Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, June 7, 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: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (12); Absent: de León, Hutt, Raman (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 for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(1) **23-1117-S1**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Revolving Training Fund Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the April 8, 2024 Board of Police Commissioners report relative to the Revolving Training Fund Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, attached to the Council file.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Not applicable.

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

Adopted Item

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

(2) **23-0488**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to programs within the City Attorney's Office that focus on outreach and education to preempt crimes being committed and/or divert cases from the court and carceral systems.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the April 17, 2024 City Attorney report relative to programs within the City Attorney's Office that focus on outreach and education to preempt crimes being committed and/or divert cases from the court and carceral systems, attached to the Council file, inasmuch as this report is for information only and no Council action is required.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

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

(3) **24-0202-S1**

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (RAMAN – SOTO-MARTINEZ) relative to a temporary loan in the amount of \$13 million from the Housing Impact Trust Fund to be used for Proposition HHH projects.

(Housing and Homelessness Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)

(Visit www.lacouncilfile.com for background documents.)

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Krekorian, Lee, Padilla, Park, Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, McOsker, Price Jr., Raman (5)

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

(4) **24-0637**

MOTION (HERNANDEZ - BLUMENFIELD) relative to the transfer of funds within Cultural Affairs Fund No. 100/30 to align with the Department of Cultural Affairs' (DCA) current expenditure patterns, and to meet the current year-end projection of expenditures.

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

TRANSFER \$200,000 within the Cultural Affairs Fund No. 100/30 from Account No. 001010 (Salaries - General) to Account No. 001070 (Salaries As Needed) to align with DCA's current expenditure patterns, and to meet the current year-end projection of expenditures.

Adopted Item Forthwith

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Lee, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Raman (5)

(5) **24-0638 CD 9**

MOTION (PRICE - HARRIS-DAWSON) relative to funding for programming services and events for the Community Safety Partnership Program, to be provided by Art Active, Inc., at South Park in Council District (CD) 9.

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

1. TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$60,000 from the Los Angeles Police Department Fund No. 100/70, Account No. 006020 (Operating Supplies & Expense) to the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000709 (CD-9 Community Services), for

programming services and events for the Community Safety Partnership Program at South Park, to be provided by Art Active, Inc.

- 2. INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to prepare, process, and execute the necessary documents with and/or payments to the Art Active Inc., or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount, for the above purposes, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
- 3. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk 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, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Lee, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Raman (5)

(6) **24-0011-S14 CD 5**

MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - SOTO-MARTINEZ) relative to rescinding prior Council action of April 26, 2024, Council file No. (CF) 24-0011-S1, regarding funding for community beautification services performed by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps in Council District (CD) 5.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESCIND the Council action of April 26, 2024 relative to funding the community beautification services performed in CD 5 by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (CF 24-0011-S1), inasmuch as the project will be funded using an alternative source and approach.

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Lee, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Raman (5)

(7) **21-0866-S3**

MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - SOTO-MARTINEZ) relative to funding for services in connection with the Council District (CD) 5 special recognition of Overdose Awareness Day at City Hall on *August 31, 2024, including the illumination of City Hall.

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

TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$400 from the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 0705 (CD5 Community Services), to the General Services Fund No. 100/40, Account No. 1070 (Salaries - As Needed), for services in connection with the CD 5 special recognition of Overdose Awareness Day at City Hall on August 31, 2024, including the illumination of City Hall.

*Journal Correction

Adopted Item

Ayes: Blumenfield, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Lee, Padilla, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Nays: (0); Absent: de León, Hutt, Krekorian, McOsker, Raman (5)

(8) **22-0822-S2**

MOTION (KREKORIAN - HUTT) relative to amending Ordinance No. 188072 (Council file No. 22-0822-S2) that established a voluntary housing program and conditional use permit, replacement housing, and police permit requirements for hotels, including short-term rentals (STRs).

Recommendations for Council action:

- REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to revise the effective date of the hotel permits in Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 103.400 to be effective January 1, 2025, in lieu of July 1, 2024.
- 2. REQUEST the Board of Police Commissioners to:
 - a. Simplify the Police Permit process for Hotels and STRs, as

intended and defined in the ordinance, to be modeled after Alarm Permits, with a process that is more reactive to violations and complaints instead of a complex registration process.

- b. Establish a new portal for hotels, STRs, and existing Police Pennits to be active by January 1, 2025.
- c. Establish an updated fee study that is full cost recovery that reflects the requirements of the ordinance and this Motion for a simple registration process.

Adopted to Refer Item back to the Public Safety and Planning and Land Use Management Committees

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

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

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

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Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
McOsker	Hernandez	Martin Scorsese Day

ADJOURNING MOTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Padilla	All Councilmembers	Rudy Morena

The City owns the property located at 1010 Douglas Street, Los Angeles CA 90026, which is operated as a childhood education center by the Foundation for Early Childhood Education, Inc., a non-profit organization. The lease for this facility has been in holdover since 1993, and the lessee is requesting a new lease, in order to secure outside funding for capital improvements. The Foundation for Early Childhood Education provides essential services to the community at this site, and the City should renew the lease in order to ensure that childcare services remain available at the property.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the City Administrative Officer, BE DIRECTED to negotiate a new, non-profit lease agreement with Early Childhood Education, Inc., for the City-owned property located at 1010 Douglas Street, Los Angeles CA, 90026.

PRESENTED BY

EUNISSES HERNAND Z Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: Umelder Prolida

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The City owns the property located at 707 E. Kensington Road, Los Angeles CA 90026, which is operated as a childhood education center by the Foundation for Early Childhood Education, Inc., a non-profit organization. The lease for this facility has been in holdover since 1993, and the lessee is requesting a new lease, in order to secure outside funding for capital improvements. The Foundation for Early Childhood Education provides essential services to the community at this site, and the City should renew the lease in order to ensure that childcare services remain available at the property.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of General Services, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the City Administrative Officer, BE DIRECTED to negotiate a new, non-profit lease agreement with Early Childhood Education, Inc., for the City-owned property located at 707 E. Kensington Road, Los Angeles CA 90026.

PRESENTED BY:

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: dwelder Prolitie

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On October 27, 2023, the City Council and Mayor approved the funding and authority for an interim housing project located at 2377 Midvale Avenue in Council District 5, also known as LADOT Lot #707 (C.F. 23-1066). The project has a funding shortfall that will be corrected using the Emergency Stabilization Beds (ESB) Grant funds provided by the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP).

Therefore, I MOVE that the City Council:

- 1. APPROVE \$980,000 of Emergency Stabilization Beds Grant funds to support the construction of the interim housing project located at 2377 Midvale Avenue;
- 2. APPROPRIATE \$980,000 from Emergency Stabilization Beds Grant Fund No. 67N/10, Account No. 10Y776, Emergency Stabilization Beds Grant to Engineering Special Service Fund No. 682/50, in a new account entitled "CD 5 Midvale IH", for the construction of the interim housing project located at 2377 Midvale Avenue in Council District 5; and
- 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.

PRESENTED BY:

Councilwoman, 5th Distric

BUDGET & FINANCE

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATION.

MOTION

In January of this year, Assembly Member Carillo introduced AB 1950, which involves the 1959 eminent domain actions of the City of Los Angeles in the neighborhoods of Palo Verde, Bishop and La Loma - collectively known as Chavez Ravine. The initial action was reportedly taken to produce public housing, but that project did not materialize. Ultimately, the City engaged in a land swap that resulted in the land being transferred to a private entity to construct Dodger Stadium.

Among other things, AB 1950 would require the City to create a task force for the purpose of providing compensation to former residents and landowners displaced from Chavez Ravine, as defined, between 1950 to 1961, inclusive, and their descendants. The bill would set forth the composition of the task force, consisting of 9 members. Among other duties, the task force would be required to oversee the city's administration process pursuant to these provisions and to create specified reports addressing various matters related to compensation for former residents and landowners of Chavez Ravine and their descendants.

The bill would also require the City to decide on one of several forms of compensation, including conveying city-owned real property for housing, use, and enjoyment equal to the square footage area of land acquired by the City or monetary compensation for the taking of the former landowners' property equal to the fair market value at the time of sale or taking, adjusted for inflation. The bill would provide that the compensation would be exempt from taxation and the real property tax.

Staff analysis of this bill indicates that the City will incur "significant" costs in providing this compensation to eligible parties. It is not clear in the bill language what costs will be borne by the City and which costs will be reimbursable from the State General Fund. Further, even if such costs were fully reimbursed, under basic principles of home rule and local control, the state legislature lacks the authority to instruct a charter city such as Los Angeles in issues of municipal affairs or expenditure of municipal funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in conjunction with the City Administrative Officer and the Office of the City Attorney, to report back within 15 days on:





- A. The potential costs of the programs called out in the proposed bill, including those associated with creating and operating a new task force and any associated legal and court fees; and
- B. A strategy to pursue eligible sources of compensation for the actions proposed by this bill, including seeking reimbursement from the State General Fund through the Commission on State Mandates, or other sources of state funds that might be available to pay for the costs that may be mandated by AB 1950.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request an opinion from the City Attorney within 30 days on the applicability of "home rule" principles under the State Constitution and the common law as it pertains to this bill and the State's ability, or inability, to mandate this action upon a charter city.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:

The City of Los Angeles is home to a diverse population, with residents speaking a wide range of languages and representing a rich tapestry of cultural backgrounds. With over 220 languages represented in Los Angeles, the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) has been leading the Citywide Language Access Program to increase access to City services through the implementation of Language Access Plans. Language barriers can impact access to city programs and services for immigrant and non-English-speaking Angelenos.

In recent years, technological advancements, particularly in Artificial Intelligence (AI), have opened new avenues for enhancing language access services. AI has the potential to improve translation and interpretation capabilities within the City and enhance the Citywide Language Access Program. With AI-powered tools, time-consuming tasks such as translating documents can be expedited. AI can provide immediate translation as a supplemental tool for human translators in their work. As more data is generated, machine learning algorithms will automatically enhance AI language capabilities and accuracy to convert text or speech into different languages in real time.

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a field of artificial intelligence that enables computers to understand, interpret, and respond to human language. Utilizing machine learning, NLP efficiently extracts key information and classifies document types, facilitating the handling of large data volumes. It also enhances language access and translation by simplifying complex text, ensuring clearer and more accurate translations. This improved clarity makes translated content more accessible, allowing a broader audience to engage effectively. NLP optimizes document management and significantly improves language communication through text analysis, machine translation, and sentiment analysis applications.

The goal of using AI in language translation is to enhance and support the work of human interpreters. AI can handle repetitive tasks and provide quick, initial translations, allowing interpreters to focus on more nuanced and context-specific language challenges. This collaboration ensures higher efficiency and accuracy in translation services. Indigenous languages and local dialect speakers experience additional barriers to accessing City services and information as "many of these languages may have limited or no written components," CIFD notes in an October 17, 2023 Report (Council File 22-1262). Additional data and research will need to be captured for lesser-spoken languages in Los Angeles and for local dialects and indigenous languages to utilize AI language tools effectively. The City of Los Angeles seeks to continue the exploration of Artificial Intelligence and expand the use of machine learning to improve the language access to city services.

I THEREFORE MOVE to instruct the Information Technology Agency (ITA), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to support the Community Investment for Families Department's (CIFD) Language Access Program and explore the feasibility of utilizing AI technologies to enhance language access services within the City and report back on evaluating current language access needs, assessing available AI tools and platforms, estimating potential costs and benefits, and identifying any necessary partnerships or collaborations.

I FURTHER MOVE to instruct CIFD to report back with recommendations for incorporating technology tools to address the language needs of Angelenos per CF #22-1262 in a way that supports and enhances the work of paid interpreters and department staff

I FURTHER MOVE to instruct ITA, with the assistance of the CLA and City Clerk and Department on Disability, to report back with recommended tools and technologies to improve language access for public meetings.



PRESENTED BY:

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY

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HOUSING & HOMELESSNES 3

MOTION

On June 6, 2024, the Burbank Police Department brought a severely distressed unhoused individual into the City of Los Angeles and abandoned him in front of the Second Council District office in North Hollywood, a commercial building on Lankershim Blvd. Video recorded from the building itself clearly shows the uniformed officers removing the individual from their car and driving away as the man collapses on the pavement.

While this incident was captured on video, City officials and service providers have provided anecdotal evidence over the years of other jurisdictions transporting unhoused individuals into the City of Los Angeles and abandoning them. In the current fiscal year, the City of Los Angeles dedicated well over a billion dollars to homeless services and housing. The City will never be able to address this problem as long as other jurisdictions shirk their responsibility to provide housing and services for unhoused people and merely drive them across their boundaries into the City of Los Angeles. This practice is inhumane and unacceptable. Homelessness is a regional crisis and the City cannot address it alone. Other jurisdictions must be held accountable for their actions and for their contribution to this crisis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, the District Attorney, and the Attorney General of California to investigate this incident and to take the maximum appropriate legal action against the City of Burbank and the Burbank Police Department.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City of Burbank and its Mayor and City Council to respond to this incident and provide the City of Los Angeles with their policies on homelessness, relocation of unhoused individuals, and policy changes that will be made as a result of this incident.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: chmelocer Partilla