

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
April 7, 2015
2:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Gold
Vice Mayor Mirisch
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Bosse
Councilmember Krasne
Mahdi Aluzri, Interim City Manager
David Lightner, Deputy City Manager/Director of Capital Assets
Lolly A. Enriquez, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Byron Pope, City Clerk
Peter Brown, Labor Negotiator
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Martha Eros, Transportation Planner
Steve Zoet, Director of Community Services

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Barbara Linder

A – DIRECTION

1. Scheduling City Council Meeting Dates Through December 2015

This item schedules City Council meeting dates from May through December 2015.

City Clerk Byron Pope asked for confirmation on the proposed Council meeting dates. Council reviewed the dates and changed the meeting schedule to the following:

1. May 7 - move to 1:00 p.m.
2. May 14 - remove
3. June 2 – replaced with June 8
4. July 7 – replaced with June 30
5. September 13 – replaced with September 10

2. Fine Art Commission Interview Panel Report

Transmits the interview panel's appointment recommendation for the Fine Art Commission.

City Clerk Byron Pope presented a staff report on the recommendation of the Fine Art Commission (FAC) Interview Panel composed of former Mayor Bosse, former Vice Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., FAC Chair Sandra Pressman and Commissioner Alan Kaye to appoint candidate Zale Richard Rubins.

Council approved the recommendation of the Panel. The item will be placed on the April 21, 2015 City Council Formal meeting for adoption.

3. Architectural Commission Reappointment

Architectural Commissioner Gidas Peteris' first term expired on December 31, 2014. He has submitted a letter of interest to be reappointed to a second term of four years.

City Clerk Byron Pope reported on the item and indicated that according to the terms of the new commission structure, Mr. Peteris is eligible for reappointment to a second term of four years.

Council concurred with the recommendation. The item will be placed on the April 21, 2015 City Council Formal meeting for adoption.

4. Health and Safety Commission Reappointments

Health and Safety Commissioners Myra B. Lurie's and Lisa Kay Schwartz's first terms expired on December 31, 2014. They have submitted letters of interest to be reappointed to a second term of four years.

City Clerk Byron Pope reported on the item and indicated that according to the terms of the new commission structure, Ms. Lurie and Ms. Schwartz are eligible for reappointment to a second term of four years.

Council concurred with the recommendation. The item will be placed on the April 21, 2015 City Council Formal meeting for adoption.

5. Upcoming Labor Negotiations with Seven Employee Associations

This presentation is informational only.

Labor Negotiator Peter Brown presented information on the item for Council consideration for the upcoming labor negotiations with seven bargaining units. Mr. Brown clarified various points of the presentation for Council.

Council asked to add a second community meeting and to bring the item back to a future City Council Study Session to discuss the community feedback.

6. Executive Employee Outside Employment Policy

Item First Agendized February 17, 2015

Mayor Gold, Vice Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse requested that the City Council discuss the City's policy regarding outside employment for executive employees.

Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez presented the item and asked for Council direction regarding making changes to the City's current policy.

SPEAKING:

1. Marcia Hobbs

Council asked staff to review the current ordinance, make revisions to include Council authorization for outside employment, determine the staff level that will be mandated by the revision and to bring the draft to a future City Council Study Session for discussion.

7. Request of Councilmember Brien to Expedite an Agreement for Purchase of Bicycle Sharing Equipment

Request by Councilmember Brien to expedite an agreement for bicycle share equipment and staff update on the bicycle share feasibility study.

Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz provided a brief update on the item and asked for Council direction.

Councilmember Brien pointed out timeline issues that may affect Council decision on whether to approve the item. Council thanked Councilmember Brien for bringing the item to Council's attention. Mr. Kunz answered questions regarding security, staffing, bicycle costs, grants, logistics, purchasing flexibility, color and branding, and helmets. Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez recommended incorporating liability waivers.

Council approved to move forward with the purchase.

**8. Direction Regarding a Proposed Veterans' Memorial in Beverly Gardens Park
*Item First Agendized February 17, 2015***

This item seeks City Council direction regarding a proposed Veterans' Memorial around the *Hunter and Hounds* sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park and a conceptual design that has been developed for the same.

Director of Community Services Steve Zoet asked for Council direction regarding the item, gave a brief overview, recognized committee members, and then introduced Architectural Commissioner, local architect and Veterans' Memorial volunteer Gidas Peteris. Mr. Peteris discussed the proposed memorial design and the concept behind it.

Ad Hoc Committee members (Vice Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Brien) both spoke in support of the memorial. Vice Mayor Mirisch pointed out that members of the Recreation and Parks Commission also provided feedback. Mr. Peteris confirmed the military services that will be represented and answered questions about the landscaping and design. Mr. Zoet provided clarification about fundraising and the proposed plaque.

Council approved the request.

**9. Discussion of FY 2013/14 Year-End General Fund Available Fund Balance and Recommendations for its Use
*Item First Agendized February 17, 2015***

Staff recommends the City Council consider the Fiscal Year 2013/14 General Fund available ending balance and allocating it for various purposes.

Item not discussed.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None.

C – INFORMATION

10. Review of the Conditions of the Existing Facilities at LaCienega Park and Public Input Received Regarding Possible Improvements

Item First Agendized February 3, 2015

This item provides City Council with an overview of public input received regarding possible LaCienega Park improvements.

Item not discussed.

11. Regional Development Projects Report - City Council Quarterly Update

City Council Quarterly Update Report on development projects in adjacent cities.

Item not discussed.

12. Request by Mayor Gold to Create a Mayor's Committee for Next Generation Leaders

Mayor Gold has requested the establishment of a Committee composed of next generation leaders to provide ideas to move Beverly Hills into the future.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:05 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 21st day of April, 2015


BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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