

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION  
October 18, 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  
Cynthia Owens, Senior Management Analyst  
Susan Healy Keene, Director of Community Development  
Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner  
Byron Pope, City Clerk  
Ken Pfalzgraf, Urban Forest Manager

ABSENT: None

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Steve Mayer
2. Tom Roberts

**A – DIRECTION**

- 1. Request by Mayor Mirisch to Consider a Resolution of the City Council to Oppose the Recent United Nations Resolution to Deny Jewish Historical and Religious Claims to Temple Mount and the Western Wall**

Mayor Mirisch has requested City Council consider adopting a resolution opposing the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) draft resolution that was passed on October 13, 2016. The resolution by UNESCO denies any Jewish heritage and historical claims to the Temple Mount and the Western Wall.

Senior Management Analyst Cindy Owens provided a brief history on the item. Mayor Mirisch spoke on his reason for requesting to put the item on the agenda.

Council agreed to adopt a resolution opposing the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) draft resolution

Moved by: Councilmember Bosse

Seconded by: Councilmember Gold

Ayes: Councilmember Reims, Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Bosse, and Mayor Mirisch.

Noes: None

Abstains: Vice Mayor Krasne

***ITEM A-1: ADOPTED; RES# 16-R-13114***

**2. Report of Investigation of Tree Removals on Parcels 12 and 13**

Parrent Smith Investigations will report on the findings of their investigation of the tree removals on Parcels 12 and 13.

City Clerk Byron Pope provided the background on the item and noted that the supplements to the report will be made available to each Councilmember. He introduced Joanne Parrent of Parrent Smith Investigations (PSI) and pointed out that her business partner Mr. Nic Smith was available via telephone conference. Ms. Parrent discussed their findings and suggested remedies.

Speaking:

1. Steve Madison – BHLC, Lyn Konheim, Bob Barth
2. Farbod Moradani – BHLC, Lyn Konheim, Bob Barth
3. Stanley Gold
4. Letter from Mr. Kornberg read into the record by Mayor Mirisch
5. Jonathan Bloch
6. Irv Schechter
7. Elliot and Blake Megdal
8. Lisa Greer, BHLC
9. Frances Bilak
10. Eliot Finkel
11. Thomas White, Municipal League of Beverly Hills
12. Dr. Woodrow W. Clark
13. Lionel Ephraim - Le Faubourg St. Louis HOA

Council Ad Hoc Committee members Vice Mayor Krasne and Councilmember Bosse discussed their reasons for choosing to retain PSI.

City Attorney Laurence Wiener provided his opinion on whether criminal liability took place for removing landscaping from the right-of-way. Ms. Parrent answered Council questions about the report. Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf answered questions about trees and City procedures related to trees. City Manager Mahdi Aluzri and Mr. Wiener answered Councilmember questions about the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document. Mr. Pfalzgraf and Mr. Aluzri each spoke on the improvements that can and have been made to avoid future issues. Mr. Aluzri spoke on the tree protection ordinance. Ms. Parrent expressed her opinion on why some staff members did not want to be interviewed for the report. Mr. Lyn Konheim stated that he would be open to replacing the trees.

Council asked staff to look into developing a City tree database and have the trees replaced. Mayor Mirisch also asked staff to look into changing the Municipal Code to allow for more

noticing.

Council accepted the report and agreed to move forward.

**3. Request of the Design Review Commission for Review of Single-Family Design Review Processes**

Continued discussion from September 20, 2016 regarding the Design Review Commission's request to modify the design review process for single family homes.

Design Review Commission Chair Ilene Nathan explained her reasons for bringing the item to Council for consideration.

Speaking:

1. Mark Elliot
2. Rebecca Pynoos
3. Meralee Beck

Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene and Ms. Nathan each answered Council questions about the track approval process. Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner Ryan Gohlich clarified when the City's Style Catalog will be distributed. City Manager Mahdi Aluzri spoke on the intent and limitations of specific projects placed on the consent calendar. City Attorney Laurence Wiener confirmed that in order to make any changes to current procedures, a change in the ordinance would be required with Planning Commission approval prior to final Council acceptance.

Council majority agreed to maintain current procedures.

**4. Request by Mayor Mirisch for City Council Review of the Planning Commission's Decision Approving Construction of a New Restaurant at 250-260 North Canon Drive**

Mayor Mirisch has requested that the City Council consider reviewing the Planning Commission's approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Open Air Dining Permit and Extended Hours Permit to allow construction of a new restaurant with a 100% valet-operated alternative parking facility.

Item moved to the October 18, 2016 Formal Meeting agenda.

**5. Review of Proposed Design for Beverly Gardens Park Restroom Located on Canon Dr.**

The City Council set aside funds to replace the park restroom located on Canon Dr. in Beverly Gardens Park. The Council is asked to provide direction on the proposed design.

Item not discussed.

**6. Recommendation by Recreation and Parks Commission and City Council Liaisons to Allow Private Training in Select City Parks**

Transmits the recommendations of the Recreation and Parks Commission to allow private training in City Parks and seeks City Council input.

Item moved to the October 18, 2016 Formal Meeting agenda.

**7. The Advocate and Here Media Request for Co-Sponsorship and Usage of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts**

Staff seeks direction on request from The Advocate and Here Media for City Co-sponsorship of a World AIDS Day reception to be held at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts on December 1, 2016.

Item moved to the October 18, 2016 Formal Meeting agenda.

**B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)**

None.

**C – INFORMATION**

**8. Update on Bridle Lane Setback Requirements**

This report provides an update on staff's approach to resolving setback concerns identified by Murray Fischer at the City Council's September 20, 2016 meeting.

Item not discussed.

**9. Interim Use of the Ambassadors to Provide Field Management During City Use of School District Fields**

Due to continued use of the School District fields by unauthorized users, the Ambassadors will begin providing field management at Beverly Hills High School and the three K-8 schools that have available fields. This is a temporary measure until the new Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) goes into effect in July 2017.

Item not discussed.

**10. Update on Deferred Maintenance Work Planned for La Cienega Community Center**

Provides an update on the work planned for the La Cienega Community Center, including roof work, HVAC system and drywall replacement.

Item not discussed.

**11. Update on City-Sponsored Public Forum on Measure HH**

This report provides the City Council with an update on a City-Sponsored Public Forum regarding the *Hilton Condominium Tower Initiative* (Measure HH). The Ad Hoc Committee has recommended that the City provide a pre-recorded video presentation on the measure, instead of a live public forum.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 6:08 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016



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BYRON POPE, City Clerk

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JOHN A. MIRISCH, MAYOR

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