

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

**Teleconference Location:  
5122 Morningside Drive  
Houston, TX 77005**

PRESENT: Mayor Mirisch  
Vice Mayor Krasne  
Councilmember Brien  
Councilmember Bosse  
Councilmember Gold  
Mahdi Aluzri, City Manager  
George Chavez, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works Services  
Laurence Wiener, City Attorney  
Byron Pope, City Clerk  
David Schirmer, Chief Information Officer  
Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner  
David Snow, Assistant City Attorney  
Stephanie Harris, Management Analyst  
Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Community Services  
Don Harrison, Budget and Revenue Officer  
Don Rhoads, Director of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer

ABSENT: None

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

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Speaking:

1. Steve Mayer

**A – DIRECTION**

**1. Schedule of City Council Meeting Dates Through December 2016**

This item schedules the upcoming City Council Meeting dates through December 2016.

City Clerk Byron Pope asked for confirmation on the proposed Council meeting dates. Council reviewed the dates and agreed to replace the August 2<sup>nd</sup> date with August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Parcels 12 & 13 Update**

An oral report will be provided by Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Gold.

City Clerk Byron Pope provided an update on Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Gold's request to contact 16 firms regarding a Request for Proposal process to investigate Parcels 12 & 13. He noted that of the 16 firms, nine firms confirmed interest and that since then, Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Gold decided to proceed with an interview process. Mr. Pope briefly outlined the interview and recommendation process plan. Mayor Mirisch pointed out that many of the firms contacted were suggested by residents and members of the community.

Speaking:

1. Lionel Ephraim

Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Gold each spoke on their recommendations. Council asked staff to ensure that the nine responsive firms have absolutely no prior relationship in working with or against the City and to receive the confirmation in writing prior to the interview process.

**3. Request by Mayor Mirisch Seeking City Council Support for the Development of an Autonomous Vehicle Program That Includes a City-Sponsored Forum at the Annenberg Center**

Expands the City's autonomous vehicle (AV) program to address the 'first and last mile' issues as it relates to the extension of the Purple Line to the City. As envisioned, the program would include a fleet of City-owned AVs that would transport residents to and from Metro station in an attempt to reduce traffic and improve parking. The proposed forum would include panel discussions by experts and demonstrations of AVs.

Chief Information Officer David Schirmer reported on the long term goals, considerations and benefits of an AV program then detailed the near term plan. Mr. Schirmer also spoke on technology to bridge the gap until the AV program comes to fruition. Technology Committee member Grayson Brulte spoke on the benefits of autonomous technology. Technology Committee member AJ Willmer stated that the Technology Committee fully supports implementation of an AV program. He spoke on his experience riding in an AV, provided automobile accident statistical information, and pointed out the advantages that make the City the perfect location to lead an AV pilot program.

Council supported the request to move forward with Phase I of the initiative. Council also agreed to form an Autonomous Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee and appointed City Council liaisons Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse.

**4. Request by Mayor Mirisch for City Council Review of the Planning Commission's Decision Approving a Vesting Tentative Tract Map, Development Plan Review, and Density Bonus Permit to Allow the Construction of a 4-story, 8-unit Condominium Building on the Property Located at 250 North Crescent Drive**

On March 10, 2016, the Planning Commission approved a Vesting Tentative Tract Map, Development Plan Review, and Density Bonus Permit to allow the construction of a new 4-story, 8-unit condominium building on the property located at 250 North Crescent Drive. 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.

Assistant Director of Community Development/City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided the background on the item, which was requested by Mayor Mirisch to be on the agenda for discussion due to resident concerns.

Speaking:

1. Coby Shirazi
2. Janet Rivani
3. Todd Elliott
4. Yar Meshkaty

Assistant City Attorney David Snow provided clarification on the State Density Bonus Law. Mr. Gohlich clarified that there are two types of requests that come with the Density Bonus Permit and answered questions about Development Plan Review (DPR) findings in relation to a Density Bonus.

Council agreed to call up the Planning Commission's decision for review and requested to include a financial analysis, a shade and shadow study, the DPR findings and health and safety findings as part of the process.

**5. Request for Direction Regarding Donor Recognition for the Dog Park**

The Recreation and Parks Commission has recommended recognition levels for donations to the dog park. Recognition will be permanent on a wall with size and placement of recognition corresponding to the size of the donation. Staff seeks City Council's direction.

Management Analyst Stephanie Harris presented a detailed report on the Recreation and Parks Commission's recommendation.

Speaking:

1. Marcia Hobbs
2. Frances Bilak, Recreation and Parks Commission Chair

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey clarified that the design of the plaque has not been finalized and that the plaque will be placed inside the park. She noted that the size of the plaque will be based on the size of the donation. Ms. Hunt-Coffey also clarified the permanency of the plaques. Councilmember Gold expressed concern about the status of the plaque recognitions should the park eventually be used for another project and suggested that donation plaques be standardized.

Council approved the request.

**6. Fiscal Year 2015/16 Mid-Year Budget Status Report**  
***First Agendized March 1, 2016***

Staff will report on the status of City's revenues and expenditures through December 2015 and on the current available General Fund ending balance.

Budget and Revenue Officer Don Harrison presented an overview of the FY 15-16 mid-year revenues then reported on the General Fund Expenditures through December 31, 2015. Director of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer Don Rhoads reported on the General Fund available balance, discussed the General Fund reserves then concluded with recommendations of potential projects for Council consideration.

Council requested a better analysis of the Land Acquisition and 336 Foothill Renovation projects and agreed to move forward with the following projects:

1. Beverly Gardens Park matching funds
2. Cabrillo/Coldwater reservoir
3. Purple pipe to Santa Monica Blvd.
4. Mobile Command Center
5. Fire Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

**7. Review of Pension and Retiree Medical Unfunded Liabilities and Options for Reducing These Liabilities**

*First Agendized March 1, 2016*

Staff will provide an update on the status of the City's unfunded liabilities for both the pension and retiree medical ("Other Post-employment Benefits" or OPEB) programs, and ask for direction on the establishment of an irrevocable trust to manage these liabilities.

Item not discussed.

**8. Request by Vice Mayor Krasne to Discuss Short Term Rentals**

This report provides information on the current regulation of short term rentals in the City of Beverly Hills. Vice Mayor Krasne is asking the City Council to consider modifying the City's regulations to allow limited rentals in single family areas where the owner of the property remains on the premises during the rental period.

Item not discussed.

**B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)**

None

**C – INFORMATION**

**9. Beverly Hills Bike Share Pilot Program**

Provides Traffic & Parking Commission recommendations for bike share station locations.

Item not discussed.

**10. Regional Development Projects Report – City Council Quarterly Update**

Quarterly report on regional projects in adjacent jurisdictions.

Item not discussed.

**11. LA County Park Needs Assessment**

Provide results of the City's support of the County's efforts to collect county-wide input regarding individual assessments of local and County-provided recreational facilities through the LA County Park Needs Assessment.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:14 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016



BYRON POPE, City Clerk

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JOHN A. MIRISCH, MAYOR

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