# Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Soto-Martínez (10); Absent: Blumenfield, Hutt, Raman, Rodriguez, Yaroslavsky (5)

**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) **19-0899 CD 9**

MOTION (PRICE - RAMAN) and RESOLUTION relative to the issuance of Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to finance the new construction of the 60-unit multifamily housing project known as Marcella Gardens Apartments project located at 6714 South Main Street; 6722 South Main Street; 115 East 68th Street; 121 East 68th Street; 125 East 68th Street; and 129 East 68th Street in Council District Nine.

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

- CONSIDER the results of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) public hearing held on December 27, 2023 for the Marcella Gardens Apartments.
- 2. ADOPT the accompanying TEFRA RESOLUTION, attached to the

Council file, approving the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$19,875,000 for the new construction of a 60-unit multifamily housing project located at 6714 South Main Street; 6722 South Main Street; 115 East 68th Street; 121 East 68th Street; 125 East 68th Street; and 129 East 68th Street in Council District Nine.

## Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

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

(2) **22-1545** 

RESOLUTION relative to the Declaration of Local Emergency by the Mayor, dated July 7, 2023, concerning local housing and homelessness in the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to the provisions of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 8.33, et seq.

Recommendation for Council Action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, dated October 31, 2023, to:

- 1. Resolve that a local emergency regarding homelessness existed in the City of Los Angeles (City) within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.33, et seq., at the time of the Mayor's July 7, 2023, Declaration of Local Emergency, and the City Council reaffirms that the local emergency did exist in the City at that time and because the local emergency continues to exist within the City, within the meaning of LAAC section 8.33, et seq., there is a need to renew the declaration of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies and continues through 90 days from the adoption of this Resolution.
- 2. Resolve that the Mayor shall continue to be empowered to respond to the local emergency as granted in LAAC section 8.33.
- 3. Instruct the City Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the

Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

## Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

(3) **23-0900-S71 CD 10** 

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Adams Boulevard and Bronson Avenue No. 2 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 11, 2023.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated September 27, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, **2024** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Adams Boulevard and Bronson Avenue No. 2 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$1,864.98 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

<u>Community Impact Statement:</u> None submitted.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

# (4) **23-0900-S72** CD 7

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Mount Gleason Avenue and Hillrose Street No. 1 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 11, 2023.
- PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated September 27, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, 2024 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Mount Gleason Avenue and Hillrose Street No. 1 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$594.12 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

# (5) **23-0900-S73 CD 6**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Arminta Street and Beck Avenue Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated November 8, 2023.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated September 27, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, **2024** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Arminta Street and Beck Avenue Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$499.06 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

# (6) **23-0900-S74 CD 1**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Broadway and College Street Lighting District.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL

#### OF THE MAYOR:

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated November 8, 2023.
- PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated October 25, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, 2024 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Broadway and College Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$3,337.26 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

## **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

# (7) **23-0900-S75** CD 12

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the San Jose Street and Jordan Avenue Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated November 8, 2023.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated September 20, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**,

**2024** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the San Jose Street and Jordan Avenue Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$1,045.66 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

(8) **23-0900-S76 CD 4** 

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Matilija Avenue and Riverside Drive Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated November 8, 2023.
- PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated October 25, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, 2024 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Matilija Avenue and Riverside Drive Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if

adopted, \$321.67 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

(9) **23-0900-S77 CD 13** 

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Alexandria Safety Improvements No. 1 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated November 29, 2023.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated November 9, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, **2024** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Alexandria Safety Improvements No. 1 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$10,880.09 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

# (10) **23-0900-S78 CD 11**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Sawtelle Boulevard and Braddock Drive No. 1 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated December 6, 2023.
- PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated November 9, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, 2024 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Sawtelle Boulevard and Braddock Drive No. 1 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$365.58 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

## Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

# (11) **23-0900-S79**

CD 11 COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and

ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Penmar Avenue and Palms Boulevard No. 2 Street Lighting District.

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

- 1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated December 6, 2023.
- PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION, dated September 7, 2023, setting the date of **April 2**, 2024 as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Penmar Avenue and Palms Boulevard No. 2 Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$746.23 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2023-24 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: March 27, 2024)

#### Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

(12) **23-0094-S1 CD 15** 

MOTION (MCOSKER - HUTT) relative to a street banner campaign to honor Black History Month.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE, in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 62.132, the Street Banner program being coordinated by Council District 15, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program for the period of February 2024 - March 2024.

2. APPROVE the content of the street banner design, attached to the Motion.

## Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

(13) **24-0053 CD 14** 

MOTION (DE LEON - RODRIGUEZ) relative to funding for overtime hours for footbeats and additional patrol for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Northeast Division in Council District 14.

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

- TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$100,000 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD 14 Redevelopment Projects -Services) to the Police Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 001092 (Sworn Overtime), to pay for overtime hours for footbeats and additional patrol for the LAPD Northeast Division in Council District 14.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the LAPD 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (10); Nays: Hernandez, Raman, Soto-Martínez (3); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

(14) **21-1004-S2 CD** 7

MOTION (RODRIGUEZ - BLUMENFIELD) relative to funding for

supplemental services such as small litter cleanup, corridor cleanups, weed abatement in Council District Seven.

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

- TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$329,062 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281207 (CD 7 Redevelopment Projects-Services) to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100/74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for supplemental services such as small litter cleanup, corridor cleanups, weed abatement in Council District Seven to be conducted by Northeast Graffiti Busters through December 2024.
- REQUEST and AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with, and/or payments to, Northeast Graffiti Busters, or any other agency or organization, in the above amount for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Public Works 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, 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

## (15) **24-0007-S2**

CD 13

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

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Mark Ruffalo at 6777 Hollywood

Boulevard.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> 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, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

## (16) **23-0600-S114**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (BLUMENFIELD - RAMAN - KREKORIAN - RODRIGUEZ) relative to clarification of the 2023-24 Budget instruction regarding funding for the implementation of the Inside Safe Initiative.

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

 AMEND the 2023-24 Budgetary Nondepartmental Footnote - No. 11 (Inside Safe Reserve) to replace the current language with the following:

Authorize the Controller to transfer \$25 million from the Inside Safe Reserve Account to the Homelessness Emergency Account any time during the fiscal year that the Homelessness Emergency Account shows an uncommitted balance below \$25 million, until the full \$184,300,000 in the Inside Safe Reserve Account is allocated, unless further action is taken by Council to modify the transfer instructions.

2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to provide written notification to the Mayor, Council and Controller any time the balance of the Homelessness Emergency Account is anticipated to be reduced to below \$25 million; and, to provide notice 14 days prior to the request to the Controller to effectuate the transfer. The Council may change this transfer instruction with a simple majority vote, subject to the Mayor's veto.

- 3. REQUEST the Mayor to provide one report each month to the Council regarding the Inside Safe Program, to be submitted on a schedule that allows for these reports to be heard at a meeting of the Council's Housing and Homelessness Committee. The report shall cover the programmatic elements of the Inside Safe efforts and shall cover the financial aspects of the program, including actual and planned expenditures and all contracts executed.
- 4. REFER the report for unspent funds during the fiscal year, and actual and committed expenditures beyond Fiscal Year 2023-24 to to the Housing and Homelessness and Budget, Finance and Innovation Committees.

(Housing and Homelessness and Budget, Finance and Innovation Committees waived consideration of the above matter)

#### **Adopted Item**

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

#### (17) **21-0042-S6**

EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Subsection C of Section 49.99.2 of Article 14.6 of Chapter IV of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to extend eviction protections for tenants who have unauthorized pets necessitated by COVID-19.

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

- 1. FIND that the adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) through Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 1 of the City CEQA Guidelines.
- 2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated January 12, 2024, relative to amending Subsection C of Section

49.99.2 of Article 14.6 of Chapter IV of the LAMC to extend eviction protections for tenants who have unauthorized pets necessitated by COVID-19.

# (URGENCY CLAUSE - 12 VOTES REQUIRED ON SECOND READING)

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> 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

(Housing and Homelessness and Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committees waived consideration of the above matter)

**Adopted Item Forthwith** 

Ayes: Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Nays: (0); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

Items Called Special

**Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED** 

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

**Adjourning Motions - SEE ATTACHED** 

**Council Adjournment** 

#### ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez (13); Absent: Hutt, Yaroslavsky (2)

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Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

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Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday

## **COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS**

| MOVED BY                     | SECONDED BY | NAME   |
|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Krekorian for<br>Yaroslavsky | Blumenfield | Martin L. Adams                              |
| McOsker                      | Padilla     | Detective III Tyler Lee                      |
| Raman                        | Krekorian   | Carpenter Community Charter 100th Anniversay |

## **ADJOURNING MOTIONS**

| MOVED BY | SECONDED BY        | NAME           |
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| Lee      | All Councilmembers | Bryce Fluellen |

# TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDATO BE POSTED MODEL TO N

In the days following Thanksgiving, in 2023, the City of Los Angeles was shaken by a killing spree perpetrated by a serial killer whose victims were unhoused angelenos. The individual is accused of murdering in cold blood, 4 people before the license plate of the vehicle he was driving, a 2024 BMW M440 was entered into an automatic license plate reader (ALPR) system in an effort to identify the suspects whereabouts. The Beverly Hills Police Department was able to identify the suspects vehicle utilizing their ALPR system, and conducted a traffic stop based on the information obtained. This traffic stop resulted in the arrest of an accused serial killer tormenting communities across Los Angeles. Sheriff Robert Luna of the LA County Sheriff's Department stated "If we did not enter that plate into this system, this individual that we believe is responsible for at least four murders may have been out there and re-offended." Chief Michel Moore of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) added, "Had they not had access to those tools, this individual, I am convinced, would still be moving about the city and the region, and killing individuals."

The success of Beverly Hills ALPR system in this case is an example of modern technology playing a crucial role in the safety of our communities and demonstrates that these technologies are beneficial when implemented, by providing law enforcement the necessary tools to ensure the safety our communities desire and deserve.

Council District 12 has seen a 23% increase from 2022 to 2023 in residential burglaries which equates to over 200 additional burglaries from one year to the next. It's critical that the City be responsive to these kinds of fluctuations in crime by looking at additional technologies that can be helpful to law enforcement's efforts to hold criminals accountable for their crimes.

ALPR systems are in use in many large cities across California and the United States, including cities adjacent to the City of Los Angeles. ALPRs work by scanning the plates of passing vehicles and providing that information to law enforcement enabling officers the ability to determine where and when a specific vehicle was spotted, which then enables law enforcement to use that information to track down a missing person, a stolen car, or individuals fleeing a crime in a vehicle.

## I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council adopt the following actions:

1. Transfer / appropriate \$250,000 in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line item General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, to the LAPD Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 006010 (LAPD General Fund Administrative and Office Supply) to be used for the purchase / installation and maintenance of ALPR cameras within Council District 12.

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- 2. Transfer / appropriate \$250,000 in the Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund No. 699-14 be transferred / appropriated to the LAPD Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 006010 (LAPD General Fund Administrative and Office Supply) to be used for the acquisition / installation and maintenance of ALPR cameras within a five mile radius of Sunshine Canyon landfill in CD12.
- 3. Instruct the LAPD in consultation with the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Lighting to conduct an assessment of Council District 12 and determine the appropriate locations and methods for installation of ALPR cameras that best assist the LAPD in their crime reduction efforts throughout Council District 12.
- 4. Authorize LAPD 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 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

JOHN'S. LEE

Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY John Par

I MOVE that \$8,500 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281204 (CD 4 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred / appropriated to the Street Services Fund No. 100-86, as follows: \$2,000 to Account No. 006020 (Operating Supplies) and \$6,500 to Account No. 1090 (Salaries - Overtime) for median maintenance services in the Sepulveda Basin.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications as necessary to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

DRESENTED BY

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilwoman, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



I MOVE that \$8,500 from the Council District 6 portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43D, Dept. 50 be transferred / appropriated to the Street Services Fund No. 100-86, as follows: \$2,000 to Account No. 006020 (Operating Supplies) and \$6,500 to Account No. 1090 (Salaries - Overtime) for median maintenance services in the Sepulveda Basin.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications as necessary to the above instruction in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:

**IMELDA PADILLA** 

Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY

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Los Angeles is facing a crisis of copper wire thefts. In Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, and El Sereno alone, thieves have darkened 3,738 streetlights by ripping out the copper wire from the light poles. In recent weeks, the 6th Street Viaduct was similarly snuffed out after criminals stole tens of thousands of dollars of copper wire. The City, quite literally, is being stripped for parts.

Due to the sheer magnitude of thefts, the City must take a comprehensive approach to addressing copper wire theft. This can be achieved with the creation of a special joint task force between the Los Angeles Police Department's Central Bureau and the Bureau of Street Lighting.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD) with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Lighting be INSTRUCTED to create a Copper Wire Task Force to address the proliferation of copper wire theft in the communities of Downtown, Boyle Heights, El Sereno, and Lincoln Heights.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$200,000 from the Council District 14 portion of the "Neighborhood Service Enhancements" line item in General City Purpose Fund No. 100-56 be transferred / appropriated to the Police Fund No. 100-70, Account No. 001092 (Sworn Overtime), to cover the costs of the task force for addressing the rampant theft of copper wire in Council District 14.

I FURTHER MOVE that LAPD 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:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

# MOTION

Over the past decade, the City has seen a troubling rise in the vandalism and theft of copper wiring from City streetlights. Not only are these incidents costly for the City to repair critical infrastructure, it creates a broader public safety issue as areas of the City lose their public lighting for interim periods.

The Bureau of Street Lighting manages the City's streetlight network which includes an estimated 223,000 streetlights. While the Bureau has been aggressive in tackling the backlog of repairs due to the damage caused by copper wire theft and streetlight vandalism, it has also invested in preventative measures to protect streetlighting infrastructure. However, despite significant investments in repairs and prevention by the City, copper wire theft and streetlight vandalism has still resulted in extended repair times, forcing impacted residents to go weeks without adequate streetlighting while repair crews are responding to outages all across the City.

In the past, the City has established monetary reward programs for information that leads to arrests and convictions for a wide array of crimes that affect the public welfare. While the Council may currently authorize rewards for information leading to arrests for specific incidents of copper wire theft and streetlight vandalism on a case-by-case basis, the implementation of a standing reward program will allow for law enforcement to more efficiently solicit the public's help in addressing this public safety issue.

As part of a new standing reward program, the Police Department should ensure that information may be reported through Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers and the Department should set up a dedicated email address to receive information from the public. Additionally, the Police Department should initiate a public service announcement campaign to inform residents of the new standing reward program in order to advertise rewards and better solicit information from the public.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, Bureau of Street Lighting, and City Clerk, be instructed to report with recommendations to establish a standing reward offer for information resulting in the identification, apprehension and conviction for copper wire theft and streetlight vandalism crimes that occur within the City, including how the reward program will be administered and potential fiscal impacts.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of any necessary departments, be instructed to report with recommendations for the implementation of a public service announcement campaign informing residents of a standing reward offer for information on copper wire theft and streetlight vandalism crimes.

PRESENTED BY:

EVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

TRACI PARK

Councilmember, 11th District

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SECONDED BY:

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## **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **MOTION**

On January 20, 2024, an 8-inch gathering line on the Warren E&P facility failed and started to spray a mixture of water and crude oil onto Anaheim Street, between N. Banning Boulevard and Eubank Avenue. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) hazardous materials crews were dispatched to the site of the incident, located in the 600 block of E. Anaheim Street, at approximately 1:45 p.m.

The spill ended up running off into the streets and storm drains in Wilmington, reaching the Dominguez Channel. There are reports of oil sheens in the Wilmington marina and just offshore. The state's California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response Team (OSPR) is now looking into the environmental impact of the event. While it is not yet clear the totality of the harm that this event has caused—the City must hold the responsible party accountable for all damage and clean-up efforts.

The oil in the storm drain and the leak and spill into soil from the pipeline and the surrounding community's health and well-being are serious matters of concern for the Council Office. Entities involved in the matter that will need to be coordinated to appropriately address this matter range from the State's California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) to the more local Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) and the City's Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration (OPGNAS). An investigation into how this event occurred is warranted to ensure that the safety of the community is not compromised in the future.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB), California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration (OPGNAS), and the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), to present to the Energy & Environment Committee a report relative to the full list of factors could have led to the Wilmington oil spill event on January 20, 2024. This should also include the cause of the incident, the volume released of crude oil and the volume recovered. Additionally, the required clean-up after the contamination and the cost of full remediation for the impacted streets in Wilmington should be included in the report.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

JAN 2 3 2024

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# MOTION TRANSPORTATION

The Reimagine Ventura Boulevard Streetscape Project is a community-driven initiative to change a three-block segment between Royer Avenue and Sale Avenue in Woodland Hills into a neighborhood-scaled Main Street that supports local businesses. Changes include additional parking, enhanced landscaping, and other improvements to create a safer environment for pedestrians while allowing traffic to move efficiently.

The project is being delivered in two phases. Phase I of the project is under construction and is being implemented by the Department of Transportation (LADOT). This phase involves the installation of curb ramps, a new traffic signal, street resurfacing, new traffic/pedestrian signals, and a reconfiguration of the street to reduce speeding and to add parking.

Phase II will involve the installation of additional landscaping, street furniture, expanded sidewalks, medians, curb extensions, and ramps at disabled parking spaces. Funding in the amount of \$400,000 was provided in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program for the LADOT to implement Phase II of the project, however, this work will be conducted by StreetsLA.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the City Controller to transfer \$400,000 from Measure M Local Return Fund No. 59C-94, Reimagine Ventura Blvd – Phase II Account No. 94WV71, to the following accounts within the Bureau of Street Services/StreetsLA Fund No. 100-86 for Phase 2 of the Re-imagine Ventura Streetscape Project in Woodland Hills:

- Appropriation Account No. 001010 (Salaries General) \$350,000
- Appropriation Account No. 001090 (Overtime) \$50,000

I FURTHER MOVE that StreetsLA be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above funding instructions to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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The behavioral health workforce is composed of licensed mental health and substance-use disorder (SUD) professionals such as: psychiatrists, licensed clinical social workers (LCSW), licensed professional clinical counselors (LPCCs), psychiatric technicians, nurse practitioners and registered nurses; and paraprofessionals such as: peer support specialists, community mental health workers, care coordinators, case managers, and community health and intervention workers. Behavioral health professionals are essential to providing "whole person care" to vulnerable populations in Los Angeles, and are employed by both the City and County of Los Angeles as part of the regional Alternative Crisis Response.

The County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California's February 2023 Report surveying 57 counties' in California behavioral health workforce serving Medi-Cal clients, found that - More than 70 percent of county behavioral health agencies had difficulty recruiting LCSWs, LPCCs, psychiatrists, and registered nurses (RNs) to provide mental health services and SUD services; and the numbers of graduates of educational programs for SUD counselors, LCSWs and LPCCs will not be sufficient to replace professionals who are at or near retirement age nor to meet the growing demand for behavioral health services. To address this need, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved incentive programs to attract more field-based behavioral health workers.

The City of Los Angeles relies on behavioral health professionals through partnership programs with Los Angeles County to support co-deployment models. Examples include the Los Angeles Fire Department's Advanced Provider Response Units (APRUs), SOBER Units, and the Therapeutic Van program; and the Los Angeles Police Department's Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Teams (SMART), Mental Evaluation Units (MEU), and Case Assessment Management Program (CAMP). The City of Los Angeles also relies on behavioral health paraprofessionals to support individuals engaged in homelessness outreach and housing programs.

To enhance the crisis continuum of care and scale alternative response programs in Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles will need to continue collaboration with the County of Los Angeles, identify additional ways to support the network of service providers, help build capacity within organizations and strengthen the behavioral health professional and paraprofessional workforce.

I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to confer with the LA County Care First Community Investment Committee, Department of Public Health, Department of Health Services, and Office of Diversion and Reentry to identify organizations, by Council Districts, currently providing health and behavioral health services to Angelenos, and report back with strategies to improve coordination of service delivery, and communication with the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the Personnel Department, with the assistance of the Youth Development Department, the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) and the CLA, to assist the CAO in identifying academic institutions and certification programs that educate and prepare the behavioral health workforce.

I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Housing Department and CAO to report back on the management of Street Medicine contracts and on Recommendation 14 of CF 20-1524-S1.

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I THEREFORE MOVE to INSTRUCT the CAO, with the assistance of the CLA, EWDD, YDD and Personnel Department, to report back on strategies and best practices utilized to address behavioral health workforce shortages, including incentives such as: student loan repayment, payment of school and certification fees, and moving stipends, and programs the City can develop and/or participate in, inclusive of hiring technical advisors to assist in the development of dispatch, pre-crisis/prevention, emergency response, and post-crisis/follow up programs.

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember 3rd District

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Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

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