

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MINUTES – STUDY SESSION
September 1, 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
Laurence Wiener, City Attorney
Lolly Enriquez, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Dominick Rivetti, Police Chief
Michelle Tse, Senior Management Analyst
Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst
Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs
Don Rhoads, Director of Administrative Services/CFO

ABSENT: None

A – DIRECTION

1. Proclamation Honoring Detective Specialist Michelle Fieler

Michele Fieler is being recognized for work above and beyond her duties which resulted in the recovery of four stolen paintings.

Police Chief Dominick Rivetti commended Detective Specialist Michele Fieler for her work, and together with Mayor Gold, presented Ms. Fieler with a proclamation for leading an investigation which resulted in the recovery of four stolen paintings and the arrest of a career criminal.

2. Water Conservation Outreach Effort and Rebate Program Funding Update

This report provides an update that FY15-16 conservation program funding has been fully committed. It is recommended that additional funding be appropriated to fund the City's augmented outreach efforts, as well as support the garden coaching and Metropolitan Water District's rebate programs through November 2015.

Senior Management Analyst Michelle Tse presented the item and requested an appropriation from the Water Utility Fund balance to further fund water conservation programs through November 2015. She pointed out that staff conducted a preliminary assessment and projected that funds could be used from the penalty surcharge framework to accelerate and offset some of the recommended program expenditures. Ms. Tse concluded her presentation by noting that a request for appropriation was on the agenda for Council consideration at the September 1st formal meeting.

Councilmember Brien expressed concerns about funding from the penalty surcharge framework. Councilmember Brien and Vice Mayor Mirisch suggested that staff contact water

conservation offenders directly to assist with reaching targets. Vice Mayor Mirisch expressed opposition to City subsidies for artificial turf. Mayor Gold asked staff to provide Council with a Profit and Loss report on the Water Enterprise Fund and to explore harsher penalties for serious violations.

3. Request by Councilmember Brien for Council Discussion of Minimum Wage Requirement in the City

In response to the recent changes of minimum wage in Los Angeles and other nearby cities, Councilmember Brien is asking for Council consideration of the matter and whether a study should be conducted to assess the impact to the City.

Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs Cheryl Friedling presented the item then invited Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) Director of Economic Development & Government Affairs Andy Sywak and Executive Director Todd Johnson to discuss the BHCC's Minimum Wage Impact report. Mr. Sywak discussed the survey highlights and Chamber Board recommendations should the minimum wage ordinance be pursued.

Speaking:

1. AJ Willmer
2. Todd Johnson

City Legislative Committee members Vice Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Brien each provided their comments. Director of Administrative Services/CFO Don Rhoads spoke on the timing and financial impacts of increasing the minimum wage of City of Beverly Hills employees. Council expressed views that not enough businesses were surveyed, asked staff for an analysis of what neighboring cities are doing and agreed that the issue should be brought back to the City's Legislative Committee.

B – ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER (TIME PERMITTING)

None

C – INFORMATION

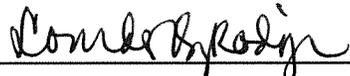
4. City Response to State Water Resources Control Board Information Order

This item is for informational purposes only. This is staff's response to the State Water Resources Control Board's request for additional information related to the City's conservation efforts.

Item not discussed.

The Study Session recessed at 4:01 pm to the Special Meeting of the Beverly Hills Library Board of Trustees to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted
this 6th day of October, 2015

for 
BYRON POPE, City Clerk


JULIAN A. GOLD, M.D., MAYOR

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