

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Shyne called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

City Attorney Langer addressed a procedural matter and explained AB 2449, which allowed for teleconference participation under the Brown Act due to contagious illness, disability, or family care needs. A request to participate remotely must be made by the City Council to accommodate AB 2449 and all votes would be taken by roll call.

City Attorney Langer requested motions on two of the following: a) Councilmember Heilman moved, Councilmember Meister seconded, to add an urgency item to the agenda and approved to allow AB 2449 for this meeting of March 6, 2023, to be conducted via teleconference, b) Councilmember Heilman moved, Councilmember Meister seconded to approve the requests of Councilmember Byers and Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson to participate remotely. They both reported there were no individuals present over the age of 18 years old with them at their teleconferenced locations.

*** This meeting was a hybrid meeting held via teleconference and in-person. ***

Mayor Shyne read the land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Angela De Silva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Byers, Councilmember Heilman, Councilmember Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, and Mayor Shyne.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Wilson, City Attorney Langer, Administrative Services Director Jimenez, and Acting City Clerk Morales.

*** The City Council took a brief recess from 6:17 – 6:29 pm to address some technical audio issues. ***

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Acting City Clerk Morales indicated that Item 2.B. Minutes from the previous meeting were revised to better reflect comments made by the public and Item 4.F was updated and included in the Agenda. Additionally, staff requested Items 5.C. and 6.B. be tabled.

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Councilmember Meister requested that Items 4.C., 4.E., 4.F., 5.D., and 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.X., 2.Y., 2.Z., 2.AA., and 2.BB. respectively. She requested that Item 2.Q. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Heilman noted Item 2.S. did not specify when term limits for Commission/Board members were effective.

City Attorney Langer stated she would research language to incorporate into the adopted ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, to approve the March 6, 2023 City Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael J.B. Allen and Linda Ann Vanoff.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Pearl Berskaly.

Councilmember Byers requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Judy Heumann and unhoused community members who lost their lives during the recent storms.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Celia Goodman and Fay Estelle Causley.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Shyne presented a proclamation for National Women's History Month to members of the Women's Advisory Board.

Senator Allen and Assemblymember Zbur presented a State Resolution to Mayor Shyne.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

CATHY BLAIVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank City Council and Hollis Brown for Item 2.R. and bringing the issue to the attention of the Historic Preservation Commission.

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Item 2.I. and inquired about overall consultant usage by the City.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank the City Council for Item 2.R.

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VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.R.

HOLLIS BROWN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.R.

TSUKURU FORS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.W.

WILLIAM YATES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.W.

MAX SHERMAN, APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to Item 4.F. (and Item 6.B. which was tabled).

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the order of speakers.

BILL HARRISON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 4.D.

DAVID COOLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 4.A.

JONATHAN ZAGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns of mature trees on Dorrington Avenue.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to congratulate Nadia Sutton and thanked staff for the MLK Day of Service as well as accessibility access in Rooms 5 and 6 at Plummer Park.

SHEN SENG LIM (SP?), WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.W.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about access for community members with disabilities.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about responsiveness regarding public comment.

KEITH KAPLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke about a situation in December 2022 regarding the Chamber of Commerce.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about accessibility to government, reasonable accommodations to meetings, stores, sidewalks, and parks.

Mayor Shyne requested the City Attorney address the rights of public commentators and free speech, and City Attorney Langer responded.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson requested the City Attorney explain the first and second public comment periods, and City Attorney Langer responded.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson responded about a public comment regarding Ficus trees requested staff member Helen Collins connect with the speaker. He announced that the San Vicente Streetscape Improvements meeting would be held the following day via Zoom, announced two active shooter awareness drills were scheduled for businesses and the community along with the Sheriff's Department hosting an event on Saturday for Dialogue with the Deputies from 12-3pm. He stated the Los Angeles School District held a catalytic converter etching event over the weekend, noting many community members were in attendance; and lastly, invited the public to the Public Safety Commission special study session scheduled for Monday at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

City Attorney Langer added language to the ordinance included in Item 2.S., reflecting the effective date for term limits to commence on March 31, 2023, for Board/Commission Members.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Acting City Clerk Morales stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 4.C., 4.E., 4.F., 5.D., and 6.A. and the removal of Item 2.Q. was \$2,485,613 in expenditures, \$297,302 in revenue, and (\$299,863) in waived fees.

Acting City Clerk Morales read the title for first reading of the ordinance of Item 2.S. into the record.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X.,Y.,Z.,AA.,BB. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, March 6, 2023 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

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 February 21, 2023. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 924 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending February 24, 2023 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register NO. 924 and adopt Resolution No. 23-018, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PAYMENT OF DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 924." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-06 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 19.20.260 (GENDER NEUTRAL PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES) TO REQUIRE GENDER NEUTRAL PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL RENOVATION PROJECTS, INCLUDING BATHROOM REMODEL PROJECTS AND SPECIFIED COMMERCIAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS REQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT (ZONING ORDINANCE)" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-06, amending Section 19.20.260 (Gender Neutral Public Toilet Facilities) to require Gender Neutral Public Toilet Facilities for all commercial bathroom remodel projects and commercial building renovations requiring a building permit. The proposed ordinance is not subject to CEQA.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-06, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 19.20.260 (GENDER NEUTRAL PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES) TO REQUIRE GENDER NEUTRAL PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL RENOVATION PROJECTS, INCLUDING BATHROOM REMODEL PROJECTS AND SPECIFIED COMMERCIAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS REQUIRING A BUILDING PERMIT (ZONING ORDINANCE)." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-07 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, PROHIBITING FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING BY A PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-07, adding Chapter 9.28 to Article 2 of Title 9 to the West Hollywood Municipal Code prohibiting false and misleading advertising by a pregnancy crisis center.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-07, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, PROHIBITING

FALSE AND MISLEADING ADVERTISING BY A PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 23-08 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 5.70.045 TO CHAPTER 5.70 (CANNABIS USES) TO ALLOW AND REGULATE TEMPORARY CANNABIS EVENTS" [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-08, amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to add section 5.70.045 to Chapter 5.70 (cannabis uses) to allow and regulate temporary cannabis events.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 23-08, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 5.70.045 TO CHAPTER 5.70 (CANNABIS USES) TO ALLOW AND REGULATE TEMPORARY CANNABIS EVENTS". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

The City Council will receive Synopses from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, Business License Commission, Public Safety Commission, Senior Advisory Board, and the Women's Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.H. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT MID-YEAR REPORT [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the semi-annual report for the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation Administrative Contract, Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

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

2.I. AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WITH HARRIS & ASSOCIATES, HR&A ADVISORS, INC., RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC., AND THE HOUSING WORKSHOP CONSULTING SERVICES FOR HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION [J. KEHO, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of agreements for service with four housing consultants: Harris & Associates, HR&A Advisors, Inc., Rincon Consultants, Inc., and The Housing Workshop, to assist in the implementation of various programs included in the 6th Cycle Housing Element.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update regarding an authorized pool of qualified housing consultants that will be issued Agreements for Services; 2) Approve the agreements for services with: a. Harris & Associates in the amount of \$225,000 (\$75,000/year), set to expire June 30, 2026, b. HR&A Advisors, Inc. in the amount of \$225,000 (\$75,000/year), set to expire June 30, 2026, c. Rincon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$225,000 (\$75,000/year), set to expire June 30, 2026, d. The Housing Workshop in the amount of \$225,000 (\$75,000/year), set to expire June 30, 2026; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all the Agreements for Service. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WITH CUMMING MANAGEMENT GROUP, RAIMI + ASSOCIATES, AND RINCON CONSULTING FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION CONSULTING [J. KEHO, F. CONTRERAS, C. SHEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval for agreements for services with Cumming Management Group, Raimi + Associates, and Rincon Consulting to perform sustainability and climate action consulting.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update regarding an authorized pool of qualified sustainability and climate action consultants that will be issued Agreements for Service; 2) Approve agreements for services with: a. Cumming Management Group in the amount of \$225,000, set to expire June 30, 2025, b. Raimi + Associates in the amount of \$225,000, set to expire June 30, 2025, c. Rincon Consulting in the amount of \$225,000, set to expire June 30, 2025; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute all the Agreements for Service. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH KILTER LA FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES [J. SCHARE, J. SIMPSON, B. SAFIKHANI, S. JACKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Services with Kilter LA for graphic design services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Kilter LA for graphic design services to increase the amount of the agreement by \$35,000 for each of three fiscal years, FY22-23, FY23-24, and FY24-25, for a three-year not-to-exceed total contract amount of \$210,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE HOLLOWAY MOTEL HOMEKEY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECT [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, B. LEAGUE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the award of an Agreement to John Kaliski Architects, to provide Design Services for the Holloway Motel Homekey Transitional Housing Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement with John Kaliski Architects, to provide design services for the Homekey Project: Rehabilitation of the Holloway Motel for Transitional Housing in the amount of \$323,758.28 and include a 20% contingency for related services in the amount of \$64,751.66 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$388,509.94; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-LOCAL AND HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS FUNDS [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, H. COLLINS, L. QUIJANO, A. RUIZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the approval of an Agreement between the City and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to exchange Federal Surface Transportation Program (STPL) and Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) Federal Funds for Local Funds.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign an Exchange Agreement between the City of West Hollywood and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for assignment of Federal Surface Transportation Program and Highway Infrastructure Program - Local Funds; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services, to increase budgeted revenues and expenditures in the Special Grants Fund, by \$377,103. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. REJECT THE BID RECEIVED AND RE-ADVERTISE FOR SUNSET/SANTA MONICA FIBER LOOP, CIP 2004 [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider rejecting the bid received to construct the Sunset/Santa Monica Fiber Loop, CIP 2004 and authorizing staff to reissue and re-advertise the bid.

ACTIONS: 1) Reject the bid to construct Sunset/Santa Monica Fiber Loop, CIP 2004 as submitted on January 12, 2023, and return the associated bid bond; and 2) Authorize staff to reissue and re-advertise the bid solicitation. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP NO. 82370 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 528 N FLORES STREET [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Final Map No. 82370, a 4-unit condominium subdivision, located at 528 N Flores St. This item does not require CEQA findings.

ACTIONS: 1) Make findings for the Final Map as follows: a. That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, b. That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section

65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code, c. That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Map No. 82370; and 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Map No. 82370 the certificate that embodies the approval of said map. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 74755 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 939 SPAULDING AVENUE [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of Final Parcel Map No. 74755, a 22-unit condominium subdivision, located at 939 Spaulding Avenue. This item does not require CEQA findings.

ACTIONS: 1) Make findings for the Final Parcel Map as follows: a. That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act, b. That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code, c. That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 74755; and 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Parcel Map No. 74755 the certificate that embodies the approval of said map. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. CONSTRUCTION PERIOD LOGISTICS PLAN AND STREET AND SIDEWALK CLOSURES FOR THE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 645-685 ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, 648-654 LA PEER DRIVE AND 8954 SANTA MONICA BLVD (ROBERTSON LANE HOTEL & TREEHOUSE PROJECT) [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, J. ROCCO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file a construction period logistics and public right-of-way encroachment plan detailing the anticipated sidewalk and street use requested for the construction of the Robertson Lane Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the proposed Construction Period Logistics Plan for the Robertson Lane

Project; and 2) Authorize the closure of streets and sidewalks during the construction period as outlined in the body of the staff report and direct staff to issue Encroachment Permits for the work within the public right-of-way. **Moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.**

2.R. REQUEST TO DESIGNATE THE PILLAR STRUCTURE LOCATED IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO 8459 SUNSET BOULEVARD AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE [J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, D. VU, A. CASTILLO, R. RATH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to designate the pillar structure located within the public right-of-way adjacent to 8459 Sunset Boulevard as a local cultural resource.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-19 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGNATING A PILLAR STRUCTURE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "QUEENS ROAD PILLAR" LOCATED AT 8459 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CITY COMMISSION NAMES AND PURVIEW, AMENDING COMMISSION MEMBER ATTENDANCE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, UPDATING COMMISSION REFERENCES THROUGHOUT THE MUNICIPAL CODE, AND RESOLUTION AMENDING BOARDMEMBER ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES, D. WILSON, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 23-09 to amend the West Hollywood Municipal Code regarding City Commission names and purview, Commission member attendance and eligibility requirements, and Commission references throughout the Municipal Code. This ordinance is not subject to CEQA. The City Council will adopt a Resolution providing for Parental Leave for Advisory Boardmembers.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduce for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 23-09: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CITY COMMISSION NAMES AND PURVIEW, AMENDING COMMISSION MEMBER ATTENDANCE AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND UPDATING COMMISSION REFERENCES THROUGHOUT THE MUNICIPAL CODE;" and 2) Adopt Resolution 23-20: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVISORY BOARDMEMBERS TO INCLUDE PARENTAL LEAVE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.T. 2023 INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of activities planned for commemoration of the International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) on March 31, 2023.
ACTIONS: 1) Direct City staff to light the City's lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard in the colors light blue, light pink, and white to recognize Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) from March 24 – March 31, 2023; 2) Direct City staff to fly the Transgender Flag over City Hall and to display flags along the medians on Santa Monica Boulevard from March 24 – March 31, 2023; 3) Direct City staff to coordinate the City's annual commemoration of Transgender Day of Visibility through an online campaign from March 24 – March 31, 2023; and 4) Direct City staff to utilize all appropriate communication tools to raise awareness about International Transgender Day of Visibility activities, including sharing resources via social media. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.U. RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recognizing Earth Day in the City of West Hollywood by lighting City Hall in the color green and sharing information about Earth Day through the City's communication platforms.
ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to light City Hall in the color green from April 15 through April 22 in recognition of Earth Day; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote Earth Day, such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.V. RECOGNITION OF MARCH AS RED CROSS MONTH IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recognizing the month of March as Red Cross Month to honor and celebrate the American Red Cross and its commitment to providing humanitarian relief for people around the world. The City's recognition of March as Red Cross Month will also include lighting City Hall in red and encouraging community members to participate by volunteering, giving blood, learning lifesaving skills, or other contributions.
ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City to light City Hall in red to recognize the month of March as Red Cross Month on March 13 through March 21, 2023; and 2) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote Red Cross Month, including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media channels. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. RESOLUTION OPPOSING TEPCO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN'S PLANNED DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution opposing Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and the government of Japan's planned discharge of wastewater from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant into the Pacific Ocean.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 23-21 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY (TEPCO) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN'S PLANNED DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER FROM THE FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN;" and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the resolution to President Joseph Biden, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, Congressman Adam Schiff, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, and other partners as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. (4.C.) WAIVER OF PLANNING FEES FOR THE REDUCTION OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES WITH PARKING CREDITS AND WAIVER OF LATE FEES ASSESSED TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS [J. ROCCO, J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider waiving the planning fees to amend the required permit to reduce commercial parking requirements for businesses participating in the parking credits programs to reflect the reduced number of parking credits needed, and extending the waived late fees for unpaid accounts in the program through the end of the current fiscal year.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a waiver of the Planning fees to process the parking reductions to be applied to planning permits and amendments to the parking credits contracts; 2) Approve extending the waived late Parking Credit fees for unpaid accounts through the end of the current fiscal year; and 3) Direct staff to conduct new outreach to all parking credit program participants that are eligible for but have not requested a reduction in parking requirements, to guide them through the application process. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Y. (4.E.) WEHO PRIDE 2023 [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving additional items related to WeHo Pride 2023.

ACTIONS: 1) Receive an update on the Community Group funding program and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute Co-Sponsorship agreements where applicable; 2) Approve the waiver of Special Event Permit fees and Encroachment Permit fees, in an amount estimated at \$14,000 for City businesses hosting events on June 2, 3, or

4, in celebration of WeHo Pride; 3) Authorize up to \$12,500 for basic Los Angeles County Fire Department site plan review fees related to Pride weekend activations at City businesses; 4) Waive permit parking citywide from Friday, June 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM through Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 AM; 5) Authorize fee waivers and a Permit to Use City Property agreement with JJLA for the “OUTLOUD: Raising Voices Music Festival” concert event (OUTLOUD) in West Hollywood Park, and Santa Monica Blvd., for the WeHo Pride Parade, as well as authorize the City Manager to negotiate the agreement, including both fee waivers and fees to be paid by JJLA, as well as execute documents incident to the agreement; 6) Authorize JJLA to sell beer, wine, and spirits at “OUTLOUD” in West Hollywood Park, stopping the sales of beer, wine, and spirits 30 minutes prior to close each night; 7) Approve the closure of San Vicente Blvd. from Melrose Ave. to Cynthia St. from 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023 through 7:00 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023 and waive corresponding street closure fees; 8) Approve the closure of the Five Story Parking Structure, Library Garage and Rec Center Garage from 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023 through 7:00 a.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023, which will result in a loss of revenue for those days; 9) Approve the closure of Santa Monica Blvd. from La Cienega Blvd. to Doheny Dr. from on Friday, June 2, 2023 through Monday, June, 5, 2023 for the WeHo Pride Street Fair which will result in a loss of revenue for parking meters for those days; 10) Approve the closure of Santa Monica Blvd. from Fairfax Ave. to La Cienega Blvd., including side streets one block north and south, on Sunday June 4, 2023 from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the WeHo Pride Parade; 11) Approve the use of the Plummer Park, the south parking lot and the Great Hall rooms, from 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023 through 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2023; and 12) Authorize the City of West Hollywood’s participation in the LA Pride Parade on Sunday, June 11, 2023 including the expenditure of approximately \$10,000 in associated costs, which have already been budgeted. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Z. (4.F.) UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CITY’S PROCLAIMED LOCAL EMERGENCY [D. WILSON, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, J. KEHO, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the City’s proclaimed local emergency and provide direction on when to lift the local state of emergency and wind down any outstanding COVID-related activities and programs.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct Staff to return with a resolution on March 20, 2023 to lift the local state of emergency on March 31, 2023, and wind down any outstanding COVID-related activities and programs; and 2) Continue implementation of the seismic program and establish new compliance deadlines for property owners of Soft-Weak-Open Face buildings. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.AA. (5.D.) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE 2023 RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH [J. HEILMAN, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider allocating additional funding to the Russian-Speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month programming, specifically the “WeHo Mishka” 22nd Annual Festival.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve increasing the Russian-Speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month annual budget by \$17,500 from \$50,000 to \$67,500 for the “WeHo Mishka” Annual Festival; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$17,500 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Russian Community Events account 100-3-50-15-535012 for costs associated with the “WeHo Mishka” 22nd Annual Festival. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.BB. (6.A.) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING JUNETEENTH TO THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS WHICH ENFORCEMENT OF METER VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF TIME LIMITED PARKNG ZONES, PEAK-HOUR TOW ZONES, AND STREET SWEEPING REGULATIONS IS SUSPENDED, DESIGNATING BOTH THE ACTUAL DAY THE HOLIDAY OCCURS AS WELL AS THE DAY THE HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED AND RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 249, 656, 15-4664, AND 15-4675 [S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a resolution adding Juneteenth to the list of holidays which enforcement of meter violations and violations of time limited parking zones, peak-hour tow zones, and street sweeping regulations is suspended, designating both the actual day the holiday occurs as well as the day the holiday is observed and rescinding Resolutions 249, 656, 15-4664, and 15-4675.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution 23-22: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING JUNETEENTH TO THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS WHICH ENFORCEMENT OF METER VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF TIME LIMITED PARKNG ZONES, PEAK-HOUR TOW ZONES, AND STREET SWEEPING REGULATIONS IS SUSPENDED, DESIGNATING BOTH THE ACTUAL DAY THE HOLIDAY OCCURS AS WELL AS THE DAY THE HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED AND RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 249, 656, 15-4664, AND 15-4675. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING CHAPTER 11.48 AND AMENDING SECTION 1.08.010 RELATING TO STREET PERFORMERS TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FEE SCHEDULE [D. RIVAS, V. ADOMAITIS]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider an ordinance amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to regulate street performers on the public right-of-way and amending the Master Fee Resolution to add violations of the new chapter to the Administrative Citation Fee Schedule.

Mayor Shyne opened the public hearing.

Acting City Clerk Morales reported that the Public Hearing was noticed as required by law.

Mayor Shyne inquired if any Councilmembers had any disclosures to share, there were none.

Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager Vyto Adomaitis provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 6, 2023.

Councilmember Heilman inquired about the usage of sound amplification devices. Director of Community Safety Danny Rivas responded that restriction would not be possible per the City Attorney's review.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson asked Director Rivas if street performers were an issue for the City, and if other cities in WSSCOG had similar ordinances. Director Rivas provided examples of designated areas where artists perform.

Mayor Shyne asked about public safety incidents involving street performers, and Director Rivas responded.

Councilmember Byers inquired about a map to educate street performers on where to set up. Director Rivas agreed and would include a map for street vendors as well.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about noise ordinance concerns, noise amplification, and artists ability to make money.

MADELINE HAMILTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of West Hollywood's encouragement of performers, commented on her bagpiping in the City, and expressed concerns about restrictions in the ordinance.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Shyne closed the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson stated he did not see a need for the ordinance and requested staff create a map depicting permitted areas to perform; and further requested to review a log of complaint calls from businesses.

Councilmember Meister expressed that she was ready to move the item but because she was seeing a lack of support, she suggested a more tailored ordinance and proposed tabling the item.

Councilmember Heilman agreed and would also suggest tabling the item, but acknowledged Code Enforcement needs tools to manage crowd control, entrance blockage of businesses, and noise complaints. He expressed that Councilmember Byers' idea regarding a map would be very helpful.

Mayor Shyne stated she is not in favor of this item. She is concerned about safety issues, but she does not want us to lose our queer culture nor West Hollywood's flair as the "Creative City".

Motion by Councilmember Byers, seconded by Mayor Shyne to bring the item back with further direction, *motion did not receive a roll call vote due to the following substitute vote:*

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister to table the item. Motion failed.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, seconded by Mayor Shyne to come back with more input regarding public safety concerns and approved.

The City Council took a recess at 8:26 p.m. and returned at 8:38 p.m.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. UPDATE TO THE DRAG LAUREATE PROGRAM [J. ROCCO, T. COYNE, R. EHEMANN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Drag Laureate Program, with proposed changes, and directing staff to reissue the application for the program.

Business Development Manager Taylor Coyne provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 6, 2023.

Councilmember Heilman posed the question about balancing drag's iconoclastic, irreverent persona with being a representative of the City, a government entity. Manager Coyne responded.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson mentioned that the City bans travel to states that have bigoted polices and if the Drag Laureate could be an ambassador to a rally or protest in support of drag shows and artists.

CATHY BLAIVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of the item.

MISS TIGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and suggested the program be under the purview of the LGBTQ+ Commission.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the appointment of a Drag Laureate and suggested an election of one.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson broached the topic of equity in pay with our other laureate, the Poet Laureate.

Councilmember Meister moved the item, adding direction for a resolution in support of drag artists in response to Tennessee's ban, and equitable pay for the laureates. Councilmember Heilman seconded.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve staff proposed changes to the Drag Laureate Program honorarium; 2) Direct staff to reissue the application for the program; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$25,000 (\$12,500 for the honorarium, \$2,500 for an event stipend, and \$10,000 for program marketing) from General Fund Reserves to account number 100-3-10-12-533059, Arts & Culture Programs, for costs associated with the Drag Laureate Program; and 4) Direct staff to return to City Council with an assessment of the program in fall 2024 with recommendations for updates if necessary. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved.**

4.B. PROPOSED PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING POLICY AND AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 11.28 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [J. ROCCO, R. ABRAMSON, G. YOLLES, J. KEHO, S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supplementing and finalizing the City's existing outdoor dining policy and amending Chapter 11.28 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to reflect new policy updates.

Director of Planning & Development Services John Keho provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 6, 2023.

Councilmember Meister raised concerns about not having a cap on the square footage of the outdoor space and parking availability, and suggested it required further study.

There was discussion on parking credits, encroachment permits, and parking, and Director Keho responded to various inquiries.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the lack of public restrooms and suggested removing the parking spaces to make space for outdoor dining and street performers.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the clearance on the sidewalk for outdoor dining to accommodate wheelchairs, walkers, or baby strollers.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke to request innovative solutions to continue doing outdoor dining which helped save many businesses during the pandemic.

TSUKURU FORS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the difficulties her business has had since they removed their outdoor dining, and requested assistance and guidance with the design of a safe patio.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about visibility and having to walk in the street when avoiding outdoor dining areas.

Councilmember Meister indicated she would not support this item as she believed it to be a public safety issue for mobility as well as the need for retaining parking spaces.

ACTIONS: Staff recommends that the City Council: 1) Introduce on first reading, by title only, of the following ordinance: Ordinance No. 23-10: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11.28 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING OUTDOOR DINING IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY;" and 2) Provide any feedback, if necessary, on the proposed updates, including the eligibility criteria and design standards. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Shyne, and approved noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Meister.**

- 4.C. WAIVER OF PLANNING FEES FOR THE REDUCTION OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES WITH PARKING CREDITS AND WAIVER OF LATE FEES ASSESSED TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS [J. ROCCO, J. KEHO, J. ALKIRE, S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider waiving the planning fees to amend the required permit to reduce commercial parking requirements for

businesses participating in the parking credits programs to reflect the reduced number of parking credits needed, and extending the waived late fees for unpaid accounts in the program through the end of the current fiscal year.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.D. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH TOOLE DESIGN GROUP FOR CONSULTING SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT OF PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMANENT DOCKLESS MICRO-MOBILITY PROGRAM [S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO, C. WAGMAN, J. KEHO, F. CONTRERAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Toole Design Group for consulting services and developing permitting requirements for the permanent dockless micro-mobility program.

Parking Operations Supervisor Coby Wagman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 6, 2023.

Councilmember Meister inquired about conducting a resident study, and Mr. Wagman responded.

Councilmember Heilman asked about the permanence of the program as its presupposed in its presentation in the staff report, and Mr. Wagman responded.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson inquired about the estimated daily number of scooters, and vendors. Long Range Planning Manager Francisco Contreras responded.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concerns on scooters operating on the sidewalk.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Mikie Friedman's petition and in opposition of the item.

CATHY BLAIVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item noting the difficulty and danger to the disabled community.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

MIKIE FRIEDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item and in opposition to the use of consultants.

Mr. Wagman presented a heat map which showed data that over 403,000 trips were taken since July 2021, and that there had been 1,128 complaints since the program's inception.

Councilmember Heilman requested a statistically valid survey of residents and stated more information was needed if staff planned to make this a permanent program, noting no permanency of the program should be discussed until Council received survey results.

Mayor Shyne asked to add to the motion to research other vendors' safety technology. Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson seconded.

Councilmember Meister indicated that the scooter technology did not have a way to check weight, and there was no requirement on riders having insurance, yet the scooter companies took no liability unless the City got sued. She noted that the program was costing the City hundreds of thousands of dollars to run and that was why the City got rid of its ebike program. She stated that the taxpayers should not have to pay for a program that was hurting residents.

Mayor Shyne questioned the revenue compared to what Bird and Lime pay the City, and Mr. Wagman reported their revenue. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the agreement her desire to put the program on hold. She asked Councilmember Heilman to add negotiation of cost to his motion, and he agreed.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the Agreement for Services with Toole Design Group for consulting services in the amount of \$116,000; 2) Extend the micro-mobility pilot through October 31, 2023, and start the permanent program on September 1, 2023; and 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreement. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, and approved.**

4.E. WEHO PRIDE 2023 [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving additional items related to WeHo Pride 2023.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

4.F. UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CITY'S PROCLAIMED LOCAL EMERGENCY [D. WILSON, L. LANGER, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, J. KEHO, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the City's proclaimed local emergency and provide direction on when to lift the local state of emergency and wind down any outstanding COVID-related activities and programs.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ROOF DECKS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES R3 AND R4 [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to amend the Zoning Code to allow accessory dwelling unit roof decks in residential zones R3 and R4.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 6, 2023.

He indicated this can be added to the survey for R3 and R4 zones and offered to amend this item to add to the survey.

Councilmember Meister agreed that it needed further study and should be folded into the R2/R3/R4 study that was underway.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct staff to draft a Zone Text Amendment to allow accessory dwelling unit roof decks in residential zones R3 and R4; and 2) Present the proposed amendment at a public hearing of the Planning Commission for review prior to returning to City Council for final consideration. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved.**

5.B. CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A CITYWIDE DISABILITY ACCESS STUDY [S. SHYNE, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to retain the services of a consultant to conduct a Citywide disability access study, including review of related City policies and practices.

Mayor Shyne provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 6, 2023.

This item goes further than the American with Disabilities Act requires and more focused on City events and facilities to make them more accessible.

Mayor Shyne indicated she would prefer the consultant to conduct a study or survey that provides the most robust data.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and pointed out Hart Park has been out of compliance.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and reiterated Rooms 5 & 6 at Plummer Park not being compliant.

JAMIE FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to encourage a feasibility study for residents.

CATHY BLAIVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the lack of accessibility to public meetings in person and via teleconference.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the development and issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from consultants who specialize in disability access and inclusion to conduct a Citywide study and provide the City with recommendations; 2) As part of the study, include participation from the City's Disabilities Advisory Board and other significant community stakeholders; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$75,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Social Services Division, Studies & Plans Account 100-3-05-53-533009, for costs associated with a Citywide disability access study.
Motion by Mayor Shyne, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson, and approved.

5.C. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF ISRAELI-AMERICAN CIVIC EDUCATION INSTITUTE'S SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE DOCUMENTARY J'ACCUSE! [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring a film screening and panel discussion of the documentary J'Accuse! with the Israeli-American Civic Education Institute, to be held on April 18, 2023 in the City Council Chambers.

ACTIONS: This Item was tabled.

5.D. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE 2023 RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH [J. HEILMAN, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider allocating additional funding to the Russian-Speaking Community Cultural Heritage Month programming, specifically the "WeHo Mishka" 22nd Annual Festival.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

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EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.Q. CONSTRUCTION PERIOD LOGISTICS PLAN AND STREET AND SIDEWALK CLOSURES FOR THE PRIVATE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 645-685 ROBERTSON BOULEVARD, 648-654 LA PEER DRIVE AND 8954 SANTA MONICA BLVD (ROBERTSON LANE HOTEL & TREEHOUSE PROJECT) [S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR, J. ROCCO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and file a construction period logistics and public right-of-way encroachment plan detailing the anticipated sidewalk and street use requested for the construction of the Robertson Lane Project.

Director of Public Works Steve Campbell provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 6, 2023.

Councilmember Meister inquired about Robertson Blvd. and the duration of the project.

Jake Stevens of Faring Capital presented the parking plans and accommodations made on Robertson, as well as explained the removal and replacement of trees.

JACOB STEVENS, LOS ANGELES, shared his efforts in engage with the businesses affected by the project.

ACTIONS: 1) Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the proposed Construction Period Logistics Plan for the Robertson Lane Project; and 2) Authorize the closure of streets and sidewalks during the construction period as outlined in the body of the staff report and direct staff to issue Encroachment Permits for the work within the public right-of-way. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Shyne, and approved.**

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING JUNETEENTH TO THE LIST OF HOLIDAYS WHICH ENFORCEMENT OF METER VIOLATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF TIME LIMITED PARKNG ZONES, PEAK-HOUR TOW ZONES, AND STREET SWEEPING REGULATIONS IS SUSPENDED, DESIGNATING BOTH THE ACTUAL DAY THE HOLIDAY OCCURS AS WELL AS THE DAY THE HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED AND RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS NOS. 249, 656, 15-4664, AND 15-4675 [S. CAMPBELL, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

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of time limited parking zones, peak-hour tow zones, and street sweeping regulations is suspended, designating both the actual day the holiday occurs as well as the day the holiday is observed and rescinding Resolutions 249, 656, 15-4664, and 15-4675.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [C. SCHROEDER, J. HOLUB]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an ordinance amending Title 17 (Rent Stabilization Ordinance) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

ACTION: This Item was tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about personal safety and democratic system.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, encouraged individuals apply to the Disabilities Advisory Board and again implore the City to retrofit Plummer Park facilities in accordance with ADA-compliance.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister reported on her attendance at Westside Urban Forum, the SCAG Joint Policy Committee and Regional Council meeting, WeHo Chamber's Annual Board Installation, V-day Event, MLK Day of Service, and International Women's Day. She announced a Sunset Advertising Subcommittee meeting and an event at the LGBT Center.

Councilmember Heilman reported attendance at City Selection Committee and announced LA Marathon will be passing through West Hollywood on March 19th. He requested the City Manager and City Attorney research possible public meeting accommodations for high-risk individuals and those with disabilities and report findings at a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Byers wished a Happy Women's History Month and a joyous Purim. She reported attendance at the Clean Power Alliance, League of CA Cities, MLK Day of Service, International Women's Day event, and the catalytic convertor etching event. She announced she was the Chair of the Playhouse Design Subcommittee, and their first meeting was scheduled for March 14th. She congratulated Nadia Sutton. She thanked her colleagues for their support on Earth Day and the resolution about TEPCO water pollution. She mentioned her support for the trans community and drag shows.

Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson reported on attendance at Contract Cities Legislative meeting, WeHo Reads event, Chamber Mix & Mingle, Prep and Pep event, Clean Power Alliance, WeHo Pride Subcommittee, contract cities bylaw, CDC shingles

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outbreak meeting, Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting, contract cities executive board meeting, CalCities LGBT Caucus, Sanitation District orientation, California Yimby roundtable, MLK Day of Service, and the catalytic converter event. He extended thanks to his colleagues for Item 5.A. Lastly, he congratulated Nadia Sutton and honored the memory of Ruth Williams.

Mayor Shyne wished the Jewish community a happy Purim. She reported attendance at public hearing on Pep and Prep, Weho Pride subcommittee, Sips with Sepi, V-day Event, City Selection Committee meeting, Annual Member meeting for Chamber, LAUSD Virtual Legislation Meeting, MLK Day of Service, and International Women’s Day event. She shared that Nowruz was on Wednesday next week, and Persian New Year begins on the spring equinox and lasts for 13 days. She invited all to celebrate Nowruz on March 19th at the Council Chambers. She publicly denounced anti-trans sentiments expressed at CPAC. She provided her usual update on news from Iran regarding human rights atrocities, including poison attacks on schoolgirls recently, as many as 60 schools reported.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:27 P.M. in memory of Michael J.B. Allen, Linda Ann Vanoff, Pearl Berskaly, Judy Heumann, Celia Goodman, and Fay Estelle Causley to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 20, 2023 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 20th day of March, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	Byers, Heilman, Meister, and Mayor Pro Tempore Erickson.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	Mayor Shyne.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

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