

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING**

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED BRIEF SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES, WHICH PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY VIEWING THE ARCHIVED VIDEOS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT [www.weho.org/wehotv](http://www.weho.org/wehotv).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Byers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tom Demille led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager David Wilson, City Attorney Lauren Langer, Director of Administrative Services Janet Jimenez, City Clerk Melissa Crowder, and Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Staff Changes:

- Item B.5.: “ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 25-20 (2ND READING) AND UPDATE ON EQUITABLE BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (EBPS)” be Tabled to a Date Uncertain.
- Item E.1.: UPDATE ON THE FOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT – PHASE 1 will be heard as the first business item after Approval of the Consent Calendar.

City Council Changes:

- Items D.1., E.2., E.3., F.1., F.2., F.4., F.5, and F.6. Moved to the Consent Calendar as Items B.18., B.19., B.20., B.21., B.22., B.23., B.24., and B.25. respectively.

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

**LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES:** None.

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**ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:**

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of John Mulcrone.

Vice Mayor Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Carmalita Wilson.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Byers presented a Proclamation to Paulinda Babbini in recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding respect, decency, and dignity.

GREG RANG, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item B.15.

JAKOB SHAW, BERKELEY, spoke in support of Item B.6.

MICKY MARZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.6.

VANESSA MARSOT, on behalf of IN DEFENSE OF ANIMALS, spoke in support of Item B.6.

JUSTINE BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.6.

LIZ CABRERA HOLTZ, MARYLAND, spoke in support of Item B.6.

JOHN HAYS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.6.

KIM FEDRICK, on behalf of JVS SO CAL/WEHO WORKS, spoke regarding the reduction in their allocated funding for the upcoming three-year funding cycle.

SHANNON AXE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City flags flying at half-staff.

MARVIN GREENHOUSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his opposition to Item E.1. and the noise nuisance created by Thunder Road Café.

MIKE NUTTALL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the promotion of Fanny Lapkin to Captain of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City flags flying at half-staff.

NIK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City flags flying at half-staff.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

City Manager David Wilson announced the opening of the Holloway Interim Housing Program with a community open house on September 30<sup>th</sup>, introduced Allied Universal as the City’s new unarmed security ambassador provider with community sessions on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and addressed concerns about the recent lowering of City flags to half-staff. He clarified that the action followed federal protocol and City policy, acknowledged community concerns about the lowering of LGBTQ+ Pride flags, and confirmed that the City Council will review the flag policy at the October 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk Melissa Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on tonight’s Consent Calendar, with the addition of Items D.1., E.2., E.3., F.1., F.2., F.4., F.5, and F.6., and the exclusion of Items B.5. as \$9,886,282 in expenditures, \$0 in revenue, and (\$49,697) in waived fees.

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**B.1., 2., 3., 4., 6., 7., 8., 9., 10., 11., 12., 13., 14., 15., 16., 17., 18., 19., 20., 21., 22., 23., 24., and 25. Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0), noting Councilmember Erickson’s recusal from the Defense Diagnostics contract as part of Item B.8.**

**B.1. REPORT OF AGENDA POSTING [M. CROWDER]:**

*SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, September 15, 2025, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.*

**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 August 18, 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 976 [O. JONES, K. BARENG, S. HERNANDEZ]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending September 5, 2025 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.*

**ACTION:** Approved Demand Register No. 976 and Adopted Resolution No. 25-063: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE

PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 976".  
**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 three (3) Claims for Damages from Valerie Miramontes, Jan Keizer, and Ryan Robert Foster.*  
**ACTION:** Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.5. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 25-20 (2ND READING) AND UPDATE ON EQUITABLE BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (EBPS) [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, F. CONTRERAS, C. SHEN, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 25-20, amending Titles 9 and 15 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code, to establish Building Energy Benchmarking and Performance Standards for existing buildings and finding the action to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Sections 15301, 15302, and 15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The City Council will also receive an update on the Equitable Building Performance Standards (EBPS).*  
**ACTION: This Item was Tabled to a Date Uncertain.**
- B.6. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 25-21 (2ND READING): "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 9.50 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE RETAIL SALE OF LIVE ANIMALS" [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 25-21, approving amendments to Chapter 9.50 of the Municipal Code prohibiting the retail sale of live animals.*  
**ACTION:** Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 25-21: "APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 9.50 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE RETAIL SALE OF LIVE ANIMALS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.7. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2025 [O. JONES, K. BARENG, S. STEPHENS]:**  
*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended July 2025 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.*  
**ACTION:** Received and filed the July 2025 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.8. APPROVAL OF 2025–2028 SOCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS [C. SAFRIET, T. CARTER, D. MURRAY]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of the Social Services Contracts for the 2025-2028 funding cycle (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028).*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved the 2025-2028 Social Services Contracts for 33 programs for a total of \$8,542,336 million in FY26, with scopes and fees; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute Agreements for Service with each funded organization and program, including documents incident to the Agreements; and 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,000,000 from reserves committed for Social Services Contracts in the General Fund, to the Social Services Contracts account. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.9. AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH HOMEBOY RECYCLING FOR DOCUMENT SHREDDING AND ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Services with Homeboy Recycling for document shredding and electronic waste collection services to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for Services with Homeboy Recycling to increase the amount of the Agreement by \$80,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.10. AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH OCEAN BLUE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR BATTERY PICKUP, RECYCLING, AND DISPOSAL SERVICES [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the Agreement for Services with Ocean Blue Environmental Services for battery pickup, recycling, and disposal services to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for Services with Ocean Blue Environmental Services to increase the amount of the Agreement by \$68,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$248,000; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.11. MICROSOFT LICENSE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT RENEWAL [O. JONES, E. TSIPIS, E. EVANS, K. DEVINE]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an agreement with Insight Public Sector for the renewal of the Microsoft License Enterprise Agreement.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved a three-year Agreement with Insight Public Sector, allowing the City to renew its Microsoft License Enterprise Agreement not to exceed \$1,083,915.72; 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement; and 3) Authorized the Director of the Finance & Technology Services Department to issue purchase orders and approve change orders to accommodate software license and service changes without going over the contract not to exceed amount of \$1,083,915.72. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.12. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH JJLA FOR EVENT PRODUCTION SERVICES IN THE RAINBOW DISTRICT [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. D'AMBROSIA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with JJLA to provide event production services in the Rainbow District.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved an Agreement for Services with JJLA in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Event Production Services in the Rainbow District; 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement; 3) Approved the waiver of Special Event Permit Fees, Parking Meter Fees, Building & Safety Generator Permit Fees, and Encroachment Permit Fees associated with the production of events in the Rainbow District, in an amount not to exceed \$17,300 in waived fees; and 4) Approved the waiver of Temporary Peddler's License Permit Fees and Business License Tax Fees for vendors participating in events and activations in the Rainbow District, in an amount not to exceed \$6,700 in waived fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.13. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF NEXT CHAPTER WRITERS' SUMMIT: CELEBRATING LGBTQIA+ AND BIPOC VOICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-sponsorship Agreement with LA County Library for its daylong event: Next Chapter Writers' Summit: Celebrating LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC Voices, taking place on October 5, 2025, at the West Hollywood Library, West Hollywood Park, and Aquatic and Recreation Center.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved a Co-sponsorship Agreement with LA County Library for its daylong event: Next Chapter Writers' Summit: Celebrating LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC Voices, taking place on Sunday, October,5 2025 in the West Hollywood Library, various rooms of the Aquatic and Recreation Center, and on the South Lawn of West Hollywood Park; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-sponsorship Agreement between the City and LA County Library; 3) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for this event; 4) Directed the

Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the events including, but not limited to, the City's website, press release, and social media tools; and 5) Waived the Facility Use Fee, Special Event Permit Fee, Encroachment fee, parking at the 5-story parking structure for up to 35 event volunteers and vendors' peddler's permits and business tax licensing fees for vendors at the event, and any other ancillary fees for vendors and event organizers (estimated \$13,397).  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.14. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 2503, CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM PHASE XIV – CDBG PROJECT NO. 602685-24 [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, P. TICUN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 2503, Concrete Repair Program Phase XIV – CDBG Project No. 602685-24 by Hardy and Harper, Inc.*

**ACTIONS:** Accepted the work and authorized the following: a. File the Notice of Completion by the City Clerk with the Los Angeles Recorder's Office; b. Issue the final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35-day lien period; c. Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion; and d. Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices from material suppliers or subcontractors.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.15. FALL ART WALK 2025 – FASHION EDITION [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the waiver of Special Event Permit fees, Parking Meter Fees, and Encroachment Permit Fees for City businesses within and surrounding the West Hollywood Design District during the "Fall Art Walk – Fashion Edition" which will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025.*

**ACTION:** Approved the waiver of Special Event Permit fees, Parking Meter fees, and Encroachment Permit fees for City businesses within and surrounding the West Hollywood Design District for activating their businesses on Saturday, September 20, 2025, for the "Fall Art Walk – Fashion Edition," in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in waived fees.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.16. REPORT ON CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S EFFORTS TO OPPOSE THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S MEASURES IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the City's efforts to oppose the Trump Administration's measures that negatively impact the West Hollywood community.*

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

**B.17. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 50, THE ELECTION RIGGING RESPONSE ACT, A LEGISLATIVELY REFERRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SLATED TO APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution in support of Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act of 2025, a legislatively referred constitutional amendment slated to appear on the November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Election ballot.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopted Resolution No. 25-064: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 50, THE ELECTION RIGGING RESPONSE ACT OF 2025"; and 2) Directed the Community & Legislative Affairs staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Ben Allen, Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, and other parties deemed appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.18. (D.1.) AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI, N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, B. GALAN]:**

*SUBJECT: State law requires local agencies to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction upon receiving final recommendations from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Office of the State Fire Marshal. As such, the City Council will consider introducing on first reading an ordinance designating fire hazard severity zones within the City of West Hollywood and amending the City's Municipal Code to add Section 14.04.060 to adopt and incorporate the Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones map for the City of West Hollywood dated March 26, 2025.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Introduced on first reading, Ordinance No. 25-22: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 14.04.060 TO TITLE 14 (FIRE PROTECTION) TO DESIGNATE FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD BASED ON THE ESTABLISHED MAPS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION, AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM CEQA"; and 2) Directed the City Clerk submit a copy of this ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days after adoption and take any necessary and proper actions to post all notices required under California Government Code Section 51179. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.19. (E.2.) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF ADDING ONE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION, ELIMINATING THREE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS, AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CITYWIDE SALARY SCHEDULE [D. WILSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. JIMENEZ, R. NAPPER, C. LEUNG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on organizational structure changes and consider adding one (1) new full-time equivalent (FTE) position, eliminating three (3) existing FTE positions, and approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Citywide Salary Schedule.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved consolidating the Community & Legislative Affairs Division functions with the City Manager's Division within the City Manager's Department and eliminate the Community & Legislative Affairs Division; 2) Approved adding one (1) full-time equivalent Community Affairs Supervisor position; 3) Approved eliminating three (3) full-time equivalent positions: a. Community & Legislative Affairs Manager, Community Services Department; b. Property Development Manager, City Manager's Department, and c. Innovation Officer, City Manager's Department; and 4) Approved the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Citywide Salary Schedule reflecting all City positions and associated salaries to meet the California Public Employees' Retirement System requirements of Government Code § 20636(b)(1) and California Code of Regulations § 570.5. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.20. (E.3.) AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS TO THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making the At-large appointments to the Transgender Advisory Board.*

**ACTION:** The City Council appointed Maria Hinayon and Shane Ivan Nash to the At-large vacancies on the Transgender Advisory Board for a term ending February 28, 2027. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.21 (F.1.) TRIPLE HEADER DAY OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT MOVIES [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, L. FOOKS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor and enter into a Co-Sponsorship Agreement for "Triple Header Day of Women's Empowerment Movies", an economic empowerment focused event to be held Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved the co-sponsorship of the "Triple Header Day of Women's Empowerment Movies" to be held Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and Girls Just Wanna Have Funds, LLC; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to approve the use of \$2,030 from Fiscal Year

2025-26 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; 4) Waived parking at the 5-story parking structure for the event (estimated \$1,200); 5) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; and 6) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.22. (F.2.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER'S HALLOWEEN EVENT [D. HANG, J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-sponsorship Agreement with the West Hollywood Recovery Center for a sober Halloween event, taking place on October 24, 2025 at the Log Cabin in West Hollywood.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved a Co-sponsorship Agreement with the West Hollywood Recovery Center, for a sober Halloween event, taking place on October 24, 2025 at the Log Cabin in West Hollywood; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-sponsorship Agreement between the City and the West Hollywood Recovery Center; 3) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for this event; 4) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to approve the use of \$10,000 from Fiscal Year 2026 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with this event; 5) Waived the Special Event Permit Fee, Encroachment fee, and any other ancillary fees for event organizers (estimated \$2,000); and 6) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.23. (F.4.) RECOGNITION OF THE "LIGHT THE WORLD IN TEAL" INITIATIVE FOR ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, K. NORDMAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recognizing the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's annual "Light the World in Teal" initiative on November 3, 2025, as part of Alzheimer's Awareness Month. The City of West Hollywood will participate by lighting City Hall and the lanterns along Santa Monica Boulevard in teal from Friday, November 21, 2025, through Sunday, November 23, 2025.*

**ACTION:** Directed the Public Works Department to light City Hall and the lanterns along Santa Monica Boulevard in the color teal from Friday, November 21, 2025, through Sunday, November 23, 2025, in recognition of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's annual "Light the World in Teal" initiative. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.24. (F.5.) A RESOLUTION DECLARING WEST HOLLYWOOD A NONVIOLENT CITY [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, K. NORDMAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming West Hollywood to be a Nonviolent City and affirming its commitment to promoting nonviolence as a guiding civic value.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Adopted Resolution No. 25-065: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING WEST HOLLYWOOD TO BE A NONVIOLENT CITY"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Ben Allen, State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, United States Senators Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff, and Representative Laura Friedman. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B.25. (F.6.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE WITH UCLA – RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to Co-Sponsor a community blood drive with the Regents University of California Los Angeles dba Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (aka UCLA Health). The community blood drive will occur in West Hollywood Park's Aquatic and Recreation Center on a date to be determined.*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved a Co-sponsorship Agreement for a community blood drive, organized by UCLA Health, to be held at West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center on a date to be determined; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and UCLA Health; 3) Approved waiving the facility use fee (Doheny Room, West Hollywood Park Aquatic and Recreation Center), encroachment fee and other ancillary fees, and parking at the 5-story parking structure for event organizers and participants. (Estimated \$900 in waived fees); 4) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; and 5) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the event, including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

*\*\*As approved during Approval of the Agenda, Item E.1. was moved up on the agenda as the first business item.*

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**E.1. UPDATE ON THE FOUNTAIN AVENUE STREETScape PROJECT – PHASE 1 [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, F. CONTRERAS, C. CORRAO, D. FENN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a project update and consider approving the 30% plans for Phase 1 of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project (Project), Contract Amendment No. 2 with Fehr & Peers to accelerate the delivery of Phase 1 and authorize Staff to initiate Phase 2 of the Project.*

Director of Community Development Nick Maricich introduced the Item alongside the full project team, including Assistant Director of Community Development Jennifer Alkire, Senior Transportation Planner Chris Corrao, Senior Planner David Fenn, Public Works Director Helen Collins, and City Engineer John Gilmour.

Staff presented the proposed two-phase improvement plan for Fountain Avenue, emphasizing safety, mobility, and community character.

Phase 1 (Immediate Improvements):

- Full street resurfacing and restriping.
- Installation of protected bike lanes using extruded curbs.
- Enhanced pedestrian crosswalks with upgraded markings.
- Adjustments to traffic signals, including *leading pedestrian intervals* to give walkers a head start before vehicles.
- Consideration of removing peak-hour parking restrictions to balance mobility and neighborhood needs.

Phase 2 (Long-Term Enhancements):

- Wider sidewalks with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps.
- New street trees, landscaping, and lighting improvements.
- Expanded pedestrian amenities such as bus shelters and seating.
- Integration of community-led visioning to guide design of sidewalks, gathering spaces, and art elements.

Parking Impacts and Mitigations:

- Approximately 184–210 parking spaces may be impacted during Phase 1.
- Mitigation strategies under review include:
  - Flexible use of residential parking permits.
  - Leveraging existing capacity at the Santa Monica Boulevard/Crescent Heights parking lot.
  - Allowing overnight parking at Plummer Park North lot.

Staff outlined the proposed schedule for project implementation. Phase 1 design is anticipated to conclude by June 2026, with construction beginning in the fall and completion projected for winter/spring 2027.

Phase 2 would advance through issuance of a consultant request for proposals and the formation of an expanded Steering Committee to guide the process.

*The following members of the public came forward to speak in Council Chambers:*

LYNN WHITE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

MIKE NUTTALL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

JOHN MEEKS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding adding traffic calming measures on Fountain Avenue.

ADAM KROLL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

MICHAEL SELDITCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item and mentioned a petition that she circulated in opposition to the proposal for Fountain Avenue.

DAVID ECKERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various modes of transportation along Fountain and the challenges that they present.

JEREMY BENJAMIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of protected bike lanes.

MICHAEL GREENFIELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

JOHN HAYS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

PETER SPIRER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

ROBERT ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

ANNETTE KAZMERSKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

XENOS MASON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

NICK RENTERIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of protected bike lanes.

JOSEPH MEISSNER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

CARLOS FLOREZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

SHULEM SHTISEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

SLADE LIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to bike lanes.

RAFAEL LANDA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns with the loss of parking spaces.

AIDA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

TED SROKA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

AVANA ADRADE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

EDD HOLMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

JORDAN BEARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

FLINT SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

JESI HARRIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

HUMAIRA AFZAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

AZIZA AFZAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

ALEC WHITE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

STEVE B., WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of this item.

LISA LIBERATI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

MARVIN GREENHOUSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns with the lack of community input and in opposition to this item.

PAUL MORSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

NATHANIEL HYMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

LALA KHANIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

*The following members of the public came forward to speak via Zoom:*

ALEK FREIDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

KYLE BRAZEAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

ALEX LEITCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

RORY BARISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to this item.

*The following member of the public came forward to speak in Council Chambers:*

KEVIN BARRY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item.

*The following individuals submitted a Citizen Slip in support of the item: Ryan Hanley, West Hollywood, and Kenneth Champion, West Hollywood.*

*The following individuals submitted a Citizen Slip in opposition to the item: Chris Isac, West Hollywood; Michael Smith, West Hollywood; Susana Miller, West Hollywood; and Mikie Friedman, West Hollywood.*

The Council engaged in an extensive discussion following staff's presentation and public comment.

Key Concerns Raised:

- Traffic Diversion & Circulation: Questions were raised about how lane reductions might divert traffic to surrounding corridors (Santa Monica Boulevard, Sunset Boulevard, and residential streets).
- Emergency Response: Councilmembers sought assurance from Fire representatives that emergency access would not be compromised.
- Parking Impacts: Council discussed the reliability of parking utilization studies, equity of permit district adjustments, and practicality of proposed mitigations such as shared use of the Santa Monica/Crescent Heights parking lot and overnight parking at Plummer Park – North Lot.
- Deliveries & Services: Concerns were noted about impacts on residential deliveries with reduced curbside loading areas.
- Community Engagement: Several Councilmembers questioned whether outreach sufficiently included Fountain Avenue residents

and directed Staff to strengthen communication efforts going forward.

Councilmembers emphasized that public safety must remain the foremost priority. At the same time, they acknowledged concerns about congestion, parking loss, and neighborhood quality of life, and highlighted the importance of balancing safety with mobility and community needs.

The phased approach was supported, with Phase 1 providing immediate safety upgrades (resurfacing, striping, protected bike lanes, crosswalk improvements), and Phase 2 allowing more time for dialogue, design refinement, and community-led enhancements such as sidewalks, landscaping, and public amenities.

Direction to Staff:

- Continue refining parking mitigation strategies and monitor spillover impacts on adjacent streets.
- Provide regular updates on project implementation, measurable safety outcomes, and community feedback.
- Strengthen outreach and engagement, particularly with residents who felt underrepresented in earlier consultation phases.
- Implement interim safety measures, including leading pedestrian intervals and adjusted signal timing, while evaluating the removal of peak-hour parking restrictions.
- Remain flexible and adjust the project as needed based on monitoring results once Phase 1 is in place.

*The City Council voted separately on this item as follows:*

**ACTIONS:** 1) Approved 30% Plans for Phase 1 of the Project; and 2) Approved Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with Fehr & Peers in the amount of \$131,040 to provide Construction Administration and design contingency for Phase 1 of the Project; **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (3/2), noting the “no” votes of Councilmember Meister and Vice Mayor Heilman.**

**ACTIONS:** 1) Provided direction on recommended immediate traffic calming measures that can be made in the next 1-2 months ahead of the delivery of Phase 1 of the Project as follows: leading pedestrian intervals, placing traffic signals on recall, and providing an assessment for the removal of peak hour parking; and 2) Authorized Staff to initiate Phase 2 of the Project, including the release of a Request for Proposals for a Phase 2 consultant, and the expansion of the Steering Committee to guide the visioning process; **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (5/0).**

**ACTION:** Found Phase 1 of the Fountain Avenue Streetscape Project statutorily and categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code sections §21080.25, §15301(c), and §15304(h). **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (3/2), noting the “no” votes of Councilmember Meister and Vice Mayor Heilman.**

*\*\* The City Council recessed at 9:45 PM and reconvened at 9:56 PM.*

### **C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- C.1. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE HOTEL, AND CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF A MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE OUTDOOR AREA WHERE THE ACCESSORY SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED FOR THE HOTEL USE LOCATED AT 8300 SUNSET BOULEVARD, INCLUDING A FINDING THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER A CLASS 1 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR EXISTING FACILITIES (14 CCR § 15301) AND CLASS 31 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR HISTORIC RESOURCE RESTORATION/ REHABILITATION (14 CCR § 15331) [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, S. QURESHY, D. VU]:**

*SUBJECT: This item is an appeal of the Planning Commission’s adoption of Resolution No. PC 25-1606, which found the project to be exempt from CEQA under Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15331 (Historic Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation), and approved the exterior renovation of the designated local cultural resource including a new rooftop garden and deck and minor façade alterations to the building, and an increase to the total outdoor area where the accessory sales, service, and consumption of alcohol is permitted for the hotel located at 8300 Sunset Boulevard.*

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

The City Councilmembers provided their disclosures.

City Clerk Crowder indicated that the public hearing was noticed as required by law.

Director of Community Development Nick Maricich and Assistant Director of Community Development Jennifer Alkire introduced Senior Planner Doug Vu, who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 15, 2025.

Councilmembers posed detailed questions to clarify the record and address public concerns including noise impacts, parking & traffic, alcohol service & guest access, historic preservation, environmental review, and operational oversight.

JORDAN R. SISSON, ESQ. and JUAN MUNOZ IBARRA (Unite Here Local 11), on behalf of the APPELLANT, outlined the reasons that the City Council should approve the Appeal.

ANDREW BRADY, on behalf of the APPLICANT, outlined the reasons that the City Council should deny the Appeal.

*The following speakers provided public testimony in Council Chambers:*

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation to deny the appeal.

CATHY BLAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation to deny the appeal.

TASHA L., WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to inquire if there were plans to remove any of the existing trees at the site.

SAVANNAH FOX, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation to deny the appeal.

JEFF VANCE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of staff's recommendation to deny the appeal.

ELI QUINONEZ, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the appeal.

ROBERTO M., LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the appeal.

*The following speaker provided public testimony via Zoom:*

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, on behalf of the WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of staff's recommendation to deny the appeal.

*The following individuals submitted a Citizen Slip in support of the Item: Susan Miller, West Hollywood, and Mikie Friedman, West Hollywood.*

JORDAN R. SISSON, ESQ., on behalf of the APPELLANT, provided their rebuttal.

ANDREW BRADY, on behalf of the APPLICANT, provided their rebuttal.

Mayor Byers closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing.

The City Council emphasized that decisions must be based on substantial evidence. Councilmembers noted that no independent studies had been submitted by the Appellant to counter Staff's analysis. They observed that the project constitutes renovation of an existing hotel, not new construction, and highlighted that the built-in review periods would allow the City to revisit operational conditions if necessary.

**ACTION:** Adopted Resolution No. 25-066: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING THE APPEAL FILED BY UNITE HERE LOCAL 11, ADOPTING A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301 FOR EXISTING FACILITIES AND SECTION 15331 FOR HISTORICAL RESOURCE RESTORATION / REHABILITATION, AND AFFIRMING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE HOTEL, AND APPROVAL OF A MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE OUTDOOR AREA WHERE THE ACCESSORY SALES, SERVICE, AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED FOR THE HOTEL USE LOCATED AT 8300 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (4/1), noting the "no" vote by Councilmember Erickson.**

**D. LEGISLATIVE:**

- D.1. AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY AREA FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE MAPS ESTABLISHED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI, N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, B. GALAN]:**

*SUBJECT: State law requires local agencies to designate, by ordinance, moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction upon receiving final recommendations from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Office of the State Fire Marshal. As such, the City Council will consider introducing on first reading an ordinance designating fire hazard severity zones within the City of West Hollywood and amending the City's Municipal Code to add Section 14.04.060 to adopt and incorporate the Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones map for the City of West Hollywood dated March 26, 2025.*

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

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont.):**

- E.2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF ADDING ONE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION, ELIMINATING**

**THREE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS, AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 CITYWIDE SALARY SCHEDULE [D. WILSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. JIMENEZ, R. NAPPER, C. LEUNG]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on organizational structure changes and consider adding one (1) new full-time equivalent (FTE) position, eliminating three (3) existing FTE positions, and approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Citywide Salary Schedule.*

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

**E.3. AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS TO THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making the At-large appointments to the Transgender Advisory Board.*

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

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**F.1. TRIPLE HEADER DAY OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT MOVIES [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, L. FOOKS]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor and enter into a Co-Sponsorship Agreement for "Triple Header Day of Women's Empowerment Movies", an economic empowerment focused event to be held Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room.*

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

**F.2. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RECOVERY CENTER'S HALLOWEEN EVENT [D. HANG, J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-sponsorship Agreement with the West Hollywood Recovery Center for a sober Halloween event, taking place on October 24, 2025 at the Log Cabin in West Hollywood.*

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

**F.3. WEST HOLLYWOOD ENTERTAINMENT ZONE [J. ERICKSON, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Staff to research and evaluate the creation of a West Hollywood Entertainment Zone, including performing community outreach to business owners and community stakeholders.*

Councilmember Erickson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 15, 2025.

*The following speaker provided public comment via Zoom:*

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

The Council engaged in a discussion weighing the potential benefits and risks of creating entertainment zones. While concerns were raised about public safety, neighborhood impacts, and the close proximity to residential areas, Councilmembers also recognized the importance of supporting local businesses and exploring creative economic strategies. The Council emphasized that the proposal at this stage was limited to a feasibility study, not implementation, and that any future approach must carefully balance business vitality with public safety and neighborhood livability. Overall, the Council agreed that further exploration with community stakeholders and public safety partners would provide a clearer picture of whether entertainment zones could be appropriate in West Hollywood.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Directed Staff to research and evaluate the creation of a West Hollywood Entertainment Zone; 2) Perform community outreach to business owners and community stakeholders, and gather feedback on best practices from other jurisdictions exploring similar models; and 3) Return to City Council with recommendations for the creation of a pilot program. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Mayor Byers, and approved (4/1), noting the “no” vote by Councilmember Meister.**

**F.4. RECOGNITION OF THE “LIGHT THE WORLD IN TEAL” INITIATIVE FOR ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS MONTH [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, K. NORDMAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider recognizing the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America’s annual “Light the World in Teal” initiative on November 3, 2025, as part of Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. The City of West Hollywood will participate by lighting City Hall and the lanterns along Santa Monica Boulevard in teal from Friday, November 21, 2025, through Sunday, November 23, 2025.*

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

**F.5. A RESOLUTION DECLARING WEST HOLLYWOOD A NONVIOLENT CITY [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, K. NORDMAN]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution proclaiming West Hollywood to be a Nonviolent City and affirming its commitment to promoting nonviolence as a guiding civic value.*

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

**F.6. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE WITH UCLA – RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER [C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:**

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*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to Co-Sponsor a community blood drive with the Regents University of California Los Angeles dba Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center (aka UCLA Health). The community blood drive will occur in West Hollywood Park's Aquatic and Recreation Center on a date to be determined.*

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

**F.7. DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

*SUBJECT: The City Council will consider designating a Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.*

**ACTION:** Designated Mayor Byers as the Voting Delegate and Councilmember Erickson as the Alternate Delegate to the League of California Cities Annual Conference, which will be held October 8 – 10, 2025, in Long Beach, California. **Approved by consensus.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JIMMY TODOROV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the approved 5-story mixed use project on Almont Drive.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember comments regarding misinformation and suggested bringing back the Pacific Electric Red Car along Santa Monica Boulevard.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns with irresponsible scooter users.

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her impetus for civic engagement.

STEVE B., WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his comments during Item E.1. and his vision for West Hollywood.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:**

Councilmember Hang reported attending several City events, as well as the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce gathering. He also thanked various City staff members for their work on the Kids Book Fair.

Councilmember Erickson congratulated Councilmember Hang on his Rising Star Award from the Victory Fund. He mentioned his attendance at various community events.

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Councilmember Meister shared her attendance at various City events. She commented on Item D.1. to request that Community Development consider the new State fire hazard maps when evaluating upzoning through the Zoning Improvement Program for Housing ("ZIP"). She also commented on Item F.5, emphasizing the importance of outreach to raise awareness about West Hollywood's designation as a Non-Violent City. She suggested proactive communication and community engagement to ensure residents understand the purpose of the Resolution and to highlight the City's commitment to peace and safety. She also shared information on upcoming City events.

Vice Mayor Heilman expressed support for Item F.5 and agreed with Councilmember Meister on the need for outreach. He requested an update from Sheriff's Station Captain Lapkin regarding the recent stabbing incident and reported his attendance at several community events. On Item D.1, he asked staff to return with recommendations to reduce impacts on affected residents. He also addressed the City's flag policy, noting that while Staff followed existing rules, the policy requires revision. He emphasized that flags should only be lowered to honor individuals whose values and actions align with those of the City, and not for those whose conduct contradicts community principles. He voiced full support for revising the policy and recommended that he and Mayor Byers lead this effort in the coming months.

Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the Sanitation District meeting, the Metro Service Council meeting, the National League of Cities Transportation Committee meeting, the Clean Power Alliance Energy Committee meeting, and the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency meeting. She announced her appointment as Vice Chair of the League of California Cities Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Committee. She congratulated Councilmember Hang on recognition from the Victory Fund, highlighted SoCal Transit Month events, and thanked staff for supporting local transit and older adult mobility programs. She noted upcoming activities, including Disability Awareness Month and the Health and Wellness Fair on October 9, and reflected on the City's Non-Violent City Resolution and the upcoming International Day of Peace, emphasizing community engagement and respectful behavior. Finally, she announced the launch of the WeHo Loves Local program, encouraging residents to purchase promotional gift cards to support participating local businesses.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 11:36 P.M. in memory of John Mulcrone and Carmalita Wilson to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 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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MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK