

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
August 4, 2015
2:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Gold
Vice Mayor Mirisch
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Bosse
Mahdi Aluzri, Interim City Manager
Laurence Wiener, City Attorney
Lolly A. Enriquez, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Therese Kosterman, Public Information Manager
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Mark Cuneo, City Engineer
Gisele Grable, Community Services Administrator
Steve Zoet, Director of Community Services
Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner
Kevin Kearney, Senior Management Analyst

ABSENT: Councilmember Krasne

A – DIRECTION

1. Step-up Recognition – Solomon Fingold

As part of Mayor Gold's "Step-Up and Make a Difference" initiative, Vice-Mayor Mirisch has nominated Solomon Fingold to be recognized for installing a grey-water system 17 years ago.

Vice Mayor Mirisch provided a brief background on the item and introduced Mr. Solomon Fingold. Mayor Gold and the entire Council thanked Mr. Fingold for his water conservation efforts and presented him with a certificate of recognition.

2. Update on Metro Purple Line Segment 2 and Councilmember Brien's Request to Evaluate a Second Portal for the Planned Wilshire/Rodeo Station

Provides project update and seeks City Council direction regarding Councilmember Brien's request to evaluate a second portal.

City Engineer Mark Cuneo provided a PowerPoint presentation which included an update on the status of the Metro Purple Line Subway Extension – Section 2 and information on the evaluation of a second portal for the planned Wilshire/Rodeo Station.

Councilmember Brien briefly explained his reasons for bringing this item forward for discussion. He indicated that although final costs and impacts are unknown, a second portal should be considered while the City is still in the planning process and before any construction begins.

Council consensus was to move forward with staff's request to present the usage of right-of-way permits for preliminary engineering investigations for Section 2 at the August 18, 2015 Council meeting. In addition, Council directed that a staff working group be created to evaluate a second portal for the Wilshire/Rodeo Station.

3. The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Fundraiser Event on Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Seeks City Council direction regarding a request to use North Crescent Drive, adjacent to City Hall, for the Wallis event, which includes a two-week street closure for tent and event equipment installation and removal (from Sunday, November 1 through Sunday, November 15). Provides information regarding The Wallis' fundraiser event and concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 which was reviewed and supported by the City Council Liaison Committee.

Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable discussed logistics related to the proposed street closure, measures taken to notify the community, fiscal impact and recommendations by City Council Liaison Councilmembers Bosse and Krasne. Ms. Grable pointed out that the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Board of Directors Vice Chair Vicki Reynolds and Managing Director Tania Camargo were in attendance to answer Council questions.

Ms. Reynolds thanked the liaison committee for their enthusiasm in supporting this gala and thanked the Council for their consideration in approving this event. She also reassured the Council that all concerns brought forward from merchants, residents and the liaison committee members are being addressed.

Council approved the request.

4. Regulating Vehicle Test Driving within the City of Beverly Hills

Item First Agendized July 21, 2015

In response to resident concerns of vehicle test-driving in residential areas, Staff has drafted a proposed ordinance requiring auto-related businesses within the City of Beverly Hills to establish test drive routes that limit use of residential streets.

Senior Management Analyst Kevin Kearney presented the proposed ordinance and reviewed the proposed test drive routes and streets for auto dealerships and other vehicle service facilities.

Council agreed to move forward with the proposed ordinance for adoption at a future formal meeting.

5. Review of Proposed Dog Park Design Concepts and the Associated Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration

It is recommended that City Council review the proposed design concepts and the site's associated Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and provide direction to staff regarding the desired design and operations for the Foothill/Alden Dog Park.

Director of Community Services Steve Zoet reported on the proposed dog park design concepts for City Council consideration and stated the associated draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) attached to this report is available for public comment until August 20th.

Mr. Zoet acknowledged the presence of Community Development Department Assistant Director/City Planner Ryan Gohlich to answer any questions regarding the MND.

Speakers:

1. Christina Whalen
2. Bill Crowe, Executive Director of Pets 90210
3. Tracy Jones on behalf of Tina Sinatra
4. Teri Austin, President of The Amanda Foundation
5. Arthur Cohen
6. Terri Gerber
7. Marcia Hobbs
8. Ilona Sherman
9. Alma Ordaz

Recreation and Parks Commission (RPC) Vice Chair Frances Bilak summarized the discussions and concerns brought forward at the public meetings comprising of the City Council liaisons, RPC representatives, the four synagogues and interested members of the community.

Mayor Gold stated for the record that letters were received from Marcia Hollander in opposition, Scott Karlan in support, Ray Williams in support (via phone with Timmi Tway), and a letter from the attorneys representing Young Israel of North Beverly Hills/The Beverly Hills Synagogue in general opposition and specific concerns related to the MND.

Mr. Gohlich explained the process in which this project, per State law, is subject to an environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project was prepared due to no significant environmental impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Council directed staff to send the item back to the RPC for further discussion, and continue outreach to interested persons.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None

C – INFORMATION

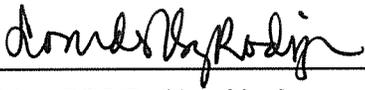
6. Bicycle Sharing Program Update

Provides update on the Bike Share Feasibility Study, equipment purchase, and station planning.

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.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 18th day of August, 2015


for BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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