

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 6:19 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: West Hollywood Elementary School students 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.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Lauren Langer reported that the City Council convened the Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and no members of the public spoke under Public Comment. She noted that the City Council discussed the three items of business listed on the posted agenda and took no reportable action. The Closed Session concluded at 5:52 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Erickson requested that Items F.1., F.2., F.3., and F.4. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items B.20., B.21., B.22., and B.23., respectively.

Councilmember Meister and Mayor Erickson requested that Item B.17. be Tabled to the January 21, 2025 City Council meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (5/0).

LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES: None.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Mayor Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gary Harris, Ella Ann Marie Suszka, Fred Frumberg, and Troy Masters.

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Erlinda Chavez Zbur.

SPECIAL ITEM:

A. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to adopt a Resolution declaring the results and accepting the official canvass and official statement of votes cast from the Los Angeles County Registrar--Recorder/County Clerk for the Consolidated Municipal Election held November 5, 2024.

City Clerk Crowder declared John M. Erickson and Danny Hang elected as Members of the City Council to a full term of four years and requested that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting the official canvas and statement of votes cast from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the adoption of the Resolution and congratulated John M. Erickson and Danny Hang.

ACTIONS: 1) Declared JOHN M. ERICKSON and DANNY HANG elected as Members of the City Council to a full term of four years; 2) Declared that ballot MEASURE WH regarding a supplemental General Transactions and Use Tax (Sales Tax) at the rate of One-Quarter Cent (1/4¢), that will only take effect if a future district sales tax within the County qualifies for a ballot and is enacted was CARRIED and SHALL be deemed adopted and ratified; and 3) Adopted Resolution No 24-112: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICIAL CANVASS AND OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST FOR THE CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW." **Motion by Vice Mayor Byers, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (5/0).**

B. BRIAN SONIA WALLACE WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO RELECTED COUNCILMEMBER JOHN M. ERICKSON AND FORMER COUNCILMEMBER JOHN D'AMICO WILL ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER DANNY HANG:

Brian Sonia Wallace administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember John M. Erickson.

Former Councilmember John D'Amico administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Danny Hang.

City Clerk Crowder stated for the record that Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Hang were voting members and placed their name plates accordingly at the dais. Councilmembers Hang, Heilman, Meister, Vice Mayor Byers, and Mayor Erickson constituted a quorum.

C. NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Erickson gave comments of thanks to his family and friends and described his plans for the future.

Councilmember Hang gave his thanks to the voters and described his plans for the future of the City.

PRESENTATIONS FROM DIGNITARIES:

JEFFREY PRANG, LA COUNTY ASSESSOR, presented Proclamations to former Councilmember Sepi Shyne, newly elected Councilmember Danny Hang, Mayor John M. Erickson, and Vice Mayor Chelsea Byers.

COUNCILMEMBERS DAN HALL AND NATALYA ZERNITSKAYA, CITY OF SANTA MONICA, spoke in congratulations to our newly elected Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBER YASMINE IMANI-MCMORRIN, COUNCILMEMBER BRYAN BUBBA FISH, AND CULVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDMEMBER TRISTON EZIDORE, CITY OF CULVER CITY, offered congratulations and presented Certificates to our newly elected Councilmembers.

RICK CHAVEZ ZBUR, CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY, spoke to thank former Councilmember Shyne for her service and congratulated our newly elected Councilmembers.

DIRECTOR SCOTT HOUSTON, WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, presented a proclamation celebrating 40 years of West Hollywood Cityhood.

COUNCILMEMBER HENRY LO AND MAYOR THOMAS WANG, CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, offered their congratulations as fellow AAPI leaders to Councilmember Hang and their excitement to work with all Councilmembers on regional committees.

AUSTIN CYR, SUPERVISOR HORVATH'S OFFICE, offered congratulations and shared a video from Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SANDRA HUNGATE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item F.4./B.23., Resolution in support of Veganuary.

ELLEN DENT, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item F.4./B.23., Resolution in support of Veganuary.

ARIANA MIRI, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item F.4./B.23., Resolution in support of Veganuary.

JOEY CAINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item F.4./B.23., Resolution in support of Veganuary.

CHRIS SHAPARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item F.4./B.23., Resolution in support of Veganuary.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.9.

ERIC D'ARBELOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation on Item B.16.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation on Item B.16. and Item F.4./B.23.

CESAR ASEBEDO, PLANT BASED TREATY, spoke in support of Item F.4./B.23., Resolution in support of Veganuary.

JOHN HAYS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item F.4./B.23., Resolution in support of Veganuary.

RAMESSES SETEPENRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Good Neighbor Pledge.

JACKIE STEELE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank Vice Mayor Byers and congratulated Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Hang.

WARREN BRAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the mural for Equal Means Equal outside of Council Chambers, and thanked City staff for public art support.

ANTHONY VULIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank former Councilmember Shyne on her service and congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke to congratulate the newly elected Councilmembers and looks forward to future collaboration.

JORDAN SLACK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City Council's work coming into the new year and congratulated Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Hang.

JACOB SHAW AND DAVID WOOD, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke to congratulate the newly elected Councilmembers and look forward to future collaboration.

MIKE NUTTALL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to express his gratefulness to the City Council and mentioned individual exemplary City staff.

KEVIN BARRY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank former Councilmember Shyne for her impactful service and congratulate our newly elected Councilmembers.

BONNIE HYDE, AMERICAN BAR CHINESE FOUNDATION, spoke in thanks for the Council's support for AAPI children's literacy efforts and congratulated Councilmember Hang in representing the AAPI community in public service.

JACOB HAIK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, LA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, spoke to congratulate our newly elected Councilmembers.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to congratulate our newly elected Councilmembers.

The following individuals submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of Item B.16.:

Wendy Goldman, West Hollywood

Victor Omelczenko, West Hollywood

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Wilson congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and looks forward to working with them. He also congratulated Senior Transportation Planner Bob Cheung on his upcoming retirement.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Crowder stated that the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items F.1., F.2., F.3., and F.4. and exclusion of Item B.17., was \$77,500 in expenditures, \$0 in revenues, and (\$0) in waived fees.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.1.,2.,3.,4.,5.,6.,7.,8.,9.,10.,11.,12.,13.,14.,15.,16.,18.,19.,20.,21.,22.,23. 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, December 16, 2024 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, the West Hollywood Library, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, December 11, 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 December 2, 2024. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 961 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, Y. MARTINEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending December 06, 2024 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 961 and Adopt Resolution No. 24-111, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 961". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.4. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, Y. ZHOSAN]:

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 Mercury Insurance as subrogee for Kenneth Williams.

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

B.5. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-35 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1.16.010 "PUBLIC PLACES FOR POSTING NOTICES" [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-35, amending West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 1.1.010 "public places for posting notices".

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-35: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 1.16.010 "PUBLIC PLACES FOR POSTING NOTICES." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.6. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-36 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) TO MAKE VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING A NEW SPECIAL EVENTS CHAPTER 5.106 (SPECIAL EVENTS) WITHIN TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS AND PERMITS), REPEALING CHAPTER 19.55 (SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS) WITHIN TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE), AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM CEQA" [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 24-36, amending Chapter 1.08 (General Penalty Provisions) to make violations subject to administrative penalty provisions of the West Hollywood Municipal Code, establishing a new special events Chapter 5.106 (Special Events) within Title 5 (Business Licenses, Regulations and Permits), repealing Chapter 19.55 (Special Event Permits) within Title 19 (Zoning Ordinance), and finding the action exempt from CEQA.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 24-36: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

AMENDING CHAPTER 1.08 (GENERAL PENALTY PROVISIONS) TO MAKE VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING A NEW SPECIAL EVENTS CHAPTER 5.106 (SPECIAL EVENTS) WITHIN TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES, REGULATIONS AND PERMITS), REPEALING CHAPTER 19.55 (SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS) WITHIN TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE), AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM CEQA.”
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B.7. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, the Human Services Commission, the Public Facilities, Recreation, & Infrastructure Commission, the Rent Stabilization Commission, and the Social Justice Advisory Board.

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

B.8. TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, S. STEPHENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer’s Reports for the month ended October 2024 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Received and filed the October 2024 Treasurer’s Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.9. UPDATE REGARDING CITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 1693 TO INVESTIGATE THE VIABILITY OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO PERMIT TENANTS TO INSTALL AIR CONDITIONING IN RENTAL UNITS [C. SCHROEDER, C. KESINGER]:

SUBJECT: This staff report provides an update on City Staff’s efforts to date in furtherance of City Council Directive 1693 (“Directive 1693”), which directed Staff to work with the City Attorney’s Office to determine the viability of an ordinance that would require landlords to permit residential tenants to install air conditioning (“A/C”) units in tenants’ rental units.

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

B.10. METRO K LINE NORTHERN EXTENSION BIENNIAL UPDATE [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, D. FENN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the Northern Extension of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) K Line (formerly known as the Crenshaw/LAX Line) and related City efforts.

ACTION: Received and filed an update on the Northern Extension of the Metro K Line and related City efforts. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.11. WEST HOLLYWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT [L. BIERY, L. D’AMBROSIA]:

SUBJECT: In accordance with the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, the West Hollywood Marketing Corporation (d.b.a. West Hollywood Travel & Tourism Board) has submitted the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District 2025 Annual Report for approval by the City Council.

ACTION: Reviewed and approved the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District 2025 Annual Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.12. 2024 REVISIONS TO THE RAINBOW KEY AWARD GUIDELINES TO INCORPORATE TWO ADDITIONAL AWARDS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving revisions to the Rainbow Key Award Guidelines including incorporating two additional awards: the Melissa Etheridge Award and the Audre Lorde Award.

ACTION: Adopted the recommended revisions to the Rainbow Key Award Guidelines, including incorporating two additional awards: the Melissa Etheridge Award and the Audre Lorde Award. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.13. 2025 CALENDAR OF SPECIAL LIGHTING REQUESTS FOR CITY HALL AND SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD LANTERNS [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a calendar of special lighting requests for City Hall and Santa Monica Boulevard lanterns for calendar year 2025.

ACTION: Approved the proposed 2025 calendar of special lighting requests for City Hall and Santa Monica Boulevard lanterns. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.14. 2025 WEST HOLLYWOOD MLK DAY OF SERVICE [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the coordination of MLK Day of Service activities in January 2025, to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr., National Day of Service in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to coordinate appropriate 2025 West Hollywood MLK Day of Service activities and to promote volunteerism to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service; and 2) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the City's commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Day of Service. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.15. HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL 2024 POST-EVENT REPORT [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, J. HEREDIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a post-event report regarding the Halloween Carnival event held on October 31, 2024.

ACTION: Receives post-event report regarding the 2024 Halloween Carnival event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.16. ENDING CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FOR HOTEL ROOFTOP STRUCTURES [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to cease processing a Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) that considers allowing for projections above the allowed height for hotel rooftop structures.

ACTION: Directed staff to terminate the processing of a proposed Zone Text Amendment that would permit projections above the allowed height for hotel rooftop structures with a conditional use permit (CUP). This item will be removed from the Long Range Planning work plan and will not be considered for future consideration without City Council direction. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.17. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH PLENARY BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE WH LLC TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A CITYWIDE FIBER NETWORK TO IMPROVE BROADBAND SERVICES CITYWIDE [L. QUIJANO, E. TSIPIS]:

SUBJECT: Approve the tentative terms and high-level conceptual design for the implementation of a Public-Private partnership with Plenary Broadband Infrastructure WH LLC (Plenary) to construct and operate a fiber network to improve broadband services citywide.

ACTION: This Item was Tabled to the January 21, 2025 City Council meeting.

B.18. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE CLARK STREET FRONTAGE OF THE 1150 CLARK ST DEV LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 1150 CLARK STREET [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the Clark Street frontage of the 1150 Clark ST DEV LLC development project located at 1150 Clark Street. This item is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), acceptance of the Grant of Easement for Public Sidewalk and Parkway Purposes pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 and 15305.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-113: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND PARKWAY PURPOSES AT 1150 CLARK ST DEV LLC IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Directed the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of the Resolution as well as the Easement in Exhibit A of Attachment A for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.19. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 84281 FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF AIRSPACE, LOCATED AT 8430 SUNSET BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution approving Final Map No. 84281, a subdivision of airspace, located at 8430 Sunset Boulevard. This item is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15268(b)(3) - ministerial projects.

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 24-114: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 84281 FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF AIRSPACE, LOCATED AT 8430 SUNSET BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA."
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B.20. (F.1.) CITY CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCE THE WELLNESS ROOM AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a contribution of up to \$64,000 to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for renovations to the West Hollywood Station wellness room.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a contribution of up to \$64,000 to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the purchase of wellness equipment for the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Wellness Room; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$52,370 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account 100-1-01-00-531001 and increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount; and 3) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to approve the use of \$64,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with this contribution. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.21. (F.2.) CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION [J. HEILMAN, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will reaffirm the City's core values and direct staff to prepare responses to anticipated action by the new presidential administration.

ACTIONS: 1) Reaffirmed West Hollywood's core values of respect and inclusion for all people, especially those who have faced discrimination and marginalization and other vulnerable members of our community; 2) Directed the City Manager to reconvene a staff working group to respond to proposed actions by the new presidential administration that may contravene the City's core values; 3) Authorized the Mayor and/or City Manager to send letters on behalf of the City regarding policies, programs, and appointments that are contrary to the City's core values and legislative priorities; 4) Authorized the City Attorney, at the City Attorney's discretion and authority, to join the City of West Hollywood as amicus support (friends of the court) when requested in cases challenging actions from the presidential administration that are inconsistent with the City's core value or legislative priorities; and 5) Directed staff to evaluate developing new programming and additional services in the case of programs being reduced or

eliminated by the new presidential administration. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.22. (F.3.) RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop an education campaign that promotes responsible pet ownership, with a specific focus on encouraging pet owners to clean up after their pets, addressing the community impacts of lack of proper pet waste disposal, and reminding people to use a leash when required.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed the Communications Department to develop a community education campaign to promote responsible pet ownership, with a specific focus on encouraging pet owners to clean up after their pets, addressing the community impacts of lack of proper pet waste disposal, and reminding people to use a leash when required; 2) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the effort such as the City's website, social media tools, and a news release; 3) Directed the Rent Stabilization Division to include information about the campaign in the next iteration of bi-annual Tenant and Landlord Newsletters; 4) Directed the Facilities and Field Services Division to examine the need for additional signage in parks and other key areas to help amplify the message; and 5) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the campaign.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

B.23. (F.4.) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VEGANUARY [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution supporting Veganuary in West Hollywood, which encourages employees, residents, and local businesses to participate by eating plant-based during the month of January.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-116: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING VEGANUARY;" 2) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote Veganuary including, but not limited to, the City's website, a news release, and social media tools; 3) Directed the Economic Development Department to reach out to local businesses, restaurants, and stakeholders to encourage widespread participation in Veganuary, highlighting the environmental and health benefits of this initiative; 4) Directed the Administrative Services Department to encourage City staff to participate in a workplace challenge for Veganuary; and 5) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$2,500 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with promoting this campaign. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C.1. URGENCY ORDINANCE AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE REGULATIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNING FEE SCHEDULE [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting an Urgency Ordinance and will conduct a first reading of an Ordinance amending the City's local regulations governing accessory dwelling units ("ADUs") and junior accessory dwelling units ("JADUs") to comply with recent changes to state law and finding the action to be statutorily exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21080.17. The City Council will also consider adopting a resolution amending the fee schedule to include an ADU Permit fee.

Mayor Erickson opened the Public Hearing.

City Clerk Crowder noted that the Public Hearing was noticed as required by law.

Tahirah Farris, Senior Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 16, 2024.

Councilmember Meister inquired about the State's interpretation and some contradictory language to address. Director Maricich responded.

City Attorney Langer also offered advisement on the language and noted her approval.

Councilmember Heilman suggested a stronger stance on the State's ADU language clarification and recommended to submit the ordinance as presented, with a separate letter flagging HCD's inconsistent guidance on objective standard language, specifically with regards to line of sight, permitted by state law.

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

ACTIONS: 1) Find that the adoption of the proposed Urgency Ordinance is statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Public Resources Code Section 21080.17; 2) Waived full reading and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 24-37U: "AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 19.36.310 OF CHAPTER 19.36, SECTION 19.42.020 and SECTION 19.42.040 OF CHAPTER 19.42, AND ADDING CHAPTER 19.43 (ADU PERMIT) TO TITLE 19 OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND, JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM

CEQA UNDER PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21080.17;” 3) Introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 24-38: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 19.36.310 OF CHAPTER 19.36, SECTION 19.42.020 and SECTION 19.42.040 OF CHAPTER 19.42, AND ADDING CHAPTER 19.43 (ADU PERMIT) TO TITLE 19 OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND, JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE §21080.17; 4) Adopted Resolution 24-115: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE MASTER FEE RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TO INCLUDE FEES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) PERMITS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 19.43”; and 5) Directed staff to send a separate letter to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) flagging the inconsistency in the language of the line of sight provisions of the ADU law. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

D. LEGISLATIVE: None.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. CITY CONTRIBUTION TO ENHANCE THE WELLNESS ROOM AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a contribution of up to \$64,000 to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for renovations to the West Hollywood Station wellness room.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.2. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD’S RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION [J. HEILMAN, J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will reaffirm the City’s core values and direct staff to prepare responses to anticipated action by the new presidential administration.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.3. RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN [L. MEISTER, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop an education campaign that promotes responsible pet ownership, with a specific focus on encouraging pet owners to clean up after their pets, addressing the community impacts of lack of proper pet waste disposal, and reminding people to use a leash when required.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.4. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VEGANUARY [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution supporting Veganuary in West Hollywood, which encourages employees, residents, and local businesses to participate by eating plant-based during the month of January.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.5. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

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

ACTIONS: Mayor Erickson nominated Vice Mayor Byers as the next Mayor.

Motion by Mayor Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved (5/0). Vice Mayor Byers nominated Councilmember Heilman as the

next Vice Mayor. **Motion by Vice Mayor Byers, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).** Incoming Mayor Byers and Incoming Vice Mayor Heilman will be installed on January 13, 2025.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RAMESSES SETEPENRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the latest election.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister congratulated Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Hang on their election to the City Council. She announced upcoming City events. She wished everyone happy holidays and a Happy New Year. She reported her attendance at SCAG's Energy & Environment Committee and announced that she was elected as Vice Chair of that Committee. Lastly, she congratulated Vice Mayor Byers and Councilmember Heilman on their upcoming roles as Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Hang thanked the religious leaders for attending tonight's celebration. He shared that he attended the City's Tamale War event where he met LGBTQ+ youth in West Hollywood. Lastly, he thanked the elected leaders who attended tonight's swearing in ceremony.

Councilmember Heilman reported his attendance at the Victory Fund Conference in Washington DC. He wished the community a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the Sanitation District meeting as well as the WSCCOG meeting. She congratulated the awardees from Assemblymember Zbur's 8051 Awards, particularly Public Safety Commissioner Tod Hallman who was recognized as Man of the Year. She thanked City staff and the Visit West Hollywood team and the Pendry Hotel for helping kick off the Winter Sounds concert series yesterday. Lastly,

she congratulated Mayor Erickson and welcomed her new colleague Councilmember Hang and expressed her honor in becoming Mayor in the new year.

Mayor Erickson reported his attendance at the Victory Fund Conference in Washington DC. Lastly, he gave a special shout out to Marie Cartier.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned in memory of Gary Harris, Ella Ann Marie Suszka, Fred Frumberg, Troy Masters, and Erlinda Chavez Zbur at 8:47 p.m. to its Reorganization meeting, which will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 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 special meeting held this 21st day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

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CHELSEA L. BYERS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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