



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
April 29, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the City Council of Beverly Hills was held in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**A. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Delshad, Councilmember Krasne,  
Councilmember Briskman, Vice Mayor Fenton, and Mayor  
Brucker  
Absent: None

**B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Brucker noted the Hilton Revitalization Plan is the only item on the agenda this evening and the public hearing has been closed, however, anyone wishing to make comments about this project or any other issue may do so under Oral Communications.

1. TELEPHONE CALL-IN (310.285.1020) (Members of the public are invited to place telephone calls to comment on issues that do not appear on the evening's agenda. The City Council will take up to three telephone calls per meeting. Comments on the evening's agenda must be made in person as the item comes before the City Council.)

None

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS. Any person wishing to address the City Council on any matter not on the agenda may do so at this time. However, the State open meetings law (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.) prohibits the City Council from providing a detailed response or acting upon any item not contained on the agenda posted 72 hours before a regular meeting and 24 hours before a special meeting. If you wish to address the City Council at this time, please complete a speaker's card and give it to the City Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please use the microphone provided, clearly stating your name for the official record and courteously limiting your remarks to three (3) minutes so others may have the opportunity to speak as well.

1. John Millan, former President of the Beverly Hills School Board, made comments in support of an expanded Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the City and the School District.
2. Brenda Ellerin spoke about educating her children in the Beverly Hills school system and increasing funding of the JPA.
3. Brandy Alexander Kern commented on the Beverly Hills High School Robotics Team, and funding the JPA for the School District.
4. Ronit Stone asked the City Council to invest in the future of the community, the children and the JPA.
5. Red Richmond spoke about the safety of the children during construction of the Hilton Revitalization and 9900 Wilshire projects.
6. Les Bronte mentioned an ordinance previously adopted regarding trimming of palm trees on private residences, and requested the Council consider placing this matter on a future City Council Agenda.
7. Joyce Saleh expressed support of the Beverly Hilton Revitalization Plan to include Residence A.
8. Darian Bojeaux made comments regarding the Council and spoke in opposition to the Beverly Hilton project.
9. John Mirisch spoke about the Hilton project and the JPA.
10. Marie France asked the Council to vote yes on the Hilton project.
11. Estela Rivarolo stated she is in favor of including Residence A in the Hilton project.

Council directed the Human Relations Commission to reach out to the residents displaying a lack of decorum in expressing their views at the City Council meetings.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING  
TO SET:**

None

**TO CONSIDER:**

This being the time and place set, a continued public hearing was held to consider:

1. CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, SPECIFIC PLAN, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR A PROPOSED MIXED USE PROJECT AT 9876 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD (THE BEVERLY HILTON REVITALIZATION PROJECT). Comment: The proposed project is located on an approximate 8.9-acre site at the intersection of Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards and is currently developed with the Beverly Hilton and ancillary facilities. The proposed project would include redevelopment and reconfiguration of the site by adding retail, and office facilities, a conference room, outdoor landscaped areas, a new five-star Waldorf Astoria Hotel and two separate condominium buildings. Parking would be provided in a subterranean garage. In addition to discussing the project as a whole, at this meeting the City Council will specifically consider a resolution amending the General Plan and a resolution adopting the Beverly Hilton Specific Plan. This item has been continued from the City Council meetings held on Tuesday March 25, 2008, Thursday March 27, 2008, Tuesday April 1, 2008, Tuesday April 8, 2008, Tuesday April 15, 2008 and Monday April 21, 2008.

The notice of the hearing was given as required by law and an affidavit to this effect is on file with the City Clerk.

The report of the Director of Community Development and the records of the Department of Community Development in this matter are made a part of the record of this hearing.

Mayor Brucker provided direction for the discussion of two items for consideration this evening and mentioned there will be a second reading of the two ordinances (Zone Amendment and Development Agreement) at the next formal City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 6.

Community Development Director Vince Bertoni reviewed the project history, the project summary, the site plan, and the elevations of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Residence A and Residence B. He summarized the General Plan Amendment and the Specific Plan before the Council tonight. Director Bertoni went over some key modifications relative to the Planning Commission's recommendations and the ones before the Council tonight, and the Specific Parking Plans and Circulation.

The Council asked questions and made comments about the General Plan Amendment.

MOVED by Vice Mayor Fenton, seconded by Councilmember Briskman to adopt the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN TO ENABLE THE REVITALIZATION

OF THE BEVERLY HILTON HOTEL SITE WITH A NEW LUXURY  
HOTEL, CONDOMINIUMS, AND OPEN SPACE.

Ayes: Councilmember Delshad, Councilmember Briskman, and Vice  
Mayor Fenton  
Noes: Councilmember Krasne, and Mayor Brucker

CARRIED

**ADOPTED RES#08-R-12601**

Councilmembers presented questions and made comments on the Specific Plan. It was the consensus of the Council to change the wording in the resolution to read that any decision, condition of approval or mitigation measure rendered by the Director pursuant to the authority set forth in the Specific Plan may be appealed to the City Manager.

Councilmember Krasne stated the project is moving through the approval process too quickly and that she is not comfortable with all the new information presented. Mayor Brucker listed the reasons he is not in support of the project which included the parking study, Residence A, the affect on the corridor, and free employee parking.

MOVED by Councilmember Briskman, seconded by Vice Mayor Fenton to adopt a resolution with revisions as recommended entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
ADOPTING THE BEVERLY HILTON SPECIFIC PLAN TO ENABLE THE  
REVITALIZATION OF THE EXISTING BEVERLY HILTON HOTEL SITE  
WITH A NEW LUXURY HOTEL, CONDOMINIUMS, AND OPEN SPACE.

Ayes: Councilmember Delshad, Councilmember Briskman, and Vice  
Mayor Fenton  
Noes: Councilmember Krasne, and Mayor Brucker

CARRIED

**ADOPTED RES#08-R-12602**

**D. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

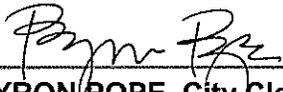
**E. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Brucker with the consent of Council, adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and continued the Beverly Hilton items to the

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Regular Formal Meeting on May 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted  
this 15th day of July, 2008.

  
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BYRON POPE, City Clerk

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BARRY BRUCKER, MAYOR

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