CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES - STUDY SESSION
April 1, 2014
Council Chambers
2:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Bosse
Vice Mayor Gold
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Mirisch
Councilmember Krasne
Jeff Kolin, City Manager
Larry Wiener, City Attorney
Byron Pope, City Clerk
Mark Cuneo, City Engineer
Susan Healy Keene, Director of Community Development
David Lightner, Director of Capital Assets
Ryan Gohlich, Senior Planner

A - DIRECTION

1. Traffic and Parking Commission Interview Panel Report
Transmits the interview panel's appointment recommendation for the Traffic and Parking Commission.

City Clerk Byron Pope reported on the Traffic and Parking Commission (TPC) Interview Panel recommendation. The Panel, composed of Vice Mayor Julian Gold, Councilmember Krasne, TPC Chair Andy Licht, and TPC Vice Chair Lester Friedman recommend the appointment of Jacob "Jake" Manaster to replace Jeff Levin whose term expires on April 4, 2014. The Panel also recommends the appointment of David M. Seidel to replace outgoing Commissioner Julie Steinberg whose term expires in January of 2015. The recommendation of Mr. Seidel is contingent upon the review and approval of the proposed City Commissions restructuring item.

Councilmember Krasne and Vice Mayor Gold commented as the TPC liaisons. Councilmember Krasne further commented on the City Commissions restructuring.

Council approved the recommendation of the Panel. The item will be placed on the April 22, 2014 City Council Formal meeting for adoption.

2. Human Relations Commission Interview Panel Report
Transmits the interview panel's appointment recommendation for the Human Relations Commission.

City Clerk Byron Pope reported on the Human Relations Commission (HRC) Interview Panel recommendation. The Panel consisting of Councilmembers Brien and Krasne as well as HRC Chair Rochelle Ginsburg, and HRC Commissioner Sharona Nazarian recommends 1) Ori Blumenfeld, 2) Karen Popovich Levyn, 3) Jerald Friedman, and 4) Sonia Berman for appointment to fill the positions of 1) vacancy that occurred when Commissioner Tom Pease resigned, 2) Commissioner Barbara Linder who retired in January 2014, 3) Commissioner Sharona Nazarian whose term was scheduled to end on January 16, 2014, and 4) Commissioner Ilona Sherman whose term is scheduled to end on April 9, 2014. The panel further recommends that once the City Commissions item has been reviewed and approved to have the four selected appointees stagger their terms so that two members will have six-year terms, one member will have a seven-year term and one member will have an eight-year term. If the City Commissions item is not approved then they would all serve six-year terms and expire at the same time.

Councilmembers Brien and Krasne commented as the HRC liaisons.

Councilmember Mirisch read the mission statement of the HRC into the record.

Council concurred with the Panel recommendation. The item will be placed on the April 22, 2014 City Council Formal agenda for formal consideration and approval.

3. Reconfirming City Council Meeting Dates in June 2014 and Scheduling City Council Meeting Dates From July Through December 2014 This item reconfirms the City Council Meeting dates in June 2014 and schedules upcoming City Council Meeting dates from July through December 2014.

City Clerk Byron Pope indicated that per the Beverly Hills Municipal Code City Council meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. He further indicated that the June 10 City Council meeting is the same day as the Fireman's Ball.

Mayor Bosse commented that the New York sales mission date changed at the request of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and that Vice Mayor Gold will join her on the trip. She further commented that Hanukah begins December 16 and questioned whether this would be a conflict for the other Councilmembers.

The Council meeting schedule changed to the following:

1) June 10 to June 24
2) July 15 to July 29
3) September 16 to September 23
4) December 16 to December 9

4. Request by House of Bijan to Install Permanent Plaques in the Sidewalk and a Decorative Parking Meter on Rodeo Drive
Staff is seeking input and direction from City Council regarding proposed modifications in the public right-of-way prior to consideration of an encroachment permit application.

City Engineer Mark Cuneo presented the request for an encroachment permit at House of Bijan located at 420 N. Rodeo Drive. The proposed improvements include modifications to the sidewalk and a parking meter located in the public right-of-way between 414 and 420 North Rodeo Drive (Hugo Boss and Bijan, respectively). Mr. Cuneo also presented the pros and cons to the proposed modifications.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Dar Mahboubi
- Nicolas Bijan Pakzad

Council agreed with the proposal with the caveat that should the House of Bijan leave the City that the sidewalk and parking meters are returned to their original condition.

5. North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project
Discussion of project funding and provides a follow-up to City Council questions and requests regarding the Santa Monica Boulevard Blue Ribbon Committee Recommendations.

Director of Community Development Susan Healy Keene reported on the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project proposal. The goals of today's presentation are to discuss details on costs and funding, get Police and Fire Chief input, address City Council questions and actions from the March 4, 2014 Study Session, and discuss next steps.

Director of Capital Assets David Lightner discussed the costs and proposed funding. Mr. Lightner reviewed Attachment 1 to the Staff Report, which detailed the estimated costs of the project and reviewed decision points for the Council to consider at a future Formal City Council meeting.

Public Safety input was provided by Police Chief Dave Snowden and Fire Chief Ralph Mundell reported on potential safety hazards as a result of the proposed median along Santa Monica Boulevard.

The following members of the public spoke:

- Nancy Laemmle
- Eric Bruins, LA County Bicycle Coalition
- Adriana Ramirez, Special Assistant to Zein Obagi, Jr.
- Mark Elliot
- Thomas White, Municipal League of Beverly Hills

- Victor Omelczenko, West Hollywood resident
- Ryan Snyder, Transportation Planning Consultant
- Honorable Chuck Aronberg, former Beverly Hills Mayor
- Eric Weinstein, member of the Los Angeles Bike Coalition
- Michael Scheinberg
- Phil Brown, AIA
- Arline Pepp

Council posed questions and provided comments on the Project.

City Manager Kolin reiterated all of Council's concerns and questions and indicated that those concerns and questions would be addressed at the next Study Session.

Council directed staff to bring the item back for another Study Session to answer the questions posed by Council.

6. Request by Councilmember Mirisch for City Council Review of the Planning Commission Decision Regarding a Rooftop Lunchroom on the Property Located at 151 El Camino Drive (Kennedy Wilson)
On March 13, 2014 the Planning Commission conditionally approved a Development Plan Review to allow a rooftop lunchroom on the property located at 151 El Camino Drive. The purpose of this item is to discuss whether there is City Council support to call up the project for a de novo hearing.

Senior Planner Ryan Gohlich presented this item at the request by Councilmember Mirisch for City Council review of the Planning Commission decision regarding a rooftop lunchroom on the property located at 151 El Camino Drive.

He discussed the issues that were evaluated by both City staff and the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission voted 4-1 to approve the entitlement.

Councilmember Mirisch commented on his reasons for requesting that this item be placed on the agenda.

The following members of the public spoke on the item:

- Honorable Joe Tilem, former Beverly Hills Mayor
- Barry Schlesinger, Kennedy Wilson (tenant at 151 El Camino)
- Tim Gajewski, Walcott Architecture

Mr. Gohlich indicated that the Architectural Commission has not reviewed the roof top trellis.

Council agreed not to call up the item for formal action. They directed the Planning Commission to review its policy on roof top uses and noticing requirements.

7. Request by Councilmember Mirisch for an Update on the Progress of the Ad Hoc Committee Work on the Commission Structure Review
The request is to the Committee (Vice Mayor Gold and Councilmember Krasne) to provide a progress report on their work to the Council.

Item not discussed.

8. Southeast Task Force: Next Steps
Provides an update on the discussion at the December 12, 2013 task force meeting and a recommended action plan for implementation of task force objectives.

Item not discussed.

9. Recommendation by Fine Art Commission/Fine Art Liaison Committee (Bosse and Gold) to Commission a Sculpture by Carol Bove to be Placed in the Northeast Corner of the Rodeo to Beverly Block of Beverly Gardens Park
Fine Art Commission Council liaisons Bosse and Gold recommend the commission of a sculpture by Carol Bove for an amount not to exceed $235,000. Funds for this acquisition would come from the Fine Art Fund which can only be used for such purposes.

Item not discussed.

10. Consideration of Installation of the City Shield or City Seal in the Commission's Meeting Room (Council Chamber Room 280A)
The report provides two options (City seal and shield) for consideration by the Council to be installed on the wall immediately behind the dais.

Item not discussed.

B - ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

No items at this time.

C – INFORMATION

11. Development of Comprehensive Construction Conditions, Reimbursement Requirements, Notification and Permitting Procedures in Connection with the Utility Relocation Phase of the Segment 1 - Subway Construction
Transmits the draft Agreement with Metro which establishes the procedure, process and conditions for the advanced utility relocation phase of the purple line extension project. Staff will be returning to Council at a later date to seek direction regarding specific terms and policy direction contained in the agreement.

Item not discussed.

12. Request from Vice Mayor Gold for a Review of the City's 2014 Tournament of Roses Float
This item provides a recap of the City's float including community participation, lessons learned and return on investment.

Item not discussed.

13. Update on Ordinance Regulating Discontinued Conditionally Permitted Uses and Legally Nonconforming Uses
Report summarizes Planning Commission's February 13, 2014 Study Session discussion on this issue and informs Council regarding next steps.

Item not discussed.

14. Regional Development Projects Report - City Council Quarterly Update
Information about development projects proposed and under construction in adjacent jurisdictions.

Item not discussed.

15. Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce's Annual Health and Wellness Expo on Sunday, May 4, 2014
Transmits information regarding the Chamber's 2014 Health and Wellness Expo in conjunction with the Farmers' Market and held on the 9300 block of Civic Center Drive, adjacent to UTA Plaza.

Item not discussed.

16. Waiving Overdue Fines as Part of National Library Week
Food for Fines Program as part of National Library Week Celebration. April 21, 2014 - April 27, 2014 Beverly Hills will be celebrating National Library Week. To celebrate, the Library will holding its fifth annual Food for Fines program where library fines are waived in exchange for canned food that is collected for the Westside Food Bank.

Item not discussed.

17. Update on the Status of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority
Provides an update on the LA-RICS proposed Funding Plan and describes decisions that will need to be made by the City in the coming months.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session adjourned at 5:36 p.m. to the Closed Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting. The Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 6th day of May, 2014

BYRON POPE, City Clerk

LILI BOSSE, MAYOR

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