

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES - STUDY SESSION
October 7, 2014
Council Chambers
2:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Bosse
Vice Mayor Gold
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Mirisch
Councilmember Krasne
Jeff Kolin, City Manager
Laurence Wiener, City Attorney
Gisele Grable, Community Services Administrator
Erick Lee, Division Commander
Mark Rosen, Police Captain
Martha Eros, Transportation Planner
Michael Foxen, Police Lieutenant
Russell Platamone, Parking Services Manager
Susan Healy-Keene, Director of Community Development

A - DIRECTION

1. Crescent Drive Street Closure Request for 2015 Event

Seeks City Council direction regarding use of Crescent Drive and City Hall grounds for large scale special event.

Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable reported on the request from Vanity Fair to close the 400 block of North Crescent Drive, use of the Crescent side of City Hall, and possible use of the Municipal Gallery for the 2015 Vanity Fair Academy Awards. The two week street closure request is scheduled from approximately Thursday, February 12, 2015 through Thursday, February 26, 2015. The 2015 Vanity Fair Academy Awards will be Sunday, February 22, 2015.

Speaking:

1. Sara Marks

Council approved the request.

2. Additional Information on School Security Funding Request for FY 2014-2015

This item transmits additional information requested by the City Council to consider funding 50% of the cost of the Beverly Hills Unified School District's campus security program.

Division Commander Erick Lee provided an update on the School Security Funding request for fiscal year 2014-2015 from the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD) Board President Noah Margo.

BHUSD President Noah Margo and Joseph Chirillo from EBi answered questions and concerns from the Council regarding loaded guns on campus, the issue on spending money on armed guards versus school psychiatrists, and the uniqueness of EBi being the only qualified vendor.

Police Captain Mark Rosen responded to Mayor Bosse's questions regarding guns on campus and the advantage of having Beverly Hills police officers versus Los Angeles police officers. Captain Rosen indicated an armed presence on campus is more beneficial than an unarmed presence as long as the persons carrying them are former (retired) police officers. Mr. Rosen also indicated that EBi is not in lieu of the police department, but rather supplements it.

Mayor Bosse indicated that if the BHUSD wants the City to support for another year, Council questions brought forward need to be answered and evaluation guidelines need to be presented.

Council consensus was to move forward with the one-year trial and bring the item on the October 21, 2014 consent calendar for the appropriation from the General Fund Reserve.

3. Request by Mayor Bosse for the City Council to Consider the City's Ability to Regulate Commercial Vehicle Idling

Item First Agendized September 23, 2014

Seeks City Council direction regarding an amendment to the Municipal Code to regulate vehicle idling.

Transportation Planner Martha Eros reported on the City's ability to regulate commercial vehicle idling to control or mitigate vehicle emissions or to abate nuisance for the purpose of limiting noise and neighborhood disturbances.

Speaking:

1. Lois Hirt

Council supports the concept of regulating vehicle idling and asked staff to return with answers to Council questions and proposed method of enforcement.

4. Community Development Department Work Program Priorities with Possible Changes to the Planning Division Work Program

This report provides the City Council with an update on the Community Development Department Work Program Priorities and seeks Council clarification and prioritization of recently proposed tasks to the Planning Division's work program.

Director of Community Development Susan Healy-Keene provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Development Department's Work Program. The presentation provided an update on the work program adopted for fiscal year 2014-2015, to confirm established priorities and to seek direction on any changes to the priorities and the best method to incorporate Commission requests.

Speaking:

1. Arline Pepp

Council consensus was to keep the process that is currently in place and Commission requests should be assessed through the liaison committee.

5. In Lieu Parking Study Presentation

Presentation of the consultant's final report on the Beverly Hills In-Lieu Parking Study, dated June, 2014.

Director of Community Development Susan Healy-Keene briefly reported on City's In-Lieu Parking Program and introduced Dr. Ria Lo from Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. Dr. Lowe provided a PowerPoint presentation on the in-lieu parking study.

Speaking:

1. Murray D. Fischer
2. Don Jagoda
3. Christopher Allan
4. Joseph N. Tilem
5. Wally Marks

Mayor Bosse read a statement from Adam Nathanson.

Council asked that the item be brought back at the October 21, 2014 Study Session.

6. Report on the Sales Tax and Parking Rates

City Treasurer, Eliot Finkel will present a report on a study conducted by the Citizen's Budget Committee relative to sales tax and 2-hour parking rates.

Item not discussed.

7. Request from Councilmember Mirisch To Review Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Policy for Funding Tourism and Marketing Programs

Item First Agendized August 19, 2014

This request is to review the City Council's direction to provide 2% of annual Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to fund Tourism and Marketing Programs.

Item not discussed.

B - ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

No items at this time.

C - INFORMATION

- 8. Regional Development Projects Report – City Council Quarterly Update**
Report on development projects in adjacent cities.

Item not discussed.

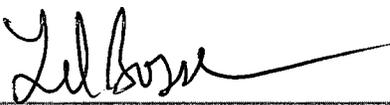
- 9. Hawthorne Centennial Celebration**
Provides information of Hawthorne Schools Centennial activities on October 15 and October 19, and provides recommendation from the City Council Liaisons for the City to cover the nominal costs.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 5:27pm to the Closed Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that have been prepared for the meeting. The Closed Session adjourned at 7:00pm.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 21st day of October, 2014


BYRON POPE, City Clerk


LILI BOSSE, MAYOR

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