

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES - STUDY SESSION
September 10, 2013
Council Chambers
2:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Mayor Mirisch
Vice Mayor Bosse
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Gold
Councilmember Krasne
Jeff Kolin, City Manager
Mahdi Aluzri, Assistant City Manager
Larry Wiener, City Attorney
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Byron Pope, City Clerk
Susan Healy Keene, Director of Community Development**

A - DIRECTION

Councilmember Gold requested that items that are carried over onto subsequent agendas be indicated on the current agenda so that Councilmembers can review their notes from the previous meeting packet.

- 1. Public Outreach Options and Recommendations for the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project**
Provides staff's recommendations and options for the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction project.

Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz presented the public outreach goals for the Santa Monica Boulevard Construction Project. Staff is seeking Council input and direction on the following items:

- Designation of Commission or Committee
- Public Outreach/Noticing
- Community Outreach Meetings
- Conceptual Options to Present to the Community

Sean Vargas and Michael Meyer of Psomas, the City retained Civil Engineering firm, presented their project goals and proposed design elements.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Eric Weinstein, resident of Santa Monica
- Mark Elliot

Messrs. Vargas and Kunz responded to Council questions regarding the current design of Santa Monica Boulevard.

City Attorney Wiener responded to a question regarding imposing a weight restriction on the roadway.

Each Councilmember will designate 3 members of the public to sit on a Blue Ribbon Committee. The mitigation issues will be addressed by City staff and the Traffic and Parking Commission.

2. Fine Art Commission Interview Panel Report
Transmits the interview panel's appointment recommendation for the Fine Art Commission.

City Clerk Byron Pope reported on the Fine Art Commission Interview Panel's recommendation to appoint Alan Kaye. The panel is composed of Vice Mayor Bosse, Councilmember Gold, Fine Art Commission Chair Fiona Chalom, and Fine Art Commission Vice Chair Sandra Pressman.

Council agreed with the recommendation of the interview panel.

3. Request for Extension of Term of the Director of Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Representing the City of Beverly Hills
Dr. Wunderlich, the City's current Director of MWD, is asking the City Council to consider extending his term set to expire on August 31, 2015 to provide him the opportunity to seek election as the Chair of the Board of Directors and allow him to serve a full term should he get elected. The Code currently limits the term to a maximum of 8 years.

Assistant City Manager Mahdi Aluzri presented the staff report requesting an extension of the term of the Director of Metropolitan Water District (MWD) representing the City of Beverly Hills. Dr. Wunderlich, the City's current representative to MWD is seeking Council consideration of the extension of his term.

Council supported the request to extend Dr. Wunderlich's term.

4. Request of Councilmember Krasne to Discuss Proposed Name Change for South Santa Monica Blvd.
The proposal was submitted by Mr. Fred Barman asking that the City return to the original name of the street of Burton Way instead of "South/Little Santa Monica Blvd.

Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene introduced the agenda item at the request of Councilmember Krasne and City resident Fred Barman. Councilmember Krasne briefly commented on her request.

Ms. Healy Keene responded to questions regarding the name change from Burton Way to Little Santa Monica as well as the prior business survey.

Council directed staff to survey the businesses along Little Santa Monica as well as the community prior to moving forward with the name change.

5. Upcoming Activities Related to Metro's Planned Construction of the La Cienega Station Provides a status of Metro's implementation plan and requests City Council discussion regarding Metro's request to develop an agreement to coordinate construction activities of the La Cienega Station, including reimbursement of City staff costs.

Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz reported on the upcoming activities related to Metro's planned construction of the La Cienega Station.

City Attorney Wiener responded to questions regarding full cost recovery of staff time. He cautioned that today's discussion was to inform both the Council and the public of upcoming activities for the La Cienega Station as well as to provide direction to staff regarding entering into a Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) with Metro. He responded to questions regarding whether or not entering into an agreement with Metro would prejudice the City's lawsuit against Metro.

City Manager Kolin commented on the feedback that staff has received from other cities that have dealt with the construction of subway stations within their cities. He further commented on drafting a MCA that is mutually agreeable to both parties.

City Attorney Wiener indicated that Council's policy to review permit applications submitted by Metro will not change if the City enters into a MCA.

Council directed staff to move forward with exploring language for a MCA with Metro regarding the La Cienega Station.

6. Proposed Amendment to Farmers' Market Annex Rules
Staff seeks direction for a proposed amendment to the existing Farmers' Market Annex Rules to allow the participation of health related organizations.

Market Manager Greta Dunlap presented the staff report for this agenda item. Staff is seeking direction from Council on the proposed change to the market annex rules.

Council reached consensus to amend the annex rules to allow the participation of health related organizations in the Farmers' Market.

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7. Request from Mayor Mirisch to Discuss Collection of Fees Associated with Development Agreements
At the request of Mayor Mirisch, this is a discussion of how the City collects development agreement fees.

Item not discussed.

8. Issuance of Parking Citations by Volunteers
Councilmember Gold is asking for discussion on the possibility for the use of volunteers for parking enforcement especially related to disabled placards abuse.

Item not discussed.

9. Proposed Local Ordinance Governing Labor Negotiations
Per the City Council's direction at the August 20th Study Session, this report outlines proposed provisions of a local ordinance governing labor negotiations based on the discussion at that meeting, related the proposed provisions existing state law, and requests further direction.

Item not discussed.

B - ADDITIONAL ITEM TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

No items.

C - INFORMATION

10. In-Lieu Parking Program Study - Work Scope and Framework
Staff proposes the scope and timeline for completing the 2014 In Lieu Parking Study.

Item not discussed.

11. Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Post-Premiere Party at Spago
Provides information regarding holding a post-premiere party on the 100 block of North Canon Drive on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:13 p.m. to the Closed Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting. The Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 24th of September, 2013

for 

BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JOHN A. MIRISCH, MAYOR

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