

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY MARCH 18, 2024
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

5:30 P.M. – CLOSED SESSION: See attached Closed Session Agenda

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Penna Ziering, a student at West Hollywood Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Mikie Friedman read the City's Land Acknowledgement.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Wilson, City Attorney Langer, Administrative Services Director Jimenez, and Assistant City Clerk Morales.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Langer reported that the City Council Closed Session convened at 5:35 p.m., and that no speakers provided public comment. The City Council discussed the one item on the posted agenda and did not take any reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Heilman requested that Items 6.D., 6.E., and 6.F. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.T., 2.U., and 2.V. respectively. He also requested that the Public Hearings Items 3.B. and 3.C. be combined.

Councilmember Meister requested that Items 6.A. and 6.C. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.R. and 2.S. and requested that Item 2.G. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember Shyne provided her Levine Act disclosures noting receipt of contributions to her Congressional campaign and recused herself from Items 6.E. and 6.F.

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, to approve the March 18, 2024 agenda, as amended (5/0).

AGENDA ITEM 2.B.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Meister and Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of David Mixner.

PRESENTATIONS:

The City Council presented a certificate to Penna Ziering for leading tonight's Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Heilman presented a Proclamation in recognition of Eugene Alper's service to the City.

Vice Mayor Byers presented certificates to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and Circle of Books representatives in recognition of the International Condom Day Exhibitions.

Councilmember Shyne presented a Proclamation to the Iranian Women's Foundation in recognition of Nowruz.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Violet Palmer in recognition of Violet Palmer Day.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to the Transgender Advisory Board in recognition of Transgender Day of Visibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding advocacy for the disabled community.

MIKIE FRIEDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the scooter program and encouraged learning about the financial health of the contract vendor.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke about the size of affordable housing units and the pamphlets advertising City services.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in memory of David Mixner, in favor of Item 6.C., and suggested something similar for the World Cup and the Olympics.

MARK BAER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about pedestrian space and trees on public sidewalks as well as the mobile delivery robots on the sidewalk.

KIMBERLY WINICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the 10-year process of beautification of Melrose between Norwich and Huntley.

SAM BITTERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of Item 5.A. Option 1.

CINDY BITTERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of Item 5.A. Option 1.

ADAM DARVISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to thank the City Council for Item 2.O., for the recognition of Nowruz, and suggested insulated transformers in West Hollywood to avoid danger to animals.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Wilson added his congratulations to staff member Eugene Alper and thanked him for his years of service to the City of West Hollywood. He further commented in response to some public statements, noting that items from staff regarding the Olympics and Melrose Walk were scheduled in April for the City Council's consideration and reported that social service resources will be printed in larger font.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Morales stated that the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar with the addition of Items 6.A., 6.C., 6.D., 6.E., and 6.F. and the removal of Item 2.G. was \$2,330,031 in expenditures, \$1,332 in revenue, and (\$10,235) in waived fees.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers, and approved (5/0), noting the recusal of Councilmember Shyne on Items 2.U. (6.E.) and 2.V. (6.F.).

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, March 18, 2024 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ACTION: Approve the minutes of March 4, 2024. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. APPROVAL OF DEMAND REGISTER NO. 945 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, S. HERNANDEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council shall receive the Demand Register for period ending March 8, 2024 pursuant to Sections 37201 to 37210 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 945 and adopt Resolution No. 24-016, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 945". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, R. RICHARDS]:

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 Travelers Insurance Company representing Healey dba Melrose Place Coffee Company and Jorg Bierekoven.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SYNOPSES M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive Synopses from the Disabilities Advisory Board and the Older Adults Advisory Board, regarding actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.F. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024 [L. QUIJANO, C. CORRALES, K. BARENG, S. STEPHENS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Reports for the month ended January 2024 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ACTION: Received and filed the January 2024 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ASSESSING THE RESILIENCY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AS IT RELATES TO NATURE-BASED EVENTS [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, C. SHEN, J. PARRISH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an assessment of the City's existing resiliency-supporting programs and identified potential gaps to bolster resilience efforts.

ACTION: Moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.H. GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS, M. MONTENEGRO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Annual General Plan and Housing Element Progress Reports for calendar year 2023, including progress toward the 6th Cycle RHNA, and authorize staff to submit the reports to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in compliance with state requirements. The Annual Progress Reports are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 15061(b)(3).

ACTION: Authorized staff to submit the 2023 Annual General Plan and Housing Element Progress Reports to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the California State Department of Housing and Community Development. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. DOCKLESS MICRO-MOBILITY (E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS) PROGRAM UPDATE [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, N. MCCLINTON, D. WILSON, L. LANGER, N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, P. PORTWOOD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the Dockless Micro-mobility Program.

ACTION: Received an update on the Dockless Micro-Mobility Program, which will include contracting with only one company for the next phase of the program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. DESIGN UPDATE FOR THE LOG CABIN RENOVATION PROJECT [L. BIERY, B. LEAGUE, A. BARTLE]:

SUBJECT: Staff will provide an update on the architectural design development for the renovation of the Log Cabin located at 617-621 N. Robertson Boulevard.

ACTIONS: 1) Received an update on renovation and expansion of the Log Cabin for Recovery Services; and 2) Directed staff to move forward with the design concept as outlined below and in the 100% Design Development architectural renderings. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF LEGAL DEFENSE BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND ANTONI ALBUS, LLP, PERTAINING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF DAVID EHRLICH UNDER CONTRACTUAL INDEMNITY PROVISIONS [L. LANGER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider authorizing City Manager, David Wilson, on behalf of the City of West Hollywood ("City"), to enter into a First Amendment to the City's existing Agreement for Payment for Legal Services entered into between the City and Antoni Albus, LLP ("Agreement"), pertaining to payment for the legal representation of City consultant David Ehrlich. The amendment proposes to increase the "not to exceed" amount of the Agreement from \$75,000 to \$175,000. All other terms of the Agreement remain unchanged by the proposed amendment.

ACTION: Authorized the City Manager, on behalf of the City, to enter into a First Amendment to the City's existing Agreement for Payment for Legal Services entered into between the City and Antoni Albus, LLP ("Agreement"), pertaining to payment for the legal representation of City consultant David Ehrlich. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. AGREEMENT WITH CORODATA CORPORATION FOR OFFSITE STORAGE AND RECORDS RETRIEVAL MANAGEMENT AND RELATED SERVICES [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES, N. MCCLINTON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approval of a six-and-a-half-year Agreement for Professional Services with Corodata Corporation to

provide offsite storage and records retrieval management and related services.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a six-and-a-half-year Agreement through June 30, 2030, for professional services with Corodata Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, to provide offsite storage and records retrieval management and related services; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. AMENDMENT NO. 1. TO THE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE POLLACK PR MARKETING GROUP FOR ON-CALL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO THE CITY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE [C. SCHROEDER, L. ISENBERG, D. KAHN EPSTEIN, F. GOMEZ, J. IVANOVA]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving Amendment No. 1. to the Agreement for Services with The Pollack PR Marketing Group for on-call communications support relating to the City's Homeless Initiative, increasing the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with The Pollack PR Marketing Group to increase the amount of the Agreement by \$75,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000; and 2) Authorized the City Manager or designee to sign Amendment No. 1. to the Agreement for Services with The Pollack PR Marketing Group. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH 2024 [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, L. FOOKS, D. RIVAS]:

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood City Council will consider recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff to coordinate appropriate awareness activities for National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; 2) Light up City Hall and the City's lanterns over Santa Monica Boulevard in the color teal blue and white from April 2 -10, 2024; and 3) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the City's recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WORLD DOG DAY 2024 [Y. QUARKER, C. SMITH, M. REATH, B. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the World Dog Day Event to be hosted by The Vanderpump Dog Foundation on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in West Hollywood Park.

ACTIONS: 1) Authorized the co-sponsorship of World Dog Day on Saturday, May 11, 2024, and approve the use of the Great Lawn Area, Promenade Area, Robertson Commons Area, and Robertson Picnic Area

of West Hollywood Park on May 10, 2024, for set up, and May 11, 2024, for the event; 2) Approved a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with The Vanderpump Dog Foundation for World Dog Day 2024; 3) Authorized the City Manager to execute documents incident to the Agreement; 4) Authorized the City Manager to negotiate additional requests; 5) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 6) Authorized the use of 75 parking spaces in the 5-story Parking Structure on May 11th for event volunteers and vendors. With the potential loss of revenue in the amount of \$900; 7) Authorized the use of 9 parking spaces located at the San Vicente On Street Pay Station on May 10th and 11th for vendor load-in and load-out. With the potential loss of revenue in the amount of \$432; 8) Waived fees for Building and Safety Permits, Film Permits, Major Event Park Space Use, and Special Event Permits (approximately \$7,945); and 9) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS, E. HAMANT]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting the attached resolution, which will authorize the City Manager or designee to apply for and execute all necessary documents incident to the usage of Measure A funds, such as payment requests, contracts, and amendments, to secure the grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-017 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE BLANKET AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS"; 2) Upon approval of each application of Measure A grant funds, authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to increase budgeted revenues and expenditures in the Grant Fund, by the amount of the award; and 3) Authorized the City Manager or designee to apply for and execute all necessary documents incident to the usage of Measure A funds, such as payment requests, contracts, and amendments, for the purposes of securing the grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL MONTH IN WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EVERY NOVEMBER AS HOLODOMOR

MEMORIAL DAY [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, H. MOLINA, T. RODZINEK]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a resolution to formally recognize the month of November as Holodomor Memorial Month in West Hollywood, and the fourth Saturday of November, annually thereafter, as Holodomor Memorial Day.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 24-018 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL MONTH, AND THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER, ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, AS HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DAY"; 2) Directed Community & Legislative Affairs (CLA) staff to send a copy of the adopted resolution to President Joseph R. Biden, and copies of that letter to U.S. Senators Alex Padilla and Laphonza Butler, U.S. Representative Adam Schiff, State Senator Ben Allen, and Assemblymember Rick Chavez-Zbur; 3) Directed CLA staff to post information on the City's web page about the atrocities of the Holodomor; and 4) Directed the Communications Department staff to issue a press release containing historical information about the tragic famine of Holodomor. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. (6.A.) AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT TO PALP, INC. DBA EXCEL PAVING COMPANY FOR 8120 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SURFACE PARKING LOT, CIP 82-04 [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: This City Council will consider awarding an Agreement to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company, for the construction of a surface parking lot at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard, CIP 82-04.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a construction Agreement to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company, in the amount of \$2,478,769 for the construction of 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard surface parking lot, CIP No. 82-04, and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute documents incident to the Agreement; 2) Authorized the Facilities and Field Services Division Manager to approve change orders to the construction Agreement in an amount not to exceed 15% (\$371,815) of the total Agreement amount; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to allocate \$1,840,031 from the unallocated reserves in the 301 Capital Projects fund reserves construction of a surface parking lot at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard; and 4) Adopted Resolution No. 24-019, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIP 82-04, 8120 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SURFACE PARKING LOT, under GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 830.6." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. (6.C.) EXPLORATION OF HOSTING A PRIDE HOUSE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council gives direction to the City Manager to organize a delegation of West Hollywood City leaders to travel to Pride House in Paris, France during summer 2024. This delegation is tasked with identifying issues and learning best practices for the potential hosting of Pride House in West Hollywood.*

ACTION: Directed the City Manager to organize a delegation of West Hollywood City leaders, including City staff and Visit West Hollywood staff to travel to Pride House during summer 2024 to identify issues and best practices for the potential hosting of Pride House in West Hollywood. Staff may return to the City Council with a request for funding, if needed.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.T. (6.D.) 2024 LESBIAN AND QUEER WOMEN'S VISIBILITY WEEK [S. SHYNE, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider a set of recommendations to provide funding for specific programming for Lesbian and Queer Women's Visibility Week, which runs from Monday, April 22 through Sunday, April 28, 2024.*

ACTIONS: 1) Proclaimed April 22 through April 28, 2024 as Lesbian and Queer Women's Visibility Week in the City of West Hollywood; 2) Directed staff to organize activities for the week and collaborate with community partners and organizations and with the City's LGBTQ+ Commission; 3) Directed staff to take additional actions to recognize Lesbian and Queer Woman's Visibility Week, including, but not limited to, illuminating City Hall with the colors associated with the lesbian flag colors, programming the lanterns on Santa Monica Boulevard with the colors of the lesbian flag, and flying the lesbian flag at public facilities as space permits; and 4) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communication tools to promote the activities associate with Lesbian and Queer Women's Visibility Week including, but not limited to, the City's Website, a press release, and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. (6.E.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF EQUALITY FASHION WEEK [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: *The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor Equality Fashion Week, a four-day event organized by Kacy Corporation, Inc. from Wednesday, May 15, 2024, to Sunday, May 19, 2024, at various locations in and around West Hollywood.*

ACTIONS: 1) Approved the co-sponsorship of the Equality Fashion Week taking place from Wednesday, May 15, 2024, to Sunday, May 19, 2024, at various locations in and around West Hollywood; 2) Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute documents incident to the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City and Kacy Incorporation, Inc.; 3) Authorized the Director of Finance and Technology Services to approve the use of \$10,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs

associated with the event; 4) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; and 5) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the recusal of Councilmember Shyne.**

2.V. (6.F.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AMERICAN BORN CHINESE FOUNDATION'S 2024 LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL AND DIRECTION TO EXPLORE A CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR [J. HEILMAN, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the American Born Chinese Foundation's (ABCF) Los Angeles Children's Book Festival to be hosted in West Hollywood Park on Sunday, September 8, 2024. The City Council will also consider directing staff to evaluate adding a second day of programming to the ABCF Book Festival, which would include a City-sponsored Book Fair.

ACTIONS: 1) Approved a Co-Sponsorship Agreement with the American Born Chinese Foundation for the Los Angeles Children's Book Festival on Sunday, September 8, 2024 and approve the use of West Hollywood Park for the event; 2) Authorized the City Manager to execute documents incident to the Agreement; 3) Authorized the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs, and other collateral materials; 4) Waived the Facility Use Fee, Special Event Permit fee, Encroachment fee, other ancillary fees, and parking at the 5-story parking structure for event volunteers and vendors (estimated \$2,290); 5) Directed the Communications Department to utilize all appropriate communications tools to promote the event such as the City's website and social media tools; 6) Authorized the Director of Finance & Technology Services to allocate \$5,000 from budgeted funds in the Special Council Programs account number 100-1-01-00-531001 for costs associated with ABCF's event; 7) Directed staff to explore adding an additional day of programming to the ABCF event, which would include a City-sponsored Book Fair; and 8) to Report back within 90 days to Council with an update on the City-sponsored Book Fair and a request for additional funding as needed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the recusal of Councilmember Shyne.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT TO LENGTHEN THE INITIAL MINIMUM DWELLING LEASE TERM FOR INDIVIDUALLY OWNED CONDOMINIUMS AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, T. FARRIS, M. MONTENEGRO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a Council-directed Zone Text Amendment ("ZTA") to amend Section 19.36.275 (Residential Uses – Dwelling Unit Lease Term) of Title 19 of the West Hollywood Municipal

Code (WHMC) to lengthen the initial minimum lease term for individually owned condominium dwelling units and single-family residences, both existing and new, from the current requirement of 31 days to 60 days. The proposed Zone Text Amendment is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, in that this activity is an operational provision and does not have the potential to result in an effect on the physical environment.

Mayor Erickson opened the Public Hearing.

The City Council provided their disclosures.

Assistant City Clerk Morales indicated that the Public Hearing was noticed as required by law.

Director of Community Development Nick Maricich, Long Range Planning Manager Francisco Contreras, and Associate Planner Michelle Montenegro provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

**** The City Council recessed due to technical issues at 7:08 P.M. and resumed the Public Hearing at 7:13 P.M. ****

Councilmember Heilman requested confirmation from City Attorney Langer regarding the law on condo associations. He also inquired about the 60-day versus one-year timeline. Associate Planner Montenegro responded.

Councilmember Meister further inquired on the protections under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance regarding transient tax and tenancy rights, and discussion ensued.

Vice Mayor Byers inquired about the total units affected by the one year or less leases. Associate Planner Montenegro responded.

Mayor Erickson requested clarification on staff's recommendation of this item based on the feedback received. Long Range Planning Manager Contreras shared the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

The following members of the public came forward to speak:

MARK BAER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

DAVID KAISHCHYAN, on behalf of APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition to the item.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the item.

Mayor Erickson closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Heilman expressed his desire for long-term residency to be used as intended and spoke in disagreement of self-selected surveys.

Councilmember Meister commented on the economic cost of a few hotels in the City located in residential areas versus renting out of a single-family home for 30 days. She expressed her preference to extend the term to one-year for the Zone Text Amendment and directed discussion with state representatives of the definition of a tenant and inquiry into whether hotels should be permitted to offer longer stays.

City Attorney Langer offered some clarifications as inquired by Mayor Erickson.

Councilmember Shyne agreed with other comments particularly regarding combatting short-term rentals within the City. She stated she was in favor of one-year for this item.

Vice Mayor Byers also commented in favor of one-year for the Zone Text Amendment.

Mayor Erickson also agreed with the Councilmember comments and will vote for one-year.

City Attorney Langer offered information about Planning Commission review of modifications and about the civil code.

Councilmember Heilman suggested granting homeowners time to adjust to the change.

Vice Mayor Byers moved to extend the term to one year and become effective January 1, 2025.

ACTION: Introduced on First Reading Ordinance No. 24-05: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 19, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, TO LENGTHEN THE INITIAL MINIMUM LEASE TERM OF INDIVIDUALLY OWNED CONDOMINIUM DWELLING UNITS AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES, BOTH NEW AND EXISTING, TO A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR AND FINDING THE ACTION STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM CEQA." **Motion by Vice Mayor Byers, seconded by Councilmember Heilman, and approved (5/0).**

3.B. TIME LIMIT EXTENSION FOR DISCRETIONARY PERMITS AND ENTITLEMENTS SEEKING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS [N. MARICICH, J. ALKIRE, D. VU]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider introducing an Ordinance on First Reading that provides a six-month extension of time limits set forth in the Zoning Ordinance for discretionary permits and entitlements that seek Development Agreements, due to the impact of COVID-19. This Ordinance is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

3.C. AN URGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE RENEWAL OF EXPIRED BUILDING PERMITS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS NEAR COMPLETION [N. MARICICH, B. GALAN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adoption of an Urgency Ordinance and introduce on First Reading an Ordinance establishing a process for the renewal of expired building permits to complete development projects that have been under construction and are near completion. The proposed Ordinances are not subject to CEQA.

Items 3.B. and 3.C. were heard together.

Mayor Erickson opened the Public Hearings.

The City Council provided their disclosures.

Assistant City Clerk Morales indicated that the Public Hearings were noticed as required by law.

Senior Planner Doug Vu provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

Mayor Erickson commented on existing vacant properties within the six-month extension period, and Senior Planner Vu replied.

Building & Safety Manager Ben Galan provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

Councilmember Heilman asked about the language of the Urgency Ordinance to be revised to capture more projects. Building & Safety Manager Galan responded.

Councilmember Meister commented on building code changes and the different phases of construction.

City Manager Wilson commented that if the Council approves this item tonight, some aspects can be decided upon later.

The following members of the public came forward to speak:

OLIVER GABAY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about pulling permits amid the development agreement for his project.

DJ MOORE, LATHAM & WATKINS, spoke in support of staff's recommendation tied to their current project on Sunset Blvd.

JOHN COATE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of any unfinished projects in his neighborhood to move forward by any means necessary.

KIMBERLY WINICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about existing unfinished projects in her Melrose neighborhood.

ELISA PASTER, STANLEY HILLS, spoke about existing unfinished projects on Fairfax and Ogden which are almost complete.

YOSSI ATTIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to confirm the processes regarding building development and permitting timelines.

NICK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about advocacy for the residents in these ordinances to hold developers accountable.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of the six-month extension.

ACTION: Introduced on First Reading Ordinance No. 24-06: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO THE PERMIT TIME LIMITS SET FORTH IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR DISCRETIONARY PERMITS OR ENTITLEMENTS SEEKING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS." **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (5/0).**

**** The City Council recessed at 8:45 P.M. and resumed the Public Hearing at 8:55 P.M. ****

Mayor Erickson closed the public comment portion of the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Heilman expressed support for both items and stated he will look closely at development agreements and aim to make sure projects are on track and fine any tardiness. He also commented that he was in opposition to the Arts Club originally but at this point supports this proposal. Additionally, he suggested hiring a consultant to help with development agreements.

Vice Mayor Byers expressed her support on both items although she would like to see more data on which projects are almost complete, and stated her goal is that the investment made by the community on these projects will be seen to fruition.

Councilmember Meister suggested the expansion of scope, a bond up front, and stated she was in favor of penalties for late finishes to maintain a tight timeframe. She also suggested some neighborhood meetings with the developers and residents.

Councilmember Shyne expressed her support for the resident's support of the completion of all these projects. She agreed with Councilmember Meister on creating milestones with a quick timeline of completion.

As for 3C, the City Council expressed interest in revising the language in the ordinance to include more projects that were near completion as suggested by a public comment.

Director of Community Development Maricich offered revised language as suggested by City Attorney Langer.

Mayor Erickson re-opened the public testimony period to discuss language changes and proposed a recess while appropriate language could be crafted.

**** The City Council took a recess at 8:40 P.M. and resumed the public hearing at 8:55 P.M. ****

Planning Staff shared their proposed verbiage changes as indicated by Councilmembers' direction to the Ordinances under Section 3, Subsection 106.5.4.1 Renewal of Expired Permits (c),(e), and (g) and showed the revised language on the screen for the City Council and public to see.

Councilmember Heilman expressed that he was prepared to approve the verbiage changes for both the urgency and regular ordinance.

ACTIONS: 1) Adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 24-04U: "AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE RENEWAL OF EXPIRED BUILDING PERMITS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT ARE NEAR COMPLETION AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY." Adoption of the Urgency Ordinance requires a 4/5 vote by the City Council; and 2) Introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 24-07: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE RENEWAL OF EXPIRED BUILDING PERMITS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT ARE NEAR COMPLETION" and scheduled a public hearing on the

second reading of the ordinance for April 1, 2024, under the requirements of Government Code Section 50022.2 et seq. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (5/0).**

4. LEGISLATIVE:

4.A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTERS 9.60 (PUBLIC NUISANCES), 9.64 (VACANT PROPERTIES), AND 9.70 (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENHANCE SECURITY ON PROPERTIES AND PROVIDING AN UPDATE ON THE WEST HOLLYWOOD VACANT PROPERTY PROGRAM [D. RIVAS, V. ADOMAITIS, E. ALPER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on the progress of the West Hollywood Vacant Property Program and consider adopting an ordinance that amends the public nuisances, vacant property, and construction management ordinances to enhance standards that promote the continued maintenance and security of properties located in the City of West Hollywood.

Neighborhood & Business Safety Manager Vyto Adomaitis provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

Councilmember Meister inquired why there was a lack of alternatives to keep units rented and not demolished. Director of Community Safety Danny Rivas responded.

Mayor Erickson expressed concern about the number of properties waiting in plan check, and inquired if the process could be expedited. Building & Safety Manager Galan and City Manager Wilson responded.

GEORGE NICKLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about abandoned properties on the Eastside that are not secure and expressed support for the item.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a years-long vacant property on Sweetzer and suggested the authority of the Council to order demolition, escalation of fines, and revisit a vacancy tax.

NICK ROYBAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke of issues on Ogden Drive south of Santa Monica due to multiple failed developments.

Councilmember Heilman expressed appreciation for staff bringing this item forward and will support the item.

Councilmember Meister indicated support for the item, and shared concern of how properties get into disrepair by requesting more action from Code Compliance.

Councilmember Shyne explained the need for this item and is in support of the item.

Vice Mayor Byers also expressed appreciation for staff and is supportive of the item.

Mayor Erickson agreed with Councilmember Meister that the City should do its best to keep units rented. He commented that these vacant properties need security around the clock, better lighting at night, and to ensure the City house more people given the current housing crisis, especially on the Eastside of town which is heavily populated. Additionally, he expressed concern that the City should not be the hindrance of any progress to housing being built.

Councilmember Heilman moved to introduce the Ordinance on first reading with additional direction for staff.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduced on first reading Ordinance No. 24-08 “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTERS 9.60 (PUBLIC NUISANCES), 9.64 (VACANT PROPERTIES), AND 9.70 (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO ENHANCE SECURITY ON PROPERTIES;” 2) Received an update on the West Hollywood Vacant Property Program; and 3) Directed staff to work with the City Attorney’s Office to explore amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code to establish an alternate mechanism to authorize/require demolition for problematic/failed vacant property buildings based on public safety impacts. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (5/0).**

4.B. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.28.090 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY ELIGIBLE AREAS TO BE PERMITTED TO CONVERT TEMPORARY OUTZONES TO PERMITTED PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING [D. WILSON, J. ROCCO, S. CAMPBELL, J. GILMOUR]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider updating the outdoor dining section of the West Hollywood Municipal Code to clarify eligible outdoor dining areas allowed to convert temporary OUTZones to permitted permanent outdoor dining in narrow sidewalk areas that are less than 12 feet and within on-street parking spaces that are obstructed by public infrastructure. This amendment to the Municipal Code is exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines, section 15378 and 15061(b)(3).

Director of Public Works Steve Campbell provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

Councilmember Meister requested clarification on parking spaces in front of a property and if parking studies have taken place. Director Campbell responded.

Vice Mayor Byers inquired if the parking spaces could also be used as a pedestrian walkway and how many businesses would have to remove OUTZones before the June 1st deadline. Director of Economic Development Laura Biery responded.

JACOB SHAW, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the discrepancy between the north and south sides of the street based on spacing of tree wells which limit OUTZone space to the smaller side, and requests equity in the ordinance.

Councilmember Meister indicated her dissenting vote due to the loss of parking as she does not foresee the change will be worth it.

Councilmember Heilman explained that OUTZones were meant to be temporary, expressed the same concerns as Councilmember Meister; however, spoke in support of the item.

**** The City Council took a recess at 9:51 P.M. and resumed the meeting at 9:54 P.M. ****

Councilmember Shyne disclosed receipt of a campaign contribution from a business in question and recused herself from the item.

Mayor Erickson commented support on an extension.

Vice Mayor Byers expressed a vision of what the Rainbow District can look like, shared her concern for the June 1st deadline due to Pride. She spoke in support of the amendment.

Following discussion of whether to change the proposal, Councilmember Heilman moved the item as proposed.

ACTION: Introduced on First Reading Ordinance No. 24-09: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11.28.090 "OUTDOOR DINING ON PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY – ELIGIBLE SITES" OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY ELIGIBLE AREAS TO BE PERMITTED TO CONVERT TEMPORARY OUTZONES TO PERMITTED PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING."
Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Vice Mayor Byers,

and approved (3/1), noting the recusal of Councilmember Shyne and the “no” vote by Councilmember Meister.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.A. WILLOUGHBY, VISTA/GARDNER, AND KINGS STREET DESIGN CONCEPT PLAN [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, B. CHEUNG, P. PORTWOOD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Willoughby, Vista/Gardner, and Kings Street Design Concept Plan.

Long Range Planning Manager Francisco Contreras provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

Councilmember Meister inquired if the traffic diverter option was removed, and also asked if residents were asked if they preferred Option 1A or Option 1B. She indicated concern on such a large number of street parking being removed from residents who do not have parking at their apartment buildings. Senior Transportation Planner Bob Cheung responded.

Councilmember Heilman briefly commented on reverse angled parking and bike lanes, and Senior Transportation Planner Cheung responded.

Vice Mayor Byers inquired of traffic diverters on Willoughby and Mayor Erickson inquired on the survey responses to the diverters. Mr. Cheung responded.

ROBERT BRYANT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke as a cyclist and car driver who lives in the area in strong support of the item.

KIMBERLY WINICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item and indicated concern about bulb-outs for bicyclists.

KEVIN BURTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD BICYCLE COALITION, spoke to thank staff for their efforts and expressed support on the item but strongly opposes Option 1B.

JOHN HAYES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, submitted a citizen position slip in support of Item 5.A. Option 1A.

Councilmember Heilman indicated he does not support taking away residential street parking, nor reverse angled parking or protected bike lanes, and prefers Option 1B.

Councilmember Meister also specified her lack of support for removing 56% of the residential street parking and is in support of Option 1B.

Vice Mayor Byers supported protected bike lanes and preferred Option 1A.

Councilmember Shyne commented on her full support to Vice Mayor Byers stance and Option 1A.

Mayor Erickson shared data from the Sheriff's Department on accidents in the City involving cars, bicycles, scooters, and pedestrians. He agreed with greenbacks, removing bulb-outs, and increasing community outreach and will vote for Option 1A.

Vice Mayor Byers provided direction to address traffic diverter at Fairfax and Willoughby Avenue concerns at a future meeting.

ACTIONS: 1) Provided comments on the Street Design Concept Plan and provide any changes or modifications; 2) Selected option 1A for the Gardner Street segment between Fountain Avenue and Lexington Avenue; 3) Requested feedback from the neighborhood on loss of parking spaces; 4) Added green backing to the sharrows; 5) Directed to mend bulb-outs; 6) Directed reparations to bike lane signage at Kings Road and Santa Monica Boulevard; and 8) Approved the Willoughby/Vista/Gardner Street Design Concept Plan. **Motion by Vice Mayor Byers, seconded by Councilmember Shyne, and approved (3/2) noting the "no" votes by Councilmembers Heilman and Meister.**

5.B. APPOINTMENTS TO THE OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD [J. JIMENEZ, M. CROWDER, L. MORALES]:

SUBJECT: Councilmember Shyne will make her direct appointment to the Social Justice Advisory. The City Council will consider at-large appointments to the Older Adults Advisory Board and Social Justice Advisory Board.

Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

ACTIONS: 1) Councilmember Shyne appointed **Justin Powell** to the Social Justice Advisory Board with a term ending February 28, 2025; and 2) The City Council appointed **Dean Schemanski** at-large to the Older Adults Advisory Board with a term ending February 28, 2025 and Tabled the at-large appointment to the Social Justice Advisory Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.A. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT TO PALP, INC. DBA EXCEL PAVING COMPANY FOR 8120 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD SURFACE PARKING LOT, CIP 82-04 [S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: This City Council will consider awarding an Agreement to PALP, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company, for the construction of a surface parking lot at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard, CIP 82-04.

ACTION: This Item was Moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.B. DIRECTION TO AMEND THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS OF HOTELS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS TO ALLOW ON-SITE RESTAURANTS TO SERVE NON-GUESTS [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider directing staff and the City Attorney to develop a process to grant an amendment to conditional use permits of hotels in residential zoning districts to allow on-site restaurants to serve non-guests.

Councilmember Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 18, 2024.

JAMES BRINE, UNITE HERE 11, spoke in opposition to the item.

Councilmember Shyne inquired if this item was meant to be one swoop to cover all hotels of this type. Councilmember Heilman responded.

Councilmember Meister indicated her support of the Item so long as Planning Commission is considered, and the City conducts a 500-foot radius community outreach around the hotels in question.

Councilmember Heilman mentioned a few hotels and the small size of their restaurants.

Long Range Planning Manager Francisco Conteras clarified discussion from August 2022 regarding hotel operator permits regarding restaurants.

Community Development Director Maricich provided the zoning code verbiage on conditional use permits as requested by Councilmember Shyne.

ACTIONS: 1) Directed staff and the City Attorney to develop a city-initiated amendment to the conditional use permits of hotels in residential zoning districts to allow on-site restaurants to serve non-guests under WHMC Section 19.62.070 (Amendments to an Approved Project); and 2) Returned to the City Council with the recommendation for the new process for further consideration. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Meister, and approved (4/1), noting the “no” vote of Councilmember Shyne.**

6.C. EXPLORATION OF HOSTING A PRIDE HOUSE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [J. HEILMAN, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council gives direction to the City Manager to organize a delegation of West Hollywood City leaders to travel to Pride House in Paris, France during summer 2024. This delegation is tasked with identifying issues and learning best practices for the potential hosting of Pride House in West Hollywood.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.D. 2024 LESBIAN AND QUEER WOMEN'S VISIBILITY WEEK [S. SHYNE, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a set of recommendations to provide funding for specific programming for Lesbian and Queer Women's Visibility Week, which runs from Monday, April 22 through Sunday, April 28, 2024.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.E. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF EQUALITY FASHION WEEK [Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, J. DUCKWORTH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request to co-sponsor Equality Fashion Week, a four-day event organized by Kacy Corporation, Inc. from Wednesday, May 15, 2024, to Sunday, May 19, 2024, at various locations in and around West Hollywood.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

6.F. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AMERICAN BORN CHINESE FOUNDATION'S 2024 LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL AND DIRECTION TO EXPLORE A CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR [J. HEILMAN, C. BYERS, Y. QUARKER, A. LOVANO, J. DEL TORO, M. MÁRQUEZ]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the American Born Chinese Foundation's (ABCF) Los Angeles Children's Book Festival to be hosted in West Hollywood Park on Sunday, September 8, 2024. The City Council will also consider directing staff to evaluate adding a second day of programming to the ABCF Book Festival, which would include a City-sponsored Book Fair.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.G. ASSESSING THE RESILIENCY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AS IT RELATES TO NATURE-BASED EVENTS [N. MARICICH, F. CONTRERAS, C. SHEN, J. PARRISH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an assessment of the City's existing resiliency-supporting programs and identified potential gaps to bolster resilience efforts.

Councilmember Meister explained her reasons for pulling this item. She noted that it is because the item seems to require action and feedback from the City Council. She suggested universal design of affordable units

allowing residents to age in place. She commented on the cap of vulnerability assessment and for staff to focus on Norma Triangle.

Councilmember Meister moved for the City Council to provide direction to move forward with getting bids or estimates from solar projects on resilience efforts.

ACTIONS: 1) Received and filed; and 2) Direct staff to move forward with getting bids or estimates from solar projects on resilience efforts. **Motion by Councilmember Meister, seconded by Mayor Erickson, and approved (5/0).**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concern pertaining to landlords charging for parking.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS:

Councilmember Meister commented on Item 2.I. Dockless Micro-Mobility, noting her disappointment that the fiscal impact of the program shows the City is losing \$13,000 and up to \$53,000 while the contractor gains revenue. She mentioned Item 2.J. (Log Cabin) that she would like to see pine trees back in the renderings due to the historic nature of the property. She reported her attendance at the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's Annual Member Meeting & Board Installation, the Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon & Awards, represented Regional Council District 41 at the SCAG Joint Meeting of the Policy Committee and the Regional Council Meeting, swore in her appointee Lynn Hoopingarner to the Planning Commission, attended the Women's Advisory Board's National Women's History Month Party, and chatted with Wendy Burch on KTLA's coverage of the LA Marathon. She concluded her comments by announcing upcoming events.

Councilmember Shyne reported her attendance at SxSW in Austin, Texas.

Councilmember Heilman reported his attendance at the Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon & Awards, the opening of the Kingray Studio, swore in his appointee to the LGBTQ+ Commission, attended the Women's Advisory Board's National Women's History Month event, WeHo Elementary School's fundraiser, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's Annual Member Meeting & Board Installation, and the Elton John AIDS Party. He thanked staff from Public Safety, Fire, Special Events, and Facilities for their work yesterday with the LA Marathon in West Hollywood. Lastly, he congratulated all the runners, and shared that he ran the Half-Marathon Charity Event.

Vice Mayor Byers reported her attendance at the Bulgarian Liberation Day event with the general consulate where it was declared March 3rd to be Bulgarian-American Friendship Day in the City of West Hollywood, the Clean Power Alliance Board of Directors meeting, the National League of Cities Federal Transportation & Infrastructure Services Advocacy Committee with Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Lafonza Butler, and

Congressman Adam Schiff in Washington DC lobbying for direct funds for the City, met with Chairman Sam Graves of the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Civil Policy Makers Conference, and this morning joined Supervisor Lindsey Horvath for LA County Commission for Women & Girls Women of the Year event. Lastly, she shared comments on concerns from the community on the progress of the housing element.

Mayor Erickson reported on his attendance at the re-opening of Trendsetters Barber Shop, made the WeHo Pride announcement, attended the Contract Cities Legislative Committee Meeting, Hollywood NOW Herstory Awards honoring Abbe Land, the Elton John AIDS Party, and Jewish Federation of LA's 2nd Annual LA Leaders Reception. He welcomed back Jones and Trendsetters, one of the few Black-owned businesses in WeHo, and thanked City staff who worked diligently to help get them open again. He congratulated runners of the LA Marathon and the winners of the Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon & Awards. He commented on the Log Cabin item and expressed happiness for it moving forward. Lastly, he stated WeHo Pride was going to be bigger and better than before and announced various performers and artists slated to attend. He mentioned that tickets are almost sold out and the lineup for the free Friday events will also be amazing, and thanked JJLA, Special Events, and the Communications team.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:21 P.M. in memory of David Mixner to its next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers.