

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – ADJOURNED 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.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Byers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jasper Gopal 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, Administrative Services Director Janet Jimenez, City Clerk Melissa Crowder, and Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Clerk Crowder stated that a public hearing was noticed in the newspaper for parking meter credit card use fees; however, that public hearing is continued indefinitely. She further stated that staff is requesting that Item E.1. to be heard prior to the Public Hearing items.

Councilmember Erickson requested that Items F.1., F.3., F.4., F.6., and F.7. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items B.17., B.18., B.19., B.20., and B.21., respectively.

Mayor Byers requested that Item B.7. be pulled from the Consent Calendar and heard with Item E.4.

Councilmember Meister requested that Item B.11. be moved to Excluded Consent.

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

LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES: None.

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ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Vice Mayor Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Eric Bauman and Sandy Vestal Hutchens, Jr.

Councilmember Hang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Hermine Fischman Horwitz.

Mayor Byers requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Evelyn Cohen, Casey Downes, and Minnesota Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Verla Jo Crowley.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Byers presented Jasper Gopal with a Certificate for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Byers also presented a Proclamation to Ovsanna Petrosyan in recognition of her retirement from the Los Angeles Unified School District as well as a Proclamation to Ryan Osoosky in recognition of D-Town Pizzeria.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MICHAELA BULKLEY, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item B.12.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item F.3., suggesting emergency sirens be placed to ensure those without cellphones have access to emergency alerts.

JAMES BABBIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item F.6.

KATE HOLGUIN, on behalf of Stay in LA, spoke in support of Item F.6.

KARL ZIRPEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding pedestrian safety and scramble crosswalks at the intersection of San Vicente Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard.

LYN ETCETERA WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the West Hollywood Pride and the No Kings March.

JT PARR, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding various concerns.

CHAD KROEGER, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding various concerns.

NOELLE STEHMAN, on behalf of Stay in LA, spoke in support of Item F.6.

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GINA CARBONE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember Hang's responsiveness in helping address safety concerns she had with the area around her business. She also thanked the Block by Block ambassadors.

JOSH CHRISTIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns with the outreach conducted related to Item B.14. and thanked the City Council for approving astroturf.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item B.14. and expressed concern with the design.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson addressed the public comment regarding pedestrian safety. He commented on the recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids. He stated that the City of West Hollywood continues to oppose these raids, which are disruptive, discriminatory, and destabilizing to immigrant communities who are vital to the social, cultural, and economic strength of our region, our state, and our nation. He further affirmed the City's continued commitment to collaborating with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which is aligned in protecting the rights of all people in our community, regardless of immigration status, and provided resources to the community.

Councilmember Hang inquired if there was an agreement between the City, Sheriff's Department, and ICE to hold detainees. City Manager confirmed that there is not an agreement with agencies to host detainees within the City.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Melissa Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on tonight's Consent Calendar with the addition of Items F.1., F.3., F.4., F.6., and F.7., and the removal of Items B.7. and B.11. was \$31,572,715 in expenditures, \$800,000 in revenues, and \$1,200 in waived fees.

City Clerk Crowder read the title of Ordinance 25-10 into the record for first reading.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 8., 9., 10., 12., 13., 14., 15., 16., 17., 18., 19., 20., and 21. Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved (5/0).

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

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, June 23, 2025, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the West Hollywood Library, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, June 18, 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 June 9, 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 972 [E. TSIPIIS, K. BARENG, S. HERNANDEZ]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending June 13, 2025 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.
ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 972 and Adopted Resolution No. 25-043: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 972". **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 two (2) Claims for Damages from Jason Williams and Lori Persons.
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 Synopses from the Human Services Commission and the Rent Stabilization Commission.
ACTION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.6. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2025 [E. TSIPIIS, K. BARENG, S. STEPHENS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended April 2025 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.
ACTION: Received and filed the April 2025 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.7. ART PLAN FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTER AT WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, M. MITCHELL]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Art Plan for the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center at West Hollywood Park as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.
ACTION: This Item was heard with Item E.4.

- B.8. RE-INTRODUCE ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 25-10: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO REQUIRE A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING FOR PROJECTS SEEKING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS AND FINDING SUCH ACTION DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A PROJECT SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND IS OTHERWISE EXEMPT UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3)” [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will re-introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 25-10, adopting an amendment to Title 19, Zoning Ordinance of the West Hollywood Municipal Code, to require a neighborhood meeting for projects seeking development agreements and finding such action does not qualify as a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and is otherwise exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(B)(3).

ACTION: Re-introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 25-10: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO REQUIRE A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING FOR PROJECTS SEEKING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS AND FINDING SUCH ACTION DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A PROJECT SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND IS OTHERWISE EXEMPT UNDER STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3)”.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- B.9. AUTHORIZE THE USE OF A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH FOREVERLAWN, INC. FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK DOG PARKS TURF REPAIR PROJECT [H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the use of a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with ForeverLawn, Inc. to repair the artificial turf at the small and large dog parks at West Hollywood Park.

ACTION: Authorized the Finance & Technology Services Department to issue a Purchase Order to ForeverLawn, Inc. (KDK Pacific Coast Enterprises LLC DBA ForeverLawn Pacific Coast), pursuant to the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, to complete the West Hollywood Dog Parks Turf Repair Project (CIP 55-35) in an amount not-to-exceed \$275,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- B.10. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH HARDY & HARPER, INC. TO CONSTRUCT CIP 2505, FY2025 STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, P. TICUN]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a Construction Agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. to construct CIP No. 2505, FY2025 Street Rehabilitation Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Construction Agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$1,455,000.00 for the construction of CIP No. 2505, FY2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the documents incident to the Agreement; 2) Authorized the City Engineer to approve change orders to the Construction Agreement in the amount not to exceed 25% (\$363,750.00) of the total Agreement amount; 3) Adopted Resolution No. 25-044: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 2505, FY2025 STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6;" and 4) Made a finding that pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – Public Resources Code, Section 21084 et. Seq.), CIP No. 2505, FY2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, meets the requirements for a categorical exemption in compliance with Article 19, Section 15301, (Class 1 – Existing Facilities). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.11. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, C. VASQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Services with MV Transportation, Inc. to provide Cityline Local/Commuter, Dial-A-Ride Flex, and TLC services.

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

B.12. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH PERKINS & WILL, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY PLAYHOUSE PROJECT [S. CAMPBELL, R. ABRAMSON, M. BARKER, L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Perkins & Will, Inc. to provide architectural and engineering services for the City Playhouse Project located at 8325 Santa Monica Boulevard to modify the Scope of Work and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement for Services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Perkins & Will, Inc. to modify the Scope of Professional Services to include additional design and engineering services for the City Playhouse Project and increase the amount of the Agreement by \$500,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,415,000; 2) Authorized the Deputy City Manager or Urban Design and Architecture Studio Manager to approve Change Orders to the Agreement; and 3) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.13. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH BBB-CA, INC. DBA BLOCK BY BLOCK FOR CITYWIDE UNARMED SECURITY AMBASSADOR SERVICES AND AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH BBB-CA, INC. DBA BLOCK BY BLOCK FOR UNARMED TRANSIT SECURITY SERVICES [D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI, L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, C. VASQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving amendments to the Agreement for Services with BBB-CA, Inc. dba Block by Block to provide Citywide unarmed security ambassador services and unarmed transit security services for an additional period of ninety days.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 010490 with BBB-CA, Inc. dba Block by Block, for Citywide unarmed security ambassador services and extend the term for an additional ninety days through September 30, 2025, and increased the amount of the agreement by \$1,535,444.31 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$19,002,681.84; 2) Approved Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 010229 with BBB-CA, Inc. dba Block by Block, for unarmed transit security services and extended the term for an additional ninety days through September 30, 2025, and increased the amount of the agreement by \$32,972.16 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$542,425.44; and 3) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.14. AWARD OF AGREEMENT TO ESTATE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. TO COMPLETE THE PLUMMER PARK DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (CIP 41-05) [H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the award of a Construction Agreement to Estate Design and Construction, Inc. to complete the Plummer Park Dog Park Construction Project (CIP 41-05).

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Construction Agreement with Estate Design and Construction, Inc. to complete the Plummer Park Dog Park Construction Project (CIP 41-05) in the amount of \$985,800 and add a 20% contingency amount of \$197,160 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,182,960; 2) Authorized the Facilities and Field Services Division Manager to approve Change Orders to the Agreement; and 3) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.15. AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS WITH VARIOUS CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF ANNUAL SERVICES [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, N. MCCLINTON]:

SUBJECT: The Agreements and Amendments with various Contractors for the provision of annual services provides for continuation of services required for business continuity. A brief description of each request is

included in the Recommendation below. All terms presented by the City have been agreed to by the Contractors.

ACTIONS: The City Council approved the following Agreements (Attachment 2) and Amendments (Attachment 3) from the following departments summarized. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.16. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE WETHERLY DRIVE FRONTAGE OF THE WETHERLY PALMS, LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 910-916 WETHERLY DRIVE [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the Wetherly frontage of the Wetherly Palms, LLC development project located at 910-916 Wetherly Drive. 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. 25-045: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND PARKWAY PURPOSES AT 910-916 WETHERLY DRIVE 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.17. (F.1.) ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, C. VASQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a General Funds trade agreement with Proposition A Local Return Funds with the City of Hermosa Beach.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved an Assignment Agreement for Proposition A local return fund exchange with the City of Hermosa Beach for \$560,000 in City of West Hollywood General Fund dollars in exchange for \$800,000 in City of Hermosa Beach Proposition A funds and authorize the City Manager to execute documents incident to the Agreement; and 2) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$560,000 from General Fund reserves, including \$250,000 from reserves committed for Proposition A purchases and \$310,000 from unallocated reserves, to the Expenditure for Traded Funds account. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.18. (F.3.) PUBLIC SAFETY SIRENS FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS [J. ERICKSON, L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate public safety sirens used for emergency alerts and provide recommendations to Council on options for further consideration.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to evaluate the potential implementation of emergency alert public safety sirens, including options used in neighboring cities such as Beverly Hills and Culver City; and 2) Presented the options to the Public Safety Commission for feedback before returning to City Council for further consideration. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.19. (F.4.) ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION [L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supporting awareness and educational efforts about endometriosis, including hosting a film screening event in fall 2025.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to coordinate an awareness and educational event regarding endometriosis in partnership with the Women's Advisory Board that features a screening of the documentary film BELOW THE BELT; 2) Authorized an official endorsement of the THINK ENDO Campaign; 3) Recognized and participate in Endometriosis Awareness Month, which is observed annually in March; 4) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; 5) 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; 6) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate up to \$4,000 from Fiscal Year 2026 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; and 7) Waived parking in the West Hollywood Park 5-story parking structure (\$600 estimated in waived fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.20. (F.6.) REAFFIRM WEST HOLLYWOOD AS A FILM-FRIENDLY CITY [D. HANG, C. BYERS, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: In recent years, the Los Angeles region – including the City of West Hollywood - has seen a drop in entertainment industry production. This item reaffirms the City of West Hollywood as a film-friendly city and directs staff in the City's Film Office to implement a five-part series of recommendations that will continue to position West Hollywood as a premier destination for production.

ACTIONS: Directed staff in the City's Film Office, part of the City's Communications Department, to implement a five-part series of recommendations, as follows: 1) Expedited permit process improvements in workplan; 2) Promoted incentives that attract production; 3) Support legislation that promotes production; 4) Continued to enhance key partnerships with the entertainment industry; and 5) Deepened promotion

of West Hollywood as a prime filming destination. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.21. (F.7.) SPONSORSHIP OF A SCREENING AND PANEL OF THE DOCUMENTARY “STUDIO ONE FOREVER” [J. ERICKSON, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to sponsor a screening and panel discussion of the documentary “Studio One Forever”, which chronicles the story of Studio One, a former West Hollywood nightclub, its significance to the LGBTQ+ community, and its contributions to Los Angeles’s rich music and nightclub history.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a sponsorship of a screening and panel discussion of the documentary “Studio One Forever” to be held at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers in late Summer or early Fall 2025; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from budgeted funds in the Fiscal Year 2026 Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; 3) Approved the waiver of parking fees at the 5-story parking lot for attendees of the event (estimated \$600 in waived fees); and 4) Direct 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.**

***Agenda Item E.1. was heard after the Public Hearings.*

E.1. DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE [D. WILSON, D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update regarding the drone as first responder pilot program concerning the postponement in the implementation of the drone program until the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department changes its policy regarding drones.

Director of Public Safety Danny Rivas, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Assistant Sheriff Myron Johnson, and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Commander Jennifer Seetoo provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

The City Council discussed the delay in launching the drone as first responder program due to policy misalignment with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) current policy. They reviewed the use of drones for high-priority incidents, data storage and retention, and the need for a formal policy. They raised concerns with the Sheriff’s Department and Civilian Oversight Committee’s policy review process. They supported continued emergency drone use during the new policy’s development, providing an update to the Public Safety Commission, and communicating an update on the change to the drone as first responder program to the community.

ACTIONS: 1) Received an update regarding the drone as first responder pilot program; 2) Directed staff to implement the Sheriff's Department current Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) program while the Sheriff's Department finalizes its new policy; 3) Directed Staff to communicate the changes to the community; and 4) Directed Staff to provide an update to the Public Safety Commission as a Consent Calendar Item. **Motion by Councilmember Hang, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (4/1), noting the "no" vote of Mayor Byers.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C.1. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO DESIGNATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING SITES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) SERVICE STATIONS AS A PRIMARY USE IN DESIGNATED COMMERCIAL ZONES [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, F. CONTRERAS, C. SHEN, J. PARRISH, P. PORTWOOD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a proposed zone text amendment to designate Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Sites and Electric Vehicle (EV) Service Stations as a primary use in designated commercial zones. The proposed ZTA is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

There were no disclosures by the City Councilmembers.

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

Assistant Director of Community Development Jennifer Alkire introduced Contract Planner Jordan Parrish and Long Range Planning Manager Francisco Contreras who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

Mayor Byers closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing as no members of the public came forward.

Councilmember Meister commented on the potential oversaturation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Mr. Contreras responded.

Mayor Byers closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 25-12: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 19, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO

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DESIGNATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING SITES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) SERVICES STATIONS AS A PRIMARY USE IN DESIGNATED COMMERCIAL ZONES, AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM CEQA." **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

C.2. PLACEMENT OF DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE FEES ON THE PROPERTY TAX BILL OF PROPERTY OWNERS [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, M. MAGENER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to have the County Auditor place delinquent solid waste charges on the property tax bills of delinquent solid waste account holders.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

There were no disclosures by the City Councilmembers.

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

Director of Public Works Helen Collins introduced City Engineer John Gilmour who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

Mayor Byers closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing as no members of the public came forward.

Vice Mayor Heilman expressed interest in collaborating with the trash hauler and/or Supervisor Horvath's office to ensure that the County pays its delinquent solid waste service charges for the buildings they own and operate in the City.

Mayor Byers closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Held the public hearing on whether to collect the delinquent solid waste service charges on the property tax roll; 2) Since no majority protest was filed, adopted Resolution No. 25-046: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE REPORT PROPOSING TO HAVE DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE SERVICE CHARGES COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE SAID CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL"; and 3) Directed the City Clerk to request Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to place the delinquent charges on property the tax roll. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

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C.3. COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, AND ORGANIC WASTE CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider whether to collect the annual solid waste, recycling, and organic waste fees for residential properties on the property tax roll.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

There were no disclosures by the City Councilmembers.

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

Director of Public Works Helen Collins introduced City Engineer John Gilmour who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

Mayor Byers closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing as no members of the public came forward.

Vice Mayor Heilman requested an update on the recycling of organic waste program. Mr. Gilmour responded.

Mayor Byers closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Held the public hearing on whether to collect the annual solid waste, recycling, and organic waste fees for residential properties on the property tax roll by the County of Los Angeles; 2) Since no majority protest was filed, adopted Resolution No. 25-047: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE REPORT PROPOSING TO HAVE SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, AND ORGANIC WASTE CHARGES COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE SAID CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL"; and 3) Directed the City Clerk to request Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to place the charges on the FY 2025-26 Property Tax Roll. **Motion by Councilmember Hang, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

C.4. COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider whether to collect the annual FY 2025-26 sewer service charges on the property tax roll.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

There were no disclosures by the City Councilmembers.

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

Director of Public Works Helen Collins introduced City Engineer John Gilmour who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

Mayor Byers closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing as no members of the public came forward.

Mayor Byers closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Held the public hearing on whether to collect the annual sewer service charges on the property tax roll by the County of Los Angeles; 2) Since no majority protest was filed, adopted Resolution No. 25-048: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE REPORT PROPOSING TO HAVE SEWER CHARGES COLLECTED ON THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY TO FILE SAID REPORT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE SAID CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL"; and 3) Directed the City Clerk to request Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to place the charges on the FY 2025-26 Property Tax Roll. **Motion by Councilmember Hang, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

C.5. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-13 MODIFYING THE BASIS AND METHOD OF LEVYING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BY ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND/OR INTEREST ON DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS AND CODIFYING THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT REGULATIONS INTO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING FINDINGS UNDER CEQA [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. D'AMBROSIA, E. TSIPIIS, A. RUIZ, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed modification to the assessment method and conduct the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 25-13, which modifies the basis and method of levying assessments within the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District (BID) by establishing a procedure for waivers of penalties and interest on delinquent assessments and codifies the District's regulations, previously established through uncodified Ordinance

Nos. 02-621, 02-632, and 04-679, into a new West Hollywood Municipal Code Chapter 5.129. Following the first reading, staff recommends scheduling a second reading and adoption at a future City Council meeting. It is recommended that the City Council proceed with these actions to finalize the proposed modifications and to codify the regulations.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

There were no disclosures by the City Councilmembers.

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

Director of Economic Development Laura Biery introduced Business Development Manager Paolo Kespradit who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

Mayor Byers closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing as no members of the public came forward.

Mayor Byers closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Held a public hearing to consider the proposed modification to the assessment method, evaluating all testimony and written protests to determine if a majority protest exists; and 2) Since no majority protest was found, conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 25-13 by title only, modifying the method of levying assessments within the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District by establishing a procedure for waiver of penalties and interest on delinquent assessments and codifying the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District regulations into a new West Hollywood Municipal Code Chapter 5.129. **Motion by Councilmember Hang, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

C.6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-14 MODIFYING THE BASIS AND METHOD OF LEVYING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT BY ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS, UPDATING WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 5.128 TO REFERENCE THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT AND MAKING FINDINGS UNDER CEQA [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. D'AMBROSIA, E. TSIPI, A. RUIZ, J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed modification to the assessment method and conduct the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 25-14, which modifies the basis and method of levying assessments within the West Hollywood Design District by establishing a procedure for waivers of penalties and interest on

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delinquent assessments and updates West Hollywood Municipal Code (WHMC) Chapter 5.128 to reflect the current name of the district. Following the first reading, staff recommends scheduling a second reading and adoption at a future City Council Meeting. It is recommended that the City Council proceed with these actions to finalize the proposed modifications and to update the Municipal Code to reflect the district's correct name.

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

There were no disclosures by the City Councilmembers.

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

Director of Economic Development Laura Biery introduced Business Development Manager Paolo Kespradit who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

Mayor Byers closed the public testimony portion of the public hearing as no members of the public came forward.

Mayor Byers closed the public hearing.

ACTIONS: 1) Held a public hearing to consider the proposed modification to the assessment method, evaluating all testimony and written protests to determine if a majority protest exists; and 2) Since no majority protest was found, conducted the first reading of Ordinance No. 25-14 by title only, modifying the method of levying assessments within the West Hollywood Design District by establishing a procedure for waiver of penalties and interest on delinquent assessments and updating WHMC Chapter 5.128 to reflect that the name of the district has been changed to West Hollywood Design District. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

D. LEGISLATIVE:

D.1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYEE AND RESIDENTIAL USE IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS 8 AND 10 [H. COLLINS, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution authorizing temporary parking requirements for employee and residential use in preferential parking Districts 8 and 10.

The City Council discussed the waiving of the petition requirement and questioned why staff did not require one, citing some district opposition. They suggested mailers to gather feedback and proposed door-to-door outreach. The Gardner improvement project was mentioned. Additionally, they sought clarification on parking along Curson and raised concerns about parking meters in residential areas.

ACTIONS: 1) Supported in concept the idea of some restrictions on these streets and the proposed pilot program would last one year with Staff providing a six month review to City Council as well as providing Staff the authority to terminate the pilot program if it isn't working at any time; 2) Removed the Curson parking meters from the Resolution; and 3) Directed Staff to return to the September 15, 2025 meeting after conducting outreach to the community. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

***The City Council recessed at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:56 p.m.*

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

***Item E.1. was heard prior to the Public Hearings*

E.2. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 SECOND-YEAR UPDATE TO THE TWO-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL WORK PLAN [D. WILSON, C. SAFRIET, M. LINDLEY]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting the Second-Year Update to the Two-Year Operating Budget and Capital Work Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-25 & 2025-26.

City Manager David Wilson, Assistant to the City Manager Christine Safriet, and Budget Officer Melissa Lindley provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

Mr. Wilson provided the following changes to Recommendation No. 2 (below) and Recommendation No. 1 (Resolution – page 3, Section 11):

Recommendation No. 2: Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$2 million in General Fund Reserves for purchase of Proposition A Funds and direct staff to place additional Proposition A purchases above the \$2 million allocation on the Consent Calendar instead of New Business Items, and allocate \$1 million in General Fund Reserves for Social Services contracts;

SECTION 11. That the Director of Finance and Technology Services, or their designee, may negotiate the exchange of up to \$2,000,000 in General Fund Reserves for Proposition A Funds. Any agreement to execute the negotiated exchange, including those exchanges above the

\$2,000,000 allocation, shall be approved by the City Council on the Consent Calendar.

The City Council discussed the affordable housing trust fund policy and CalPERS' account, requested a follow-up on Measure W, and commented on the reserve fund balance and the parameters used to determine the amount of money used from the reserve balance for social service programs. They thanked the Finance & Budget Subcommittee and noted the City's \$1M commitment to social services.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted amended Resolution No. 25-049: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26" as specified in the Statement of Changes to Fund Balance, or as amended by the City Council; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$2 million in General Fund Reserves for purchase of Proposition A Funds and direct staff to place additional Proposition A purchases above the \$2 million allocation on the Consent Calendar instead of New Business Items, and allocate \$1 million in General Fund Reserves for Social Services contracts; 3) Adopted the division and capital work plans presented in the Second-Year Update to the Two-Year Operating Budget and Capital Work Plan, as previously provided to the City Council and the public on the City's website, www.weho.org/budget; 4) Approved the list of Pre-Approved Organizations and Events for City Councilmembers to attend at the City's expense; and 5) Approved the list of Budgeted Special Events. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (5/0).**

E.3. UPDATE ON OUT ATHLETE FUND'S PRIDE HOUSE LA - WEST HOLLYWOOD EVENT [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update related to Out Athlete Fund's Pride House LA -West Hollywood event to be held in West Hollywood Park during the 2028 Games in Los Angeles; the City Council will also consider directing staff to negotiate a multi-year agreement with Out Athlete Fund related to the event.

Event Services Supervisor Megan Reath provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

MICHAEL FERRERA, on behalf of Pride House, spoke regarding upcoming events coordinated through Pride House and thanked the City for their partnership.

The City Council requested that Staff continue its alignment with the events and projects in coordination with social service providers, voiced concerns regarding the City of Los Angeles's contribution to Pride House,

commented on continuing to provide free ticketed events, and Pride House's financial goals. The City Council expressed overall support for this item.

ACTIONS: 1) Received an update related to Out Athlete Fund's Pride House LA - West Hollywood event; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to negotiate an agreement with Out Athlete Fund for its Pride House LA - West Hollywood event in an amount not to exceed one million dollars over the term of the Agreement, and that substantially conforms with the scope of work that is included in this report. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

***Agenda Item E.4. was heard concurrently with Item B.7.*

E.4. UPDATE ON CITY'S PLANS FOR THE 2028 GAMES [D. WILSON, J. ROCCO, C. SAFRIET, L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the city's plans for the 2028 Games and consider approval of the plans for West Hollywood's Creative Triennium: 2025-2028, a three-year initiative of arts and culture programming in the lead up to the 2028 Games.

Assistant City Manager Jackie Rocco, Director of Economic Development Laura Biery, Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization Christine Safriet, and Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

MICHAELA BULKLEY, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Items B.7. and E.4.

The City Council highlighted inclusivity, sober designated zones within the fan zones, and including youth in this process. The City Council expressed interest in changing the name "West Hollywood's Creative Triennium: 2025-2028", future coordination with other host countries on hospitality housing, and some concerns with the theme were also expressed.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the implementation of the Art Plan for the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, including the addition of an opportunity for suspended sculptures and/or other art mediums under the grand stairwell; 2) Directed staff to ensure that the artwork isn't too distracting for participants at the Aquatic and Recreation Center at West Hollywood Park; 3) Directed staff to develop an Art Plan for Plummer Park; 4) Received the update on the 2028 Games City Staff Working Group; 5) Approved the plans for West Hollywood's Creative Triennium: 2025-2028,

a three-year initiative of arts and culture programming in the lead up to the 2028 Games, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission; and 6) Provided additional direction and feedback, on the name. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

B.7. ART PLAN FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTER AT WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK [L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN, M. MITCHELL]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Art Plan for the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center at West Hollywood Park as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

The City Council commented on sculptures or other art mediums for consideration under the stairwells. They also mentioned ensuring that the art isn't too distracting to participants in the facility. They also mentioned introducing more artwork at Plummer Park.

ACTION: Approved the implementation of the Art Plan, including the addition of sculptures and/or other art mediums under the stairwell and ensure that the artwork isn't too distracting for participants for the West Hollywood Aquatic Recreation Center at West Hollywood Park and Plummer Park, as recommended by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission as well as introducing more artwork at Plummer Park. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

E.5. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RESPONSE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL FIRES [D. WILSON, J. ROCCO, D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI, V. ADOMAITIS, H. COLLINS, C. SAFRIET, J. SCHARE, E. TAYLOR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the City of West Hollywood Response to the Los Angeles County Regional Fires.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about prioritizing public information on methods of evacuation over providing information on evacuation routes.

The City Council suggested a communication platform that allows participants to opt out rather than opt in, commented on the urgency ordinance that was adopted earlier this year in response to the fires, and concerns with routes, access, and functional needs. They also expressed interest in receiving feedback from the City's service providers.

ACTIONS: 1) Received and filed the City of West Hollywood Response to Los Angeles County Regional Fires Report (June 2025 Draft); 2) Directed staff to continue implementation of recommendations included in the

attached Report; and 3) Provided additional direction or feedback related to the City's emergency preparedness and response. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

E.6. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making At-large appointments to the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards.

City Clerk Crowder introduced the item.

The City Council requested the qualification parameters for the Historic Preservation Commission as well as which applicants meet the qualifications, and which applicants can be trained in order to meet the qualifications.

ACTIONS: Made new appointments or re-appointments to City Commissions and Advisory Boards with terms ending February 28, 2027, as follows: Historic Preservation Commission: **TABLED**; Public Facilities, Recreation, & Infrastructure Commission - **Deepa Krishna and Santo Ragno**; Social Justice Advisory Board - **Justin Powell**; Transgender Advisory Board - **TABLED**.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HERMOSA AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, C. VASQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a General Funds trade agreement with Proposition A Local Return Funds with the City of Hermosa Beach.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.2. LOCAL POLICY TO DEFEND CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR CRIMINAL ACTIONS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW [L. LANGER, D. WILSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a local policy to defend City officials and employees in criminal actions taken by the federal government when it is within the scope of performance of official city duties and in compliance with state law.

The City Council indicated that City Staff needs to be made aware of this policy as well as the need for immediate communication contingency plans.

ACTION: Approved a local policy to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to take all steps necessary to provide a defense of a criminal action or proceeding by the federal government for City officials and employees when it is brought on account of an act that is within the scope of performance of official city duties and in compliance with state law. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0).**

F.3. PUBLIC SAFETY SIRENS FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS [J. ERICKSON, L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to evaluate public safety sirens used for emergency alerts and provide recommendations to Council on options for further consideration.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.4. ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS AND EDUCATION [L. MEISTER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supporting awareness and educational efforts about endometriosis, including hosting a film screening event in fall 2025.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.5. UPDATE TO THE CITY'S DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE POLYAMOROUS RELATIONSHIPS [J. HEILMAN, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, K. NORDMAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct the City Attorney to work with the City Clerk to evaluate amending the City's Domestic Partnership ordinance to allow people in diverse family relationships, including throuples and other polyamorous relationships, to register as domestic partners.

Vice Mayor Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

The City Council inquired about impacts to liability with the City's healthcare benefits.

Councilmember Meister indicated that she would abstain from the vote as she doesn't have enough information.

ACTION: Directed the City Attorney to review West Hollywood Municipal Code Chapter 2.84 and return to the City Council with recommendations to expand the ordinance to explicitly allow people in diverse family relationships, including people in throuples and other polyamorous relationships, to register as domestic partners. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Mayor Byers and approved (4/1), noting the "abstention" of Councilmember Mester.**

F.6. REAFFIRM WEST HOLLYWOOD AS A FILM-FRIENDLY CITY [D. HANG, C. BYERS, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: In recent years, the Los Angeles region – including the City of West Hollywood - has seen a drop in entertainment industry production. This item reaffirms the City of West Hollywood as a film-friendly city and directs staff in the City’s Film Office to implement a five-part series of recommendations that will continue to position West Hollywood as a premier destination for production.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.7. SPONSORSHIP OF A SCREENING AND PANEL OF THE DOCUMENTARY “STUDIO ONE FOREVER” [J. ERICKSON, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to sponsor a screening and panel discussion of the documentary “Studio One Forever”, which chronicles the story of Studio One, a former West Hollywood nightclub, its significance to the LGBTQ+ community, and its contributions to Los Angeles’s rich music and nightclub history.

ACTION: This item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.11. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MV TRANSPORTATION, INC. [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, C. VASQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Services with MV Transportation, Inc. to provide Cityline Local/Commuter, Dial-A-Ride Flex, and TLC services.

Director of Economic Development Laura Biery introduced Business Development Manager Paolo Kespradit who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 23, 2025.

The City Council indicated that there were concerns that this amendment was being brought forward when the new Transportation & Mobility Division wasn’t staffed and was seeking clarification. Based on staff’s presentation, they no longer have concerns. They also commented that the upcoming RFP process offers an opportunity to collaborate with the westside cities for shared routes and services. The RFP also offers an opportunity for fleet configuration.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement for Services with MV Transportation, Inc. (MV Transportation) to increase the amount of the agreement by \$3,444,892.00 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$19,179,966.00 and extend the agreement term through June 30, 2026; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designees to execute documents

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incident to the agreement. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Heilman thanked Councilmember Meister and her sister for hosting the No Kings rally, thanked staff for putting together the Juneteenth event, shared his attendance at various community events, and made comments on Israel and Iran.

Councilmember Erickson reported his attendance at the Plumber Park Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission meeting, and various City events. He thanked staff for hosting the Ripon High School Social Justice Alliance, congratulated Councilmember Meister on the No Kings March, and thanked his colleagues for their support of Items F.3., F.6., and B.14.

Councilmember Hang shared his attendance at various City and community events. He thanked the Social Justice Advisory Board for a successful Juneteenth celebration, and Councilmember Meister and her sister Debbie for coordinating the No Kings rally.

Councilmember Meister shared her attendance at the Juneteenth event, commented on concern with Item B.15., expressed interest in receiving additional input from the Human Services Commission regarding Item B.16., and thanked Councilmember Erickson for initiating Item F.3. She invited the public to attend the Healthy City by Design Symposium and thanked the No Kings rally attendees.

Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the Cal Cities Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Policy Committee meeting, the Clean Power Alliance RFO meeting, the Metro Service Council meeting, the Sanitation District Committee meeting, the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Tenant Protections meeting, the No Kings rally, and the Westside Cities Council of Government where she was elected to serve as the Chair. She reported her attendance at the US Conference of Mayors in Tampa, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:18 p.m. in memory of Eric Bauman, Sandy Vestal Hutchens, Jr., Hermine Fischman Horwitz, Evelyn Cohen, Casey Downes, Melissa Hortman, Mark Hortman, and Verla Jo Crowley to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, July 7, 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 7th day of July, 2025, by the following vote:

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

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