

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Stepan Losev led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmember Heilman, Councilmember Meister, Councilmember Shyne, Vice Mayor Byers, and Mayor Erickson.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Erickson moved items F.3. & F.4. to the Consent Calendar as Items B.18. and B.19., respectively.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Items F.1. and F.2. be heard together.

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

**LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Angee Beckett.

Mayor Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dane Brown and former United States Solicitor General Theodore Olson.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Erickson presented a Certificate to Stepan Losev for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation recognizing Dubb's Organic Coffee Blends.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation recognizing the retirement of long-time Los Angeles Unified School District Employee Robidia Ortiz.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation recognizing International Day for Ending the Violence Against Women to Women's Advisory Boardmembers Debra Torok and Angela de Silva.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about public safety and emergency medical vehicle access along Fountain Avenue if the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project moves forward. She indicated that she hopes the Disabilities Advisory Board will discuss this at a future meeting.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding projects that she is excited to see move forward as indicated in Item B.8. She also mentioned the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project and the working group that was established.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding projects that she is excited to see move forward as indicated in Item B.8. She inquired about the addition of solar panels at the parking lot at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Heights. She also mentioned the lack of community outreach for the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project and outside interests in our local election.

MIKIE FRIEDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the influence of Unite Here and Streets for All in our local election, the recent fire at Fountain Avenue and Highland Avenue, and comments about her on local online news sites.

SARAH ADOLPHSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the Human Services Commission to share information about Transgender services that the City offers and reminded everyone that it is Transgender Awareness Month.

JONATHAN WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to congratulate Mayor Erickson on his re-election, and Councilmember-elect Hang on their election to the City Council.

AARON KOHAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about his safety concerns with the crosswalk along San Vicente Boulevard near the West Hollywood Library.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the recent election, and the need to get the work of the City done.

JACOB SHAW, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the recent election.

DAVID WOOD, LOS ANGELES, spoke to congratulate Mayor Erickson and Councilmember-elect Hang on their election.

ANNIE JUMP VICENTE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about various concerns that she has with the City.

*The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of Item B.19. (F.4.):  
Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood*

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager David Wilson provided an update on our local election. He invited everyone to attend West Hollywood Day on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. He asked the City Attorney to provide an update on Builders Remedy.

City Attorney Langer provided an update on State legislation regarding Builders Remedy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk Crowder stated that the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items F.3. and F.4. was \$348,800 in expenditures, \$ 699,646 in revenues, and (\$3,200) in waived fees.

### **B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**B.1.,2.,3.,4.,5.,6.,7.,8.,9.,10.,11.,12.,13.,14.,15.,16.,17.,18.,19. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

**B.1. POSTING OF AGENDA [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, November 18, 2024 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, the West Hollywood Library, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.*

**ACTION:** Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of the prior City Council meeting.*

**ACTION:** Approved the meeting minutes of November 4, 2024. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 959 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending November 8, 2024 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Approved Demand Register No. 959 and Adopted Resolution No. 24-104: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 959". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.4. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council is receiving notification that the City's third-party administrator Carl Warren & Co. has denied one (1) Claim for Damages from Omer Isik.*

**ACTION:** Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- B.5. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a Synopses from the Disabilities Advisory Board and the Older Adults Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.*  
**ACTION:** Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.6. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, S. STEPHENS]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended September 2024 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.*  
**ACTION:** Received and filed the September 2024 Treasurer's Report.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.7. FINAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR THE 2023-24 REGULAR SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE AND REPORT ON FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS TO SECURE FUNDING FOR CITY PROJECTS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the fourth and final legislative update report on the City's lobbying efforts in the California State Legislature during the 2023-24 regular legislative session. In addition, the Council will receive a report on federal advocacy efforts to secure funding for City projects.*  
**ACTION:** Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.8. UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS IMPLEMENTATION [S. CAMPBELL, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE, R. ABRAMSON, M. BARKER, H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:**  
*SUBJECT: This is a quarterly update on major capital improvement projects related to City-owned properties and public parks (exclusive of infrastructure related projects), including status of the projects and timelines. The projects are listed in priority of completion.*  
**ACTION:** Received an update on the City's major capital program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.9. SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT AND CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP [L. BIERY, L. D'AMBROSIA]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update regarding the upcoming Small Business Procurement and Certification Workshop the City will be hosting in partnership with ICON CDC, as well as the County of Los Angeles Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and Office of Small Business, as part of the Economic Mobility Initiative (EMI) for LA County District 3.*  
**ACTIONS:** 1) Received an update regarding the upcoming Small Business Procurement and Certification Workshop to be held at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Meeting Room on Thursday, December 5, 2024; 2) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on flyers, marketing, and other collateral materials for this event; and 3) Directed the Communications Department to

utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the workshop including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.10. DRAG LAUREATE PROGRAM REVIEW [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the first year of the Drag Laureate Program as well as consider extending the term duration of the Drag Laureate and updates to the Drag Laureate Program to begin in July 2025 as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.*

**ACTIONS:** Approved the following changes to the Drag Laureate Program as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission: 1) Approved extending the term of the Drag Laureate from two to three years in duration to align with the three-year term of the Poet Laureate; 2) Approved extending the term of the current Drag Laureate, Pickle, through July 15, 2026, to align with the new three-year term; 3) Removal of the requirement to organize one yearly event to celebrate drag history; 4) Removal of the monthly meeting requirement with City Staff to allow for meetings to occur as needed; and 5) Removal of the liaison requirement with the City of San Francisco to allow for meetings to occur as needed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.11. 2025 HARVEY MILK DAY EVENT PRODUCER CONTRACT WITH DRAG ARTS LAB [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, M. CHE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an agreement with Drag Arts Lab for a not to exceed amount of \$30,600 to produce the City's 2025 Harvey Milk Day event on Thursday, May 22, 2025 and approve the waiver of fees for city facility use, permits, and parking for the event.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Authorized the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute an Agreement for Services with Drag Arts Lab for a not to exceed amount of \$30,600 to produce the Harvey Milk Day event on Thursday, May 22, 2025; 2) Approved approximately \$1,960 in waived fees for City facility use and permits; and 3) Authorized the use of City facilities for the event and an additional hour of validated parking for event participants at the West Hollywood 5-Story Parking Structure, for a total of three (3) hours. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.12. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH DEGENKOLB ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE SEISMIC RETROFIT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT [N. MARICICH, B. GALAN, C. ZABALA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an Agreement for Services with Degenkolb Engineers to provide technical support and program implementation assistance with the City's mandatory Seismic Retrofit Ordinance.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved an Agreement for Services with Degenkolb Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$220,000.00 for technical assistance and supplemental services required for implementation of the mandatory Seismic Retrofit Program; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute the necessary documents associated with the Agreement for Services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.13. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENTS FOR LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES WITH SHAW, YODER, ANTWIH, SCHMELZER & LANGE (STATE AFFAIRS) AND WITH THORN RUN PARTNERS (FEDERAL AFFAIRS) [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendments to the Agreements for Lobbying and Advocacy Services with the lobbying firms of Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, Schmelzer & Lange (state affairs) and with the Washington, DC-based firm Thorn Run Partners (federal affairs). The Amendments include a 24-month extension, which was previously stipulated in the existing agreements, as well as an increase to the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, Schmelzer & Lange for lobbying and advocacy services with the California Legislature and state regulatory agencies extending the agreement by 24 months, increasing the annual amount of the Agreement by \$6,000 per year, and increasing the total amount of the Agreement by \$156,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$330,000; 2) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Thorn Run Partners for lobbying and advocacy services with members of Congress and federal agencies, and extend the Agreement by 24 months, increase the annual amount of the Agreement by \$6,000 per year, and increase the total amount of the Agreement by \$156,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$330,000; and 3) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.14. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A MILLS ACT CONTRACT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9009-9015 SUNSET BOULEVARD (THE ROXY THEATRE AND RAINBOW BAR AND GRILL) [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, D. VU, K. CONLEY]:**

*SUBJECT: The applicant is requesting approval of a Mills Act Contract to rehabilitate the property known as The Roxy Theatre and Rainbow Bar & Grill that are designated Cultural Resources in the City of West Hollywood located at 9009-9015 Sunset Boulevard. This action is categorically exempt from further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15331 for the rehabilitation of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved the Mills Act Contract between the City of West Hollywood and the owner of the property located at 9009-9015 Sunset Boulevard; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.15. PRESENTATION OF WINTER SOUNDS AT THE PENDRY WEST HOLLYWOOD [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, J. TRIBBLE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the presentation of Winter Sounds, the city's free concert series, on December 15, 2024, January 25, 2025, February 8, 2025, and February 22, 2025, to take place at Pendry West Hollywood at 8430 Sunset Boulevard from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved the presentation of Winter Sounds, the city's free concert series, on December 15, 2024, January 25, 2025, February 8, 2025, and February 22, 2025, to take place at Pendry West Hollywood at 8430 Sunset Boulevard from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm; 2) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 3) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the events including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools; and 4) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute all documents. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.16. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, HCD PROHOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$750,000 [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS, M. MONTENEGRO, S. CAMPBELL, B. LEAGUE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the City Manager to apply for and, if accepted, receive grant funding in an amount of up to \$750,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") Prohousing Incentive Program ("PIP") to offset costs associated with the City's Housing Element Implementation and contribute to the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-105: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, HCD PROHOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$750,000"; 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to apply for and execute the Agreement and all necessary contracts, payment requests, and amendments to secure the grant funds; and 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to increase budgeted revenues in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund by the amount of the grant application, \$750,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**17. 2025 WEHO PRIDE ARTS FESTIVAL [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, M. CHE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the dates, location, and producer for the 2025 WeHo Pride Arts Festival as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved the 2025 WeHo Pride Arts Festival to take place Friday, May 23 – Sunday, May 25, 2025 at the LA LGBT Center as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute all documents incident to an agreement with the LA LGBT Center in an amount not to exceed \$85,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**18. (F.3.) PILOT PROGRAM TO INTRODUCE A REGULAR MUSIC AND DANCING SESSION AT PLUMMER PARK [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to initiate a pilot program, scheduled to launch in spring 2025, aimed at bringing music to Plummer Park on a regular basis to foster community engagement and encourage social dancing.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Directed staff to initiate a pilot program, to launch in spring 2025, that brings music to Plummer Park on a regular basis for three to six months, to encourage community engagement and social dancing; 2) Based on community feedback and participation during the pilot phase, staff to bring back a recommendation on whether or not to continue the program on an ongoing basis; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to approve the use of up to \$5,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with hiring a DJ, graphic design, and promotional materials for the program; 4) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the pilot program including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**19. (F.4.) EDUCATIONAL SESSION ON RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE AND OLDER ADULTS [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider hosting an educational session on the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, specifically addressing the needs and concerns of older adults.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Directed staff to host an educational session on the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, specifically targeted towards older adults; 2) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 3) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website, a news release, and social media; 4) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate up to \$1,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; and 5) Waived the Facility Use fee for use a City facility and applicable parking fees for attendees (estimated \$1,240 in waived fees). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**D. LEGISLATIVE:** None.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**E.1. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH TENNACITY, LLC. FOR PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS CONCESSION OPERATIONS AND SERVICES [Y. QUARKER, S. MARTINEZ, M. GASCA, D. ALHADDAD]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Tennacity, LLC. for the Pickleball and Tennis Concession Operations and Services.*

Staff did not provide a staff report.

The following members of the public came forward to speak:

XEN TARA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

COLE ETTMAN, on behalf of TENNACITY, spoke in support of the item.

DAVID FLATE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the item.

MAX OSSWALD, on behalf of TENNACITY, spoke in support of the item.

MARINA SULLIVAN, on behalf of LA LGBT SENIOR CENTER, spoke in support of the item.

JOSH OSSWALD, on behalf of TENNACITY, spoke in support of the item.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item. She pointed out that requiring staff and the vendor to conduct more public outreach resulted in a positive outcome.

Councilmember Heilman thanked the speakers and City staff. He indicated his support of the item.

Councilmember Shyne thanked the speakers, Staff, and Tennacity. She also spoke in support of the item.

Councilmember Meister spoke in support of the item.

Vice Mayor Byers spoke in support of the item.

Mayor Erickson spoke in support of the item.

There was discussion regarding the use of Los Angeles Unified School District facilities for pickleball as well as Poinsettia Park.

The Council provided additional direction to staff regarding permanent pickleball courts.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Accepted the proposal for the Pickleball and Tennis Concession Operations and Services provided by Tennacity, LLC. dated March 14, 2024, and approve a three (3) year Agreement with an option for two (2) one-year extensions; 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute all documents incident to the Agreement; and 3) Directed staff to return with an item regarding permanent pickleball courts. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

**E.2. ALLOWING PATRONS OTHER THAN HOTEL GUESTS AT RESTAURANTS WITHIN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED HOTELS [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE]:**

*SUBJECT: On March 18, 2024, the City Council directed staff and the City Attorney to develop a city-initiated amendment to conditional use permits of hotels in residential zoning districts to allow on-site restaurants to serve patrons other than hotel guests and to return to Council with the recommendation for further consideration.*

Director of Community Development Nick Maricich, Assistant Director of Community Development Jennifer Alkire, and Long-Range Planning Manager Francisco Contreras provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 18, 2024.

The City Council asked clarifying questions of staff related to parking and the process for applying for this change in use.

EDDIE DIAZ, on behalf of UNITE HERE, spoke in opposition of the item.

DANIELLE WILSON, on behalf of UNITE HERE, spoke in opposition of the item.

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

*The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the item: Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood*

The City Council discussed parking impacts, impacts to the neighborhood, fee waivers, the possibility of a pilot program (breakfast and lunch only), and community outreach.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Directed staff to initiate a coordinated package of amendments to applicable conditional use permits for residentially zoned hotels to allow patrons other than hotel guests at on-site restaurants; 2) Waived application fees associated with the conditional use permit amendment and related hearing materials; 3) Directed staff to propose options to reduce or eliminate any associated parking requirements consistent with the zoning ordinance for Planning Commission consideration; 4) Directed staff to bring all such amendments forward for Planning Commission decision in a single public hearing; and 5) Direct staff to conduct extensive community outreach regarding the public hearings before the Planning Commission. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (3/2), noting the “no” votes of Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Shyne.**

**E.3. UPDATE ON THE CITY’S 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS DELEGATION AND PLANNING FOR THE 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES [D.**

**WILSON, C. SAFRIET, L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, J. SCHARE, E. TAYLOR, Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the 2024 Paris Olympics Delegation as well as updates on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games City Staff Working Group and Art Project. The City Council will also consider approving a Letter of Commitment and directing staff to negotiate an agreement to partner with Out Athlete Fund to host Pride House in the City of West Hollywood during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.*

Assistant to the City Manager Christine Safriet provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 18, 2024. She was joined by Director of Economic Development Laura Biery, Media & Marketing Manager Erin Taylor, and Event Services Manager Cleo Smith.

Councilmember Meister inquired about how much Paris contributed to Pride House for the Paris Summer Olympics as well as the name “Pride House LA – West Hollywood.” Ms. Safriet responded.

MICHAEL FERRERA, on behalf of PRIDE HOUSE, spoke in support of the item and the possibility of changing the name from Pride House LA – West Hollywood.

*The following individuals submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the item: Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood and Cathy Blaivas, West Hollywood.*

The City Council discussed vacant store fronts, public safety and emergency preparedness, transportation, the sports tourism item that was approved by Council, the need for increased involvement with LA28, events at the Pacific Design Center and West Hollywood Park, the marathon route, reuseable meeting venue(s), partnering with local bars/restaurants along Sunset for Fan Zones, and the possibility of a ballroom dancing event.

Director of Economic Development Laura Biery provided an update on the Sports Tourism item, and the work that Staff is currently doing around that item.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Received an update on the 2024 Paris Olympics Delegation as well as updates on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games City Staff Working Group and Art Project; 2) Approved a Letter of Commitment to provide financial and location support in the City of West Hollywood for Pride House LA-West Hollywood for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; 3) Directed the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate an Agreement to establish a formal working partnership with Out Athlete Fund to host Pride House LA-West Hollywood and return to the City Council for approval; and 4) Provided additional direction or feedback, if any, related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. **Motion by Mayor Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (5/0).**

The City Council took a recess at 8:06 p.m. and returned at 8:19 p.m.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Items F.1. and F.2. were heard together.*

**F.1. QUALIFICATION OF INITIATIVE MEASURE PROPOSING TO REENACT THE CITY'S EXISTING VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS AND REENACT THE RECENTLY EXPIRED HOME SHARING REGULATIONS AND TO PREVENT THEIR FUTURE AMENDMENT WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT VOTER APPROVAL [L. LANGER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider options for one (1) initiative measure proposing to reenact the City's existing vacation rental regulations and recently expired home sharing regulations and to prevent their future amendment without subsequent voter approval.*

City Attorney Langer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 18, 2024.

Councilmember Heilman asked about an exemption during the Olympics in 2028. City Attorney Langer indicated that this would not be allowed if the ordinance is passed unless it goes to the voters.

MAURA O'NEILL, on behalf of BETTER NEIGHBORS LA, spoke in support of reenacting the vacation rental regulations (Item F.1.).

NOAH SUAREZ-SIKES, on behalf of BETTER NEIGHBORS LA, spoke in support of reenacting the vacation rental regulations (Item F.1.).

DANIELLE WILSON, on behalf of UNITE HERE, spoke in support of both items (F.1. and F.2.).

DAVID STOOKEY, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of both items (F.1. and F.2.).

JUSTIN WINICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of both items (F.1. and F.2.).

DEVIN ADANTE, on behalf of the STONEWALL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, Spoke in support of existing Hotel Worker Protections and minimum wage (Item F.2.).

MD RESA ISLAM, on behalf of the TransLatin@ Coalition, spoke in support of both items (F.1. and F.2.).

JAMES PRINCIVALLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of both items (F.1. and F.2.).

JUNE PANIOUCHKINE, on behalf of the STONEWALL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, spoke in support of both items (F.1. and F.2.).

Councilmember Meister inquired which part of the Home Sharing ordinance expired. Director of Community Safety Danny Rivas responded. She also inquired about if the City wanted to prohibit home sharing in the future, would it need to go to the voters or could the City Council adopt that change. City Attorney Langer responded.

Councilmembers Heilman and Meister indicated that they would prefer to proceed with Option 4, they will proceed with adopting the ordinance if that is the consensus of their colleagues.

Mayor Erickson, Vice Mayor Byers, and Councilmember Shyne supported proceeding with adoption of both ordinances.

City Clerk Crowder read the title of the ordinance into the record.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Received, filed, and accepted the Certificate of Sufficiency of Petition Signatures as valid in all respects; and 2) Adopted the Initiative Measure as an Ordinance, Without Alteration: Ordinance No. 24-33: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REENACTING CHAPTER 5.66 OF TITLE 5 AND SECTIONS 19.36.331, 19.80.120 AND 19.90.020 OF TITLE 19 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AS AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO REENACT THE CITY'S EXISTING VACATION RENTAL REGULATIONS AND REENACT THE RECENTLY EXPIRED HOME SHARING REGULATIONS AND TO PREVENT THEIR FUTURE AMENDMENT WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT VOTER APPROVAL, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9215(a)." **Motion by Councilmember Shyne, seconded by Mayor Erickson, and approved (5/0).**

**F.2. QUALIFICATION OF INITIATIVE MEASURE PROPOSING TO REENACT THE CITY'S EXISTING HOTEL WORKER PROTECTION AND MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCES TO PREVENT THEIR FUTURE AMENDMENT WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT VOTER APPROVAL [L. LANGER, M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider an initiative measure proposing to reenact the City's existing Hotel Worker Protection and Minimum Wage Ordinances to prevent their future amendment without subsequent voter approval.*

*\*\*See Item F.1.*

City Clerk Crowder read the title of the ordinance into the record.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Received, filed, and accepted The Certificate Of Sufficiency Of Petition Signatures As Valid In All Respects; and 2) Adopted the Initiative Measure as an Ordinance, Without Alteration: Ordinance No. 24-34: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, REENACTING CHAPTER 5.127 AND SECTIONS 5.130.020,

5.130.030 AND 5.130.050 OF CHAPTER 5.130 AND ADDING SECTION 5.130.170 TO CHAPTER 5.130 OF TITLE 5 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AS AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO REENACT THE CITY'S EXISTING HOTEL WORKER PROTECTION AND MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCES TO PREVENT THEIR FUTURE AMENDMENT WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT VOTER APPROVAL, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 9215(a)." **Motion by Councilmember Shyne, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

**F.3. PILOT PROGRAM TO INTRODUCE A REGULAR MUSIC AND DANCING SESSION AT PLUMMER PARK [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to initiate a pilot program, scheduled to launch in spring 2025, aimed at bringing music to Plummer Park on a regular basis to foster community engagement and encourage social dancing.*

**ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item B.18.**

**F.4. EDUCATIONAL SESSION ON RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE AND OLDER ADULTS [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider hosting an educational session on the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, specifically addressing the needs and concerns of older adults.*

**ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item B.19.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

TOM ESPARZA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project, and specifically about the drainage issues at the building he manages at Poinsettia & Fountain Avenue.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Heilman asked that staff follow-up regarding the public comment made about the safety at the crosswalk along San Vicente Boulevard near West Hollywood Park.

Councilmember Meister reported her attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Energy & Environment Committee meeting as well as the SCAG Regional Council meeting. She also shared her attendance at various City events and reminded the community about upcoming events in the City. She shared that December 1, 2024 is World AIDS Day and noted that the Foundation for the AIDS Memorial (FAM) is hosting an event honoring it. She congratulated Mayor Erickson on his re-election, and Councilmember-elect Danny Hang on his election.

Councilmember Shyne congratulated Mayor Erickson on his re-election, and Councilmember-elect Danny Hang on his election.

Vice Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Tampa, Florida. While at the NLC, she attended the Transportation & Infrastructure Service Committee as well as the LGBT+LO Caucus meeting. She also reported her attendance at the METRO Westside Service Council meeting and shared information on METRO’s immigration policies. She congratulated Erickson and Hang. She thanked the City Clerk’s Office, and the poll workers for their work on the recent election. She noted that the City Council approved the Winter Sounds program on tonight’s agenda.

Mayor Erickson thanked everyone for their congratulations and congratulated Councilmember-elect Danny Hang. He spoke about the divisiveness during our recent local election. He mentioned upcoming City events as well as his Saturday with the Mayor event at Plummer Park on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. He inquired about the timing for the Comedy Store item at the Planning Commission. He wished Silver Solomon a Happy Birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m. in memory of Angee Beckett, Dane Brown, and Theodore Olson to its next Regular Adjourned meeting which will be on November 21, 2024, at the Pacific Design Center Silver Screen Theater (8687 Melrose Avenue) for the purpose of holding the West Hollywood Day and State of the Community Event, at which the City Council will be present and engage in a panel discussion. Doors open at 5:30 and the event will begin at 6:30.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024 by the following vote:

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

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