

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES - STUDY SESSION
September 24, 2013
Council Chambers
2:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Mayor Mirisch
Vice Mayor Bosse
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Gold
Councilmember Krasne
Jeff Kolin, City Manager
Larry Wiener, City Attorney
Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager
Byron Pope, City Clerk
Susan Healy Keene, Director of Community Development
Chad Lynn, Director of Parking Operations**

Public Comment:

Sylvain Schindler spoke briefly regarding his inability to register his daughter for school. He stated that the school district denied his daughter's registration because he is in the United States on a work visa. City Manager Kolin provided his contact information to Mr. Schindler so they could discuss the matter further.

A - DIRECTION

1. Proposal from the Sunshine Task Force Regarding Lobbyist Registration Forms
This item seeks City Council review of the proposal developed by the Sunshine Task Force Regarding Lobbyist Registration Procedures

Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling reported on the proposal from the Sunshine Task Force (Task Force) to revise the current lobbyist disclosure form as well as the Task Force's top priorities.

Task Force member Fred Finster provided background on the request to revise the disclosure form.

Council liaison to the Task Force Vice Mayor Bosse discussed the Task Force and its recommendation.

City Attorney Wiener responded to questions regarding his review of the proposed Lobbyist Registration form. He discussed the portions of the Municipal Code that address Legislative Advocacy.

Council directed City Attorney Wiener to work with Mr. Finster and return to the Council with another draft Lobbyist Disclosure form which may include changes to the Municipal Code.

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

City Clerk Byron Pope reported on the recommendation of the Architectural Commission Interview Panel (Panel). The panel consisting of Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, Councilmember Brien, Architectural Commission Chair James Blakeley III, and Vice Chair Bernstein. The Panel recommends Michelle Kaye for appointment.

Vice Mayor Bosse and Councilmember Brien commented on the Panel's recommendation.

Council approved the recommendation of the Panel.

3. Health and Safety Commission Interview Panel Report
Transmits the interview panel's appointment recommendations for the Health and Safety Commission.

City Clerk Byron Pope reported on the recommendation of the Health and Safety Commission Interview Panel (Panel). The panel consisting of Councilmember Brien, Councilmember Gold, Health and Safety Commission Chair Gail Millan, and Health and Safety Commission Vice Chair Stacia Kopeikin. The Panel recommends the appointment of Daniel Nazarian, Myra Demeter, and Gary B. Ross.

Councilmember Brien commented on the recommendation of the Panel.

Council agreed with the recommendation of the Panel.

4. Request from Mayor Mirisch to Discuss Collection of Fees Associated with Development Agreements (Item First Agendized on 8/20/13)
At the request of Mayor Mirisch, this is a discussion of how the City collects development agreement fees.

Mayor Mirisch provided background on his request that this item be placed on the agenda.

Community Development Director Susan Healy Keene spoke briefly on the collection of development fees and agreements and provided examples of two projects and the agreed upon fees for those projects.

City Attorney Wiener responded to questions regarding the legality of the City seeking upfront payment of development agreement fees. He advised that the agreements are negotiated and provided the advantages and disadvantages to requiring fees upfront versus overtime. In addition, he discussed the collection of fees on residential building.

Council directed staff to agendaize the discussion of fees for residential building at a later Study Session. They supported the request by Mayor Mirisch to consider modeling development agreements so that fees can be collected at various times in the development process.

5. Request by Councilmember Gold for Council Discussion of Use of Volunteers in Parking Enforcement (Item First Agendaized on 8/20/13)

Councilmember Gold is asking for discussion on the possibility for the use of volunteers for parking enforcement especially related to disabled placards abuse.

Director of Parking Operations Chad Lynn presented the request by Councilmember Gold for discussion of use of volunteers in parking enforcement.

Councilmember Gold provided background for his request that this item be placed on the agenda for Council discussion.

Council expressed concern regarding liability to the City, potential Memorandum of Understanding, cost of training, and potential for contentiousness and violence against the volunteers.

The following members of the public spoke:

Jordan Bernhard, Disaster Communication System (DCS) Volunteer

Peter Landau

Jeff Levine, DCS Volunteer

Julie Steinberg, Traffic and Parking Commissioner

Pam Meadow, DCS Volunteer

Council directed staff to return to the Council with further information on the cost of the program, training, and potential liability to the City.

6. Proposed Local Ordinance Governing Labor Negotiations (Item First Agendaized on 9/10/13 Agenda)

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.

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7. 2014 Tournament of Roses Parade Float
This item provides an update the 2014 Tournament of Roses parade float in honor of the City's Centennial.

Item not discussed.

8. Chamber of Commerce Request for Usage of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
Staff seeks direction on a request from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce for usage of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts to conduct their 2014 Beverly Hills Tomorrow: A Vision for the Future event.

Item not discussed.

9. Request by Councilmember Gold to Consider Regulations on the Sales and Consumption of E-Cigarettes
Councilmember Gold is asking for discussion by the City Council on the use of e-cigarettes and providing direction to staff on proceeding with formulating regulations on the sales and consumption of e-cigarettes.

Item not discussed.

10. Recognition of Participants in the Children's Summer Reading Club Program - Group 1

Library Services Manager Marilyn Taniguchi summarized the Summer Reading Program. This year 1,857 registered for the Program and 1,036 completed the Program.

Mayor Mirisch recognized and congratulated the Kindergarten through 3rd grade students on their accomplishment.

Ms. Taniguchi further commented that most children read at least six books and some are reading medalists at their respective schools.

B - ADDITIONAL ITEM TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

No items at this time.

C - INFORMATION

11. Rodeo de los Caballos - Gathering of the Horses Event on North Rodeo Drive
Provides information regarding the Rodeo Drive Committee's Rodeo de los Caballos - The Gathering of the Horses event. The Equestrian Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 13 on the 200-400 blocks of North Rodeo Drive, and is one of the kick-off events for the Beverly Hills Centennial celebration initiatives.

Item not discussed.

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12. Public Works Commission Water Quality Report
Transmits a report from the Public Works Commission to the City Council regarding the positive Coliform tests in December 2012.

Item not discussed.

13. Innovation's Day 2013 Update
Provides information to the City Council on the City's upcoming Innovation's Day training session which will be held on Monday, October 14, 2013.

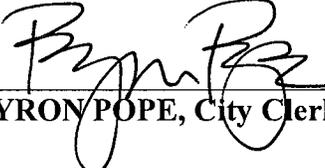
Item not discussed.

14. Temporary Display of Art at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts
Provides images and description of a Lichtenstein sculpture on 5-year loan to the Annenberg to be displayed at the northwest corner of Crescent Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard - South.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:06 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.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 3rd day of October, 2013


BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JOHN A. MIRISCH, MAYOR

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