

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION  
January 26, 2016  
2:30 p.m.  
City Council Chamber**

**Teleconference Location:  
17 West 54<sup>th</sup> 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  
Byron Pope, City Clerk  
Carol Lynch, Assistant City Attorney  
Raj Patel, Assistant Director of Community Development/City Building Official

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.

Speaking:

1. Greg Dinneen, Greg Dinneen and Associates - Southern California Contractors Association, California Dump Truck Owner Association and Mobile Crane Owner's Group
2. Marcia Hobbs - Beverly Hills Courier
3. Thomas White - Municipal League of Beverly Hills
4. Marty Schwartz

**A – DIRECTION**

**1. Architectural Commission Interview Panel Report**

Transmits the interview panel's appointment recommendation for the Architectural Commission.

City Clerk Byron Pope presented a staff report on the recommendation of the Architectural Commission (AC) Interview Panel composed of Councilmember William W. Brien, MD, Councilmember Nancy Krasne, AC Chair Andrea Gardner Apatow and AC Vice Chair Gidas Peteris to appoint candidate Sharon Persovski.

Council approved the recommendation of the Panel. The item will be placed on the February 2, 2016 City Council Formal meeting for adoption.

**2. Review of Possible Medical Marijuana Regulations**

Consideration of prohibitions related to the cultivation and delivery of medical marijuana in the City.

Interim City Attorney David Snow reported on the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) that was signed into law by Governor Brown on October 9, 2015. He briefly reviewed the City's current regulations regarding the cultivation and delivery of medical marijuana and requested Council direction on whether or not the regulations should be modified.

Police Lt. Lincoln Hoshino stated that he did not have a specific number of how many residents cultivate marijuana and that he is unaware of any investigations or arrests for illegal cultivation. Mr. Snow noted that the current land use regulations would allow the City to maintain local control.

Council agreed to retain the current ordinance.

**3. Independent Investigation Regarding the Removal of Trees from Parcels 12 & 13 on November 21 and 22, 2015**

This item is to discuss and determine the Scope of Services and the process that is to be followed to retain an independent consultant to conduct an investigation regarding the removal of trees and vegetation from Parcels 12 & 13 in November 2015.

Assistant City Attorney Carol W. Lynch reported on the item which was requested by Council at the January 5, 2016 Formal meeting. She reviewed the process to request information, discussed the process for locating and reaching out to consultants, as well as the options for choosing a proposal.

Speaking:

1. Robert Tannenbaum
2. Thomas White - Municipal League of Beverly Hills
3. Steve Meyer
4. Lionel Ephraim - Le Faubourg St. Louis HOA
5. Robbie Anderson

Council agreed to table a decision until after the Town Hall meeting scheduled on January 27, 2016.

**4. City of Beverly Hills Seismic Risk Assessment**

Present preliminary results of field survey performed by Degenkolb Engineering identifying potentially seismically vulnerable commercial and multi-family buildings.

Assistant Director of Community Development/City Building Official Raj Patel provided a brief history on the item then introduced Daniel Zepeda, a Principal Structural Engineer at Degenkolb Engineers. Mr. Zepeda briefly reviewed the types of seismically vulnerable buildings and the solutions to retrofit each type. He noted that the State of California currently

does not require mandatory retrofitting for these types of buildings. Mr. Zepeda reported on the preliminary results of the seismically vulnerable buildings located in the City, briefly touched on the retrofit efforts of other cities, then discussed the policy considerations and potential costs.

Council agreed to appoint an ad-hoc committee to work with staff to develop implementation measures for the evaluation and retrofit of potentially seismically vulnerable commercial and multi-family buildings.

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

None

## **C – INFORMATION**

### **5. City Council Installation Date Change**

Confirms the date change for the City Council installation at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences – Samuel Goldwyn Theater to Wednesday evening, March 16, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Mayor Gold asked Council to confirm their availability.

Council agreed to change the date from Tuesday evening, March 15, 2016 at 7:00pm to Wednesday evening, March 16, 2016 at 6:00pm.

### **6. Special Events Scheduled for February 2016**

Transmits updated information and reminders of two events previously approved by City Council: LA Marathon on Sunday, February 14, 2016 and the Vanity Fair Oscar Party scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2016.

Item not discussed.

### **7. Consulate General of Israel, Los Angeles and Arrowmedia Israel Ltd. Request for Co-Sponsorship and Usage of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts**

Provides information regarding staff's decision to approve the Co-Sponsorship request from the Consulate General of Israel, Los Angeles and Arrowmedia Israel Ltd. for a Cybertech event to be held in the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts on June 30, 2016.

Item not discussed.

### **8. Fiscal Year 2016-17 City Council Priorities**

During the December 15, 2015 priority setting study session, the City Council established the priorities for FY 2016-17.

Speaking:

1. JJ Wallack, Keller Williams - Beverly Hills Real Estate Sign Committee

Item not discussed.

**9. Bicycle Share Update**

Provides an implementation plan for the City's pilot Bicycle Share program.

Item not discussed.

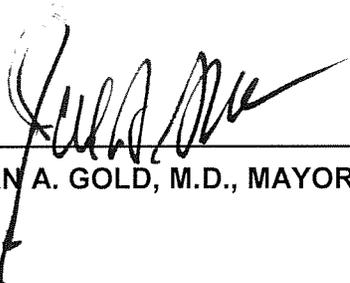
The Study Session recessed at 4:42 pm to the Closed Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016



---

BYRON POPE, City Clerk



---

JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

This meeting was televised on City of Beverly Hills Municipal Government Television Access, BHN/10, Time Warner Cable.