

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
May 5, 2015
2:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mayor Gold
Vice Mayor Mirisch
Councilmember Brien
Councilmember Bosse
Councilmember Krasne
Mahdi Aluzri, Interim City Manager
David Lightner, Deputy City Manager/Director of Capital Assets
Laurence Wiener, City Attorney
Byron Pope, City Clerk
Erick Lee, Division Commander
Shelley Ovrom, Assistant Director of Administrative Services – Human Resources

A – DIRECTION

1. Commission Reappointments (Charitable Solicitations, Planning, and Recreation and Parks)

The terms of Charitable Solicitations Commissioners Karen Kay Platt and Richard Schreiber, Planning Commissioner Alan Robert Block, and Recreation and Parks Commissioner Frances Bilak are all ending on June 30, 2015. They have submitted letters of interest to be reappointed to a second term of four years each.

City Clerk Byron Pope presented a staff report on the recommendations of the City Council Liaisons (Charitable Solicitations Commission: Vice Mayor John A. Mirisch and Councilmember Nancy Krasne; Planning Commission: Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D. and Councilmember Lili Bosse; Recreation and Parks Commission: Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D. and Councilmember William W. Brien, M.D.) to reappoint former Charitable Solicitations Commissioners Karen Kay Platt and Richard Schreiber, former Planning Commissioner Alan Robert Block and former Recreation and Parks Commissioner Frances Bilak.

Council approved the recommendation of the Liaisons. The item will be placed on the May 18, 2015 City Council Formal meeting for adoption.

2. Police Officer Recruitment Update

This item provides information on the status of filling vacant Police Officer positions.

Division Commander Erick Lee provided an update on the item which was first presented to Council on February 3, 2015. Mr. Lee reviewed the current status, applicant processing, and the 2015 YTD statistics then answered Council questions about the report and the recruitment process. Vice Mayor Mirisch asked why a physical agility test is not currently administered to City police officers. Interim City Manager Mahdi Aluzri stated that staff would look into it. Assistant Director of Administrative Services/Human Resources Shelley Ovrom spoke on the City's testing and recruitment processes for Fire Fighters versus

Police Officers. Vice Mayor Mirisch suggested to advertise Police Department openings to Fire Department applicants. Interim City Manager Mahdi Aluzri brought to Council's attention that after receipt of a Recruitment Process Report from consulting firm Management Partners, staff will be able to create an objective recruitment plan to present to Council at a future study session. Mayor Gold asked about the current recruitment status and for a report on the applicants who did not pass the final stages of the recruitment process. Council thanked staff for the update and for their work on the recruitment process thus far.

3. Proposed Improvement Options for the La Cienega Blvd. Median Between Olympic Blvd. and Gregory Way

Item First Agendized April 21, 2015

This item presents multiple design options for City Council requested improvements to the existing median. Staff seeks City Council direction to proceed.

Item not discussed.

4. Request by Beverly Hills Unified School District for Permits Assigned to Specific District Personnel for Parking Adjacent to School Properties While Engaged in District Business

Item First Agendized April 21, 2015

The Beverly Hills Unified School District has requested the City Council consider a request for parking permits adjacent to District Properties for use by District Officials while on official business.

Item not discussed.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None at this time.

C – INFORMATION

5. Recruitment Process for the 2015 Team Beverly Hills - Resident Educational Program

Provides information regarding the recruitment process and dates during May/June 2015 and the program overview for the 2015-16 Team Beverly Hills program.

Item not discussed.

6. Information on Status of Fencing Around Kusama's Hymn of Life

Provides City Council information and rendering of proposed fencing around Kusama's Hymn of Life.

Item not discussed.

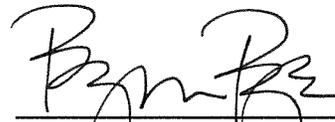
7. Placement of the Center Obelisk by Joan Brown in the Planter Area at the Northwest Corner of the Library

The Fine Art Commission and staff considered a number of locations for placement of the Center Obelisk by Joan Brown. The Commission and staff recommend placing the piece in the northwest corner planter of the Library. As City Council previously approved this location, staff will proceed with placing the piece at this location unless otherwise directed by the City Council

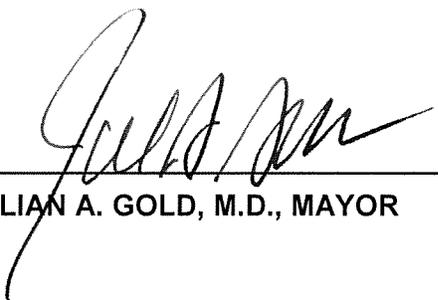
Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 4:54 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 18th day of May, 2015



BYRON POPE, City Clerk



JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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