

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: West Hollywood Elementary School student Sophia Goz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Lauren Langer reported that the City Council convened the Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the two (2) items listed on the posted agenda and noted that no members of the public provided public comment. The City Council took no reportable action on Item 4, and with respect to Item 5, Melvia Harris of the City of Los Angeles, the City Council decided unanimously to provide amicus support to this case, which challenges the City of Los Angeles' Rent Stabilization Ordinance. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Council Changes:

- Item B.13.: moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.
- Items E.4., F.2., F.5., F.6., F.7., and F.8 moved to the Consent Calendar as Items B.14., B.15., B.16., B.17., B.18., and B.19., respectively.

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

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LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES: None.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Vice Mayor Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Mealiffe and Curtis Brown.

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Anthony Duarte and Anwar Zraikat.

PRESENTATIONS:

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

The City Council presented plaques to the outgoing Appointed Officials in recognition of their service to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MICHAEL SELDITCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.8. He also addressed the discussions and comments related to Fountain Avenue, noting that intersection safety was the primary concern, and urged the use of lower-cost traffic safety measures instead.

CHAD ECKMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item B.7.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated staff for their achievements regarding Item B.8., recommended greater funding for local schools over recreational events, requested action to fix long-out streetlights on Vista Street for safety, and referenced past Council discussions regarding the Fountain Avenue project.

PIA ROSNER, on behalf of the FRIENDS OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ELEMENTARY, spoke in support of Item B.11.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the decision-making power of residents, improving safety at major intersections like La Brea and Fountain Avenue, repairing sidewalks with historical tributes, and making Sunset Boulevard more walkable and engaging with music and commemorative displays.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item F.2.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item F.5.

MARQUITA THOMAS, CEO of the CALIFORNIA LGBTQ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of Item F.7.

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VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding voter participation in tomorrow's election and encouraged the continued efforts in civic education and accessible voting in West Hollywood.

EDD HOLMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a personal story celebrating his and John Kramer's 30th anniversary, reflecting on their milestones as a same-sex couple from their first date in 1995 to their marriage in 2008.

ALEC WHITE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding aligning income and rent standards with the state but expressed concern about fees and inclusionary rates discouraging small-scale development, endorsed streamlining processes for small businesses, backed worker safety measures, and congratulated Mayor Byers on receiving the Young Democrat of the Year Award.

NICK RENTERIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the City's successful Halloween event with suggested improvements, including creating an express lane for the pickup service, expanding sidewalk capacity near the venue, and enlarging the event area to better accommodate crowds.

The following individuals submitted Citizen Position Slips in support of Item B.11:

Martha Ortega, West Hollywood and Lindsey Corcoran, West Hollywood

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson thanked everyone involved with this year's successful Halloween Carnival. He announced the upcoming Election Day voting locations for tomorrow, the grand opening of the Stories: The AIDS Monument on November 16, the annual West Hollywood Day and State of the Community celebration on November 24, and highlighted City programs that ensure food access for residents affected by the federal government shutdown.

The City Council suggested sending a mailer with food insecurity resources and mentioned lighting issues on Vista Street. They also proposed promoting food bank donations on the City's website and noted that local food banks need volunteers.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales stated that the fiscal impact on tonight's Consent Calendar, with the removal of Item B.13. and the addition of Items E.4., F.2., F.5., F.6., F.7., and F.8. was \$1,148,462 in expenditures, \$4,938 in revenues, and (\$33,282) in waived fees.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

- B.1. REPORT OF AGENDA POSTING [M. CROWDER]:**
SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, November 3, 2025, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, October 29, 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 October 20, 2025. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 979 [O. JONES, K. BARENG, S. HERNANDEZ]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for the period ending October 24, 2025, pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.
ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 979 and Adopt Resolution No. 25-071: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 979". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.4. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, Y. ZHOSAN]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council is receiving notification that the City's third-party administrator Carl Warren & Co. has denied one (1) Claim for Damages from Randal Newman.
ACTION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.5. COMMISSION MEETING SYNOPSES [M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will receive synopses from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission, and the Rent Stabilization Commission regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.
RECOMMENDATION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- B.6. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE CITY'S HEALTH OFFICER AND ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT [D. RIVAS, A. SHANDI]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of an Agreement for Services with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to

continue to serve as the City's Health Officer and Environmental Public Health Department.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved an Agreement for Services with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health for Health Officer and Environmental Public Health Department services; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to this agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.7. CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS, FISCAL SPONSOR OF THE LAVENDER EFFECT [D. WILSON, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Community Partners, the fiscal sponsor of the Lavender Effect for a "I LOVE Flagging" event at West Hollywood Park on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Community Partners, the fiscal sponsor of the Lavender Effect, for the "I LOVE Flagging" event at West Hollywood Park on Saturday, February 14, 2026; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and Larchmont Schools; 3) Waived any Special Event Permit Fees and Encroachment Permit Fees for event participants (estimated \$900); 4) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for this event; and 5) 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.8. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 41-02, STORIES: THE AIDS MONUMENT PROJECT [S. CAMPBELL, R. ABRAMSON, M. BARKER, H. COLLINS, P. TICUN, L. BIERY, R. EHEMANN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 41-02, STORIES: The AIDS Monument Project.

ACTION: 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 the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, and d) Release 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.9. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 2505, FY2025 STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, J. RICO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 2505, FY2025 Street Rehabilitation Project by Hardy and Harper, 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.10. INCREASE IN PROJECT CONTINGENCY FOR THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH BALI CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RULE 20B OVERHEAD TO UNDERGROUND CONVERSION LA PEER DRIVE & ALMONT DRIVE, CIP 2204 [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider increasing the project contingency for the Rule 20B Overhead to Underground Conversion La Peer Drive & Almont Drive, CIP 2204, by 5% (\$178,611.80) to account for changes in the construction Agreement due to unforeseen conditions, for a total not to exceed contingency amount of 25% (\$ 893,059.00).

ACTION: Authorized a \$178,611.80 increase in the contingency amount for Construction Services with Bali Construction, for a new not to exceed contingency amount of \$893,059.00, and authorized the City Engineer to approve change orders to the agreement for services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.11. EXPANSION OF THE GRANTS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM [C. SAFRIET, T. CARTER, D. MURRAY, D. SAUNDERS, A. VALDEPEÑA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of proposed updates to the City of West Hollywood's Grants in the Schools program including doubling the annual grant budget and lengthening the grant term.

ACTIONS: 1) Increased the maximum annual grant award from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per school for a total program budget of \$48,000 per fiscal year and implemented for the 2025-26 school year grant cycle; and 2) Expanded the program to offer a two-year grant term to promote program continuity and impact. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.12. UPDATE REGARDING THE 2026 ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION OSCARS EVENT [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider requests from Elton John AIDS Foundation related to the City's co-sponsorship of their annual Oscar Viewing Party, a charity fundraiser, to be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026, in West Hollywood Park.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Permit to Use City Property Agreement between the City of West Hollywood and Elton John AIDS Foundation for the 2026 event that defines facility uses, street closures, and the terms of the relationship between the City and Elton John AIDS Foundation; 2) Approved the exclusive use of West Hollywood Park beginning Wednesday, March 4, 2026, through Thursday, March 19, 2026; 3) Approved the exclusive use of the Five-Story Parking Structure (5SPS) from 5:00 A.M. on Sunday, March 15, 2026, to 5:00 A.M. on Monday, March 16, 2026; 4) Approved the closure of San Vicente Boulevard, between Melrose Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, for event arrivals and departures from 11:30 A.M. on Sunday, March 15, 2026, through 5:00 A.M. on Monday, March 16, 2026; and 5) Approved a temporary daily parking rate of \$6.00 per vehicle in the Five-Story Parking Structure for production staff, crew, and event attendees from March 4, 2026, through March 19, 2026. This rate adjustment is projected to result in a potential revenue loss of four thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight dollars (\$4,938). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.13. MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY [H. COLLINS, P. TICUN, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and consider the recommendations by the LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission regarding a City Council Directive to install a memorial for the individual lives lost to suicide in the LGBTQ+ community at a park space in West Hollywood.

ACTIONS: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

B.14. (E.4.) ADVISORY BOARD MEETING FREQUENCY UPDATE [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider implementing a one-year pilot program beginning January 2026 to assess meeting frequency for the City's Advisory Boards. A modified monthly schedule (approximately 10 meetings per year), allowing Boards to skip one or two months as appropriate to their workload. The program is intended to balance efficient staff and Board operations with continued opportunities for public engagement and policy development. Staff will evaluate the pilot throughout 2026 and return to the City Council with findings and recommendations at year-end.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a one-year pilot program changing the meeting frequency of the City's Advisory Boards beginning January 2026; 2) Allowed Staff and the Advisory Boards to approve a modified monthly schedule of eight (8) to ten (10) meetings per year maximum; and 3) Considered increasing the stipend paid to Advisory Boardmembers from \$100 to \$125. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.15. (F.2.) CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ALFARO COMMUNICATIONS CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO CONSTRUCT CIP 2508, TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUNTAIN AVENUE AND LA BREA AVENUE [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a Construction Agreement with Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. to construct CIP 2508, Traffic Signal Improvements at Fountain Avenue and La Brea Avenue.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Construction Agreement with Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$559,611.09 for the construction of CIP 2508, Traffic Signal Improvements at Fountain Avenue and La Brea Avenue, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement; 2) Authorized the City Engineer to approve change orders to the Construction Agreement in an amount not to exceed 25% (\$139,902.77) of the Agreement amount; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$861,850 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund to account number 100-4-08-84-704017 for construction of CIP 2508, Traffic Signal Improvements at Fountain Avenue and La Brea Avenue and related costs; and 4) Adopted Resolution No. 25-072: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 2508, TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUNTAIN AVENUE AND LA BREA AVENUE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.16. (F.5.) CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH EMERALD VILLAGE WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR A CANNABIS-FOCUSED SYMPOSIUM AND SCREENING [D. HANG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with West Hollywood Tourism Marketing Fund DBA Emerald Village West Hollywood for a Cannabis-Focused Symposium and Screening, taking place on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the City's Council Chambers.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with West Hollywood Tourism Marketing Fund DBA Emerald Village West Hollywood for a Cannabis-Focused Symposium and Screening, taking place on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the City's Council Chambers; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and the West Hollywood Tourism Marketing Fund DBA Emerald Village West Hollywood; 3) Waived the Facility Use Fee for the use of the West Hollywood City Council Chambers (\$390); 4) Waived parking at the 5-story parking structure for an estimated 100 attendees (\$1,028); 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.17. (F.6.) CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH LARCHMONT CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ITS WORLD FAIR EVENT [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Larchmont Charter School for its World Fair event, taking place on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Fairfax campus located in West Hollywood.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Larchmont Charter School for its World Fair event, taking place on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Fairfax campus located in West Hollywood; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and Larchmont Charter School; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event, and increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount; 4) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate up to \$5,000 from Fiscal Year 2026 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; 5) Waived any Special Event Permit Fees and Encroachment Permit Fees for event participants (estimated \$900); 6) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for this event; and 7) 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. **This Item was approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.18. (F.7.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CALIFORNIA LGBTQ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S LGBTQ PROCUREMENT SUMMIT [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring California LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce's LGBTQ Procurement Summit, taking place on Wednesday, January 28, through Thursday, January 29, 2026 at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the co-sponsorship of California LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce's LGBTQ Procurement Summit at Fiesta Hall on Wednesday, January 28 through January 29, 2026 at 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 California LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$10,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event and

increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount; 4) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate up to \$10,000 from Fiscal Year 2026 funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the event; 5) Approved the use of Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park, waive any Facility Use Fees, Encroachment Permit Fees, and the 3-hour parking limit at the Plummer Park parking lot for event participants, and any other ancillary City permits that may be required for the event (estimated \$2,508); 6) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for this event; and 7) Direct the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the California LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce's LGBTQ Procurement Summit, including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.19. (F.8.) INCREASE TO ENHANCED SERVICES PROGRAM: BIOHAZARD SANITATION CLEANING [D. HANG, J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop a six-month pilot program to increase the City's Enhanced Services Program to include biohazard sanitation cleaning services on private property.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a six-month pilot program to increase the City's Enhanced Services Program to include biohazard sanitation cleaning services in doorways, alleys, and areas directly adjacent to private properties; 2) Near the end of the six-month pilot program, staff will return to Council with an evaluation of the program, including stakeholder feedback; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$35,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account 100-1-01-00-531001 and increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount; and 4) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to approve the use of \$35,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with the pilot program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C.1. REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SPA 25-0001 TO THE SUNSET BOULEVARD OFF-SITE SIGNAGE POLICY AND ADOPT THE CEQA ADDENDUM TO THE 2019 NEGATIVE DECLARATION [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, J. DAVIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will review minor amendments to Chapter 8 of the Sunset Specific Plan (SSP), which is the Billboards & Arts Advertising chapter of the SSP. This Chapter has more commonly been referred to as the Sunset Boulevard Off-Site Signage Policy ("Policy") and governs all off-site signage along Sunset Boulevard. The CEQA analysis for these amendments is an addendum to the 2019 Initial Study/Negative

Declaration (ND) which was prepared and adopted for the original Policy. This addendum to the ND includes the required analysis for any environmental impacts for the minor amendments to the Sunset Specific Plan and will meet the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements associated with the amendments to the Policy.

Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales noted the Public Hearing was noticed as required by law.

Community Development Director Nick Marichich, Assistant Director of Community Development Jennifer Alkire introduced Senior Planner Jennifer Davis who provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 3, 2025.

The following speakers provided Public Comment:

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the billboard proposal, questioning the consultant's findings on sign orientation, the validity of the traffic safety study comparisons, and the prioritization of billboard revenue over public safety and neighborhood impacts.

AARON GREEN, on behalf of AFRIAT CONSULTING GROUP, spoke in support of the policy amendment, praising staff for their thorough, thoughtful, and transparent work, noting that the amendments refine guidelines for existing applications and help pending projects move forward responsibly.

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

A lengthy discussion ensued with clarifying questions and answers between the City Council, staff, and consultants. The City Council expressed support for the proposed amendments to billboard regulations, emphasizing that the changes would improve lighting standards and orient billboards away from Sunset Boulevard and residents, addressing public concerns. They highlighted that the amendments represent an improvement over current practices but raised caution regarding full-motion billboards and potential environmental and traffic safety impacts, noting limitations in the CEQA analysis. Direction to staff, included, proceeding with amendments to billboard lighting standards, with stricter lighting requirements and orientation away from Sunset Boulevard to minimize impacts on nearby residents. Councilmembers expressed general support while noting concerns regarding CEQA review, potential traffic safety impacts, and wildlife effects. Staff clarified that operational issues, such as minimizing obstruction of existing or proposed billboards, would be addressed through the review process, and projects would continue to be coordinated with the Sunset Arts and Advertising

Subcommittee. Additionally, the City Council requested that staff provide notice to impacted residents via a mass mailer.

ACTION: Adopted Resolution No. 25-073: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT SPA25-0001, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 (BILLBOARDS AND ART ADVERTISING), SECTION 5 (LIGHTING AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS), SECTION 6 (ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING), AND SECTION 9 (DEFINITIONS) OF THE SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN AND ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT GUIDELINES SECTIONS 15162 AND 15164” including the amendments to make lighting standards stricter and require billboards to be oriented away from residents and toward Sunset Boulevard. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (5/0), noting that Councilmember Meister did not support the CEQA analysis for 1.5 and 2.0 of the billboard program.**

D. LEGISLATIVE: None.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

E.1. REQUEST TO INSTALL A PLAQUE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE DISAPPEARED BY ICE UNDER THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION [L. MEISTER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Staff to follow the City’s Memorials, Tribute Trees, and Plaques Policy Guideline to review a request to install a plaque in remembrance of those disappeared by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under the Trump administration.

The City Council expressed support for the intent but emphasized the need for broader community input, particularly from organizations and families directly impacted by ICE enforcement. Concerns were raised about prioritizing resources for immediate community needs, such as legal services and rent assistance, versus a commemorative plaque. The Council agreed the proposal should follow the City’s public memorial process, allowing community engagement and consideration of alternative or ongoing recognition methods, such as an annual program, before any action or funding is committed. Councilmembers suggested the car wash as a possible commemorative location.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to follow the procedure as outlined in the City’s Memorials, Tribute Trees and Plaques Policy Guideline to review a request to install a plaque in remembrance of those disappeared by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under the Trump administration; 2) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology

Services to allocate \$1,030 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the Special Council Programs Account 100-1-01-00-531001 and increase the budget for Special Council Programs by the same amount; and 3) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to approve the use of \$5,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with purchase and installation. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

E.2. RECONCEPTUALIZATION AND RESTORATION OF A MUSIC FESTIVAL ON THE SUNSET STRIP [J. HEILMAN, D. HANG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the City Manager, or their designee, to enter into negotiations with qualified music festival promoters that have established connections to the Sunset Strip music venues to develop a proposal for a music festival concept on the Sunset Strip in fall 2026.

Mayor Byers introduced the Item.

The following speaker provided public comment in Council Chambers:

KODY CHRISTIANSEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

The following speaker provided public comment via Zoom:

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, on behalf of the SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, spoke in support of the Item.

The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the Item: Victor Omelczenko, West Hollywood

Vice Mayor Heilman emphasized that the agenda item involved not only the restoration of the Sunset Strip Music Festival but also a broader series of events aimed at revitalizing the area, potentially including a New Year's Eve celebration and events honoring music industry icons with deep connections to the Sunset Strip. Community involvement, alongside business participation, was highlighted as essential. Councilmembers discussed logistics, including the City's role in coordinating with independent event producers who would manage the festival and ticket sales, while the city would provide infrastructure support such as stages and street closures. Timeline considerations were raised, noting that negotiations with producers could take two to three months, with Council ratification expected ideally by late December or early January. Several Councilmembers expressed cautious support, while recognizing that the festival alone cannot fully revitalize Sunset Strip or save all businesses, they noted the potential to bring attention and economic activity to the

area. Concerns were also raised regarding staff capacity, the pressure of expedited timelines, and the need to balance urgent projects with long-term strategic priorities. Overall, the discussion concluded with a shared commitment to the festival's intent and excitement for its potential impact, tempered by awareness of practical challenges in implementation.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed the City Manager, or their designee, to meet with qualified music festival promoters that have established connections to the Sunset Strip music venues to develop a proposal for a series of events on Sunset Boulevard culminating with a music festival in the fall of 2026; 2) Directed staff to evaluate the use of billboards to publicize events and generate the City's financial contribution to a new music festival on the Sunset Strip; and 3) Directed staff to develop a proposal for direct financial support from the City for infrastructure, such as street closures, and public safety for the event. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (5/0).**

E.3. REMOVING INFRASTRUCTURE ROADBLOCKS [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Staff to develop standardized timelines and protocols for infrastructure projects – including the establishment of community engagement standards and streamlining of Commission and Council approval processes – to eliminate barriers and expedite project completion.

Councilmember Erickson provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 3, 2025.

The following speakers provided public comment:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to express concern about Recommendation 4.

EDD HOLMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to express concern about Recommendation 4.

KYLE BRAZEAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to express concern about Recommendation 4.

NICK RENTERIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to express support of the Item.

KIMBERLY WINNICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

ANDREW SOLOMON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various projects in the City, and the length of time that they take to move forward.

MICHAEL SELDITCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

ANITA GOSWANI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

RICHARD GIESBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item.

The following individuals submitted Citizen Position Slips in opposition to the Item: Kimberly Winnick, West Hollywood and Judson Feder, West Hollywood

The City Council discussed how to handle infrastructure projects, emphasizing the need for clarity, flexibility, and public engagement. They expressed concern about applying standardized protocols to all projects, noting that each project, such as a street widening versus a public art installation, has unique requirements. Instead, it was proposed that for each project, staff should present a proposed timeline, phased plan, and a community engagement strategy at the outset, allowing the public to understand the process while preserving flexibility for project-specific circumstances. On the topic of safe streets, the City Council highlighted that routine maintenance is an essential part of ensuring street safety and agreed that projects should prioritize public safety improvements while continuing routine maintenance where applicable. Regarding staff-approved contract thresholds, they cautioned against granting excessive authority due to the risk of misusing public funds but agreed to review the thresholds for consistency with those of other cities. The discussion also underscored the importance of clear community engagement, with plans communicated upfront using tools such as mailers or door hangers, to prevent confusion when projects undergo multiple phases or require approvals. Ultimately, the Council agreed to move forward with recommendations to include project-specific timelines and community engagement strategies for all infrastructure projects, prioritize both public safety and routine maintenance improvements, have staff return with recommendations on contract thresholds in the first quarter, and table other recommendations pending forthcoming state legislation. Throughout, the emphasis remained on maintaining flexibility, transparency, and clear communication with the public while ensuring Council oversight of significant projects and contracts.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to remove all proposed four-fifths supermajority voting requirements from further consideration; 2) Directed staff to develop clearer and more transparent project delivery protocols, including: a) Providing project-specific timelines at the initiation of each new infrastructure or capital project, outlining major phases, anticipated milestones, and expected decision points; b) Incorporating a defined community engagement plan for each project that identifies the scope, timing, and methods of public input; and c) Improving project tracking and communication tools, including refinements to the City's project dashboard; 3) Directed staff to evaluate opportunities to streamline and enhance commission review processes, including exploring joint or coordinated review between relevant commissions, particularly the Transportation and Public Safety Commissions, when appropriate for infrastructure or mobility-related items. 4) Directed staff to review and consider administrative process improvements, such as adjustments to signature authority thresholds or workload distribution, to support more efficient project delivery without reducing public input; and 5) Directed staff to report back in the first quarter of 2026 with updates on Recommendations #1, #2, #3, and #4. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

***The City Council took a recess at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:09 p.m.*

E.4. ADVISORY BOARD MEETING FREQUENCY UPDATE [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider implementing a one-year pilot program beginning January 2026 to assess meeting frequency for the City's Advisory Boards. A modified monthly schedule (approximately 10 meetings per year), allowing Boards to skip one or two months as appropriate to their workload. The program is intended to balance efficient staff and Board operations with continued opportunities for public engagement and policy development. Staff will evaluate the pilot throughout 2026 and return to the City Council with findings and recommendations at year-end.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION – RECOMMENDED UPDATES TO THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING ORDINANCE [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS, M. MONTENEGRO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an overview of a proposed Inclusionary Housing Ordinance ("IHO") update, a key implementation program of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element. The report presents

findings from the recent economic feasibility study (ATTACHMENT A) and staff's recommended policy changes designed to better coordinate the IHO with State Density Bonus Law (SDBL), improve consistency with State income limits, and strengthen affordable housing production citywide. Staff requests that the City Council provide policy direction to update the City's local Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

Director of Community Development Nick Maricich along with Long Range Planning Manager Francisco Contreras introduced Associate Planner Michelle Montenegro who presented the staff report.

The following speakers provided public comment:

ANDREW SOLOMON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of aligning local income limits with state limits to simplify administration, but cautioned that there is insufficient data to evaluate the proposed ordinance, noting that Option D would increase costs for small projects, potentially reduce affordable housing production, and primarily benefit luxury units, noting that additional study on inclusionary levels was needed.

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support for addressing housing issues but urged the Council to delay policy decisions until staff provides more clarity on the complex ZIP program, including all its elements, to ensure informed decision-making.

JACOB PIERCE, ON BEHALF OF ABUNDANT HOUSING LA, spoke regarding supporting housing for all income levels, advocating for more affordable and senior housing, cautioning against policies that hinder small-scale projects, and urging staff to analyze ways to meet West Hollywood's housing goals while aligning affordability rules with state law.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and praised the City's long-standing commitment to inclusionary housing, noted the net loss of rent-stabilized units despite new developments, and expressed support for increasing inclusionary units in both small and larger projects.

The following individuals submitted Citizen Slips in support of the Item:

Cathy Blaivas, West Hollywood, Stephanie Harker, West Hollywood, Virginia Gillick, West Hollywood, Michael Selditch, West Hollywood, Edd Holman, West Hollywood.

The City Council focused on the challenges and complexities of implementing inclusionary zoning in West Hollywood. Several Councilmembers highlighted the difficulty of developing affordable housing

due to high construction costs, tight housing supply, and financial constraints in the market. One concern raised was that 100% affordable housing projects are struggling to move forward, with some projects still not started despite approval. Councilmembers discussed the small number of multi-unit projects being built, noting that most new developments come from smaller, often local, developers rather than large corporations. There was a shared consensus that more analysis and additional scenarios are needed to make inclusionary zoning financially feasible for a broader population, particularly for smaller projects of 10 units or fewer. Some Councilmembers emphasized that inclusionary zoning does not directly increase rents on existing units and that state incentives may pose a greater risk to rent-stabilized units. Overall, Councilmembers agreed that the goal is to balance the creation of affordable housing with market realities without hindering new development. They recommended further study and exploration of financial tools and options before making final decisions, while some minor adjustments, such as aligning income thresholds with state law, could be implemented immediately.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to align and update the City's income schedules to the income schedules released by the California's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and 2) Directed staff to conduct a study session with Council, the City's housing consultants, and additional housing-policy research groups (e.g., Turner Center, Luskin Center) to present feasibility findings and prepare: a. Additional financial modeling and feasibility analysis, including alternative income-mix scenarios that could yield lower required market-rate rents, b. Additional analysis of feasibility for small projects (≤ 10 units) and effects of a must-build requirement, c. Evaluation of application and feasibility in commercial versus residential zones, and d. Further study of conversion of non-habitable spaces (e.g., storage or parking areas) to habitable units, including potential in-lieu-fee applicability; e. Assessment of impacts on existing rent-stabilized housing. **Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved (5/0).**

F.2. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ALFARO COMMUNICATIONS CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO CONSTRUCT CIP 2508, TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUNTAIN AVENUE AND LA BREA AVENUE [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a Construction Agreement with Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. to construct CIP 2508, Traffic Signal Improvements at Fountain Avenue and La Brea Avenue.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.3. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN MELROSE AVENUE & BEVERLY BOULEVARD, LEFT TURN MOVEMENT STUDY [J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND]:

SUBJECT: The Council will review and provide feedback on the San Vicente Blvd Study.

The following speaker provided public comment:

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item and urged the City to focus on addressing speeding on San Vicente instead of prohibiting eastbound left turns, suggesting any changes be temporary if implemented.

The Council's discussion focused on implementing left-turn restrictions on San Vicente to improve safety following a series of accidents, emphasizing that these are minor infrastructure changes that do not require extensive studies or major roadway reconfigurations. Councilmembers agreed that the restrictions are necessary but acknowledged that it would require residents to adjust their travel routes, particularly those living on the east side of the street. Several Councilmembers proposed a pilot approach, using temporary measures such as bollards, paint, and signal adjustments, allowing for adjustments if problems arise. There was also discussion about lifting the existing 4–7 p.m. left-turn restriction at Rosewood to allow U-turns closer to homes, reducing neighborhood traffic congestion. Additionally, the City Council emphasized the importance of public engagement, suggesting targeted mailers to affected streets rather than a Citywide notice for residents impacted by the traffic changes. Overall, the Council reached consensus to proceed with a pilot program incorporating the left-turn restrictions, Rosewood adjustments, and community notification.

ACTION: Directed staff to proceed with the Alternative 1A Improvement (prohibiting eastbound left turns via signage, pavement markings, and bollards). **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Vice Mayor Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

F.4. STREAMLINING BUSINESS PERMITTING AND SIGNAGE REGULATIONS [J. ERICKSON, D. HANG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to review the City's existing business permitting process to identify ways to make it more efficient and responsive. The review would include evaluating current tenant improvement processes and signage regulations to ensure the approval process is streamlined and expeditious, while upholding safety and design standards.

Councilmember Erickson introduced the item and provided background information. Councilmember Hang provided additional comments and reasons for adding this item to the draft agenda.

The following speaker provided public comment via Zoom:

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

The following individual submitted a Citizen Position Slip in support of the Item: Victor Omelczenko, West Hollywood.

The City Council expressed strong support for streamlining City processes to make it easier and faster for businesses to operate, emphasizing that delays not only cost businesses but also result in lost City revenue. They recognized the important work staff already do to assist businesses and manage complex projects, while noting that regulations like signage rules serve valid purposes and should be carefully considered. Councilmembers suggested reviewing past initiatives to prioritize and align efforts, and stressed the need for clear, transparent processes so businesses know exactly what is required without having to repeatedly contact officials. Overall, the discussion framed efficiency as crucial for supporting the local economy, reducing burdens on staff and Council, and continuing the City's ongoing small business initiatives, while encouraging thoughtful improvements that maintain public safety and community standards.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to conduct a review of the City's business permitting process and identify opportunities to streamline and expedite approvals, including tenant improvement processes and business signage regulations, and to evaluate potential updates to the City's sign ordinance to ensure they align with current business needs and City standards; and 2) Directed staff to return to the City Council during FY27 with recommendations to streamline and modernize the City's business permitting process, including proposed updates to the sign ordinance, to help support and encourage businesses opening in West Hollywood.
Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, and approved (5/0).

F.5. CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH EMERALD VILLAGE WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR A CANNABIS-FOCUSED SYMPOSIUM AND SCREENING [D. HANG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with West Hollywood Tourism Marketing Fund DBA Emerald Village West Hollywood for a Cannabis-Focused Symposium and Screening, taking place on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the City's Council Chambers.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

- F.6. CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH LARCHMONT CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ITS WORLD FAIR EVENT [J. ERICKSON]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with Larchmont Charter School for its World Fair event, taking place on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at the Fairfax campus located in West Hollywood.
ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.
- F.7. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CALIFORNIA LGBTQ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S LGBTQ PROCUREMENT SUMMIT [J. ERICKSON]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring California LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce's LGBTQ Procurement Summit, taking place on Wednesday, January 28, through Thursday, January 29, 2026 at Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall.
ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.
- F.8. INCREASE TO ENHANCED SERVICES PROGRAM: BIOHAZARD SANITATION CLEANING [D. HANG, J. ERICKSON]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop a six-month pilot program to increase the City's Enhanced Services Program to include biohazard sanitation cleaning services on private property.
ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.
- F.9. CONTINUED EXPLORATION OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RESTROOMS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PUBLIC RESTROOM PILOT PROGRAM [D. HANG]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing Staff to continue to explore and evaluate options for additional public restrooms in West Hollywood, including the implementation of a pilot program using modern public restroom technology.

Councilmember Hang provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 3, 2025.

The following speaker provided public comment:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

The City Council discussed expanding public restrooms, focusing on a pilot program in mid-city areas. Councilmembers noted that renovations at Plummer Park should be completed first before reassessing broader community needs. Supporters emphasized that additional restrooms would benefit not only unhoused individuals but also delivery drivers, restaurant patrons, and the general public, highlighting self-contained, self-cleaning restroom pods with security measures. Some expressed

concern that the restrooms might not fully address issues like public urination near businesses and could attract unintended use. The Council also discussed process considerations, including periodic check-ins before implementation, cost-effectiveness, proper vendor selection, and technical access options for models like the “Throne” restroom. Overall, the discussion struck a balance between community needs, safety, and practical implementation, with general support for exploring a pilot program while reserving detailed planning for staff.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed Staff to explore and evaluate options for additional public restrooms in West Hollywood, including the implementation of a pilot program to install a smart public restroom in the mid-City area of West Hollywood that is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and 2) Return to City Council with the proposed details for the pilot program and a request for funding. **Motion by Mayor Byers, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (4/1), noting the “no” vote of Vice Mayor Heilman.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.13. MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY [H. COLLINS, P. TICUN, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive and consider the recommendations by the LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission regarding a City Council Directive to install a memorial for the individual lives lost to suicide in the LGBTQ+ community at a park space in West Hollywood.

The City Council discussion centered on whether to create a physical memorial for suicide prevention in the LGBT community or to allocate funds toward ongoing prevention programs. Concerns were raised about the cost, the permanence of a physical memorial, and whether it would be effectively appreciated. They emphasized that any memorial should be paired with accessible resources for those at risk. The discussion explored alternatives such as virtual memorials or televised recognition events that could provide ongoing support and information, similar to annual awareness events. The Council ultimately agreed to move forward with the project, while also considering virtual or resource-linked memorial options to emphasize both recognition and education.

ACTIONS: 1) Accepted the recommendation of the LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission as a framework for how to proceed with the City Council Directive to install a virtual memorial for the individual lives lost to suicide in the LGBTQ+ community at a park space in West Hollywood; and 2) Directed staff to include this project, for the LGBTQ+ Suicide Monument, in the next Five-Year Capital Plan which will be considered and approved by City Council in Spring/Summer

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2026. Motion by Vice Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Hang, and approved (5/0).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Hang noted his attendance at various community events, including the Halloween Carnival, for which he thanked staff for their outstanding work. He recognized November as National Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month and wished Councilmember Meister a speedy recovery.

Councilmember Erickson reminded everyone to vote tomorrow. He congratulated Mayor Byers on being named Young Democrat of the Year and thanked staff and his colleagues for various items on tonight's agenda.

Councilmember Meister thanked her colleagues and the community for their support while she recovers from an eye condition and shared information on various upcoming meetings and events in the City.

Vice Mayor Heilman noted his attendance at various community events, as well as hosting a group of Loyola students learning about WeHo's history. He, too, commended staff for another special Halloween Carnival.

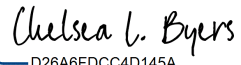
Mayor Byers reminded everyone to vote and shared information on various City events. She acknowledged that the City raised the Intersex Pride flag on Intersex Awareness Day, cautioned pet owners about coyote sightings, and emphasized the importance of supporting our neighbors through local food banks during this challenging time.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:26 p.m. in memory of Michael Mealiffe, Curtis Brown, Anthony Duarte, and Anwar Zraikat to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, November 17, 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 17th day of November 2025, by the following vote:

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

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CHELSEA LEE BYERS, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

 MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK