

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
October 20, 2015
2:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber**

PRESENT: Mayor Gold
Vice Mayor Mirisch
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Bosse
Councilmember Krasne
Mahdi Aluzri, City Manager
David Snow, Assistant City Attorney
Aaron Kunz, Deputy Director of Transportation
Chad Lynn, Assistant Director of Public Works Services/Parking and Facilities
Operations
Russell Platamone, Parking Services Manager

ABSENT: None

A – DIRECTION

1. Olympic/Beverly/Beverwil Intersection

Provides analysis and recommendations for circulation at the Olympic/Beverly/Beverwil intersection.

Deputy Director of Transportation Aaron Kunz presented a brief background then asked Council for direction on conducting public outreach and environmental assessment on one or more of the scenarios. He introduced Jaimee Bourgeois, Fehr & Peers Associate, who reported on the results of their assessment of the four improvement options (Scenarios A, B, C and D) and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Mr. Kunz concluded the presentation with staff recommendations and the steps for implementation.

Speaking:

1. Jeff Brynan
2. Bill Shaw

Mayor Gold called on Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) Chair Lester J. Friedman to speak. Mr. Friedman did not have any comments. Council expressed concern that some of the recommendations will divert traffic into residential areas. City Manager Mahdi Aluzri suggested that Council approve the implementation of Scenario C to include the left turn from North Beverly onto west bound Olympic and then have staff return to Council with an assessment on Scenario D.

Council directed staff to reach out to businesses and residents for their input on all four scenarios, to bring the community feedback to the TPC for further discussion, and then to return to Council with the findings.

2. Request by Vice Mayor Mirisch to Evaluate the Use of Vehicle License Plates to Satisfy the Requirements for Residential Parking Permits

Item First Agendized October 6, 2015

This report conveys information related to the current Residential Parking Permit programs and the potential to use vehicle license plates as a permit credential.

Parking Services Manager Russell Platamone briefly reviewed the City's two current Residential Parking Permit programs, compared the traditional hangtag permits versus the recommended License Plate Recognition (LPR) program, then discussed LPR functionality and the technology needed to implement the program. He concluded with a review of the timeline, staff recommendations and funding.

Vice Mayor Mirisch explained his reason for requesting the study then invited Council to discuss potential solutions. Assistant Director of Public works Services/Parking and Operations Chad Lynn answered Councilmember Bosse's questions regarding savings, efficiency and places that use LPR systems. Councilmember Brien expressed his concerns about enforcement and the dual issuance of both types of permits. Mr. Lynn clarified that although LPR enforcement has been in place, it is a separate system and additional funding will be required to integrate LPR permitting with the LPR enforcement system.

Mayor Gold expressed his concerns and explained the need for costs to be passed on in order to keep the permit program cost-neutral. He also felt that residents need to be given an opportunity to decide whether or not they are willing to pay a higher rate in order to integrate the new technology.

Council asked staff to do a financial analysis of the incremental price of adding the program and if costs are not exorbitant, to take the item back to the Traffic and Parking Commission for further investigation before returning to Council.

3. Request by Vice-Mayor Mirisch to Review Municipal Code Provisions Pertaining to Expansion of Level Pads in the Hillside Area of the City

This is a request by Vice-Mayor Mirisch to discuss whether changes are needed to Municipal Code provisions pertaining to the by-right standards for expansion of level pads in the Hillside Area.

Item not discussed.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None

C – INFORMATION

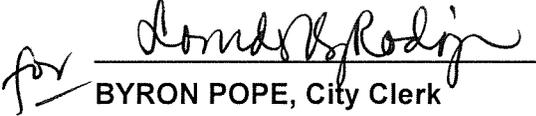
4. La Cienega Park and Community Center Public Process and Outreach Efforts

This item provides information regarding staff's proposed public process to gather additional input regarding desired improvements for La Cienega Park.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session convened at 4:22 pm to the Special Study Session to discuss the item identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 3rd day of November, 2015


BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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