

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
August 16, 2016
2:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber**

PRESENT: Mayor Mirisch
Vice Mayor Krasne
Councilmember Bosse
Councilmember Gold
Councilmember Reims
Mahdi Aluzri, City Manager
Laurence Wiener, City Attorney
Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk
Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner
Susan Healy Keene, Director of Community Development
Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs
Kevin Kearney, Senior Management Analyst
Gisele Grable, Interim Community Services Assistant Director

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Speaking:

1. Josh Gross and Noah Furie

A – DIRECTION

1. Request to Re-Schedule Two City Council Meeting Dates

At the April 5, 2016 Study Session, the City Council confirmed meeting dates through December 2016. Thursday, August 25, 2016 and Tuesday, November 15, 2016 are two of the confirmed dates and staff needs direction from City Council to keep, change or cancel these meeting dates.

Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez asked for Council direction to keep, reschedule or cancel the Thursday, August 25, 2016 and Tuesday, November 15, 2016 council meeting dates.

Council agreed to cancel the Thursday, August 25th date and to replace it with Tuesday, August 30th. Council also agreed to keep the Tuesday, November 15, 2016 date.

2. Request by Mayor Mirisch to Discuss Establishing an Ordinance that Would Prohibit Buildings from Being Demolished Prior to Approval of a Replacement Project for the Site

First Agendized June 21, 2016

At the City Council's June 6, 2016 meeting, a member of the public requested that the City adopt an ordinance that would prohibit buildings from being demolished prior to approval of a replacement project for the site. Based on the comments received, the Mayor requested that the item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided a brief history on the item. He noted that a decision to change the current process for issuance of demolition permits would require an amendment to the Municipal Code and explained the options for amendment.

Speaking:

1. Steve Mayer

Council agreed not to change the process.

3. Request by Mayor Mirisch to Consider a Resolution of the Council of the City of Beverly Hills in Support of the California Death Penalty Repeal Initiative ("The Justice That Works Act of 2016")

First Agendized July 19, 2016

Per a request by Mayor Mirisch, this item seeks City Council support for the state ballot initiative known as "The Justice That Works Act of 2016." The measure, which is on the November 2016 ballot, would repeal the state death penalty and replace the maximum punishment for murder with life in prison without possibility of parole. It would apply retroactively to those already sentenced to death.

Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs Cheryl Friedling reviewed Propositions 62 and 66. Mayor Mirisch spoke on his reason for requesting the item to be added onto the Study Session agenda.

Council conceded not to adopt a resolution.

4. Request by Vice Mayor Krasne to Discuss the Process of Negotiating Development Agreements

This report reviews the City's informal development agreement process and provides information on the processes of other cities.

Vice Mayor Krasne explained her reason for requesting the item to be placed on the Study Session agenda. Senior Management Analyst Kevin Kearney provided a brief overview on the Government Code and the City's development agreement process. He compared the City's process to that of five surrounding cities and pointed out that overall, the other cities do not use a consistent approach in negotiating the community benefit aspect of the development agreement.

City Attorney Laurence Wiener provided clarification on when and why a development agreement would be needed. He also explained the types of community benefits provided by development agreements. City Manager Mahdi Aluzri and Mr. Wiener provided input on the City's current negotiation process and discussed the possible process should Council agree to hire a negotiation consultant.

Council moved to add a development agreement negotiation consultant to the Development Agreement Ad Hoc Committee structure.

5. Request by Mayor Mirisch to Review Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Policies

This report reviews smoke-free multi-unit housing policies, provides preliminary research and offers recommendations on how to proceed with such a policy, should the Council decide to pursue it.

Senior Management Analyst Kevin Kearney reported on the item as was requested by Mayor Mirisch. He provided a history of the City's smoking regulations and reviewed smoking policies of cities in the surrounding area. Mr. Kearney presented Staff's recommendation to task the Health and Safety Commission with conducting additional research and outreach for a policy design to be reported back to Council with their findings and/or recommendations.

Mayor Mirisch explained his reason for requesting to place the item on the Study Session agenda. Councilmember Reims suggested that the Council hold a public forum prior to tasking the review to the Health and Safety Commission. Councilmember Bosse asked that full noticing be done to notify the community.

Council agreed to move forward with the suggestion.

6. Public Outreach Framework for Consideration of Uses for City-Owned Property on Foothill Drive

Staff will present a framework for public outreach regarding possible use of approximately 6.5 acres of City property and 0.05 acres of private property located along Foothill Drive and Third Street. Council directed staff to return for approval of a framework after Townscape Partners, Gehry Partners and Angelo Gordon Real Estate, Inc. jointly presented a development proposal for the site and agreed to fund a public review process.

Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene provided a brief history on the item. She introduced Principal Esmeralda Garcia of MIG Consultants who presented a proposal for a 3-phase approach to the project.

Speaking:

1. Woodrow Clark II, M.D.
2. Frances Bilak
3. Elliott Finkel

Mayor Tom Levyn spoke on behalf of Townscape's role in the hiring of MIG Consultants, Inc.

Council directed staff to return with a revised program and process.

7. Los Angeles Marathon Request for Beverly Hills Participation in 2017 and 2018

Seeks City Council direction regarding request to include the City of Beverly Hills in future Los Angeles Marathon events.

Interim Community Services Assistant Director Gisele Grable reported on the item and pointed out that Tracey Russell, Chief Executive Officer of Conquer Endurance Group was available to answer Council questions.

Council agreed to support the proposal for 2017.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None.

C – INFORMATION

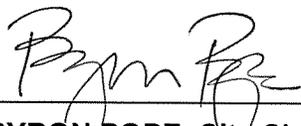
8. Approval of Study to Compare Private Sector Salaries and Benefits with That of Comparable City of Beverly Hills Positions to be Performed by Students of the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business MBA Program

The City has received a request from the University of Southern California to perform a study using students to compare private sector salaries and benefits with that of the City of Beverly Hills. City staff time commitment would be minimal and would include initial meetings to discuss the scope of the project and to provide the City's pay and benefit information. Though USC would not charge the City for the study, there may be some minimal cost reimbursement for supplies and travel that can be paid for from existing budgetary funds.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:14 pm to the Closed Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 4th day of October, 2016



BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JOHN A. MIRISCH, MAYOR

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