

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Allendorfer 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, Administrative Services Director Jimenez, and City Clerk Crowder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Erickson requested that Items 4.B., 5.A., and 6.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.R., 2.S., and 2.U., respectively.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.T.

Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Horvath to approve the October 3, 2022 Agenda as amended.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mark Bryan Kellam.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of all the Iranian people that have been murdered by the Regime during the protests of Mahsa Amini’s death.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sacheen Littlefeather.

Mayor Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Arrigo and Fred Holub.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Meister presented a Proclamation to representatives from the LGBTQ+ and Women's Advisory Boards in recognition of October as Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month. Transgender Advisory Board Chair Shane Nash shared a personal experience and his disappointment with the investigation of his case.

Councilmember Horvath presented a Proclamation to Silvia Vasquez-Lavado honoring her as part of National Hispanic Heritage Month and in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The 2022 SCAN Innovation Award was presented to the City in recognition of the City's work on its Aging in Place/Aging in Community Initiative.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

DR. JIM JENSVOLD, DEMOCRATS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS, spoke in support of Item 2.N.

DR. JENNIFER CONRAD, DEMOCRATS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS, spoke in support of Item 2.N.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in memory of former Disabilities Advisory Boardmember Michael Arrigo and thanked the City Council for adjourning in his memory. He also spoke regarding Disabilities Awareness Month and shared events taking place throughout the month as part of it.

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 6.B. and the desire for further conversation on the item.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about some suggestions to Items 4.B. and 6.A.

MANNY RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 4.B.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Sheriff Villanueva, Aging in Place, and in opposition to Item 4.B.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.N. and 2.Q.

KEELY FIELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the outreach regarding the supply of GHB test strips and Shane Nash's comments.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 2.N., 2.O., and 5.A. as well as the desire for further conversation on Item 6.B.

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KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD BIKE COALITION, spoke regarding Item 6.A., specifically the Melrose Triangle Project and the bike lanes that were approved as part of that development project.

QUEEN CHELA DEMUIR, UNIQUE WOMENS COALITION, spoke to thank the City Council for their support on Item 2.O. and Shane Nash's comments.

Citizen Position Slip – support of Item 2.M. from Victor Omelczenko.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Erickson reported his attendance for various events and meetings including the weekly Monkeypox and COVID-19 briefing, the Bi Visibility event, and the Emergency Preparedness seminar hosted by the City. He shared that he presented a Proclamation at the Actors Studio 75th anniversary. He noted that he participated in the bike infrastructure tour, the Contract Cities Legislative Committee meeting, and the Los Angeles Equality Awards. He thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for hosting a candlelight vigil for women in Iran. He further thanked his colleagues for Items 2.O., 2.N., and 2.Q. He announced that October 11th will be the next Human Rights Speaker series, that he will attend CicLAvia in Echo Park and Little Tokyo next week, and his Plummer Park event this Saturday on vista lawn at 10:00 am. He indicated that he is still awaiting details on Shane's case. He thanked the appointed officials who came to speak regarding Domestic Partner and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month. He commented on the newly installed in-road lighting. He requested that staff follow up regarding the correspondence from a resident about trees at Kings Road Park. He mentioned additional traffic enforcement along Fountain Avenue. He wished the community a happy Rosh Hashanah and a safe Yom Kippur. Lastly, he thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for her leadership in raising awareness about what is happening in Iran.

Councilmember D'Amico commented on the history of Laurel House item and how the City got to where it is today with this property.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne reported her attendance at the Bi Visibility Event, the bike infrastructure tour, Iranian American Women's Foundation Vigil, and the California Contract Cities Fall Summit where she spoke as a panelist regarding emergency operation plans. She expressed support for Shane Nash. She inquired about the feasibility study for a West Hollywood police department and how businesses can acquire GHB test strips. She mentioned the LGBTQ+ Commission's purview, specifically as it pertains to the procurement process. She wished the Filipino community a Happy Filipino American history month. She spoke about various Consent Calendar items. She shared that City Hall will be lit in red, white, and green in solidarity with women in Iran. She provided background on Mahsa Amini's murder and the reason for current protests happening in Iran, and further expressed solidarity with the Iranian people.

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Councilmember Horvath congratulated West Hollywood Arts & Cultural Affairs Commissioner Todd Williamson who is serving as the US State Department Arts Envoy to Germany, and over the next 6 months he will have a series of exhibitions in Germany as well as the Ukrainian embassy in Berlin. She wished a belated Shanah Tovah to community members. She thanked SCAN for their recognition this evening. She reported her attendance at the Equality California Awards, the CalCCA celebration, the Clean Power Alliance Legislative and Regulatory Committee, the Planned Parenthood State of the Agency Event, and the recent Metro meeting. She shared that recommendations from the Nighttime Safety Study Session will be brought back to the City Council at a November meeting and expressed the hope that the City can do another GHB test strip distribution this month. She commented on various Consent Calendar items. She concluded her comments by expressing her solidarity with the women in Iran.

Mayor Meister reported her attendance at SCAG's Democratic Workshop, the Community Emergency Preparedness Seminar, the US Conference of Mayors meeting regarding building resilient infrastructure, the Sanitation District Board Meeting, the Westside Cities Council of Governments special meeting on behavior crisis and mental health care services, the First Responders' Children Foundation event, and the bike infrastructure tour. She thanked staff and the City's lobbyist for their work on SB 1194. She thanked her colleagues for supporting item 2.N. She mentioned the Historic Preservation Commission's discussion regarding changing the name of Laurel House and that she was supportive of beginning that process but noted that it may be under the Public Facilities Commission purview. With regard to Item 2.T. (6.A.), she requested that the construction fence art and bike lanes be installed at the Melrose Triangle Project expeditiously. She wished the Jewish community an easy fast. She acknowledged National Hispanic Heritage Month. As part of Item 2.U. (6.B.), she suggested that the City Clerk explore requiring that at least the directly appointed Commissioner for the LGBTQ+ Commission are residents. Lastly, she apologized to Shane Nash and invited him to meet with her and the Director of Community Safety at City Hall.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson shared that Vote by Mail (VBM) ballots will be sent to all registered voters in Los Angeles County beginning on October 10th, and that the VBM drop boxes will be opened that day as well. He also shared that the Vote Banners have been installed around the City to encourage voting. He commented that the Bystander Intervention training is ongoing and offered quarterly. The West Hollywood Sheriff's station is taking registration for the Community Academy Program. He noted that registration is open for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He indicated that the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) has been certified as LEED Gold. He responded to the in-road lighting query as well as sharing that Director of Public Works Steve Campbell will look into the trees at Kings Road Park. He responded to the inquiry regarding the GHB test strips, noting that they will be distributed shortly before Halloween. He further noted that Block by Block and Code Enforcement will assist in distributing them. He spoke about staff's request from the elected and

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appointed officials that participated in the Nighttime Safety Study Session for feedback and shared that staff will return in November or early December to the City Council for formal direction. He commented that the fence art will be installed at the Melrose Triangle Project. He spoke about the bike lane project along both Fountain and Santa Monica Blvd. He reported that the Rincon contract should be done in 2023. He concluded by providing an update on the feasibility study for a possible West Hollywood Police Department.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 4.B., 5.A., 6.A., and 6.B is \$299,864 in expenditures, \$0 in revenues, and (\$1,240) in waived fees. Additionally, she read the titles of the ordinances into the record for Items 2.T. (6.A.) and 2.U. (6.B.).

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,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 3, 2022 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

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 September 19, 2022. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 914 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. STEPHENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending September 23, 2022 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 914 and adopt Resolution No. 22-5558, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 914." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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

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 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.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 22-1188 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ELIMINATE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRST 1,000 SQUARE FEET OF OUTDOOR DINING AREAS AT RESTAURANTS AND OTHER RELATED USES IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND FINDING THE ACTION CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA" [M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 22-1188 adopting amendments to Title 19, Zoning Ordinance of the West Hollywood Municipal Code, to eliminate parking requirements for the first 1,000 square feet of outdoor dining areas at restaurants and other related uses in the City of West Hollywood and finding the action categorically exempt from CEQA.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance 22-1188, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ELIMINATE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRST 1,000 SQUARE FEET OF OUTDOOR DINING AREAS AT RESTAURANTS AND OTHER RELATED USES IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND FINDING THE ACTION CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM CEQA".
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

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

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Public Facilities Commission regarding actions taken at their recent meeting.

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

2.G. AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLAN [C. SCHROEDER, C. PLANCK, D. KAHN-EPSTEIN, E. ANDERSON, J. IVANOVA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Annual Report and Retrospective on the Five-Year Strategic Plan.

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

2.H. REVISIONS TO RAINBOW KEY AWARDS GUIDELINES [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, M. MARQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving revisions to the Rainbow Key Awards Guidelines, as recommended by the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board.

ACTION: Adopt the recommended revisions to the Rainbow Key Awards Guidelines. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE CONTINUATION OF HOUSING ELEMENT SERVICES [J. KEHO, F. CONTRERAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for the continuation of services related to the development and certification of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element (2021-2029).

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Rincon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$109,764 to continue services related to the development of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element (2021-2029); and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to this agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING A MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN AS PART OF THE MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM [D. RIVAS, J. ANUKAM]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of West Hollywood and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health regarding a Mental Health Clinician as part of the Mental Health Evaluation Team in the amount of \$176,000 to respond to calls involving a mental health crisis or mental illness.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$176,000 for a Mental Health Clinician to provide mental health response services for 12 months from the effective date; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to this agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, L. FOOKS, D. RIVAS, C. SCHROEDER, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider recognizing October as Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month; 2) Direct the Public Works Department to light the City's lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard and City Hall in the color purple to recognize Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month from October 7-18, 2022; 3) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on digital collateral materials with partner agencies focused on domestic violence/intimate partner violence issues and services; and 4) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to raise awareness about Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month, including sharing resources via social media platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. AMENDMENT TO RENT STABILIZATION REGULATION 60089 [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution amending Rent Stabilization Regulation 60089 regarding adjustments for security related improvements.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution 22-5559: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RENT STABILIZATION REGULATION 60089". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH 2022 [J. LEONARD, R. EHEMANN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will recognize October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 22-5560 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. POSSIBLE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE AND USE OF GLUE TRAPS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff and the City Attorney to research and draft an ordinance to prohibit the sale and use of glue traps in West Hollywood. The City Council will also give direction to staff to amend the City's Integrated Pest Management Program to prohibit the use of glue traps.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff and the City Attorney to research and draft an ordinance to prohibit the sale and use of glue traps in the City of West Hollywood; 2) Return to City Council with the results of the research and a draft ordinance for consideration; 3) Direct staff to work with the City's Public Facilities Commission (PFC) to draft amendments to the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program to be in line with the City's new ordinance once in effect and prohibit the use of vertebrate glue traps; and 4) Direct staff to develop materials to be used to educate residents and business owners on the new restrictions and to encourage the use of more humane alternatives. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE UNIQUE WOMAN'S COALITION'S ANNUAL "TRANSGIVING DINNER" EVENT [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the Unique Woman's Coalition's "TransGiving Dinner", an annual Transgender Thanksgiving holiday inspired dinner.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the Unique Woman's Coalition's "TransGiving Dinner", an annual Transgender Thanksgiving holiday inspired dinner on Saturday, November 19, 2022; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, such as the City's website and social media tools; 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the financial sponsorship agreement; and 5) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from Fiscal Year 2022-23 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RAHA INTERNATIONAL'S "I-RAN OUT OF THE CLOSET – THE CHANGE MAKERS EDITION" EVENT [S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsorship RAHA International's, "I-ran Out of the Closet – The Change Makers Edition" event on October 22, 2022 in the City Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the RAHA International's, "I-ran Out of the Closet – The Change Makers Edition" event on October 22, 2022 in the City Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, such as the City's website and social media tools; 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the financial sponsorship agreement; 5) Waive the Facility Use Fee for the City Council Chambers and the Community Meeting Room on October 22, 2022, and any other

ancillary permits that may be required for the event (estimated \$400 in waived fees); 6) Waive parking fees at the 5-story parking lot for attendees of the event (estimated \$840 in waived fees); 7) Authorize the event organizer to sell tickets to the Mehregan portion of the event; and 8) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,600 from Fiscal Year 2022-23 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event and technical support services (Waveguide). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CURRENT PROTESTS IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN REGARDING WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND THE RIGHT FOR PEOPLE TO PEACEFULLY EXERCISE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, ASSEMBLY, AND ASSOCIATION [S. SHYNE, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution supporting the current protests in the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding women's equality and the right for people to peacefully exercise freedom of expression, assembly, and association. Protests are currently taking place throughout the Islamic Republic of Iran in response to the death of Mahsa Amini.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-5561 "A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CURRENT PROTESTS IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN REGARDING WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND THE RIGHT FOR PEOPLE TO PEACEFULLY EXERCISE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, ASSEMBLY, AND ASSOCIATION;" and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the resolution to President Joseph Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, Congressman Adam Schiff, California Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Ben Allen, and State Assemblymember Richard Bloom. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. (4.B.) LAUREL HOUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, R. EHEMANN, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive recommendations from staff and the 1343 Laurel City Council Subcommittee concerning a feasibility study which includes estimated costs and options for the potential programs and uses at Laurel House identified by the community during the Community Visioning Process.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive the feasibility study and direct staff to move forward with (and continue to refine) Arts and Culture option number two within the feasibility study; 2) Direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to select a qualified architectural design firm to continue the programming and design process for the re-use and renovation of the Laurel House; and 3) Continue the duties of the Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee through the programming and design phase of the Laurel House project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. (5.A.) CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH THE C.I.T.Y. X1 YOUTH GROUP FOR THE 2022 PRE-THANKSGIVING EVENTS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider Co-Sponsoring the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group for their 2022 “The Big Feast” pre-Thanksgiving dinner and celebration.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an agreement with the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group in the amount of \$1,000 for “The Big Feast” pre-Thanksgiving dinner and celebration on Sunday, November 20th, 2022; 2) Authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 3) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, such as the City’s website and social media tools; and 4) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the financial sponsorship agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. (6.A.) URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TIME LIMIT EXTENSION FOR APPROVED DISCRETIONARY PLANNING ENTITLEMENTS, PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING PERMITS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS DUE TO IMPACTS FROM COVID-19 [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting an Urgency Ordinance that provides an additional 18-month extension of time limits for approved discretionary planning entitlements, and a 12-month extension of time limits for plan check and building permits for housing projects, due to the impact of COVID19 beyond that granted in 2020 for projects that expire in from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council continue to support the recovery of the local economy and residential development projects impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, by adopting Urgency Ordinance 22-1192U: “AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EXTENDING THE AUTOMATIC 18-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMITS SET FORTH IN THE ZONING CODE FOR APPROVED DISCRETIONARY PLANNING ENTITLEMENTS TO PROJECTS EXPIRING THOROUGH DECEMBER 2022; AND EXTENDING THE AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF PLAN CHECK AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS TO PLAN CHECKS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS EXPIRING THROUGH DECEMBER 2022; AND DECLARING THE ORDINANCE TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. (6.B.) A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISH AN LGBTQ+ COMMISSION, AND SET RULES AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION [L. LANGER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a proposed ordinance that

would create an LGBTQ+ Commission responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to the City Council regarding service and funding needs, potential service gaps, City grants, social services, and legislation impacting the LGBTQ+ community.

ACTION: Staff recommends the City Council introduce the following Ordinance on first reading: Ordinance No. 22-1193: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 2.70 (LGBTQ+ COMMISSION) TO TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING AND SETTING RULES AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. WEHO PRIDE 2022: POST EVENT REPORT [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a post-event report regarding WeHo Pride 2022 and provide feedback related to the inaugural event. The City Council will also consider directing staff related to the primary event elements of WeHo Pride 2023 and directing staff to begin negotiating a multi-year agreement with JJLA, Inc. (JJLA) for WeHo Pride productions services. The City Council will also consider authorizing an interim agreement with JJLA to solicit and secure sponsorship partners for the 2023 WeHo Pride event.

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 3, 2022.

Jeff Consoletti of JJLA spoke regarding Pride 2002 and expressed his gratitude and hope for future Pride events with the City.

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about JJLA's contract and the purview of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board on the City's Annual Pride.

JAKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to suggest reducing the term of the contract to 1-year rather than 3-years.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank the City Council and City staff on Pride and requested a discussion about Cannabis at Special Events.

Councilmember Erickson indicated his support for a 3-year contract with JJLA for Pride Production services as well as his support for a 3-year

contract with the Women's Freedom Festival. He commented Pride 2022 was a success; therefore, he does not support a 1-year contract.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne agreed that Women's Freedom Festival should have a 3-year contract. She reiterated the suggestions of the City Council Pride Subcommittee including: better marketing for the community events, adding a marketing budget, potentially moving OUTLOUD to another weekend, and include language in the contract with JJLA that subcontractors cannot use the term "official" in their marketing materials. She noted that she does not support a 3-year contract.

*Additional Public Comment:

MARIAH DARLING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about their experience peacefully protesting at Pride and an alternative to police at Pride.

Councilmember D'Amico agreed with Scott Schmidt's and Emerald Village's feedback about cannabis at Pride. He agrees that the LGBTQ+ Commission should participate in the review of the Pride contract and community groups. He noted that the City Council should allocate more funding for the community groups. He indicated his support for a 3-year contract with both JJLA and the Women's Freedom Festival. He also recommended that the contract with JJLA should include advertising community events, not only OUTLOUD.

Councilmember Horvath expressed her support for JJLA event production as well as the incorporation of community groups and believes the City can have both.

*Additional Public Comment:

ZEKIAH WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about community members being priced out of the OUTLOUD portion and the desire for more community groups, using Pride 2019 as an example.

Mayor Meister indicated a preference of the same weekend for all Pride events and supports a cannabis carve out. She stated she is open to a 2-year contract. She commented that JJLA needs more lead time to prepare. She further commented that whichever contract term JJLA receives that the Women's Freedom Festival should receive the same contract term.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne agreed that the new LGBTQ+ Commission can make recommendations for Pride's community groups moving forward. She supports allocating more funds for community groups and in favor of a 2-year contract.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive a post-event debrief report regarding WeHo Pride 2022, 2) Direct staff to begin negotiating a multi-year agreement with JJLA for production services related to WeHo Pride events; the negotiated agreement would return for City Council approval at a future meeting; 3) Approve June 2, 3 and 4 as event dates for WeHo Pride weekend 2023 and provide staff with direction related to primary event elements for WeHo Pride 2023, such as parade, street fair, concert, etc.; 4) Approve an interim Agreement for Services with JJLA, similar in form to Attachment E, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the solicitation of sponsorships related to the 2023 WeHo Pride event; 5) Additional direction – 3-year contract for the Women’s Freedom Festival, better marketing by JJLA, include in the contract with JJLA that subcontractors cannot use the term “official” in their marketing, direct staff and JJLA to work with the LGBTQ+ Commission, establish and continue a Pride Parade, and appoint a new City Councilmember to the Pride Subcommittee. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember D’Amico, and approved.**

4.B. LAUREL HOUSE FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE [J. LEONARD, B. LEAGUE, R. EHEMANN, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive recommendations from staff and the 1343 Laurel City Council Subcommittee concerning a feasibility study which includes estimated costs and options for the potential programs and uses at Laurel House identified by the community during the Community Visioning Process.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. CO-SPONSORSHIP WITH THE C.I.T.Y. X1 YOUTH GROUP FOR THE 2022 PRE-THANKSGIVING EVENTS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider Co-Sponsoring the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group for their 2022 “The Big Feast” pre-Thanksgiving dinner and celebration.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TIME LIMIT EXTENSION FOR APPROVED DISCRETIONARY PLANNING ENTITLEMENTS, PLAN CHECK AND BUILDING PERMITS FOR HOUSING PROJECTS DUE TO IMPACTS FROM COVID-19 [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting an Urgency Ordinance that provides an additional 18-month extension of time limits for approved

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discretionary planning entitlements, and a 12-month extension of time limits for plan check and building permits for housing projects, due to the impact of COVID19 beyond that granted in 2020 for projects that expire in from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.B. A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISH AN LGBTQ+ COMMISSION, AND SET RULES AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION [L. LANGER, M. CROWDER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a proposed ordinance that would create an LGBTQ+ Commission responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to the City Council regarding service and funding needs, potential service gaps, City grants, social services, and legislation impacting the LGBTQ+ community.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:17pm in memory of Mark Bryan Kellam, Sacheen Littlefeather, Michael Arrigo, Fred Holub, and victims of the Iranian regime to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 17th day of October, 2022 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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