

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Byers called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: West Hollywood Elementary School student Colette Kolar 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, and Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Lauren Langer reported that the City Council convened the Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. She noted that no members of the public provided public comment. She added that the Council discussed the two (2) items of business listed on the posted agenda, took no reportable action, and adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Council Changes:

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

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 Robert Alan Hennig.

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jane Goodall.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council presented a Certificate to Colette Kolar for leading tonight's Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Erickson presented a Proclamation to Barbara Meltzer on behalf of the American Society on Aging in honor of Ageism Awareness Day.

Mayor Byers presented a Proclamation to the Disabilities Advisory Board in recognition of Disabilities Awareness Month.

Mayor Byers presented Proclamations to the Women's Advisory Board in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month & Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT:

CATHY BLAIVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.15. and the connection to mobility access regarding scooters, delivery machines, and loss of parking in the City.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.15. in relation to the Fountain Avenue Streetscape project.

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns with removing the requirement for security related to Item D.1.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item D.1. and thanked staff for meeting with licensees and future plans.

CHRIS BALDWIN, OCEANSIDE, spoke regarding Item E.3. and maintaining funding for the L-Project's Women's Freedom Festival and the Dyke March.

GABEY ROJAS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item F.1. and to thank the Council for safe sober spaces in the City.

VENTURE GRISWOLD, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank the Council for moving Item F.1. to Consent.

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CARLOS SOSA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item F.2 and shared the services available for the community's youth.

MARKLEY LUMPKINS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to Item F.6. and asked for consideration to the entertainment industry studio lots in West Hollywood.

MICHAEL SELDITCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Fountain Avenue Streetscape project and requested that the matter be placed on the ballot.

M JOHN LARSEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding on-site manager issues at his apartment complex.

MIKE NUTTAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Mayor Byers freedom of expression.

RAFAEL LANDON, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the Fountain Avenue Streetscape project.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a future Supreme Court hearing on November 5th regarding actions of the current federal administration.

ANDREW V., WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about parking issues on De Longpre Avenue.

DAVID ECKERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the visibility of the uniforms of the Allied Security staff as well as requesting mobility safety education forums and Metro plans.

VIRGINIA GILLICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Fountain Avenue Streetscape project and the possibility of putting the issue on the ballot.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of Item D.1. and F.6. and thanked the City Council.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about nighttime safety management in advance of the Halloween Carnival as well as Larrabee Avenue concerns.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson made several announcements, including the return of the WeHo PickUp service on October 9th with a new vehicle design and a Thursday night pilot program running from March to October as part of the Rainbow District initiatives. He encouraged community feedback on West Hollywood's zoning improvement program related to the Housing Element, with an in-person meeting on October 8th and an online session on October 16th. He also announced that the AIDS Walk Los Angeles will take place on Saturday, October 13th, starting at 10:00 a.m. at West Hollywood

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Park, with some street and lane closures. He directed residents to the City's website for more information on these and other upcoming events.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales stated that the fiscal impact on tonight's Consent Calendar, with the addition of Items D.1., E.3., F.1., F.2., F.3., F.4., and F.6., was \$8,081,444 in expenditures, \$0 in revenue, and (\$13,023) in waived fees.

Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales read the title of Ordinance for Item D.1. into the record on first reading.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9., 10., 11., 12., 13., 14., 15., 16., 17., 18., 19., 20., 21., 22., 23., and 24. Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).

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

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, October 6, 2025, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, October 1, 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 September 15, 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 977 [O. JONES, K. BARENG, S. HERNANDEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending September 26, 2025 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 977 and Adopted Resolution No. 25-067: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 977". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.4. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 25-22 (2ND READING) "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” [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 25-22, 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.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted 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.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.5. COMMISSION MEETING SYNOPSES [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a Synopses from the Public Facilities, Recreation & Infrastructure Commission and the Rent Stabilization Commission regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

B.6. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH DUDEK TO CONDUCT CEQA ANALYSIS OF THE CITY’S UPDATE TO THE OPEN SPACE (PARKS AND RECREATION) ELEMENT OF THE CITY’S GENERAL PLAN [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS, P. PORTWOOD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an Agreement for Professional Services with Dudek to provide environmental analysis of the City’s proposed update to the Open Space (Parks and Recreation) Element of the City’s General Plan 2035, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines as required by State law.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved an Agreement for Professional Services with Dudek in an amount not-to-exceed \$83,027 and a June 30, 2026 expiration date; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to sign and execute all documents related to this Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.7. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH LVR INTERNATIONAL [H. COLLINS, V. GUARINO, B. BORTFELD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an agreement with LVR International to provide consulting services for the support and maintenance of the City Hall Automated Parking Garage.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a five-year Agreement for Professional Services with LVR International to provide consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.8. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MERIDIAN RAPID DEFENSE GROUP FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, J. HEREDIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an Agreement for Services with Meridian Rapid Defense Group Rentals, LLC (Meridian) for traffic control infrastructure in support of the Halloween Carnaval 2025 event.

ACTION: Approved an Agreement for Services with Meridian Rapid Defense Group Rentals LLC in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the rental of traffic control infrastructure to secure the footprint of Halloween Carnaval 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.9. WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT [C. SAFRIET, G. AVILES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the semi-annual report from the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

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

B.10. AMENDMENT TO INCREASE PROJECT CONTINGENCY FOR THE 8305 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD BUILD-OUT PROJECT [H. COLLINS, P. TICUN, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Agreement with PCL Construction Services, Inc. to increase the project contingency amount from 20% to 25% for the 8305 Santa Monica Boulevard Build-Out Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Agreement with PCL Construction Services, Inc. to increase the project contingency amount for the 8305 Santa Monica Boulevard Build-Out Project from 20%, which is \$346,468, to 25% by authorizing an additional \$86,618 for an updated total project contingency amount not to exceed \$433,086 and a new total contract amount not-to-exceed \$2,165,430; 2) Authorized the Facilities and Field Services Division Manager to approve Change Orders to the Agreement; 3) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents incident to the Agreement; and 4) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to transfer

\$86,618 in budget from savings in CIP 57-02 Holloway Motel to CIP 40-03 8301 Santa Monica Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.11. AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE FOR PUBLIC / PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR CURBSIDE EV CHARGING STATION PROGRAM [H. COLLINS, P. TICUN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to negotiate a Public-Private Partnership Agreement with IKE Smart City, LLC for the deployment, operation, and maintenance of curbside electric vehicle charging stations and interactive kiosks throughout West Hollywood, and the final agreement will be brought back to the City Council for approval once negotiations are complete. Additionally, the City Council will consider directing staff to retain consulting services to analyze revenue projection for the deployment, operation, and maintenance of a curbside electric vehicle charging station network and interactive kiosks throughout West Hollywood at an estimated cost of \$55,000.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to negotiate a Public-Private Partnership Agreement with IKE Smart City, LLC for the deployment, operation, and maintenance of curbside electric vehicle charging stations and interactive kiosks throughout West Hollywood and return to Council for final approval of the Agreement; and 2) Authorized staff to retain a consultant to conduct an analysis on revenue projection for the deployment, operation, and maintenance of a curbside electric vehicle charging station network and interactive kiosks throughout West Hollywood at an estimated cost of \$55,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.12. UPDATE ON THE 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 receive a report on the results of a mailed survey regarding temporary parking requirements for employee and residential use in preferential parking Districts 8 and 10.

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

B.13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP NO. 57-02, HOMEKEY PHASE 2 RESTORATION OF EXISTING HOLLOWAY MOTEL [H. COLLINS, P. TICUN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 57-02, Homekey Phase 2 Restoration of Existing Holloway Motel by PCN3, Inc.

ACTIONS: Accepted the work and authorize 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.14. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 82976 FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF 21 CONDO UNITS, LOCATED AT 8815 CYNTHIA STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution approving Final Map No. 82976, a 21-unit condo subdivision, located at 8815 Cynthia Street. This item is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 15268(b)(3) - ministerial projects.

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 25-068: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 82976 FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF 21 CONDO UNITS, LOCATED AT 8815 CYNTHIA STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.15. RECOGNITION OF DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH [C. SAFRIET, T. CARTER, D. MURRAY, I. ARREDONDO, M. LIBERMAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will recognize October as Disabilities Awareness Month and celebrate through various events including the presentation of the Disability Service Awards, a Community Health & Wellness Event, and citywide awareness campaign featuring street pole banners.

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaimed October as Disabilities Awareness Month; 2) Approved the Disability Service Awards to be presented at a televised meeting of the Disabilities Advisory Board on Wednesday, October 22, 2025; 3) Waived parking enforcement of the three-hour parking restrictions until 4 pm at Plummer Park on Tuesday, October 9, 2025, for the Community Health & Wellness Event; 4) Directed staff to oversee the installation of 20 banners along Santa Monica Boulevard that recognize past recipients of the City's Disability Services Awards; 5) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; and 6) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote Disability Awareness Month events including, but not limited to, the City's website and social media platforms. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.16. SPINNING SUNSET: SPOOKY EDITION – SUNSET STRIP BID ACTIVATION EVENT [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the waiver of Special Event Permit Fees, Parking Meter Fees, Generator Permit Fees, and

Encroachment Permit Fees for City businesses within the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District (District) and approving the waiver of Temporary Peddler's License Permit Fees for merchants participating in the "Spinning Sunset" activation event, which will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the waiver of Special Event Permit Fees, Parking Meter Fees, Generator Permit Fees, and Encroachment Permit Fees for City businesses within the Sunset Strip Business Improvement District that are activating their businesses on October 25, 2025, for "Spinning Sunset" in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in waived fees; and 2) Approved the waiver of Temporary Peddler's License Permit Fees for merchants participating in the "Spinning Sunset" activation parking lot, located at 8495 W. Sunset Boulevard on October 25, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$3,675 in waived fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.17. VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 2025 [Y. QUARKER, S. MARTINEZ, C. JUBREY, A. YANEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of programming for Veterans Day 2025.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the City of West Hollywood's sponsorship of Veterans Day 2025 and authorize the use of the City's name and logo on printed materials advertising the event; 2) 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; and 3) Authorized the temporary street closure of Holloway Drive at Santa Monica Boulevard and Hacienda Place from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.18. (D.1.) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.70 (CANNABIS USES) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REMOVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY GUARD PATROL REQUIREMENT FOR CANNABIS LICENSEES [D. RIVAS, L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider introducing on first reading an Ordinance to remove the neighborhood security patrol requirement for cannabis licensees.

ACTION: Introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 25-23: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.70 (CANNABIS USES) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REMOVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY GUARD PATROL REQUIREMENT FOR CANNABIS LICENSEES." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.19. (E.3.) WEHO PRIDE 2025 DEBRIEF AND 2026 PLANNING [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a post-event report regarding WeHo Pride 2025 and provide feedback related to the event. The City Council will also consider approving various items related to production and programming elements for WeHo Pride 2026.

ACTION: 1) Received a post-event report regarding WeHo Pride 2025 and provide feedback related to the event; 2) Approved WeHo Pride 2026 from Friday, June 5, 2026, to Sunday, June 7, 2026, with the core programming elements, to include: Friday Night at OUTLOUD, the WeHo Pride Street Fair, OUTLOUD Music Festival, Women's Freedom Festival and Dyke March, and the WeHo Pride Parade; and 3) Approved a revision to the Community Group Program that prioritizes highlighting two underserved populations within the LGBTQ+ Pride community: (1) the sober community, and (2) a rotating community or theme selected annually. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.20. (F.1.) CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC STRATEGIES' FOR THE NOVEMBERFEST: SOBER DRAG BINGO EVENT [C. BYERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Institute for Public Strategies' Novemberfest: Sober Drag Bingo event, taking place on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Institute for Public Strategies' Novemberfest: Sober Drag Bingo event, taking place on Saturday, November 15, 2025, in Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and the Institute for Public Strategies; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to approve the use of \$5,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with this event; 4) Waived any Facility Use Fees, Special Event Permit Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, and the 3-hour parking limit at the Plummer Park parking lot for event participants (estimated \$1,674); 5) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for this event; and 6) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the events including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.21. (F.2.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF C.I.T.Y. x1 YOUTH GROUP'S HOLIDAY EVENTS [C. BYERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group's "Big Feast" pre-Thanksgiving dinner events in

November 2025, and their holiday dinner event on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at Plummer Park's Great Hall.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Co-sponsorship Agreement with C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group for the "Big Feast" pre-Thanksgiving dinners in November 2025, and holiday dinner event on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at Plummer Park's Great Hall; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$4,000 from Fiscal Year 2025-26 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; 3) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group; 4) Waived any Facility Use Fees, Special Event Permit Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, and the 3-hour parking limit at the Plummer Park parking lot for event participants (estimated \$1,674); 5) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; and 6) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the events such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.22. (F.3.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF TRANSLATIN@ COALITION'S 2025 GARRAS FASHION SHOW EVENT [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Translatin@ Coalition for the GARRAS Fashion Show on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at the Pacific Design Center.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the Co-Sponsorship of the Translatin@ Coalition's GARRAS Fashion Show event at the Pacific Design Center on Saturday, November 15, 2025; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and Translatin@ Coalition; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$10,000 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) Authorized the Event to be one of the "City-Sponsored Events" allotted for the City's use at the Pacific Design Center (PDC) in accordance with the terms of the Pacific Design Center Specific Plan; 5) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitation, programs, and other collateral materials for the events; and 6) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the Translatin@ Coalition's GARRAS Fashion Show 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.) SPONSORSHIP OF A COMMUNITY EVENT FEATURING AUTHOR CINDY HANDLER DISCUSSING HER BOOK, A GERMAN JEW'S TRIUMPH: FRITZ OPPENHEIMER AND THE DENAZIFICATION OF GERMANY [J. HEILMAN]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider a request to sponsor a community event featuring author Cindy Handler discussing her book, A German Jew's Triumph: Fritz Oppenheimer and the Denazification of Germany, on November 20, 2025 in the Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood Park.*

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the sponsorship of a community event featuring author Cindy Handler discussing her book, A German Jew's Triumph: Fritz Oppenheimer and the Denazification of Germany on November 20, 2025, in the Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood Park; 2) Approved the waiver of parking fees at the 5-story parking lot for attendees of the event (estimated \$450 in waived fees); and 3) 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.**

B.24. (F.6.) PRESERVING ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. HEILMAN]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider directing Staff draft an ordinance and evaluate other methods to preserve entertainment studios and other ancillary uses in the City of West Hollywood.*

ACTIONS: 1) Directed Staff to draft an ordinance and evaluate other methods to preserve entertainment studios and other ancillary uses in the City of West Hollywood; and 2) Directed Staff to engage with existing entertainment studios in the City to gather feedback on how the City can support them and the entertainment industry in West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C.1. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM #13 [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS, P. PORTWOOD, M. MONTENEGRO]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider introducing on first reading an Ordinance approving a Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) amending the City's regulations governing the construction and conveyance of Accessory Dwelling Units ("ADUs") and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units ("JADUs") to implement recently updated State guidelines regarding deed restrictions for ADUs and finding the action to be statutorily exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code section 21080.17 and categorically exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.*

Mayor Byers opened the public hearing.

The City Councilmembers had no disclosures to provide.

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 Associate Planner Michelle Montenegro, who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 6, 2025.

Vice Mayor Heilman requested that the City explore a way to streamline and clarify the process of aligning City policies and procedures with State law, specifically concerning notice requirements.

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

ACTION: Introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 25-24: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 19.36 OF TITLE 19 OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21080.17 AND SECTION 15061(b)(3) OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.” **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

D. LEGISLATIVE:

D.1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.70 (CANNABIS USES) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO REMOVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY GUARD PATROL REQUIREMENT FOR CANNABIS LICENSEES [D. RIVAS, L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider introducing on first reading an Ordinance to remove the neighborhood security patrol requirement for cannabis licensees.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

E.1. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF EXPANDED NOTICING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, F. CONTRERAS, P. PORTWOOD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive findings from the Council-requested maps showing 500-, 750-, and 1000-foot radii for previously approved projects seeking development agreements along Sunset

Boulevard, including stand-alone billboards, to better understand the reach of each radius.

Assistant Director of Community Development Jennifer Alkire introduced Associate Planner Paige Portwood, who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 6, 2025.

Interest was voiced for expanding the public notification radius for development agreements from 500 to 1,000 feet (or at least 750 feet), citing the City's high density, greater potential impacts from intensified developments, and the need for transparency, and stated that the increased cost would be minimal compared to the benefits and property value increases that developers receive. However, Councilmembers overall opposed the change, emphasizing that the current 500-foot radius already exceeds the state minimum of 300 feet and includes other methods of public notice. They expressed concerns that expanding the radius wouldn't significantly increase community participation and could place unnecessary burdens on staff. The consensus was to maintain the existing 500-foot policy.

ACTION: Received information and provided feedback. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, noting the "no" vote of Councilmember Meister, and approved (4/1).**

E.2. PROGRESS UPDATES AND MATERIAL SELECTION FOR THE HART PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP 55-23) [J. ROCCO, S. CAMPBELL, R. ABRAMSON, M. BARKER, H. COLLINS, P. TICUN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the material selection for the Hart Park Improvement Project Off-Leash Dog Play Area and review Park-related recommendations from the Hart Park Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

Urban Design & Architecture Studio Manager Ric Abramson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 6, 2025.

The following speaker provided public comment:

BOB CLASTER, LOS ANGELES, thanked the staff for their research on artificial turf but expressed concern that dog owners in the community felt their input was not adequately considered in the design of the dog park.

The City Council discussed the progress and design of the Hart Park renovation, focusing on the creation of a new, larger dog play area with a movable fence to allow flexible use and accommodate dogs of different sizes. Councilmembers expressed support for the thoughtful design, community input, and extensive outreach efforts, including 18 public

meetings and posted updates. The revised design expands the overall park space by 23% and includes a retractable divider to address safety concerns voiced by small dog owners. Some concerns were raised about past community engagement, with one Councilmember noting feelings of exclusion in earlier stages. There was also discussion about the use of engineered wood fiber as ground material, with mixed opinions. Despite some concerns, the Council praised the community's activism and staff's responsiveness, viewing the final design as a strong reflection of public input and a significant improvement to the city's shared spaces.

ACTIONS: 1) Reviewed recommendations from the Hart Park Ad-Hoc Subcommittee including the material selection for the Off-Leash Dog Play Area and directed Staff to proceed with an engineered wood fiber (EWF) system; 2) Formally recognized the off-leash dog play area as a permanent amenity in Hart Park; and 3) Directed Staff to return to the City Council upon completion of the construction documents and bidding with a recommendation regarding awarding a contract for construction. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (5/0).**

E.3. WEHO PRIDE 2025 DEBRIEF AND 2026 PLANNING [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, K. MCCORMACK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive a post-event report regarding WeHo Pride 2025 and provide feedback related to the event. The City Council will also consider approving various items related to production and programming elements for WeHo Pride 2026.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

E.4. AGREEMENT WITH OUT ATHLETE FUND TO SPONSOR PRIDE HOUSE LA - WEST HOLLYWOOD [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will approve an Agreement between Out Athlete Fund and the City of West Hollywood related to the City's sponsorship of Pride House LA-West Hollywood, to be held in West Hollywood Park during the 2028 Games in Los Angeles. The City Council will also consider Out Athlete Fund's use of City facilities for the purpose of hosting Pride House LA- West Hollywood fundraising events leading up to the 2028 Games.

The City Council raised concerns about the potential impact of upcoming Pride House events on the dog parks, with assurances given that while full closures are not expected, there may be intermittent access disruptions due to infrastructure setup. Suggestions were made to explore alternate entrances to minimize disruption. Additionally, a Councilmember questioned aspects of the event agreement, including the lack of clarity around eligible sponsorship fund uses, and called for more explicit language to ensure unspent funds are returned to the City in the case of

cancellation or termination. It was also requested that financial performance data be required within 30 days of any cancellation or termination, not just after event completion. Staff agreed to consult with the City Attorney’s Office on these matters.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved an Agreement between Out Athlete Fund and the City of West Hollywood related to the City’s sponsorship of Pride House LA - West Hollywood in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute documents incident to the Agreement between the City and the Out Athlete Fund; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,000,000 from the General Fund’s Unallocated Reserves to account 100-3-50-52-531019; 4) Approved Out Athlete Fund’s use of West Hollywood Park for the purpose of hosting a Pride House LA – West Hollywood fundraising event on Saturday, April 25, 2026; and 5) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to approve Out Athlete Fund’s use of West Hollywood Park or other City facilities, subject to availability, for the purpose of hosting Pride House LA – West Hollywood fundraising events leading up to the 2028 Games, as well as waive city fees related to such events. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved (5/0).**

F. NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC STRATEGIES’ FOR THE NOVEMBERFEST: SOBER DRAG BINGO EVENT [C. BYERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Institute for Public Strategies’ Novemberfest: Sober Drag Bingo event, taking place on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Plummer Park’s Fiesta Hall.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.2. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF C.I.T.Y. x1 YOUTH GROUP’S HOLIDAY EVENTS [C. BYERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor the C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group’s “Big Feast” pre-Thanksgiving dinner events in November 2025, and their holiday dinner event on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at Plummer Park’s Great Hall.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.3. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF TRANSLATIN@ COALITION’S 2025 GARRAS FASHION SHOW EVENT [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the Translatin@ Coalition for the GARRAS Fashion Show on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at the Pacific Design Center.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.4. SPONSORSHIP OF A COMMUNITY EVENT FEATURING AUTHOR CINDY HANDLER DISCUSSING HER BOOK, A GERMAN JEW'S TRIUMPH: FRITZ OPPENHEIMER AND THE DENAZIFICATION OF GERMANY [J. HEILMAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to sponsor a community event featuring author Cindy Handler discussing her book, A German Jew's Triumph: Fritz Oppenheimer and the Denazification of Germany, on November 20, 2025 in the Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood Park.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.5. AUDIT OF VACANT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNITS [L. MEISTER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Staff to perform an audit of vacant residential and commercial units in the City.

Councilmember Meister provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 6, 2025.

The following speakers provided public comment:

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and provided examples of multiple units kept off market in her neighborhood.

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and better usage of available vacant units rather than more developments.

The following individuals submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the item: Kevin Burton, West Hollywood.

The City Council discussed concerns about long-term vacancies in residential and commercial properties and the lack of accurate data to address them. Councilmembers expressed general support for developing a mechanism to identify units that are being deliberately kept off the market, distinguishing these from normal, short-term vacancies. Several members shared anecdotal evidence of buildings left vacant for years and emphasized the need for better data to inform City policies, especially as they consider broader zoning and housing changes. Concerns were raised about the cost, timing, and scope of the proposed audit-like approach, suggesting a more targeted or sample-based method may be more effective. Councilmembers stressed that data gathered should be timely and meaningful, without conflating it with unrelated state housing mandates. There was a consensus to move forward with a refined version of the proposal and to ask staff to develop a practical, cost-effective mechanism, possibly involving community input, to identify persistently

vacant units. While staff indicated such work is currently slated for FY 2027, the Council agreed to explore ways to expedite the effort, with further consideration by the Finance & Budget Subcommittee.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed Staff to form a mechanism to perform an expedited audit of vacant residential and commercial units in West Hollywood with further consultation by the Finance & Budget Subcommittee; and 2) Return to City Council with the results of the audit for further discussion, as needed. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

F.6. PRESERVING ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. HEILMAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Staff draft an ordinance and evaluate other methods to preserve entertainment studios and other ancillary uses in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTION: This Item was Moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.7. AMEND THE CITY COUNCILMEMBER LIST OF PRE-APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS / EVENT TO INCLUDE ANNUAL CONFERENCES HOSTED BY NETROOTS NATION [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the City Councilmember list of pre-approved organizations and events to include the annual conference hosted by Netroots Nation.

The following speaker provided public comment:

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item and suggested that the City conduct its own activism and network locally.

The Council discussed whether attending conferences that offer training and networking for progressives should be considered an allowable, City-funded educational activity for Councilmembers. They questioned why conference attendance is permitted while tuition reimbursement for classes at institutions like UCLA is not and referenced prior guidance suggesting that such tuition payments might be considered a “gift of public funds,” which is typically prohibited for elected officials. One of its members noted they had participated in USC’s Executive Leadership program, funded by the City, as part of professional development. The general sentiment was that conferences with training components (e.g., on land use, housing, or governance) are valid professional development tools and not considered gifts. Several Councilmembers agreed that these events help officials bring back useful knowledge to better serve the City. Councilmembers broadly supported the inclusion of Netroots Nation and similar conferences as valid educational opportunities for elected officials, provided the focus remains on policy and governance rather than partisan politics.

ACTION: Approved the addition of the annual Netroots Nation conference to the list of pre-approved organizations and events that members of the City Council are permitted to attend each year. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (5/0).**

F.8. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will make an At-Large appointment to the Planning Commission.

The following speakers provided public comment:

MARK R. EDWARDS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke of his love for the City and background and experience.

DAVID ECKERT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke of his concern about endorsing oneself during public comment.

The City Council discussed the urgency of filling a position on the Planning Commission due to its heavy upcoming agenda, which influenced the decision not to delay the appointment. While concerns were raised about the perceived rush to appoint, the majority of the Council expressed a desire to move forward.

Councilmember Hang nominated Mark R. Edwards for the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Meister nominated Adam Bass for the Planning Commission.

ACTION: The City Council appointed **MARK R. EDWARDS** to the Planning Commission for a term ending February 28, 2027.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

LINA LEE, THE LOT, spoke on behalf of The Lot on Formosa and expressed concern on Item F.6.

KYLE BRAZEAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Fountain Avenue Streetscape project.

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COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister reported her attendance at the Quake Heroes documentary screening, Holloway House project ribbon cutting, and Halloween dog costume contest. She announced the Zip Inc. in-person community meeting on October 8th at 6:00 p.m. at Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6 and an online community meeting on October 16th at 12 noon. She encouraged community attendance to the Disability Advisory Board events happening for Disabilities Awareness Month and she wished a happy new year to those in the community who celebrate.

Councilmember Hang reported his attendance at the Art Walk Opening Reception, Quake Heroes documentary screening, Holloway Interim Housing project ribbon cutting, the remodel and grand re-opening of McDonald's, LA County Next Chapter Writers Summit, and Voices of Recovery Symposium.

Councilmember Erickson indicated his desire to address concerns regarding Item F.6. He reported attending the Next Chapter LA County Library event, Holloway House ribbon cutting, and Contract Cities Board of Directors meeting. He commented that his hometown's The Rippon Press wrote an article that kids from his high school visited to learn more about West Hollywood. Lastly, he mentioned that Blake Anderson's memorial on Fountain Avenue was unfortunately vandalized.

Vice Mayor Heilman reported his attendance at the Holloway House grand opening, the Homelessness Subcommittee meeting, and the 30th anniversary of the Rocky Horror Show. He commented on the residents' concern about their lack of an on-site apartment manager and the City's work on resident protections. Lastly, he requested that the Finance & Budget subcommittee review Item F. 6.

Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the LA County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Board meeting, Clean Energy Alliance committee meeting, and the Holloway House ribbon cutting. She thanked staff and partners at Visit West Hollywood for the WeHo Loves Locals program and the businesses embracing the program. She mentioned San Francisco's speed camera pilot program to monitor speed and create data, and expressed hopefulness that our legislature will see that and that the City continues advocacy to bring it to West Hollywood.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m. in memory of Jane Goodall and Robert Alan Hennig to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, October 20, 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 20th 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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