

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – 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 Heilman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Larchmont Charter School students William and Grayson Brodsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Jackie Rocco, 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 5:30 p.m. to discuss the one (1) item listed on the posted agenda and noted that no members of the public provided public comment. The City Council took no reportable action and adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- The City Council requested that Items F.3. and F.4. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items B.18. and B.19., respectively.
- Agenda Item B.9. was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Byers, and approved (5/0).

LEVINE ACT DISCLOSURES: None.

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ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Brother Robert Lavelle.

Councilmember Meister requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Alex Pretti.

Mayor Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kim Vo.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council presented a Proclamation in recognition of February as American Heart Month to Bryan Lopez on behalf of the American Heart Association.

The City Council presented William and Grayson Brodsky with Certificates for leading tonight's pledge of allegiance.

The City Council presented Genevieve Morrill with a Proclamation in recognition of her years of service as the President/CEO of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

The City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to CEO Richard Ayoub of Project Angel Food as well as a \$1,000 donation from Mayor Heilman.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following speakers provided public comment in Council Chambers:

TIFFANY HOUSE, on behalf of PATHWAYS LA, thanked the Human Services Commission and City Council for prioritizing and investing in early childhood education and spoke in support of Agenda Item B.5.

GREG RANG, on behalf of the WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGN DISTRICT, thanked the City Council for supporting art and culture in the City and spoke in support of Agenda Item B.11.

KEN SANCHEZ, on behalf of the WEST HOLLYWOOD SOCCER CLUB, spoke in support of Agenda Item F.5.

LIAM CONWAY, on behalf of the WEST HOLLYWOOD RUN CLUB, spoke in support of Agenda Item F.5.

GARRETT SZAFMAN, on behalf of the WEST HOLLYWOOD SOCCER CLUB, spoke in support of Agenda Item F.5.

JAMIE KENNERK, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Agenda Item F.5.

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TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the lasting impact of AIDS on him and others in the community. He invited the community to honor those lost to AIDS by gathering at the AIDS Memorial on Valentine's Day.

JUSTIN OKIN, on behalf of ROGUE MACHINE THEATRE, spoke about the nonprofit's award-winning LGBTQ-centered productions and invited West Hollywood residents to attend.

ANTHONY DEVGENIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to suggest a pilot program to mentor members of the Latin community on how to start and operate their own cart business.

LYN ETCETERA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding speaking points for the Councilmembers up for re-election in November 2026.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for highlighting aging and the loss of federal funds for those programs. He praised the West Hollywood Aquatic Center and expressed gratitude for being supported to represent the City in Sacramento.

MIKE CARTER, on behalf of WEHO OWLS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, spoke regarding concerns with the 7811 project's public notices, environmental review, safety, and impacts on the Ogden and Orange Grove neighborhoods; and requested that the Planning Commission apply strict due diligence.

JESI HARRIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for adding green bike lanes in the City to improve cyclist visibility and safety, especially at intersections on behalf of the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition.

MICHAELLA SAINT, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding sidewalk vending permitting challenges that she experienced and asked the City Council to support a pilot program to create workable operating options for licensed vendors during nightlife hours.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about improving ADA accessibility by providing ASL interpreters at all televised meetings, noting that captions are inaccurate and that deaf residents should not have to make special requests for full inclusion.

HELEN KRIEGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for the green-painted bike lanes, emphasizing that the increased visibility helps prevent collisions and encourages drivers to watch for cyclists when parking or changing lanes.

The following speakers provided public comment via ZOOM:

KYLE BRAZEAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed concerns about the use of public funds delineated in Agenda Item F.5. and suggested that the City clarify the program structure and ensure funds are used appropriately.

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ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in solidarity with victims in Minneapolis, in support of human rights, and thanked the City Council for protecting freedom of speech.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Jackie Rocco provided an update on the West Hollywood Park lighting replacement project. She acknowledged resident concerns about the planned removal of infested Tipu trees, so Staff is planning a community meeting in the coming weeks to listen and discuss next steps. In addition, she announced that the restaurant grant program will launch on February 5 offering eligible West Hollywood restaurants up to \$12,500, with more details available on the City’s website. Finally, City Manager Rocco addressed community concerns related to recent federal immigration operations, assuring residents that the City is supporting immigrant communities through direct services, multilingual Know-Your-Rights information, legal action, and advocacy.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Melissa Crowder stated that the fiscal impact on tonight’s Consent Calendar, with the addition of Items F.3. and F.4. and the exclusion of Item B.9., was \$595,110 in expenditures, \$9,500 in revenue, and (\$10,000) in waived fees.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.1.,2.,3.,4.,5.,6.,7.,8.,10.,11.,12.,13.,14.,15.,16.,17.,18.,19. Motion by Councilmember Byers, seconded by Vice Mayor Hang, and approved (5/0) noting Councilmember Meister’s “no” votes on Items B.7. and B.8. and Councilmember Erickson’s “recusals” on Items B.7. and B.8.

B.1. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, February 2, 2026, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the Aquatics & Recreation Center (ARC) on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

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

B.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of the prior Council meeting.

ACTION: Approved the minutes of January 20, 2026. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.3. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 985 [O. JONES, K. BARENG, Y. MARTINEZ]:

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

ACTION: Approved Demand Register No. 985 and adopted Resolution No. 26-006. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.4. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, Y. ZHOSAN]:
SUBJECT: The City Council is receiving notification that the City's third-party administrator Carl Warren & Co. has denied two (2) Claims for Damages from Samantha Allen and Uline Inc.

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 Human Services Commission, the Rent Stabilization Commission, and the Women's Advisory Board regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

B.6. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-01 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 10.08.240 (WEST HOLLYWOOD PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 9) OF CHAPTER 10.08 (PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS), TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPLEMENTING DISTRICT 9 PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS ON THE 1000 BLOCK OF ALFRED STREET BETWEEN SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES/WEST HOLLYWOOD BORDER, NORTH OF ROMAINE STREET" [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 26-01, amending Section 10.08.240 (West Hollywood Preferential Parking District No.9) of Chapter 10.08 (Preferential Parking Districts), Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code, implementing District 9 preferential parking regulation on the 1000 block of Alfred Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and the City of Los Angeles/West Hollywood border, northeast of Romaine Street.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 26-01: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 10.08.240 (WEST HOLLYWOOD PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 9) OF CHAPTER 10.08 (PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS), TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPLEMENTING DISTRICT 9 PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS ON THE 1000 BLOCK OF ALFRED STREET BETWEEN SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES/WEST HOLLYWOOD BORDER, NORTH OF ROMAINE STREET". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- B.7. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-02 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT 9200 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 26-02, approving a development agreement in conjunction with the new off-site advertising billboard and site improvements at 9200 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 26-02: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT 9200 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting Councilmember Meister's “no” vote and Councilmember Erickson’s recusal.**

- B.8. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-03 (2ND READING) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT 9200 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA” [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 26-03, approving a zoning map amendment in conjunction with the new off-site advertising billboard and site improvements at 9200 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

ACTION: Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 26-03: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW OFF-SITE ADVERTISING BILLBOARD AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT 9200 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting Councilmember Meister's “no” vote and Councilmember Erickson’s recusal.**

- B.9. QUARTERLY ECONOMIC DATA AND ECONOMIC STUDY UPDATE [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. D’AMBROSIA]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the City’s Economic Data and progress on the 2024 Economic Study action items.

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

B.10. ADOPT AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S TITLE VI COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS [H. COLLINS, T. FUHRER, C. VASQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will approve and adopt the attached "Title VI Plan Update" for the City's Transportation Programs.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved and adopted the Title VI Plan Update, effective March 1, 2026; and 2) Directed staff to submit the attached Title VI Plan Update to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), as required, and to implement the associated program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.11. 2026 WEST HOLLYWOOD ART WALK [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. D'AMBROSIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the waiver of Parking Meter Fees and Encroachment Permit Fees in conjunction with a Special Event Permit for City businesses participating in the 2026 West Hollywood Art Walk, which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026.

ACTION: Approved the waiver of Parking Meter and Encroachment Permit fees in conjunction with a Special Event Permit for City businesses participating in the 2026 West Hollywood Art Walk to activate their businesses on Saturday, February 28, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in waived fees. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.12. AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WITH THE CODE GROUP, RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY, KIMELY-HORN & ASSOCIATES, INC., RINCON CONSULTANTS INC., AND WILLDAN ENGINEERING [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, S. QURESHY, F. CONTRERAS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of agreements for Professional Services with The Code Group, Rick Engineering Company, Kimely-Horn & Associates, Inc. Rincon Consultants Inc., and Willdan Engineering, to establish a bench of firms that can provide temporary planning staff services on an "as-needed" basis.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Agreements for Professional Services with The Code Group, Rick Engineering Company, Kimely-Horn & Associates, Inc. Rincon Consultants Inc., and Willdan Engineering, each in a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 per fiscal year for temporary planning staff services on an "as-needed" basis; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.13. INCREASE 2026 FISCAL YEAR AUTHORIZATION AMOUNT ON SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #010101 WITH CDW [O. JONES, E. TSIPIIS, K. DEVINE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing the increase of the 2026 Fiscal Year Authorization amount on Sourcewell Contract #010101 by an additional \$150,000 for a new total of \$1,050,000.

ACTIONS: 1) Increased the 2026 Fiscal Year Authorization Amount of Sourcewell Contract #010101 by an additional \$150,000 for a new total of \$1,050,000; and 2) Authorized the Information Technology division to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$109,744.59 for our annual Arctic Wolf Cyber Security renewal. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.14. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH RALPH ANDERSEN AND ASSOCIATES FOR MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENTS [J. JIMENEZ, R. NAPPER, C. LEUNG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider amending the agreement for services with Ralph Andersen and Associates to modify the scope of services and increase the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement to provide recruitment services for professional, management, and executive level positions.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Ralph Andersen and Associates to modify the scope of services and increase the amount of the agreement by \$40,500, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$84,000; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute the documents incident to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.15. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH ELECNOR BELCO ELECTRIC TO CONSTRUCT CIP LA BREA AVENUE PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, CIP 2601 [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR, R. GARLAND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a Construction Agreement with Elecnor Belco Electric to construct CIP 2601, La Brea Avenue Pedestrian Lighting Improvement Project.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Construction Agreement with Elecnor Belco Electric, in the amount of \$248,888.00 for the construction of CIP 2601, La Brea Avenue Pedestrian Lighting Improvement Project, 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% (\$62,222.00) of the total Agreement amount; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 26-007: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 2601, LA BREA AVENUE PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.16. ACCEPT AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES ALONG THE PALM AVENUE FRONTAGE OF THE WESTWOOD PROPERTY VENTURES, LLC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 923 PALM AVENUE [H. COLLINS, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider accepting an easement and right of way for street and sidewalk purposes along the Palm Avenue frontage of the Westwood Property Ventures, LLC development project located at 923 Palm Avenue. This item is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), acceptance of the Grant of Easement for Public Sidewalk and Parkway Purposes pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 and 15305.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 26-008: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ACCEPTING GRANT OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND PARKWAY PURPOSES AT 923 PALM AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"; and 2) Directed the City Clerk to submit a certified copy of Resolution No. 26-008, as well as the Easement in Exhibit A of Attachment A for recordation by the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.17. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO MODIFY THE TERM OF THE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PLAN OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. D'AMBROSIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council of the City of West Hollywood (City) will consider adopting a Resolution declaring its intention to modify the term of the West Hollywood Tourism Improvement District's (WeHoTID) Management District Plan (Plan), and setting the time and place of a public hearing to consider the modification of the WeHoTID Plan.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 26-009: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO MODIFY THE TERM OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S (WEHOTID) MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PLAN, AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF"; and 2) Directed Staff to publish a notice notifying the public that the City Council will conduct a public hearing on February 17, 2026, on the modification of the WeHoTID Plan. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B.18. (F.3.) SPONSORSHIP OF A KEYNOTE EVENT FEATURING ELIAS JAHSHAN AS PART OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKERS SERIES [C. BYERS, D. HANG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a keynote event featuring Elias Jahshan, editor of two anthologies by LGBTQ+ Arab Writers: This Arab is Queer and This Queer Arab Family. Elias Jahshan will discuss his expertise in queer Arab experiences, storytelling, and human rights.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the sponsorship of a keynote event featuring Elias Jahshan as part of the Human Rights Speakers Series; 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute all

documents incident to the Agreement for Services with the keynote speaker in an amount not to exceed \$5,500; 3) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for the event; and 4) 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.19. (F.4.) SPONSORSHIP OF AN OLDER ADULT ART SHOWCASE AS PART OF OLDER ADULTS MONTH [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct staff to partner with the Older Adult Advisory Board to organize an art showcase in May 2026, during Older Adults Month, providing older adults with an opportunity to showcase their creative works.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to partner with the Older Adult Advisory Board to organize an Older Adult Art Showcase in May 2026; 2) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials for this event; 3) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the showcase including, but not limited to, the City's website, a press release, and social media tools; 4) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from unallocated General Fund reserves to the FY 26 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; and 5) 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. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

C.1. ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 25-26 (2ND READING) "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 33 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING

CODE, EDITION 2025; ADD THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, EDITION 2025; MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, AND 13.24, 13.26 AND 13.44 OF TITLE 13 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT” [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Ordinance No. 25-26, adopting by reference Title 26 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Building Code, 2025 edition; Title 27 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Electrical Code 2025 edition; Title 28 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Plumbing Code, 2025 edition; Title 29 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Mechanical Code, 2025 edition; Title 30 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Residential Code 205 edition; Title 31 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Green Buildings Standards Code, 2025 edition; Title 33 of the Los Angeles County Code, incorporating the California Existing Building Code, edition 2025; add the California Historical Building Code, edition 2025; making amendments to said codes; amending Chapters 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, and 13.24, 13.26 and 13.44 of Title 13 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code; and finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Mayor Heilman opened the public hearing.

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

There were no speakers wishing to speak.

Mayor Heilman closed the public hearing.

City Clerk Melissa Crowder read the title of the ordinance into the record.

ACTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 25-26: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE,

INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, 2025 EDITION; TITLE 33 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE, EDITION 2025; ADD THE CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE, EDITION 2025; MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, AND 13.24, 13.26 AND 13.44 OF TITLE 13 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.” **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Byers, and approved (5/0).**

D. LEGISLATIVE: None.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

F.1. APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AS DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, COMMITTEES, CONFERENCES, AND CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider appointments as delegates and alternates to various organizations, committees, and conferences. Additionally, the City Council will consider appointments to the various City Council Subcommittees.

ACTIONS: 1) Appointed Councilmembers as Delegates and Alternates to the following: A) Sanitation District No. 4 – Adopted Resolution No. 26-010: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4” – Appointed **Mayor Heilman** as the Delegate/Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Alternate Delegate; B) California Contract Cities Association – Appointed **Councilmember Erickson** as the Voting Delegate/Appointed **Vice Mayor Hang** as the Alternate Delegate; C) California Joint Powers Authority (CJPIA) – Appointed **Mayor Heilman** as the Attending Councilmember/Appointed **City Clerk Melissa Crowder** and **Senior Risk Management and Safety Analyst Stefanie Padilla** as the Alternate Delegates; D) Clean Power Alliance – Appointed **Councilmember Erickson** as the Director/Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Alternate Director; E) League of California Cities – Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Voting Delegate/Appointed **Vice Mayor Hang** as the Alternate Delegate; F) Los Angeles County City Selection Committee – Appointed **Mayor Heilman** as the Delegate/Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Alternate Delegate; G) National League of Cities – Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Delegate/Appointed **Vice Mayor Hang** as the Alternate Delegate; H)

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Council – Appointed **Councilmember Erickson** as the Delegate/No Alternate Delegate appointed; I) Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Delegate/Appointed **Councilmember Erickson** as the Alternate Delegate; J) Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) – Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Attending Member/Appointed **Mayor Heilman** as the Alternate; 2) Appointed Two (2) Councilmembers as Subcommittee Members to the following: A) Finance and Budget Subcommittee (Standing) – Appointed **Mayor Heilman** and **Vice Mayor Hang** as the attending members; B) West Hollywood Pride Subcommittee (Standing) – Appointed **Mayor Heilman** and **Vice Mayor Hang** as the attending members; C) Homelessness Subcommittee (Standing) appointed **Mayor Heilman** and **Councilmember Byers** as the attending members; D) Laurel House Project Subcommittee (Ad Hoc) Appointed **Councilmember Meister** and **Vice Mayor Hang** as the attending members; E) Plummer Park Project Subcommittee (Ad Hoc) appointed **Councilmember Erickson** and **Councilmember Mesiter** as the attending members ; F) Hart Park Phase II Improvements Subcommittee (Ad Hoc) appointed **Councilmember Meister** and **Vice Mayor Hang** as the attending members; G) San Vicente Streetscape Subcommittee (Ad Hoc) appointed **Councilmember Erickson** and **Councilmember Byers** as the attending members; H) Rent Stabilization Ordinance Subcommittee (Ad Hoc) appointed **Councilmember Byers** and **Mayor Heilman** as the attending members; 3) Appointed **Councilmember Byers** as the Liaison to Metro; and 4) Appointed **Mayor Heilman** as the Liaison to Mayors for Guaranteed Income. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hang, and approved (5/0).**

F.2. APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: Vice Mayor Hang will make direct appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Social Justice Advisory Board.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Hang appointed **Amy Zvi** to the Historic Preservation Commission and **Morgan Ramos** to the Social Justice Advisory Board for terms ending February 28, 2027.

F.3. SPONSORSHIP OF A KEYNOTE EVENT FEATURING ELIAS JAHSHAN AS PART OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKERS SERIES [C. BYERS, D. HANG]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider sponsoring a keynote event featuring Elias Jahshan, editor of two anthologies by LGBTQ+ Arab Writers: This Arab is Queer and This Queer Arab Family. Elias Jahshan will discuss his expertise in queer Arab experiences, storytelling, and human rights.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.4. SPONSORSHIP OF AN OLDER ADULT ART SHOWCASE AS PART OF OLDER ADULTS MONTH [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct staff to partner with the Older Adult Advisory Board to organize an art showcase in May 2026, during Older Adults Month, providing older adults with an opportunity to showcase their creative works.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

F.5. DIRECTION TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR WEST HOLLYWOOD SPORTS LEAGUES AND CLUBS [C. BYERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to develop and return with a framework for an annual grant program for West Hollywood-based sports leagues and clubs to support participation, competitions, and community-building activities.

Councilmember Byers provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2026.

The City Council expressed broad support for creating a structured grant program to partner with local sports organizations, emphasizing the important role these leagues play in promoting health, wellness, inclusivity, and community connection in West Hollywood. Councilmembers noted that many teams are closely tied to the City through their presence in local businesses, nightlife, and charitable giving, even if they sometimes play outside City limits due to limited facilities. At the same time, the Council raised key concerns that staff must address before implementation, including establishing a clear definition of what it means to be “West Hollywood-based” or “closely connected,” ensuring eligible organizations reflect and promote West Hollywood values, and determining whether applicants must be nonprofit entities to avoid issues related to gifts of public funds. Councilmembers also requested clarification on how grant funds may be used, particularly whether they can support travel or participation in out-of-town competitions and agreed that the initial proposed funding level of \$15,000 should be considered a minimum “floor,” with interest expressed in potentially increasing support up to \$30,000 depending on the number of qualifying organizations and staff recommendations. Ultimately, the City Council directed staff to return with proposed program parameters, eligibility criteria, and funding structure for further consideration.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to develop and return to the City Council with a framework for an annual grant program to support West Hollywood-based sports leagues and clubs, to be commenced as part of FY 2026-27 including the program parameters, eligibility criteria, and funding structure; and 2) Directed staff to increase the dollar amount threshold of the grants.

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

F.6. INTERFAITH LEADERS ROUNDTABLE [J. ERICKSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to create an Interfaith Leaders Roundtable of faith leaders in the West Hollywood community. The roundtable will meet once or twice a year to discuss topics of significance to the West Hollywood community, share resources, and build relationships with each other and the City.

The City Council expressed general support for establishing an interfaith leaders' roundtable to strengthen communication and collaboration between the City and local faith-based organizations. Councilmembers discussed the importance of clearly defining the group's purpose to ensure meaningful participation and avoid a loss of engagement over time. They noted that the roundtable could serve as a focused forum for sharing information about community needs, emergency preparedness, homelessness, and available city resources, as well as exploring potential partnerships. The City Council directed staff to move forward with creating the roundtable, incorporating discussion points on maintaining focus, clarifying expectations, and developing a structure that supports sustained involvement.

ACTION: Directed staff to move forward with creating an Interfaith Leaders Roundtable incorporating discussion points on maintaining focus, clarifying expectations, and developing a structure that supports sustained involvement. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Byers, and approved (5/0).**

F.7. DIRECTION TO REVIEW PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA AGREEMENTS AND PRACTICES [J. ERICKSON, C. BYERS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff to review the City's public safety camera program, including the current Agreement for Services with Flock Group d.b.a. Flock Safety, to ensure camera data is kept private and not shared with federal immigration enforcement agencies, and return to Council with recommendations for ensuring that public safety camera data and access is not shared with or used to assist federal immigration enforcement agencies.

Councilmember Erickson and Councilmember Byers provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2026.

The City Council discussed the City's use of Flock automated license plate reader cameras, considering heightened concerns over federal immigration enforcement and the potential misuse of surveillance data. Councilmembers acknowledged shared concerns over federal actions targeting immigrants and protesters, while differing on the appropriate

balance between public safety benefits and privacy risks. Some emphasized the importance of cameras as a tool to protect residents and help identify perpetrators of local crimes, cautioning against eliminating technology that supports community safety. Others raised serious concerns about Flock's data practices, the possibility of federal agencies gaining access through subpoenas or other means, and the broader risk of data being weaponized against vulnerable communities. They asked detailed questions about data retention, disclosure authority, whether information is or could be shared with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and whether alternative vendors exist with stronger privacy safeguards.

Ultimately, the City Council directed staff, working with the City Attorney and public safety officials, to review the City's agreement with Flock, evaluate protections to ensure camera data remains private and is not shared with federal immigration enforcement, explore stronger safeguards or alternative vendors, and return to Council with recommendations for next steps.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to review the current Agreement for Services with Flock Group d.b.a. Flock Safety and public safety camera practices; and 2) Return to Council within 30 days with recommendations for next steps, up to and including potentially terminating the contract, to ensure data is kept private and not shared with or used to assist federal immigration enforcement agencies. **Motion by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Vice Mayor Hang, and approved (5/0).**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

B.9. QUARTERLY ECONOMIC DATA AND ECONOMIC STUDY UPDATE [L. BIERY, P. KESPRADIT, L. D'AMBROSIA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the City's Economic Data and progress on the 2024 Economic Study action items.

Economic Development Director Laura Biery, along with Business Development Manager Paolo Kespradit and Business Development Analyst Laura D'Ambrosia, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2026.

The City Council discussed concerns about recent economic indicators, particularly the low hotel occupancy rates in December and January and the persistently high commercial vacancy along the Sunset Strip and East Side. Councilmembers questioned whether the downturn reflected broader regional trends or issues specific to West Hollywood and asked staff to provide additional historical and comparative data, including regional benchmarks such as the City of Los Angeles. Staff explained that January 2025 was an unusually low point, in part due to wildfire impacts, and noted

that winter months are typically slower because business travel declines, prompting discussion about how to attract more recreational tourism during holiday breaks. Staff also advised that Visit West Hollywood would present further strategies at the February 17 City Council meeting. Regarding commercial vacancies, Councilmembers expressed frustration with landlords holding out for higher-paying tenants despite long-term empty storefronts, raising concerns about high lease rates and the negative impact on the City's economic vitality. The Council further requested that future quarterly economic reports from staff include clearer restaurant-specific metrics, including baseline counts, openings, closures, and retention trends, especially as the City moves forward with targeted restaurant support programs.

The City Council approved the staff's recommendation with direction to incorporate the requested additional data, tourism strategies, and enhanced reporting metrics in future updates.

ACTIONS: 1) Received the report; and 2) Directed staff to incorporate the requested additional data, tourism strategies, and enhanced reporting metrics in future updates. **Motion by Vice Mayor Hang, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Byers reported her attendance at the California League of Cities Policy Committee meeting, where she serves as Vice Chair of the Transportation, Public Works, and Communications Committee and was appointed to a task force to review the committee's policy guidelines. She thanked volunteers and staff for the homeless count, recognized community participation in the Martin Luther King Day of Service, and highlighted upcoming Winter Sounds arts programming. Councilmember Byers noted that Metro will make key decisions this month on the San Vicente alignment and K-Line northern extension, encouraging residents to participate in related advocacy efforts, and closed by inviting the community to use Valentine's Day as an opportunity for kindness and support for one another.

Councilmember Meister reminded residents about a virtual neighborhood meeting on February 4 for a development proposal at 9034 Sunset Boulevard, encouraged attendance at the Planning Commission meeting on February 5, promoted the "I Love Flagging" event at West Hollywood Park on February 14, and noted that February is Black History Month, with 2026 marking its 100th anniversary.

Councilmember Erickson reported his attendance at the League of California Cities Committee meeting, wished everyone a happy Black History Month, highlighted the success of the WeHo Sounds event, and encouraged residents to stay healthy by getting vaccinated and taking precautions due to illnesses circulating.

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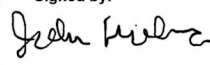
Vice Mayor Hang reported attending several community and business events, including the ribbon cutting for the first-ever GUESS Jeans flagship store in West Hollywood, the California LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce business expo at Plummer Park, the MLK Day of Service at West Hollywood Elementary, a youth queer history recognition program at the ONE Institute, and a disco event honoring Thelma Houston. He praised City staff for their hard work supporting these events and expressed deep concern and solidarity regarding federal immigration enforcement actions, noting the impact on immigrant and refugee communities. He encouraged residents to vote and announced his support for Kaiser workers by joining them on the picket line on Wednesday.

Mayor Heilman reported his attendance at various community and City events already mentioned by colleagues, including the homeless count, Winter Sounds, the MLK Day of Service, the ONE Institute program, Last Disco honoring Thelma Houston, the GUESS Jeans opening, and the Imperial Court event held at Beaches Tropicana.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m. in memory of Brother Robert Lavelle, Alex Pretti, and Kim Vo to its next Special City Council meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at an adjourned regular meeting held this 17th day of February 2026, by the following vote:

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

Signed by:

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JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MELISSA CROWDER, CITY CLERK