Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings  
Tuesday, February 28, 2006  
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10:15 am

- - - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - - -

10:15 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER  
AS COUNCIL RECESSES ITS REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL - Members present: Cardenas, Greuel, Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (13); Absent: LaBonge and Weiss (2).

ROLL CALL NUMBER (#) - INDICATES THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE ACTED UPON DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING

Item for Which Public Hearing Has Been Held - Item 1

ITEM NO. (1) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS - TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Wesson - Parks) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: LaBonge and Weiss (2)

06-0371 COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the status of, and recommendations for the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Earthquake Assistance Grant Award of 1995, and related grant activities.

(Budget and Finance Committee and Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee reports to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comments will be provided.)

(For background reports and materials related to this matter, contact the Legislative Assistant for the Budget and Finance Committee at 213-978-1075 and the Legislative Assistant for the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee at 213-978-1080.)

RECEIVED AND FILED

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) Earthquake Assistance Grant Award of 1995, and related grant activities.
Recommendations for Council action:

1. AMEND the accompanying RESOLUTION to remove all references to the Harbor Gateway Center.

2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION thereby requesting a “Termination for Convenience” and reimbursement of costs from the EDA for Pacoima Revitalization Center, Hollywood Media District, Atwater Public Improvements, North Hollywood Street Improvements, and Western Slauson Industrial Area projects should the EDA not approve the final invoices and/or scope changes for these projects, or if EDA determines that these projects are not complete; and, requesting that EDA approve the use of City forces for the Atwater Public Improvements and the Western Slauson Industrial Area projects.

3. REQUEST that the Mayor, the City Attorney, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst report to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the recommendations of the Mayor’s report dated February 17, 2006, and the CAO’s report dated February 27, 2006 (both attached to the Council file) relative to the Earthquake Assistance Grant Award of 1995.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Office of the Mayor. The CAO reports that the General Fund could potentially be denied reimbursement from the grant of up to $234,198 if the EDA retains up to 10 percent of the amount allocated to two projects that were incomplete by the December 31, 2005, deadline. It is recommended that the City Attorney assist the Mayor’s Office in discussions with the EDA to eliminate or reduce the retention amount if the EDA deems that such retention is necessary.

ADOPTED

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Earthquake Assistance Grant Award of 1995.

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

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION requesting a “Termination for Convenience” and reimbursement of costs from the EDA for Pacoima Revitalization Center, Hollywood Media District, Atwater Public Improvements, North Hollywood Street Improvements, and Western Slauson Industrial Area projects should the EDA not approve the final invoices and/or scope changes for these projects, or if EDA determines that these projects are not complete; and, requesting that EDA approve the use of City forces for the Atwater Public Improvements and the Western Slauson Industrial Area projects.

2. REQUEST that the Mayor, the City Attorney, the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst report to Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee relative to the recommendations of the Mayor’s report to Council dated February 17, 2006, and the CAO’s report to Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee dated February 27, 2006 (both attached to the Council file) relative to:
a. The Earthquake Assistance Grant Award of 1995.

b. A breakdown of grant expenditures made within the San Fernando Valley, and outside the San Fernando Valley.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the General Fund could potentially be denied reimbursement from the grant of up to $234,198 if EDA retains up to 10 percent of the amount allocated to two projects that were incomplete as of the December 31, 2005 deadline. The CAO recommends that the City Attorney assist the Mayor in discussions with EDA to eliminate or reduce the retention amount if EDA deems that such retention is necessary.

Councilmember Perry moved, seconded by Councilmember Parks, that the Special Council meeting adjourn.

Ayes, Cardenas, Greuel, Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (13); Absent: LaBonge and Weiss (2).

Whereupon the Special Council meeting did adjourn.

ATTEST: Frank T. Martinez, CITY CLERK

By

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