

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
January 5, 2016
2:30 p.m.
City Council Chamber**

**Teleconference Location:
17 West 54th Street
New York, NY 10019**

PRESENT: Mayor Gold
Vice Mayor Mirisch
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Bosse
Councilmember Krasne
Mahdi Aluzri, City Manager
David Snow, Interim City Attorney
Dominick Rivetti, Police Chief
Trish Rhay, Assistant Director of Public Works Services/Infrastructure and Field Operations
Michelle Tse, Senior Management Analyst
Megan Roach, Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager
Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs
Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner
Teri Angel, Recreation Services Manager

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Gold announced that Councilmember Brien would be participating in the meeting via teleconference and therefore the telephone call-in feature was not available.

A – DIRECTION

1. Proclamation Honoring Officer Rodney Solorzano

Officer Solorzano is being recognized for excellent police work which resulted in a great arrest.

Police Chief Dominick Rivetti spoke on Officer Rodney Solorzano's exemplary achievements during his seven month tenure with the City of Beverly Hills. He introduced Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Supervising Special Agent Patrick Grandy who commended Officer Solorzano on behalf of the FBI. Mayor Gold, along with Council, thanked Officer Solorzano and presented him with a proclamation.

2. Conservation Program Update

This is a monthly update regarding City's water conservation efforts and programs, including funding to support enforcement efforts.

Senior Management Analyst Michelle Tse reviewed the City's overall performance from May 2015 to November 2015 and noted the reasons for the decline in water use. She compared the City's results to other regional cities who are also experiencing a decline due to the same reasons. Ms. Tse provided an update on the State Water Board, the City's water enforcement efforts and on the City's various outreach efforts. She reviewed the statistical data related to enforcement, spoke on the City's conservation strategies and presented a water restrictors program for Council consideration. Ms. Tse introduced James Markman from Richards, Watson & Gershon, who is a General Consul for other cities and water utility companies, discussed his observations on the City's efforts and the pros and cons of utilizing water restrictors.

Speaking:

1. Dr. Woodrow Clark II

Council approved to move forward with studying the implementation of water restrictors.

3. Request by Mayor Gold to Convert the Mayor's Committee of Next Generation Leaders into a Formal City Council Committee

The Committee was established by Mayor Gold last spring and has met 10 times since then. This item would formally convert the Mayor's Committee to a City Council Committee.

Marketing and Economic Sustainability Manager Megan Roach gave a brief history on the Committee, listed their accomplishments and briefly touched on their initial priorities. Mayor Gold voiced his reason for bringing the item forward and expressed his support. Committee member Jon Gluck spoke on the history of the Committee and expressed the necessity to maintain the mission of addressing the specific age demographic while being open to potential members outside of the age group.

Council approved moving forward with the recommendation.

4. Request from Mayor Gold to Convert the Sunshine Task Force into a Formal City Council Committee with an Expanded Mission and Expanded Appointee Process

The Sunshine Task Force was established by Vice Mayor Mirisch during his mayoral term, and has met approximately 14 times since then. This item would formally convert this Task Force to a standing City Council Committee.

Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs Cheryl Friedling gave a brief history on the Task Force and reviewed the proposed reconstitution.

Speaking:

1. Chris Laukenmann
2. Susan Mishler

Council approved the request and agreed to allow each Councilmember to choose two members, to restrict membership of lobbyists to two people and to define the membership rules for active lobbyists.

5. Request by Vice-Mayor Mirisch for City Council Review of the Planning Commission's Decision Approving an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit to Allow Jim Falk Lexus to Operate a Vehicle Service Facility at 9031 Olympic Boulevard

On December 10, 2015, the Planning Commission approved an amendment to an existing Conditional Use Permit to authorize vehicle servicing within the existing commercial building located at 9031 Olympic Boulevard to be occupied by Jim Falk Lexus in lieu of Infinity of Beverly Hills. Vice-Mayor Mirisch has requested that the City Council discuss whether there is support from a majority of the Council to call the Planning Commission's decision up for review by the City Council.

Vice Mayor Mirisch discussed the concerns that prompted his request to review the item. Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner Ryan Gohlich reviewed the Conditional Use Permits (CUP) Amendment and asked for Council direction on whether to proceed with a public hearing.

Speaking:

1. Chris Laukenmann
2. Tom Levyn
3. Susan Mishler

Vice Mayor Mirisch read into record the names of individuals who sent email messages to the City Council:

1. Jason Morgan
2. Chris Laukenmann
3. Meryl Rizzotti
4. David Peyman
5. Linda Roberts
6. Susan Mischler

Council voted on whether or not to proceed with a public hearing.

Moved by: Vice Mayor Mirisch

Seconded by: Councilmember Krasne

Ayes: Councilmember Krasne, Councilmember Bosse, Vice Mayor Mirisch, and Mayor Gold.

Noes: Councilmember Brien.

Carried.

Council approved to proceed with a public hearing.

6. Hosting a Former Mayors Forum and Waiver of Associated Fees

This item transmits a proposed free public forum involving former mayors and the waiver of rental fees associated with the same.

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel provided information on the item and introduced Ira Goldberg and Marty Geimer who each provided additional information regarding the event.

Council approved the request.

7. Beverly Hills Municipal Code Amendments Regarding Campaign Regulations Applicable to Local Elections

Consideration of potential Municipal Code amendments regarding the conduct of certain local election campaign activities.

Item not discussed.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None

C – INFORMATION

1. Golden Globe Awards Ceremony – 2016

Provides information regarding the 73rd Annual Awards Ceremony scheduled on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Item not discussed.

2. Removal of Bus Shelters

Update on the removal of the three bus shelters in the City.

Item not discussed.

3. Request from Beverly Hills North Homeowners Assn. to Use the Council Chamber as a Venue for a Town Hall Meeting on Parcels 12 & 13

This item requests that the City Council approve the use of the Council Chamber for a town hall meeting on parcels 12 and 13.

Item not discussed.

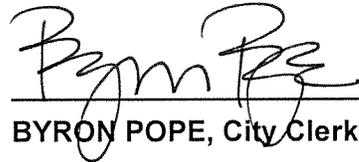
4. Regional Development Projects Report – City Council Quarterly Update

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

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:20 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 26th day of January, 2016



BYRON POPE, City Clerk

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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