

Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM 340, CITY HALL 200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 - 10:00 AM

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

Roll Call

Members Present: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, Jurado, McOske, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); **Absent:** Blumenfield, Nazarian, Yaroslavsky (3)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations - SEE ATTACHED

Multiple Agenda Item Comment

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

(1) **16-0529-S1**

EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to a Park Fee Ordinance revision amending Section 12.33.E.5 of Article 2, Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to update the method used to make annual adjustments to applicable park fees.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. DETERMINE that the adoption of the draft Ordinance does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b), in that the action relates merely to administrative and organizational matters and the setting of policy and procedures that do not result in any direct or indirect change to the physical environment.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated August 22, 2024, amending Section 12.33.E.5 of Article 2, Chapter 1 of the LAMC to update the method used to make annual adjustments to applicable park fees.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**(Scheduled pursuant to Government Code Sections 66018 and 6062a)
(Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee waived consideration of this matter)**

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(2) **24-1200-S73**

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Navdeep "Duncan" Sachdeva to the Central Los Angeles Area Planning Commission (CLAAPC) for the term ending June 30, 2027.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Navdeep "Duncan" Sachdeva to the CLAAPC for the term ending June 30, 2027, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Appointee currently resides in Council District 4. (Current Composition: M = 2; F = 2; Vacant = 1)

Financial Disclosure Statement: Filed

Background Check: Pending

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - JANUARY 27, 2025

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JANUARY 24, 2025)

Adopted Item

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Nazarian, Yaroslavsky (3)

(3) 24-1284

NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT REPORT relative to the Clean and Safe Spaces Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP) - Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), to accept and receive JJCPA grant funding for the After School Enrichment and Supervision Program in the approximate amount of \$660,000 (Grant) from the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (County) to provide youth services through the RAP's Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks YEIP for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at selected recreation facilities.

(Budget and Finance Report to be submitted in Council.)

(Click on www.lacouncilfile.com for background documents.)

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners reports that the JJCPA Grant is administered on a reimbursement basis from the County to allow the RAP the ability to negotiate services in a timely manner. Acceptance of this Grant has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund, as all funding is being provided by the County, at no cost to the RAP, for the benefit of participating youth and teens from various communities throughout Los Angeles.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (12); **Nays:** (0); **Absent:** Blumenfield, Nazarian, Yaroslavsky (3)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)

(4) **25-0007-S1**
CD 13

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name Jim Nantz on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name Jim Nantz at 7076 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact. All costs are paid by the permittee.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); **Nays:** (0); **Absent:** (0)

(5) **24-1448-S1**
CD 14

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to initiating vacation proceedings for the airspace at corners of Hope Street and 2nd Street and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way (VAC-E1401457).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the City Engineer report dated December 2, 2024,

attached to the Council file, to initiate the proceedings to vacate the airspace (elevation of 401'9" to 471'9") at corners of Hope Street and 2nd Street and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Way, as shown on Exhibit A of said City Engineer report, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law.

2. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to investigate and report regarding the feasibility of this vacation request.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that a deposit of \$14,980 was paid by the petitioner for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to LAAC Section 7.44 will be required of the petitioner.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(6) **19-0644**
CD 14

MOTION (JURADO - RAMAN) relative to funding for the lease costs of the ReFresh Spot located at 544 Towne Avenue in Council District 14 (CD 14), from December 2024 through March 2025.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE up to \$67,876.04 of Additional Homeless Services - CD 14 funds to support the lease costs of the Refresh Spot located at 544 Towne Avenue in CD 14, from December 2024 through March 2025.
2. APPROPRIATE up to \$67,876.04 from Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000628, Additional Homeless Services - CD 14, to Fund No.

100/63, Account No. 000027, A Bridge Home Leasing, for the lease costs of the ReFresh Spot located at 544 Towne Avenue in CD 14.

3. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to prepare Controller instructions or make necessary technical adjustments, including to the names of the Special Fund accounts recommended for this Motion, to implement the intent of these transactions; and, authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(7) **25-0041
CD 7**

MOTION (RODRIGUEZ - LEE) relative to the transfer of funds to the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to front-fund costs associated with the Northeast San Fernando Valley Equestrian Trail Master Plan in Council District Seven (CD 7).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$400,000 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281207 (CD 7 Redevelopment Projects - Services), to a newly created account within the Engineering Special Service Fund No. 682/50, Account No. TBD, to be titled "San Fernando Valley Equestrian Trail Master Plan".
2. DIRECT the BOE, upon receipt of reimbursement grant funds from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, to deposit said BOE funds directly into the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281207 (CD 7 Redevelopment Projects - Services), as agreed upon between the BOE and CD 7.
3. AUTHORIZE the BOE to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and

including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOske, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(8) **25-0042**
CD 1

MOTION (HERNANDEZ - LEE) relative to funding for Fire Station 11 equipment and facility upgrades or improvements in Council District One (CD 1).

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. RESOLVE to allocate and appropriate \$71,000 in the CD 1 Real Property Trust Fund No. 683 to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Foundation, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, to fund \$71,000 to Fire Station 11 that is in need of equipment and facility upgrades or improvements.
2. DIRECT the LAFD to work with CD 1 and Fire Station 11 to finalize the list of equipment and facility upgrades or improvements.
3. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOske, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(9) **25-0006-S33**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HARRIS-DAWSON – PARK –

BLUMENFIELD) relative to establishing the "Ad Hoc Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery Committee," to include oversight of state and federal aid related to the Fires; oversight of all City departments' continuing responses to the Fires; development and oversight of public policy related to the City's recovery efforts from the January 2025 Fires.

Recommendation for Council action:

ESTABLISH the "Ad Hoc Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery Committee," with the responsibilities to include oversight of state and federal aid related to the Fires; oversight of all City departments' continuing responses to the Fires; development and oversight of public policy, including possible changes of local law and recommendations for possible state and federal legislation related to the City's recovery efforts from the January 2025 Fires.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

**(Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
waived consideration of this matter)**

**Adopted item as Amended by Amending Motion 9A (Park – Harris-Dawson), Forthwith
- SEE ATTACHED**

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Jurado, Lee, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (15); Nays: (0); Absent: (0)

(10) **25-0006-S18**

MOTION (PARK – YAROSLAVSKY – McOSKER) relative to instructing the City Administrative Officer to report in 15 days regarding the estimated short-term and long-term impacts of the January 2025 fires on the City's budget; and related matters.

No action as this item was for discussion only.

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Closed Session

(11) **25-0006-S40**

The City Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section No. 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2), (e)(2), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Grigsby v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25STCV00832. (This matter involves a complaint for inverse condemnation regarding the City's alleged liability regarding damage relating to the Palisades Fire, which began on January 7, 2025.)

Council discussed matter in closed session and instructed legal counsel with respect to subject litigation.

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Lee, Jurado, McOsker, Nazarian, Padilla, Price Jr., Raman, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (3)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Blumenfield	Hernandez	Daniel Carrera Jr.

MOTION

I MOVE to AMEND Item No. 29, Council file No. 25-0006-S33, on the Wednesday, January 22, 2025 Council agenda, to change the committee name to the Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery

PRESENTED BY:

TRACI PARK
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

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MOTION

On January 13, 2025, Emergency Executive Order No. 1 authorized the creation of a Debris Removal Taskforce.

Following any wildfire incident that results in the destruction of property, these taskforces are essential to ensuring properties are free of toxins and other problematic materials before reconstruction begins. It's important that the City Council have a voice and representative on this task force to ensure the process is managed smoothly.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council appoint the Chief Legislative Analyst or their designee to serve on the Debris Removal Task Force.

PRESENTED BY: *Traci Park*
TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY: *Chenica Rodriguez*

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MOTION

I MOVE that \$50,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281210 (CD 10 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred / appropriated to the Transportation Proposition A Local Transit Fund No. 385-94, Account No. 94A226 for supplemental Charter Bus services in Council District 10.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk and / or Department of Transportation be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically, or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:



HEATHER HUTT
Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

On January 22, 2025, the Council adopted a draft Ordinance that amends Section 12.33.E.5 of Article 2, Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to update the method used to make annual adjustments to applicable park fees, (Council File No. 16-0529-S1).

The Planning Department and City Attorney have advised that an additional draft Ordinance is needed to amend Chapter 1A (New Zoning Code) of the Municipal Code, to make it consistent with LAMC Section 12.33.E.5.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft Ordinance to amend Chapter 1A (New Zoning Code) to make it consistent with LAMC Section 12.33.E.5.

PRESENTED BY:


ISABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 

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MOTION

In 2019, Council District 15, in collaboration with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), commissioned a Freight Mitigation Study by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to evaluate the impacts of commercial truck traffic on the quality of life for residents in the East Wilmington area, near Watson Junction. The study focused on the residential community bounded by Sandison Street to the north, Pacific Coast Highway to the south, Drumm Avenue to the east, and Sanford Street to the west.

The study identified several mitigation measures to reduce the interaction between commercial truck traffic and residents. Key recommendations included, but were not limited to, permanently closing Blinn Avenue between Lomita Boulevard and Sandison Street to all vehicular traffic and restricting access to Drumm Avenue by creating cul-de-sacs at the intersections of Drumm and Cruces Street, as well as at O Street and Colon Street.

In March 2022, City Council motions (CF 22-0344 and CF 22-0341) were introduced, requesting reports from the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering, and City Administrative Officer on project scoping and budgeting for consideration of funding. However, these motions have not been acted upon, and the ongoing intrusion of commercial traffic into the East Wilmington community continues to negatively affect residents' quality of life. Given the increased risk with the upcoming closure of the Vincent Thomas Bridge due to repairs, additional traffic will exacerbate this issue. Therefore, immediate action is needed to address these concerns.

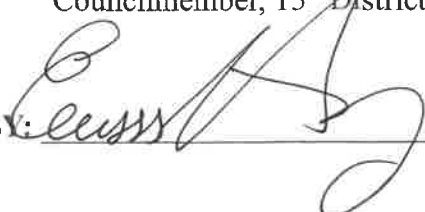
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, to report back with a comprehensive plan to close Blinn Avenue between Lomita Boulevard and Sandison Street to all vehicular traffic, as well as to restrict vehicular access to Drumm Avenue by creating cul-de-sacs at the intersections of Drumm and Cruces Street, O Street, and Colon Street. The plan should include a full scope of work and budget for both projects, with a report back to Council within 90 days.

PRESENTED BY:


TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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MOTION

Over the past decade, an average of 19,500 fireworks-related fires have been reported annually to fire departments nationwide. Fireworks have caused an estimated \$105 million in property damage each year, resulting in approximately 9,100 injuries annually. While fatalities are less common, fireworks-related incidents result in the deaths of an average of five people annually, often children.

The California Health and Safety Code, Section 12700, states that “any person that violates any provision of the State Fireworks laws or Regulations is guilty of a misdemeanor” being “punishable by a fine of not less than \$500, but not to exceed \$1,000 by imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year, or both”. Under the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 57.5608, possessing or discharging fireworks is classified as dangerous or illegal. This includes fireworks that are not certified as safe for public use and those that can cause injury or damage to property, including “safe and sane” varieties, within the City of Los Angeles. While “safe and sane” fireworks are less likely to explode or fly, they still pose significant risks, particularly to children.

Fireworks are inherently dangerous explosive devices, and every year, both children and adults suffer injuries and burns from their misuse. The City of Los Angeles should consider examining and potentially reinforcing local ordinances and advocating for more stringent state law provisions. In light of the recent Palisades, Eaton, and Hurst fires, the January 2025 windstorm, and other related fire incidents, protecting our communities from potential fire hazards, including those posed by illegal fireworks, must be an immediate priority.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), be requested to report in 30 days with pathways to strengthen provisions within the City ordinances and state laws governing fireworks, integrating ways that the City of Los Angeles can work to reduce the public safety risks associated with illegal fireworks and provide stronger deterrents against their use and sale. This report should specifically look to address the following provisions and the ways to increase enforcement:

- Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Sections applicable to fireworks and explosives:
 - Increased penalties for the possession or use of illegal fireworks.
 - Introduce graduated fines or harsher consequences for repeat offenders.
 - Allow for civil fines against property owners where illegal fireworks are found to be used, sold, or stored.
- California Health and Safety Code Sections applicable to fireworks and explosives:
 - Stronger enforcement of California state restrictions on the sale, possession, and use of fireworks.
 - Advocate for increased penalties under state law, such as felony charges for large-scale possession or sale.


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- Mandate collaboration with county, state, and federal agencies, such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, for investigations and interdictions of illegal fireworks imports to combat illicit fireworks smuggling or trafficking.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, in consultation with the LAFD and CLA, be requested to report in 30 days on proposing the creation of restricted zones where even permitted firework shows may be banned entirely, such as near hospitals, schools, or highly populated residential areas. This should include strengthening permitting processes for the sale and public use of legal fireworks and ensuring only certified vendors are allowed to distribute them.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAFD, in consultation with the CLA and City Administrative Officer (CAO), be directed to report in 30 days with a framework and required resources to implement enhanced public awareness campaigns to raise awareness about the dangers of illegal fireworks and the legal consequences.

I FURTHER MOVE that the LAFD and Police Department (LAPD), in consultation with the CAO, be directed to report in 30 days on additional ways along with required resources for the LAFD and LAPD to further collaborate through the use of joint operations or task forces for targeted enforcement to deter illegal fireworks sales and use.

PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District



JOHN LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:



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