Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceeding Friday, September 27, 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, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (10); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Raman, Rodriguez (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) **24-0160-S45 CD 1**

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety report and confirmation of lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and/or Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC), for the property located at 723 North Terrace 49.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS relative to proposed lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to LAMC and/or LAAC, and CONFIRM said lien for the property located at 723 North Terrace 49. (Lien: \$2,370.40)

(Continued from Council meeting of July 31, 2024)

Adopted Motion 1A (Hernandez – McOsker) - SEE ATTACHED Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

(2) **24-1007**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Resolution No. 025-031 which approves Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 47804 between the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and URS Corporation Americas, and Amendment No. 1 Agreement No. 47805 between the LADWP and Kleinfelder West, Inc., for the Van Norman Complex Projects Geotechnical Services.

Recommendation for Council action:

CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' (Board) action of August 27, 2024, Resolution No. 025-031, which approves Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 47804 with URS Corporation Americas and Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 47805 with Kleinfelder West, Inc., for the Van Norman Complex Projects Geotechnical Services.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the proposed Amendments will not have an impact on the General Fund. The amount of the original Agreements will be increased by \$500,000 each, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$32.5 million and \$27.5 million, respectively. The combined \$1 million is provided from the Water Revenue Fund. The recommended action complies with the LADWP's adopted Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 27, 2024

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 25, 2024)

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(3) **24-0456**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the strategies to address Polyfluoroalkyl/Perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) in the City.

Recommendations for Council action:

- INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to create a recommendation plan to ensure that water treated by the BOS can detect and treat PFAS and other similar contaminants identified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's PFAS Roadmap Action Plan, including stormwater/rainwater capture systems, and anything related to the ONE Water Plan.
- 2. REQUEST the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to continue and expand monitoring efforts of water supply sources and the water distribution system; to develop plans and water supply permit amendments to maintain safe potable water supply; to collaborate with regulatory agencies to identify PFAS sources in the environment and protect water supply sources; and, to support the City Attorney's Office with any active or future claims.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> The BOS reports that this is a Citywide program and while the BOS can fund some of the work that is directly related to the impact of BOS operations on PFAS, sufficient funding is intended to support other aspects of the work that address the challenges of PFAS in drinking water, whether found in public water systems or in source water.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Pico Union Neighborhood Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(4) **24-0889**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to directing the Bureau of Sanitation to report on the status of the recyclables market; and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Yaroslavsky - McOsker):

DIRECT the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) to report to Council on the status of the recyclables market, including:

- a. A review of market prices for major recyclable materials since 2018.
- b. An analysis of the factors that have contributed to market fluctuations.
- c. An assessment of the impact of market changes on the City's recycling program.
- d. A forecast of market prices for major recyclable materials.
- e. An analysis of the factors that are likely to affect market stability in the future.
- f. Recommendations for strategies to improve market stability.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

Westside Neighborhood Council

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(5) **24-0931**

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a request for the City Attorney, in consultation with the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), to prepare and present an ordinance prohibiting the distribution and sale of aftermarket single-use clone-compatible printer cartridges, and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Lee - Yaroslavsky):

REQUEST the City Attorney, in consultation with the BOS, to prepare and present an ordinance prohibiting the distribution and sale of aftermarket single-use clone-compatible printer cartridges.

<u>Fiscal Impact Statement:</u> Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

Westside Neighborhood Council

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

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

(6) **24-0091**

CD 9

MOTION (PRICE - SOTO-MARTINEZ) relative to amending Council Action of March 15, 2024 (C.F. 24-0091), instructing the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to negotiate a long-term contract between the City and the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (ATAS) to hold future Emmy Awards in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

- INSTRUCT the CAO and CLA to negotiate a contract between the City and the ATAS to hold the 76th Emmy Awards ceremony in the City of Los Angeles.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the use of supplemental Police law enforcement services to support the ATAS during Emmy Awards ceremony, with full reimbursement of Police law enforcement services, in accordance with California Government Code section 53069.8:
- 3. RECOGNIZE the economic benefit generated by the Emmy Awards ceremony being held in the City of Los Angeles and WAIVE reimbursement requirements for City services (excluding Police law enforcement services) supporting the 76th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sec. 41.20.1(c) Events at Major Sports and Entertainment Venues.
- 4. AUTHORIZE the CAO to execute and administer the contract between the City and the ATAS, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(7) 14-1174-S55 CD 2

MOTION (KREKORIAN - LEE) relative to amending the Council action of June 12, 2019 regarding utilizing Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceed (EBP) for the

Lankershim Boulevard Improvements Project (Projects) within the Pacoima/Panorama City Redevelopment Project Area, Council file No. (CF) 14-1174-S55.

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

1. AMEND the Council action of June 12, 2019 regarding utilizing CRA/LA EBP for the Projects within the Pacoima/Panorama City Redevelopment Project Area (CF No. 14-1174-S55) to include the following additional instructions in as much that a transfer of funds in the amount of \$261,891 in EBP funds from the Bureau of Engineering to the Bureau of Street Services in needed to complete the Project related improvements:

Authorize the Controller to:

Establish a new account and transfer appropriations within the CRA/LA EBP Fund No. 57D in the accounts and amounts as listed in the table contained in the Motion, attached to the Council file.

Increase the Fund No. 100/86 appropriations in the accounts and amounts as listed in the table contained in the Motion, attached to the Council file.

2. AUTHORIZE the Economic and Workforce Development Department, as the administrator of the CRFA/LA EBP Program, to take all actions necessary to document and effectuate the changes in the budgets noted above; to prepare Controller instructions to transfer funds related to this matter; to make any technical corrections necessary consistent with Council action; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(8) **24-1141**

MOTION (HARRIS-DAWSON - BLUMENFIELD) relative to recognizing

Councilmember Paul Krekorian as President Emeritus of the Los Angeles City Council.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECOGNIZE Councilmember Paul Krekorian as President Emeritus of the Los Angeles City Council, effective September 20, 2024.

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(9) **17-1428 CD 14**

MOTION (DE LEON - LEE) relative to amending Council action of September 22, 2020, Council file No. (CF) 17-1428, regarding the vacation of a portion of Flower Street between 3rd Street and Hope Street (VAC-E1401329).

Recommendation for Council action:

AMEND the Council action of September 22, 2020 regarding the vacation of a portion of Flower Street between 3rd Street and Hope Street (VAC-E1401329) (CF 17-1428), to delete Condition 12 of the Bureau of Engineering report dated January 9, 2019 requiring the installation of street lighting as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority coordinated with the Bureau of Engineering and local stakeholders for the planning and construction of lighting improvements at this site.

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(10) **22-0010-S1**

MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - LEE) relative to reinstating the reward offer in the unsolved murder of Brianna Nicole Kupfer for an additional period of six months. Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

REAFFIRM Council's findings and REINSTATE the reward offer relative to the unsolved murder of Brianna Nicole Kupfer (Council action of January 25, 2022, Council file No. 22-0010-S1) for an additional period of six months from the publication of the renewed offer of reward by the City Clerk; and, further, that the sum of \$50,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(11) **24-1142 CD 5**

MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - PARK) relative to funding for outreach to move people experiencing homelessness in Council District 5 into interim housing beds.

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

- 1. TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$70,000 from General City Purpose Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000619 (Additional Homeless Services - Council District 5), to the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) Fund No. 100/43, account No. to be determined, for outreach to move people experiencing homelessness in Council District 5 into interim housing beds, to be provided by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) in partnership with services providers including but not limited to the St. Joseph Center and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH).
- 2. INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the LAHD to prepare, process and execute the necessary documents with the LAHSA, and REQUEST that LAHSA amend its outreach subcontracts with St. Joseph Center, PATH, and or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, utilizing the above amount for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

3. AUTHORIZE the LAHD to make any technical 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: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(12) **24-1139 CD 14**

MOTION (DE LEON - KREKORIAN) relative to waiving the fees for Parking Lot 7, located at 140 North Judge John Aiso Street, for election workers and voters involved with the November 5, 2024 General Election.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to waive the fees at Parking Lot 7, located at 140 North Judge John Aiso Street, between Temple Street and First Street, for the November 5, 2024 General Election for election workers and voters during the following dates and times:

- November 2, 2024; 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- November 3, 2024; 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- November 4, 2024; 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- November 5, 2024; 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

(13) **14-0425-S4**

CD 14 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (DE LEON - PARK) relative to the request

to pursue a 36-month extension to the term of the Option Agreement between the City of Los Angeles and Community Redeveloment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), for real property commonly referred to as Bunker Hill Parcel Y-1, located at 361 South Hill Street in Council District 14.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the Mayor to pursue a 36-month extension to the term of the Option Agreement (Contract No. C-125178) between the City of Los Angeles and CRA/LA, A Designated Local Authority, for real property commonly referred to as Bunker Hill Parcel Y-1, located at 361 South Hill Street (Property; APN 5149-010-951 and -952) in Downtown Los Angeles, from September 30, 2024 to September 30, 2027, to allow the City the opportunity to develop the Property in a manner that provides the greatest benefit to the City and the Affected Taxing Entities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

(Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted Item

Ayes: de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Nays: (0); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral - SEE ATTACHED

Council Members' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

ENDING ROLL CALL

de León, Harris-Dawson, Hernandez, Hutt, Krekorian, Lee, McOsker, Padilla, Raman, Soto-Martínez, Yaroslavsky (11); Absent: Blumenfield, Park, Price Jr., Rodriguez (4)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, CITY CLERK

Ву

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

MOVED BY	SECONDED BY	NAME
Padilla for Park	Lee	League of Legends Day
Padilla	Soto- Martinez	LUNA Local 300

I MOVE that the matter relative to Continued Consideration of Hearing Protest, Appeals or Objections to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety report and confirmation lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and/or Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC), for the property located at 723 North Terrace 49, Item No. 1 (CF 24-0160-S45) on today's Council Agenda, BE AMENDED to ADOPT the following recommendations in lieu of any prior recommendations:

- (1) Receive and File the lien in the amount of \$2,370.40 in as much as the property is owner-occupied, as recommended by the Department of Building and Safety in a communication dated September 24, 2024 attached to the Council File.
- (2) Instruct the Department of Building and Safety to waive the late charge/collection fee amount of \$1,650 associated with this case.

PRESENTED BY

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ

Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

September 27, 2024

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TO CITY CLERA FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDATO BE POSTED

#51

I MOVE that the April 12, 2024 Council action relative to a Transportation Committee Report prohibiting the parking of vehicles in excess of 22 feet in length or over 7 feet in height, during the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on certain street segments in Council District 10 (C.F. 23-0008-S15), BE AMENDED to replace the name "South Manhattan Street" in Recommendation 1.a. with "South Manhattan Place."

PRESENTED BY: A

HEATHER HUTT

Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:

BMR

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The City uses the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to create parks and other recreational facilities in low-to-moderate income areas in the City.

In 2021, the City entered into a contract, C-140506, with the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), a non-profit entity, to construct the Western and Gage Pocket Park on an empty City median in Council District 8. The three-year term of the contract is typically sufficient to complete construction of the size and scope of the pocket park, and LANI has completed many milestones, including pre-development and design.

In order to support the City's CDBG timeliness deadline in May 2024, a portion of the project funding was reprogrammed in November 2023 (Council File: 22-1205-S2) and restored in June 2024 (Council File: 24-0500). The shift in available funding and other matters have contributed to the need for additional time to complete the project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), or designee, to amend Contract C-140506 between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative, for the development of the Western and Gage Pocket Park, to extend the term for an additional 16 months through March 31, 2026.
- 2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of CIFD, or designee, to make technical corrections that may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON

Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities will be holding its Annual Conference in Long Beach, California from October 16-18, 2024, and each member city has voting rights for the business items that will be considered at the final assembly; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the League of California Cities require that each member city designate its voting delegate by Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council hereby designates Councilmember Traci Park as the Voting Delegate and Councilmember Imelda Padilla as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the City of Los Angeles to the Annual Business Meeting at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Long Beach, California, October 16-18, 2024.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON Councilmember, 8th District

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SECONDED BY:

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I MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to report on *OCEANS 11 RV PARK LLC VS. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES* in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9.9 (a).

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

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TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT MOTIONAR COUNCIL AGENDATO BE POSTED

#55

The East Hollywood Business Improvement District (BID), located in Council District 13, provides cleaning/beautification services (power washing, graffiti removal, etc.), and funding for community efforts to improve the business climate and overall quality of life for properties within its boundaries.

Since its inception, the East Hollywood BID has been operated by the Chief Executive Officer of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber finds that a new nonprofit, the East Hollywood Business Improvement Inc., is better positioned to administer the BID and will transition their oversight role to this nonprofit business association moving forward. The East Hollywood Business Improvement Inc. possesses the specific knowledge and expertise to ensure the success of the District and its business community in this administrative role - thus creating an appropriate transition.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, instruct the City Clerk to prepare, execute and administer a contract with the East Hollywood Business Improvement Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to administer the East Hollywood Business Improvement District (BID), subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

I FURTHER MOVE to authorize the City Attorney to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

PRESENTED BY:

HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:

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On September 10, 2024, the Bureau of Engineering assessed the road conditions of Mallory Street between 2515 and 2533 N. Mallory Street in El Sereno due to complaints and reports of poor pavement condition and damage.

The Bureau found extensive damage and hazardous road conditions at this site including uplift and severely cracked and distressed pavement. Residents also reported a trip and fall incident and numerous incidents of vehicle damage as a result of the poor condition of this street segment. Additionally, some residents reported that the uneven pavement prevents them from accessing their driveways.

Subsequent to their investigation, the Bureau of Engineering is recommending that Mallory Street at this location be repaired immediately, including the removal and replacement of pavement. Given the urgent nature of these needed repairs and on the ongoing hazard this road presents to residents, the City should quickly identify the funding and resources to bring Mallory Street into good condition as soon as possible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Street Services, and any other necessary department, be instructed to report with recommendations to fund and implement the necessary repairs of Mallory Street between 2515 and 2533 N. Mallory Street.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



Illegal dumping afflicts communities across the City of Los Angeles. City efforts to address have been multifaceted and include ongoing work by the Bureau of Sanitation's Watershed Protection Division, education campaigns, reporting through the MyLA 311 system, Council District-sponsored Bulky Item Bins, and Council District-funded beautification teams, among other interventions. One of the tools used for investigation and prosecution of particularly egregious and serial violators are cameras posted throughout the City at illegal dumping hot spots. The FY 2024-25 budget saw a number of cuts to respond to the City's present fiscal situation. Unfortunately, one of these cuts was to the positions responsible for monitoring the Bureau of Sanitation's illegal dumping cameras. The City cannot afford to allow bad actors to dump in our communities with impunity and must identify funding to restore these services.

I THEREFORE MOVE to instruct the City Administrative Officer to identify \$115,000 in funding for the Bureau of Sanitation's Watershed Protection Division to cover overtime costs for monitoring of the Citywide illegal dumping cameras.

PRESENTED BY:

SECONDED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

ORIGINAL

Atlas Iron & Metal Co., one of the city of Los Angeles' oldest metal recyclers, is located near the intersection of South Alameda Street and Century Boulevard in Watts. Adjacent to Jordan High School, it has been in business since 1949 and purchases scrap metals, alloys, and other recyclable materials while also providing demolition services, baling, and shearing. On August 12, 2024, an explosion at Atlas Metal led to safety concerns at Jordan High School where students and staff have cited metal projectiles and metallic dust flying onto school grounds.

The metal recycling plant has been the subject of multiple lawsuits, including one from the Los Angeles Unified School District. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has also filed two dozen criminal charges against Atlas. In recent years, as heavy rains have showered Los Angeles, the site's operations have allowed polluted stormwater to drift onto the high school grounds, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Earlier this year in March, the EPA ordered Atlas Metal to take action to prevent chemicals from washing into local storm drains and drifting onto Jordan High School. Atlas Metal is required to upgrade its stormwater treatment system and limit metallic debris from migrating off its property. Under the agreement with the EPA, the facility operators have vowed to comply with federal water rules, or the facility could face civil penalties.

On September 26, 2024, Atlas Metal was charged in a 25-count indictment for allegedly exposing students at Jordan High School to explosions, hazardous waste, and lead levels 75 times higher than those deemed safe by the EPA. Soil samples taken from Jordan's campus show excessive concentrations of lead and zinc, according to authorities. In August, the Better Watts Initiative, a collaborative of community members and groups organized for environmental justice, called for urgent government-led water testing across Watts households and public housing developments. Researchers documented toxic levels of lead in the tap water of some homes in Watts, leaving local residents facing serious health risks. As samples are collected and testing continues, potential polluting agents that are above ground and persistent in nature in Watts, such as Atlas Metal, should be identified, investigated, and held accountable.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and the Office of the City Attorney to investigate the status of Atlas Iron & Metal Co.'s legal requirement to upgrade its stormwater treatment system. This should include specifically what improvements to the stormwater management system have been made and the status of compliance with federal water pollution rules.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the LADWP coordinate with the Los Angeles School Unified District and the Better Watts Initiative to immediately develop any additional testing strategies for pollutants currently present onsite at Atlas Iron & Metal Co. that could be impacting Jordan High School.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Office of the City Attorney report back on recorded citations of illegal disposal of hazardous materials and waste and the status of any penalties incurred by Atlas Iron & Metal Co. in the last five years.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Office of the City Attorney report back on the ability of the City to impose restrictions on operations onsite at Atlas Iron & Metal Co. as the City is investigating the facility. Additionally, the City Attorney should provide measures the City can impose on the operator, including, but not limited to injunctive relief, criminal or civil fines and penalties, and community mitigations, such as a fund, to provide assistance to environmentally sensitive areas in need and to prepare remediation plans for projects that revitalize environmental justice communities in Watts.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

MOTION PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

In December of 2023, the City Council approved the permanent Al Fresco program to ensure that our small businesses could continue benefiting from the temporary outdoor dining program established during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program was a lifeline for many small businesses across the City during the pandemic, allowing for them to keep their doors open, and building on a century-long outdoor culinary culture that Angelenos have long known and loved.

During the pandemic, there were over 3500 businesses that were given temporary Al Fresco permits, whereas only a handful have obtained their permanent permits since the applications opened on February 1st. While the Mayor's office extended the deadline for application submission to the end of this calendar year, as well as promise to provide more dedicated services to the small businesses, there is continued concern about the complicated and overwhelming application process without a real promise for their permanent Al Fresco permit.

In Council District 1, there are numerous cases of small businesses being unable to complete the process, even when securing assistance from consultants that can often cost thousands of dollars. The amount of different departments involved, and the additional step to bring in the LA County Department of Public Health has proven to be a timely bureaucratic ordeal for businesses that have many other priorities to meet in order to keep their businesses afloat.

A City survey of participating restaurants showed that 90% of these restaurants consider Al Fresco dining integral to their operations. It is imperative that the City do everything in its power to ease the burden of the red tape that exists within our application processes. This will ensure that the small businesses that make up much of the cultural fabric of the City, employ hundreds of thousands of workers, and make up the backbone of our economy are not left out of the opportunity to grow and succeed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Building and Safety, with assistance from the Department of City Planning and the Department on Disability, to report back in 30 days on the following:

- Building codes that can be amended at the City level that can assist with streamlining the approval process for commonly used outdoor structures such as outdoor patios, awnings, shade sails, and umbrellas;
- Building codes that must be amended at the State level that can assist with streamlining the
 approval process for commonly used outdoor structures such as outdoor patios, awnings, shade
 sails, and umbrellas; and,

 Internal review of the application process, the number of departments that are required for the approval process, and recommendations for streamlining to minimize the number of departmental approvals.

PRESENTED BY:

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

Goods movement depends on intermodal freight transportation, which involves the movement of goods using multiple modes of transportation, including ship, rail, and truck. If the container is being moved out of a terminal by truck, an "intermodal chassis" (or "chassis") is then required between terminals and shipping facilities. A chassis is the supporting frame of a truck's structure. Current law establishes varying safeguards and confirmation procedures regarding chassis inspection. Irregular and non-standardized regulation for the inspection and maintenance of chassis used and dispatched across California ports is a growing public safety hazard that can lead to dangerous events for the drivers, surrounding commuters, and the community.

A model legislative response was proposed last session, Assembly Bill 3151 (Gipson), would have required "port terminals", defined as an ocean marine terminal or other terminal within a port master plan area, to conduct intermodal roadability inspection program requirements. It would have required— and not just simply authorized— an inspection of all chassis received by or dispatched from port terminals to be completed by either the port terminal operator or an authorized representative. Additionally, defects noted on the chassis would have to be repaired before leaving the port terminal.

Standardizing safety rules for intermodal freight transportation would provide for safer goods movement for the essential workers and local communities impacted by port activities. There is a critical need to amend California Vehicle Code § 34505.0 and 40000.21 to extend protections for intermodal chassis activity coming in and out of the Port of Los Angeles. By implementing a systematic inspection procedure, we can ensure that intermodal chassis are kept in a safe and proper operating condition, leading to safer conditions for everyone and more efficiency in our goods movement.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the Port of Los Angeles, with assistance from any other department, report on the protocols as prescribed by current laws for inspecting chassis entering and exiting Port of Los Angeles facilities. This should also include a report on the number of chassis that have failed inspection in the past 6 months.

PRESENTED BY:

TIM McOSKER

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22507 authorizes cities to restrict the parking of vehicles, including but not limited to, vehicles that are six feet or more in height, on identified City streets during certain hours; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.69.4 allows the Council to authorize by resolution, the streets upon which the parking of oversize vehicles shall be restricted between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased problem with oversized vehicles that park overnight along several street segments where these large vehicles are often parked overnight and immediately adjacent to residential buildings, which constricts travel lanes and creates dangerous situations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.69.4, hereby prohibits the parking of vehicles that are in excess of 22 feet in length or over 7 feet in height, during the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. along both sides of the following street segments:

- Spaulding Avenue between West Adams Boulevard and Smiley Drive
- Thurman Avenue between West Adams Boulevard and Smiley Drive
- South Genesee Avenue between Washington Boulevard and Smiley Drive
- Clyde Avenue between Washington Boulevard and Cologne Street
- Thurman Avenue between Washington Boulevard and Cologne Street
- Somerset Drive between Jefferson Boulevard and Adams Boulevard
- Field Avenue between Exposition Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard
- Chesapeake Avenue between Exposition Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard
- Potomac Avenue between Exposition Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard
- Jefferson Boulevard between Vineyard Avenue and Buckingham Road

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Department of Transportation be directed to post signs giving notice of a "tow away, no parking" restriction for oversized vehicles, with the specific hours detailed, at the above locations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation be authorized to make technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

PRESENTED BY: Weath

HEATHER HUTT

Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:

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