

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**
Friday, **February 9, 2007**
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10 am

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL - Members present: Greuel, Hahn, Huizar, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Weiss, and Wesson (11); Absent: Cardenas, Zine and President Garcetti (3). Council District Seven Vacant.

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 6, 2007

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - NONE

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR -

An opportunity for public testimony was provided.

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

Item Noticed for Public Hearing - Item 1

ITEM NO. (1) - REFERRED BACK TO ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

Roll Call #2 - Motion (LaBonge - Hahn) Adopted to Refer, Unanimous Vote (12); Absent: Cardenas, Zine, and President Garcetti (3)

06-0600-S28

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to increase the general admission fees for the Municipal Art Gallery, Watts Towers and Hollyhock House.

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending the LAAC to increase the general admission fees for the Municipal Art Gallery, Watts Towers and Hollyhock House.

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

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

(Continued from Council meeting of January 10, 2007)

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 2-8

Roll Call #3 - Motion (Reyes - Perry) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Cardenas, Zine, and President Garcetti
(3)
(Item Nos. 2-7)

ITEM NO. (2) - ADOPTED - ORDINANCE OVER TO FEBRUARY 16, 2007

06-3132

CD 2 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to a zone change for property at 12004-26 Riverside Drive.

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

1. FIND that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines and is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency in the City of Los Angeles; that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 06-3132 in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of the Department of City Planning in the custody of the Environmental Review Section; and ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration [ENV 2005-9197 MND] filed on January 25, 2007.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Planning Commission (CPC) as the Findings of the Council.
3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, approved by the CPC, effecting a zone change from C2-1VL, P-1, and R1-1 to (T)(Q)R3-1 for the proposed demolition of an existing plant nursery and three single family residences for the construction, use, and maintenance of a 94-unit residential condominium structure. The building will be three stories above one level of subterranean parking garage with a maximum height of 39 feet, six inches. Parking will include 188 tandem parking spaces for the residents, 47 guest parking spaces (including two handicap parking spaces) for the property at 12004-26 Riverside Drive, subject to Conditions of Approval. (CPC also disapproved a Specific Plan Exception without prejudice, approved a Project Permit Adjustment, Project Permit Compliance Review, and Site Plan Review.)

Applicant: Valley Village 96 Ventures

CPC 2005-9211 ZC SPE SPPA SPP SPR

Said rezoning shall be subject to the "Q" Qualified classification zone limitations substantially as shown on the sheet(s) attached to the Committee report.

4. REMOVE the (T) Tentative classification as described in detail on the sheet(s) attached to the Committee report.
5. ADVISE the applicant of "Q" Qualified classification time limit as described in the Committee report.

6. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to California State Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the City shall monitor or require evidence that mitigation conditions are implemented and maintained throughout the life of the project and the City may require any necessary fees to cover the cost of such monitoring.
7. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to State Fish and Game Code Section 711.4, a Fish and Game Fee and/or Certificate of Fee Exemption is now required to be submitted to the County Clerk prior to or concurrent with the Environmental Notice of Determination filing.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Planning Department reports that there is no General Fund impact, as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 7, 2007

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 7, 2007)

ITEM NO. (3) - ADOPTED

06-2326

CD 2 ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the Commerce Avenue Lighting Improvements Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing Closed February 2, 2007)

ITEM NO. (4) - ADOPTED

06-2265

CD 4 ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the Cartwright Avenue and Magnolia Boulevard No. 1 Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing Closed February 2, 2007)

ITEM NO. (5) - ADOPTED

06-2244

CD 5 ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the Morrison Street and Aqueduct Avenue Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing Closed February 2, 2007)

ITEM NO. (6) - ADOPTED

05-1904

CD 11 ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION abandoning all proceedings relating to the Sunset Boulevard and Mandeville Canyon Road (Reballot) Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing Closed on February 2, 2007)

ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED

06-2245

CD 2 ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION abandoning all proceedings relating to the Strathern Street and Fulton Avenue Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing Closed on February 2, 2007)

ITEM NO. (8) - CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 23, 2007

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Parks - Perry) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Cardenas, Zine, and President Garcetti (3)

06-0600-S60

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2006-07.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and File the City Administrative Officer's report relative to the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2006-07, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

(Continued from Council meeting of February 2, 2007)

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 9-18

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

**Roll Call #4 - Motion (Rosendahl - Huizar) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Cardenas, Zine, and President Garcetti (3)
(Item Nos. 9a-10)**

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED

07-0005-S82

et al. RESOLUTIONS relative to removing various properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTIONS removing the following properties from the Rent Escrow Account Program (REAP), inasmuch as the owner(s) have corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of February 1, 2007:

[07-0005-S82](#)

CD 4 a. Property at 1823 North Tamarind Avenue (Case No. 8430).
Assessor I.D. No. 5586-026-023

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 15, 2006)

[07-0005-S83](#)

CD 13 b. Property at 1124 North Hoover Street (Case No. 45042).
Assessor I.D. No. 5429-001-012

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on October 19, 2007)

[07-0005-S84](#)

CD 13 c. Property at 2714 West Avenue 32 (Case No. 35808).
Assessor I.D. No. 5457-012-028

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 22, 2007)

[07-0005-S85](#)

CD 9 d. Property at 616 East 83rd Street (Case No. 43316).
Assessor I.D. No. 6029-017-025

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on October 17, 2007)

[07-0005-S86](#)

CD 15 e. Property at 1423 North Bay View Avenue (Case No. 59871).
Assessor I.D. No. 7414-032-005

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 12, 2007)

[07-0005-S87](#)

CD 9 f. Property at 111 East 80th Street (Case No. 45074).
Assessor I.D. No. 6030-001-017

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on October 19, 2007)

[07-0005-S88](#)

CD 9 g. Property at 112 West 58th Place (Case No. 10681).
Assessor I.D. No. 6005-011-024

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 30, 2007)

07-0005-S89

CD 9 h. Property at 7405 South Broadway Avenue (Case No. 8522).
Assessor I.D. No. 6031-009-017

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on October 13, 2005)

07-0005-S90

CD 14 i. Property at 1136 North Cornwell Street (Case No. 7700).
Assessor I.D. No. 5202-007-012

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on September 7, 2004)

07-0005-S91

CD 8 j. Property at 1830 West Browning Boulevard (Case No. 2203).
Assessor I.D. No. 5035-007-006

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on May 31, 2006)

ITEM NO. (10) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

06-2773

CD 13 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to inclusion of the name of Annette Benning on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Annette Benning on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6927 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

**Roll Call #5 - Motion (LaBonge - Rosendahl) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Cardenas, Zine, and President Garcetti (3)
(Item Nos. 11-13)**

ITEM NO. (11) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

06-3256

CD 13 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to inclusion of the name of David Gerber on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of David Gerber on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 1637 Vine Street.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

ITEM NO. (12) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

06-3257

CD 13 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to inclusion of the name of Hilary Swank on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Hilary Swank on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6925 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

ITEM NO. (13) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

06-3258

CD 13 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to inclusion of the name of Donald Trump on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Donald Trump on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6801 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

**Roll Call #4 - Motion (Rosendahl - Huizar) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Cardenas, Zine and President Garcetti (3)
(Item Nos. 14-18)**

ITEM NO. (14) - SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL MOTION - SEE FOLLOWING

07-0359

CD 1 MOTION (ROSENDAHL for REYES - GARCETTI) relative to declaring the Los Angeles Firecracker 5K/10K Run on February 11, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$3,000).

Recommendation for Council action:

DECLARE the Los Angeles Firecracker 5K/10K Run, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee on February 11, 2007, a "Special Event" and INSTRUCT the involved City departments to perform such services as detailed in the Motion, including the waiver of all fees (costs absorbed by the City) and requirements, except insurance.

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE MOTION (REYES - SMITH) relative to declaring the Los Angeles Firecracker 5K/10K Run on Sunday, February 11, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$3,000).

Recommendation for Council action:

DECLARE the Los Angeles Firecracker 5K/10K Run, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker Run Committee on February 11, 2007, a “Special Event” and INSTRUCT the involved City departments to perform such services as detailed in the Motion, including the waiver of all fees costs absorbed by the City) and requirements, except insurance.

ITEM NO. (15) - SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL MOTION - SEE FOLLOWING

[07-0358](#)

MOTION (HUIZAR - GREUEL) relative to authorizing the Office of the Controller to use the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on February 15, 2007 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Office of the Controller and/or the Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association to use the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on February 15, 2007, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE MOTION (HUIZAR - LABONGE) relative to authorizing the Office of the Controller to use the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on February 15, 2007 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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

- 1. AUTHORIZE the Office of the Controller and/or the Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association to use the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on February 15, 2007, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**
- 2. APPROPRIATE from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100-58 to the General Services Fund No. 100-40, as follows: \$306 to Account No. 1090 (Salaries - Overtime) and \$162 to Account No. 1070 (Salaries - As Needed), for services in connection with the above event. Said funds to be reimbursed to the General Fund by the Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association.**

ITEM NO. (16) - SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL MOTION - SEE FOLLOWING

[07-0011-S3](#)

CD 6 MOTION (CARDENAS - SMITH) relative to funding the installation of 100 Neighborhood Watch signs to improve street and sidewalk security in Council District Six.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. UTILIZE \$4,283.45 in the Council District Six portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43 D, Department 50, to purchase and install 100 Neighborhood Watch signs on street poles and other locations to improve street and sidewalk security in Council District Six.
2. INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Office of Accounting, to prepare and execute any necessary documentation with, and/or to issue payment to, the National Neighborhood Watch Institute (NNWI) (contact: Bill Preciado 888-669-4872), or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, from the above source, and for the above purpose, upon receipt of the required invoice(s) or other documentation.
3. FIND that the above described services to be performed by the NNWI, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees.
4. AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE MOTION (HUIZAR FOR CARDENAS - GREUEL) relative to funding the installation of 100 Neighborhood Watch signs to improve street and sidewalk security in Council District Six.

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

1. **INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services to prepare a contract, agreement or other necessary contractual document with the National Neighborhood Watch Institute (NNWI), for execution by the Councilmember of the Sixth District for the purchase and installation of 100 Neighborhood Watch signs to help improve street and sidewalk security in Council District Six, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.**
2. **AUTHORIZE Council District Six to enter into a contact, agreement or other necessary contractual document with the NNWI, in the amount of \$4,283.45, for the above work to be performed. Said contract, agreement or other necessary contractual document shall include, but not be limited to, the following: a description of the work to be performed, the estimated completion date, and an advance payment provision, as appropriate.**
3. **AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Office of Accounting, to make an advance payment of \$4,283.45 from the Council District Six portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43 D, Department 50, to the NNWI for the above-described work to be performed.**
4. **AUTHORIZE the Controller to make an advance payment of \$4,283.45 from the Council District Six portion of the Street Furniture Fund No. 43 D, Department 50 to the NNWI, upon receipt of an Advance Payment Request Invoice, as appropriate.**

5. **INSTRUCT the NNWI to submit and invoice to the Board of Public Works, Office of Accounting, of the actual expenditures for the purchase and installation of 100 Neighborhood Watch signs, along with a detailed accounting of the actual expenditures, and return any unspent funds within 30 days of completion of this project.**
6. **AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst, or designee, to make technical corrections or clarifications as may be necessary to implement the intent of this Motion.**

ITEM NO. (17) - ADOPTED

07-0357

RESOLUTION (ROSENDAHL - HUIZAR) relative to declaring February 15, 2007 as New Directions Day in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE to DECLARE February 15, 2007 as New Directions Day in the City of Los Angeles.

ITEM NO. (18) - ADOPTED

07-0070

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (PARKS - WESSON - GARCETTI) relative to declaring February 16-17, 2007 as The Challenge of Africa, The Promise of Africa Day in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE to DECLARE February 16-17, 2007 as The Challenge of Africa, The Promise of Africa Day in the City of Los Angeles.

(Continued from Council meeting of February 2, 2007)

MOTIONS PRESENTED PURSUANT TO RULE NO. 16 - TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

07-0432

CD 9 MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to declaring the African-American Heritage Month on February 9-10, and 26, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$12,944).

07-0435

CD 7 MOTION (PERRY - GREUEL) relative to declaring the MEND Grand Opening on March 31, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,800).

- 05-0386
CD 15 MOTION (HAHN - LABONGE) relative to declaring the Wilmington Certified Farmers' Market on Thursdays, February 23, 2007 through February 21, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$30,160).
- 07-0436
CD 10 MOTION (WESSON - LABONGE) relative to declaring the First Annual Los Angeles Sul Festival on February 16-19, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$8,075).
- 07-0440
CD 9 MOTION (PERRY - SMITH) relative to declaring the Men's Basketball Program on February 1, February 3, February 22 and February 24, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$4,000).
- 07-0442
CD 9 MOTION (PERRY - SMITH) relative to declaring the Women's Basketball Program on February 10, February 17, March 17, and March 19, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$4,000).
- 07-0441
CD 9 MOTION (PERRY - LABONGE) relative to declaring the Health Fair and Black Heritage Community Block Party on February 16, 2007 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,226).
- 07-0446
CD 14 MOTION (HUIZAR - PARKS) relative to declaring the East Los Angeles Area New High School Number One - Groundbreaking Ceremony on February 21, 2007 a Spacial Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,002)
- 07-0443
CD 14 MOTION (HUIZAR - SMITH) relative to declaring the New Line Cinema Premiere on February 13, 2007 a Special Event (event sponsor to reimburse the City for all fees and costs incurred).
- 07-0437
CD 10 MOTION (ROSENDAHL - WESSON) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings for a portion of the southerly side of San Vicente Boulevard easterly of Dunsmuir Avenue in Council District Ten.
- 06-1544
CD 11 MOTION (ROSENDAHL - WESSON) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings for the portion of the future street on the southerly side of Mildred Avenue between Strong's Drive and Canal Street.
- 07-0433
MOTION (REYES - SMITH) relative to a Neighborhood Council lease agreement at 2500 Wilshire Boulevard, No. 822 in Council District One.
- 07-0246
CD 9 MOTION (PERRY - LABONGE) relative to amending Council action of February 2, 2007 in connection with the Warner Music Group Grammy After Party special event on February 11, 2007.

07-0293

CD 14 MOTION (HUIZAR - LABONGE) relative to amending Council action of February 6, 2007 in connection with the Telemundo TV Novela special event on February 3, 2007.

07-0434

MOTION (GARCETTI - PERRY) relative to a transfer of funds to pay for services for the Mayor's special reception for the Gabrielino/Tongva Tribal Council in City Hall on February 17, 2007.

Councilmember Greuel moved, seconded by Councilmember Perry, that the Council meeting adjourn, due to the lack of a quorum.

Ayes, Greuel, Parks, Perry, and Rosendahl (4); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, LaBonge, Reyes, Smith, Weiss, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (10). Council District Seven Vacant.

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Frank T. Martinez, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL