federal NEPA environmental work needed to make the project eligible for additional federal funding or financing. This funding could also help make the case for a similar funding allocation from the Central City Subregion in the future. He also reported that the Crenshaw North Project was designated one of advocacy group CG/LA's Strategic 100 North American Infrastructure projects and indicated that staff is planning additional City-led outreach on the rail project. Councilmember Horvath inquired if any other Metro projects that were nominated in the top 100 projects. Mr. Fenn commented that the Crenshaw North project was the only Los Angeles region transportation or Metro project included.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the removal of Items 2.M. and 2.N. and the addition of Item 5.A. is \$964,615 in expenditures, \$0 in potential revenues, (\$529,961) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U. Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, October 18, 2021 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, October 13, 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 October 4, 2021. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 895 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending October 8, 2021 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 895 and adopt Resolution No. 21-5453, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 895.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

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

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

2.E. AB 361 - ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUED USE OF VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS FOR CITY BROWN ACT MEETINGS [L. LANGER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will authorize the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings for the City’s Brown Act meetings as required under AB 361.

ACTION: Allow for the continued use of virtual teleconference meetings for City Brown Act meetings (including all of the City’s Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Task Forces) under AB 361 by finding that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. QUARTERLY UPDATE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE [J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a quarterly update on the activities of the Social Justice Task Force.

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

2.G. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2021 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, N. CORONADO]:

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

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

2.H. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUEER WOMEN’S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, J. IVANOVA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the work of the Los Angeles County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women’s Health Collaborative from July 2020 through June 2021.

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

- 2.I. AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY YEAR FOUR EVALUATION REPORT [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, E. ANDERSON, D. KAHN-EPSTEIN, J. IVANOVA]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Year Four Evaluation Report.
ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. METRO UPDATE [J. KEHO, R. EASON, D. FENN, J. LEONARD]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line including Metro's environmental scoping process, City-led outreach, Measure M Subregional Equity Program funding, and consider authorizing an amendment to the Agreement for Services with Emerson & Associates.
ACTION: 1) Receive an update on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line including Metro's environmental scoping process, City-led outreach, and Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP) funding; 2) Approve Amendment No. 9 to the Agreement for Services with Emerson & Associates to extend the contract term by an additional 12 months and increase the amount of the agreement by \$150,000, utilizing Measure M local return transportation funds, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,295,000 to provide ongoing project support for the next phase of the project and related interagency negotiations and funding pursuits; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS SERVICES FOR GRANT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR SEISMIC RETROFIT PROGRAM [J. KEHO, B. GALAN, C. ZABALA]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an Agreement for Services with Engineering Solutions Services (ESS) to assist the City with the development and management of a grant program with funding awarded through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Grant funds will provide financial assistance to property owners subject to the City's mandatory Seismic Retrofit Program.
ACTION: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Engineering Solutions Services in an amount not to exceed \$706,615.00 for the development and management of a grant program over a period of 36 months, for the City's mandatory Seismic Retrofit Program; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR THE CITY & TESLA SUPERCHARGER STATION AT CITY'S SUNSET**

PARKING LOT (8775 SUNSET BOULEVARD) [O. DELGADO, F. CONTRERAS, K. KIGONGO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider granting an easement to Southern California Edison for the installation, access, and maintenance of electrical supply systems, communication systems, and related improvements for the City & Tesla Supercharger Station at the City's Sunset Parking Lot at 8775 Sunset Boulevard.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5454 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION, ACCESS, AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS, COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CITY'S SUNSET PARKING LOT (8775 SUNSET BOULEVARD; A.I.N. 5559-003-901) IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD;" 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Grant of Easement; and 3) Direct the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 21-5454 as well as the Grant of Easement for recordation by the Office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.M. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR MEISTER AS LIAISON TO MAYORS FOR GUARANTEED INCOME [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider appointing Mayor Meister as the liaison to the Mayors for Guaranteed Income.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.N. CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY SETTING WORKSHOP SESSIONS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to organize two to three workshop sessions for the City Council and City Manager that will serve to help the City Council set its goals and priorities for the coming months.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.O. CITY SUPPORT FOR THE ADVANCE STUDY [J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to take several steps to support the ADVANCE Study, a pilot study conducted by Vitalant, OneBlood, and the American Red Cross, which will be used to determine if different eligibility criteria for gay and bisexual men can be used at blood centers nationwide.

ACTION: 1) Waive encroachment permits and other fees for the ADVANCE Study to set up a pop-up with flyers and information on Santa Monica Boulevard; 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the ADVANCE Study including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools; 3) Direct staff in partnership with the ADVANCE Study team

to organize a WeHo ADVANCE Study Day, encouraging community members to sign up to participate; 4) Direct staff to organize a City-sponsored blood drive with the dual purpose of encouraging people to donate blood during this time of need and sign up for the ADVANCE Study if eligible; 5) Waive City fees, including but not limited to facilities fees, parking, encroachment fees, for a City-sponsored blood drive; and 6) Direct staff to support the American Red Cross's efforts to hold a virtual town hall on ADVANCE Study Day to address any potential community concerns or questions about the Study, including promoting the virtual town hall through the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. STREAMLINE APPROVAL OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS [J. ERICKSON, L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to research options for streamlining the approval of 100% affordable housing projects that are in full compliance with minimum development standards in the City's latest adopted Zoning Code. The intent is to encourage a more certain and quicker process for low impact affordable housing projects that comply with the base requirements of their respective zoning districts. Staff will return to City Council with a summary of findings and recommendations.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to research options to streamline the approval of 100% affordable housing projects in the City of West Hollywood as described in the staff report; 2) Direct staff to present options to West Hollywood residents and other stakeholders for meaningful community feedback; and 3) Present the findings and analysis to Planning Commission within 90 days before returning to City Council with recommendations for moving forward. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. COMMISSION A MURAL FOR 2022 WEST HOLLYWOOD LGBTQ PRIDE [S. SHYNE, J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider commissioning a mural for 2022 West Hollywood LGBTQ Pride which focuses on the themes of pride and inclusivity.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to issue a call for artists to create a mural for 2022 West Hollywood LGBTQ Pride focusing on the themes of pride and inclusivity; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$10,000 from Fiscal Year 2021-22 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the mural commission. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. RECOGNITION OF FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH [S. SHYNE, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution recognizing October as Filipino American History Month and directing staff

to add Filipino American History Month to the list of multi-cultural holidays being evaluated by staff for City annual recognition.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5455, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH;" 2) Direct Community and Legislative Affairs staff to send copies of the resolution to State Senator Ben Allen, State Assemblymember Richard Bloom, Representative Adam Schiff, Senator Alex Padilla, and Senator Dianne Feinstein; 3) Direct staff to add Filipino American History Month to City's preliminary list of multi-cultural holidays that are currently being evaluated and implemented by staff; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to raise awareness about Filipino American History Month, including sharing information via social media platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ANY LEGISLATION PERMANENTLY BARRING ALL NEW OR EXSTING EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES [J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution supporting any legislation permanently barring all new or existing exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas off the coast of the United States.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5456, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING ANY LEGISLATION PERMANENTLY BARRING ALL NEW OR EXISTING EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, OR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES;" 2) Direct Community and Legislative Affairs staff to send copies of the resolution to President Joe Biden, Senators Alex Padilla and Dianne Feinstein, Representative Adam Schiff, and others as deemed appropriate; and 3) Direct Community and Legislative Affairs staff to amend the City's Legislative Priorities to add Priority Number SI 21: "Support legislation that permanently bars all new or existing exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas off the coast of the United States." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. AMEND THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER LIST OF PRE-APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS/EVENTS TO INCLUDE THE NORTH AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE LEADERSHIP FORUM [L. HORVATH, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the City Councilmember list of pre-approved organizations and events to include the North American Infrastructure Leadership Forum and other similar conferences and forums held by CG/LA Infrastructure.

ACTION: Approve the addition of the North American Infrastructure Leadership Forum and other similar conferences and forums held by CG/LA Infrastructure to the list of pre-approved organizations and events

that members of the City Council are permitted to attend each year.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.U. (5.A.) EASTSIDE BLOCK BY BLOCK KIOSK [J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD]:** *SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to prepare an amendment to the current Agreement for Services with Block by Block to add a security ambassador kiosk and associated staffing at a location to be determined near the intersection of La Brea Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard on the Eastside of the City.*

ACTION: Direct staff to return to the City Council within 30 days with an amendment to the current Agreement for Services with Block by Block, including an allocation of additional funding for FY 2021-22, to add a security ambassador kiosk and associated staffing at a location to be determined near the intersection of La Brea Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard on the Eastside of the City. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 4.A. UPDATE ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR WEST HOLLYWOOD PRIDE EVENTS 2022 [K. COOK, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK, J. LEONARD]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on proposals received from the Request for Proposals (RFP) that was released for Event Production Services for LGBTQ Pride Events in West Hollywood. The City Council will also be asked to provide direction to staff related to an inaugural West Hollywood Pride event in June 2022, which will inform the negotiation of an Event Production Services contract.

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 18, 2021. She presented information on the proposals submitted in response to the RFP. She indicated that staff is seeking direction on the event duration, date, and budget.

Councilmember Horvath inquired about feedback from the City Council Pride Subcommittee. Ms. Reath responded to this inquiry. Councilmember Horvath that she would prefer that the Subcommittee evaluate and provide a recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne provided information on the input that the Subcommittee provided to staff. Some of the elements that were important to her were inclusive events, that it is branded as West Hollywood Pride, and that the City gets a return on its investment.

Councilmember D'Amico added that he would like one large weekend event. He shared additional thoughts on the success of Pride 2021. He noted his support of a parade or march. He commented that he wants a sustainable and scalable event.

Councilmember Erickson indicated his appreciation for Councilmember D'Amico's comments about Pride 2021. He, too, wants a successful and scalable event

Mayor Meister indicated that she does not want an event as large as 2019 and prefers a smaller event. She noted that parade was successful in 2019. She further noted that One City One Pride occurs throughout Pride month. She noted that the budget does not include public safety, staffing, or Athens.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne recommended that JJLA produce the event, that it should be a ticketed event with co-sponsorships to reduce costs, that it occur over a single weekend, include a Women's Freedom Festival West Hollywood Park or Plummer Park, as the smaller producer to work with JJLA, and reduce the public safety costs.

Councilmember Erickson recommended that JJLA produce the event, that the event occur over one weekend, is open to a smaller event such as the Rainbow Mile, is open to AIDS Life Cycle, include a Dyke March, reconsider what police presence looks like at Pride 2022.

Councilmember D'Amico recommended that the City Council budget \$1 million on Pride. He recommended that the Rainbow Mile event take along Beverly Gardens in Beverly Hills. He would like the event's footprint to be limited to West Hollywood Park, and possibly Plummer Park and/or San Vicente Blvd. His goal is that the event benefits our businesses and maximizes One City One Pride.

Councilmember Horvath commented that Pride is about community and that government should not tell community how to celebrate Pride. She recommends moving forward with JJLA due to their flexibility and past success in planning events. She would like to open and activate our public spaces, is not amenable to closing WeHo park or streets for AIDS LifeCycle, and she is more inclined to support the inclusivity of the Women's Freedom Festival.

Mayor Meister agrees to limit the scope and funds we spend. She likes the idea of a free event with co-sponsors. She commented that she would reach out to Beverly Hills and discuss the Rainbow Mile run along Beverly Gardens Park and work with them on the route if directed. She would like it to go back to the subcommittee for more focused recommendations on what should be planned. She inquired if staff had enough information to

move forward. Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard asked if the City Council could select an event producer.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to negotiate an Event Production Services contract with JJLA; 2) Provide the direction that the City Council provided to JJLA; and 3) Return to the Pride Subcommittee. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

The City Council took a recess at 7:52 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

4.B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REGARDING MINIMUM WAGE AND HOTEL WORKER MINIMUM WAGE [D. WILSON, J. JIMENEZ, J. LEONARD, C. SAFRIET, P. KESPRADIT, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a proposed Ordinance that would establish a citywide minimum wage.

Assistant to the City Manager Janet Jimenez provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 18, 2021.

Councilmember Horvath inquired why there is an exemption between hotel restaurant workers vs. restaurant workers in leased restaurants. City Manager Wilson responded.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne inquired about sick leave for other businesses and inquired if other cities differentiate.

Councilmember Erickson inquired if hotels profit from leased restaurant spaces. City Manager Wilson responded.

SANDRA PELLECCER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

NORMA HERNANDEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

JESUS LOPEZ, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of the item.

DANIELLE WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

SERGIO SORZA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the item.

ELSA MERCADO, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of the item.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

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

CHELSEA BYERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

MARQUITA THOMAS, on behalf of the LOS ANGELES LGBTQ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of the item.

NICK RIMEDIO, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in opposition to the item.

DAVID JUAREZ, spoke in opposition to the item.

MARK EDWARDS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

OLGA AQUINO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

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

DANIEL REIF, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the item and encouraged more revolutionary ways to support the working class.

ISMELDA, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of the item.

LILIANA HERNANDEZ, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of the item.

Mayor Meister inquired on the differences between a restaurant owned by the hotel versus a restaurant that leases in a hotel. Community and Legislative Affairs Manager Leonard responded. She indicated that she would like to discuss the restaurant exclusion and the three alternatives separately.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne spoke regarding wage consistency. She indicated that the minimum wage alternative on page 4 of the Staff Report makes sense. She commented that businesses in the City need to pay competitive wages. She recommends changing the ordinance to 80 hours of sick pay for other businesses to match hotel worker sick pay and further recommends uncompensated sick pay for all businesses. Also, she asked that staff return with an item discussing the pros and cons of mandating unlimited, unpaid sick pay at all businesses.

Councilmember Horvath commented that she does not believe workers in the same building should be paid differently and cannot support separating restaurant workers in hotels from other hotel workers. She acknowledged that the study shows that the community supports an increase in wages and that our wages are not competitive with the cities of Los Angeles in Santa Monica.

Councilmember D'Amico indicated that there should not be a differentiation between hotel workers and hotel restaurant workers. He

expressed desire to choose the highest wage and start from there as the minimum wage.

Councilmember Erickson commented that he does not support any wage separation and would like to remove barriers, not create them. He believes that this ordinance creates consistency in the region.

Councilmember D'Amico inquired about the wage/benefit inconsistency in the ordinance. City Attorney Langer responded to his inquiry indicating that the direction from the City Council was to mimic the ordinances in Santa Monica and Los Angeles; therefore, the proposed ordinance before the City includes their ordinance language.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne also indicated that she does not want any separation between hotel workers and restaurant hotel workers.

Mayor Meister expressed concern with including restaurant workers for a restaurant that leases from a hotel, specifically that it would put limitations on the types of restaurants that that would lease from a hotel and commented that we are a different city from Santa Monica. She also noted the lack of fairness in paying restaurant workers more for restaurants in hotels versus non-hotel.

ACTION: 1) Return with a revised ordinance for first reading that includes personal time off for all employees that sets the wage at \$17.64 for non-hotel employees and hotel employees, a date when the new wage goes into effect, includes personal time off provision for all employees not only hotel workers; and in Section 5.13.040 include non-hotel workers; 2) Staff return with information on whether it is legal to require unlimited, unpaid sick time; and 3) Return on November 15th with the revised ordinance.
Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.

4.C. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE POST EMPLOYMENT LOBBYING RULES IN THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending Title 2, Article 4, Chapter 2.72, Section 2.72.090 (post-employment lobbying) to: (1) increase the period of time prohibiting post-employment lobbying for designated employees and officials from a one (1) year to a four (4) year period; (2) remove the exemption from post-employment lobbying for individuals lobbying on behalf of non-profit organizations ; and (3) update the list of said "designated employees and officials" subject to the prohibition.

Mayor Meister recommended that all City Commissioners, not only Planning Commissioners in the ordinance. Additionally, she recommends a two-year prohibition for all Commissioners.

City Attorney Langer read the changes to the ordinance into the record for the first reading:

a. Members of the City Council, City Manager, and all city employees in the employment category of manager and higher are “designated employees and officials” for purposes of this section.

b. Designated employees and officials shall not, for a period of four years after leaving that office or employment, act as agent or attorney for, or otherwise represent, for compensation, any other person, by making any formal or informal appearance before, or by making any oral or written communication to, the City Council or any committee, subcommittee, Board, Commission, or present member thereof, or any officer or employee of the City, if the appearance or communication is made for the purpose of influencing administrative or legislative action, or influencing any action or proceeding involving the issuance, amendment, awarding, or revocation of a permit, license, grant, or contract, or the sale or purchase of goods or property.

c. Members of a City Commission listed in 2.30.010 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code shall not, for a period of two years after leaving that office or employment, act as agent or attorney for, or otherwise represent, for compensation, any other person, by making any formal or informal appearance before, or by making any oral or written communication to, the City Council or any committee, subcommittee, Board, Commission, or present member thereof, or any officer or employee of the City, if the appearance or communication is made for the purpose of influencing administrative or legislative action, or influencing any action or proceeding involving the issuance, amendment, awarding, or revocation of a permit, license, grant, or contract, or the sale or purchase of goods or property.

d. Subsections (b and c) shall not apply to any individual who is, at the time of the appearance or communication, a board member, officer, employee, or representative of another local government agency or a public agency and is appearing or communicating on behalf of that agency.

ACTION: Introduce on First Reading Ordinance No. 21-1165 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING A PORTION OF TITLE 2, ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 2.72, SECTION 2.72.090 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE” with the changes read into the record by City Attorney Langer. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

4.D. TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making an at-large appointment to the Transgender Advisory Board.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. EASTSIDE BLOCK BY BLOCK KIOSK [J. ERICKSON, J. LEONARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to prepare an amendment to the current Agreement for Services with Block by Block to add a security ambassador kiosk and associated staffing at a location to be determined near the intersection of La Brea Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard on the Eastside of the City.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Consent Calendar.

5.B. AMEND THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND TERMS FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS [J. ERICKSON, S. SHYNE, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct staff to update the application process for appointed officials and draft amendments to the Municipal Code and Commission and Advisory Board By-Laws to create term limits for appointed officials.

Councilmember D'Amico recommended a pre-application requirement to include a one or two-hour training. He does not agree with background checks. He does not support the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board or Commission appointing City officials.

Mayor Meister noted that she is amenable to a six- or eight-year term limit. She recommends a more detailed application with specific questions of specific to that Board or Commission and how many meetings they have watched or attended, and a pre-application orientation requirement.

Councilmember Horvath does not support term limits, but perhaps adding specific qualifications for certain Commissions. She does not agree with a formal interview process and commented that she likely will not support the item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne explained why she included background checks in the staff report.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to update the Commission, Advisory Board, and Task Force application; 2) Background checks for Commissioners only; 3) Pre-application training requirement; and 4) Return to City Council with the with proposed professional qualifications for certain Commissions such as Planning and Historic Preservation. **Motion by Mayor Meister, seconded by Shyne, noting the “no” votes of Councilmembers D’Amico and Horvath, and approved.**

5.C. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CSCDA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY [O. DELGADO, B. LEAGUE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adoption of a resolution to become a member of the CSCDA Community Improvement Authority.

Community & Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 18, 2021.

Mayor Meister recommended an agreement that would include units that count under RHNA, a balance of unit types, ensure that points 1-3 on page 5 of the Staff Report happen, and wants staff to update the City Council in three months, six months, etc.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne expressed concern that the item was rushed. She inquired about other bond issuers and if staff researched CSCDA. Community and Legislative Affairs Manager John Leonard responded to her inquiries.

City Attorney Langer requested that representatives from Faring Capital note their acknowledgment of the risk involved and that they are proceeding at their own risk for the record.

JAKE STEVENS, ON BEHALF OF FARING CAPITAL, spoke to acknowledge what was included in that public benefits menu and are proceeding at their own risk.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-5457: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CSCDA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY;" and 2) Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a Public Benefits Agreement ("PBA") with CSCDA in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition of projects, including property tax reimbursement, local preference in tenant selection, the affordability level of units within the project, and other applicable items. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, and approved.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.M. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR MEISTER AS LIAISON TO MAYORS FOR GUARANTEED INCOME [Y. QUARKER, M. CROWDER, A. POBLADOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider appointing Mayor Meister as the liaison to the Mayors for Guaranteed Income.

Councilmember Horvath asked for confirmation that the intention is to maintain the goals and direction that were established when the City joined Mayors for Guaranteed Income. Mayor Meister responded that she is meeting with staff this week and confirmed that she will continue the previous goals and direction.

ACTION: Appoint Mayor Meister as the liaison to the Mayors for Guaranteed Income. **Motion by Councilmember Horvath, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico, and approved.**

2.N. CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY SETTING WORKSHOP SESSIONS [L. MEISTER, J. LEONARD, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to organize two to three workshop sessions for the City Council and City Manager that will serve to help the City Council set its goals and priorities for the coming months.

Councilmember Horvath does not feel we need a facilitator and trusts the Mayor to facilitate the meeting. She also would like a report of what’s been done, what’s in the pipeline for the two new Councilmembers update, and that they should have the opportunity to raise priority items.

Mayor Meister responded that was the goal to become more effective and learn each other’s goals and serve the best interest of the public. And to also integrate our new City Manager to be part of this team-building session. She would like to budget for 2 meetings just in case.

Councilmember D’Amico agreed with Councilmember Horvath that the Mayor can facilitate this.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne is also confident a facilitator is not needed and can do one session.

Councilmember Erickson commented that he also trusts the Mayor to facilitate the session.

City Manager Wilson suggested a Saturday and to hold it in early January when a regular City Council meeting is usually cancelled.

ACTION: Direct staff to organize one workshop with Councilmembers and the City Manager to help the Council set its goals and priorities for the coming months. **Motion by Councilmember D’Amico, seconded by Mayor Meister, and approved.**

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSAGE PARLORS AND MASSAGE

TECHNICIANS AND RENAMING CHAPTER 5.72 (MASSAGE PARLORS AND TECHNICIANS) IN TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS, AND PERMITS) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND TECHNICIANS [J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, D. MICK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amendments to Title 5 (Business Licenses) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code concerning requirements for Massage Parlors and Technicians.

ASHLEY MADNESS, SWOP LA, spoke regarding amending some of the language in the proposed ordinance as parts of it are intrusive and regressive and further encourages exploitation.

TERESA PRICE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to portions of the proposed ordinance noting that it increases the vulnerability of immigrant workers and women of color.

MICHELLE CHO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to portions of the proposed ordinance noting the criminalization and lack of safety for workers.

MINOUCHE KANDEL, ACLU, spoke in opposition to portions of this item as it prohibits those who wish to seek a massage license and makes moving away from sex work more difficult.

Councilmember Erickson commented that he has some of the same concerns as the speakers on certain sections of the proposed ordinance and requested changes to the language. Specifically, he recommended that Section 5.72.060 1.A.ii “Been convicted, except for minor traffic violations under Penal Code sections for 266h (pimping); 266i (pandering); 314 (indecent exposure, obscene exhibitions, and bawdy and other disorderly houses); 315 (keeping or residing in a house of ill-fame); 316 (keeping disorderly house); 318 (prevailing upon person to visit a place for prostitution); 647 (b) (engaging in or soliciting prostitution); 653.22 (loitering with intent to commit prostitution); or 653.23 (supervision of a prostitute) be removed from the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne noted that she agrees with Councilmember Erickson’s comments. She indicated the difference between a brick-and mortar establishment and mobile massage therapists. She suggested amending mobile massage therapist to exclude working from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. as opposed to 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. She recommended that amending Section 5.72.070 Section 6 be amended to reflect her comments.

Code Compliance Manager Danny Rivas responded to the Councilmembers comments and recommended changes.

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City Attorney Langer indicated that the meeting agenda doesn't reflect some of the recommended changes. She suggested that staff make the recommended changes and return with a first reading of the ordinance.

ACTION: Direct staff to return with a revised ordinance removing 5.72.060 1.A.ii and amending Chapter 5.72.070 Section 6 Hours of Operation to separate Mobile Massage Therapists and amend the hours of operation to end at 2:00 a.m. rather than 10:00 p.m. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne, and approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MUNTE, MONTEREY PARK, spoke about his experience with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

DANIEL REIF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 5.A., noting the recent criminalization of homelessness by City of Los Angeles.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne provided her disclosure for Item 5.C. She reported that she is a renter and lives across the street from the proposed development at Crescent Heights and Fountain.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:16 P.M. in memory of Colin Powell, Vertino Heard, Margo Leavin, and Ronald S. Kates to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. via a Hybrid Format (In-Person and via Teleconference).

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at an adjourned regular meeting held this 3rd day of November, 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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