

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES - STUDY SESSION
May 20, 2014
Council Chambers
1:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Bosse
Vice Mayor Gold
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Mirisch
Councilmember Krasne
Jeff Kolin, City Manager
Mahdi Aluzri, Assistant City Manager
Police Lt. Michael Foxen
Police Officer Michael Yamada
Police Captain Mark Rosen
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk
David Lightner, Deputy City Manager
Mark Cuneo, City Engineer
Susan Healy Keene, Director of Community Development
Trish Rhay, Utilities Manager
Noel Marquis, Assistant Director of Administrative Services/Finance

Oral Communication

1. Hermine Beck spoke about the abuse of food truck vendors in the area. Mayor Bosse indicated that the item would be placed on a future Study Session agenda for discussion. City Attorney Wiener commented that the State of California does not allow the City to regulate food trucks in the manner that the City would like to regulate them in order to protect the quality of life in the City.
2. Phil Savenick spoke regarding the license agreement between TV is OK and the City for the documentary that Mr. Savenick produced.

A - DIRECTION

1. **Trousdale Traffic Safety Recommendations**
Transmits recommendations from the May 15, 2014 City Council/Traffic & Parking Liaison Committee meeting.

Assistant City Manager Mahdi Aluzri provided background information on the construction activity in Trousdale, solutions, and 2014 truck accidents. Police Lieutenant Michael Foxen provided more information on the three traffic collisions including the two fatalities. He also reviewed the traffic citations issued on Loma Vista. Mr. Aluzri summarized the recommended next steps including changes to construction management and roadway safety improvements.

The City has retained Steve Brown from Fehr and Peers to conduct a traffic safety study. The scope of work includes evaluation of accident data, conducting field review of traffic flow and parking patterns, evaluating safety improvement options, and evaluating alternative heavy-haul routes. The recommendations are due by May 30, 2014.

Staff asked for Council approval on the recommended solutions.

Speaking:

1. June Berliner
2. Elizabeth Vienneau
3. Mark Daniels, Winters Schram Construction
4. Randy Simon
5. Frieda Berlin

Councilmember Brien and Vice Mayor Gold provided their comments as Traffic and Parking Commission liaisons.

Police Lt. Foxen responded to questions regarding the cause of the traffic collisions. Police Officer Michael Yamada responded to questions regarding commercial enforcement of heavy haul vehicles. City Attorney Wiener responded to a question regarding the legality of installing cameras that capture the public right of way along Loma Vista. Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz responded to a question regarding installing additional stop signs along Loma Vista. Police Captain Mark Rosen responded to a question regarding lobbying for speed limit cameras. City Manager Kolin commented on the inspection of heavy haul vehicles. City Attorney Wiener responded to a question regarding the City's ability to limit pass through traffic on Loma Vista. Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene responded to a question regarding construction parking.

Mayor Bosse responded to the concerns expressed by the members of the public who spoke. City Manager Kolin provided details on the timeline for solving the traffic safety issue on Loma Vista.

2. Cultural Heritage Commission Reappointments

Cultural Heritage Commissioners Maralee Beck's and Lisa Greer's terms expired on March 6, 2014. They have submitted letters of interest to extend their terms.

Deputy City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez reported on the request to reappoint Maralee Beck and Lisa Greer to the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Councilmember Mirisch provided his comments as a Cultural Heritage Commission liaison. Council approved the reappointments.

3. North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Pre-Design Cost Estimates

Provides additional information on project costs as a follow up to the April 1, 2013 City Council Study Session.

Deputy City Manager David Lightner and City Engineer Mark Cuneo presented the report on the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project, which included a budget comparison with the original estimate, current pre-design cost estimates, recommended project funding plan and the next steps. Staff recommended scenario 1 which has a proposed budget of \$28.6 million.

Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz and Mr. Lightner responded to questions from Council. City Manager Kolin discussed the wear and tear on Santa Monica Boulevard due to transit vehicles. Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene discussed moving into the design phase of Santa Monica Boulevard.

City Manager Kolin confirmed that staff will return at a future Council meeting with the various scenarios and cost analysis requested by Council.

4. Water Enterprise Plan Development and Approval Process

Staff will provide an overview and status report on the development of the Water Enterprise Plan.

City Manager Kolin proposed that this item be discussed at the City Council's Formal meeting this evening.

5. Water Utility Operations and Revenue Requirements for FY 2014/15

Staff will present the projected revenue requirements necessary to provide a high quality and reliable water supply to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Beverly Hills and portions of West Hollywood.

Utilities Manager Trish Rhay provided a brief background on the water utility enterprise operations and rates. She discussed base budget assumptions, the status of operations, the Public Works Commission recommendations and the 5-year forecast.

Speaking:

1. Dr. Barry Pressman, Public Works Commission Chair

Ms. Rhay responded to questions from Council. Assistant Director of Administrative Services/Finance Noel Marquis responded to a question regarding the 5-year projections. City Manager Kolin discussed the proposed Water Enterprise Plan and its effects on Council funding decisions.

Council unanimously supported the recommendations of the Public Works Commission.

6. Ad Hoc Commission Structure Review Recommendations

This report transmits the formal recommendation from the Commission Structure Ad Hoc Committee, which includes proposed changes relating to Commissioner terms, selection and removal process, Commission charges and size.

Item not discussed.

7. Request by Councilmembers Brien and Krasne to Consider Limiting Tour Bus Activity on Rodeo Drive Between Wilshire Boulevard and North Santa Monica Boulevard

Provides a follow-up to the City Council discussion on February 4, 2014 regarding tour bus activity.

Item not discussed.

8. Request by Councilmember Krasne for Discussion of Developing Local Regulations for Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Councilmember Krasne is asking the City Council to consider introducing a local privacy protections ordinance for use of drones over the City when they are not within the FAA regulations.

Item not discussed.

B - ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

No items at this time.

C - INFORMATION

9. Rodeo Drive Concours d'Elegance Car Show

Transmits information regarding the Concours d'Elegance Car Show on the 200-400 blocks of North Rodeo on Sunday, June 15, 2014.

Item not discussed.

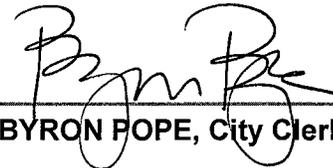
10. June 26 Public Safety Program Co-Sponsored by the Municipal League of Beverly Hills and the City of Beverly Hills

Transmits information regarding a Public Safety Program on Thursday, June 26 in the Municipal Gallery, which will be free and open to the general public. Speakers will feature Mayor Bosse and representatives from the Police and Fire Departments.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:37pm 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 7:00pm.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
This 1st day of July, 2014


BYRON POPE, City Clerk

LILI BOSSE, MAYOR

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