Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Friday, February 29, 2008
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, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Wesson and Zine (10); Absent: Alarcon, Cardenas, Huizar, Weiss, and President Garcetti (5).


COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - SEE PAGE 17

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

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - Items 1-11

Roll Call #4 - Motion (Rosendahl - Alarcon) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Cardenas, Huizar and President Garcetti (3)
(Item Nos. 1-12)

ITEM NO. (1) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

06-0892-S1
CD 3

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Ingomar Street and Etiwanda Avenue No. 1 Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)
ITEM NO. (2) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-3847
CD 11

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Rennie and Rose Avenues Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (3) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-3846
CD 7

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Broadmoore Street and Memory Park Avenue Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (4) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-3838
CD 11

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the La Grange and Federal Avenues Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (5) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-3839
CD 13

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Fletcher Drive and Avenue 35 Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (6) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-3840
CD 2

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Ethel and Elkwood Avenues Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)
ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-1818-S1
CD 11

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST
CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Westgate and Idaho
Avenues No.1 Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and
ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-3850
CD 4

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST
CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Hatteras Street and
Lankershim Boulevard Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and
ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

07-3837
CD 3

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST
CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Variel Avenue and Victory
Boulevard Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above 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 held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (10) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Hyde Park Boulevard and Brynhurst Avenue Lighting District.

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

1. FIND that a majority protest exists in the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment District and therefore the assessment cannot be enacted.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE abandoning all proceedings relating to the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

3. INSTRUCT the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, to assure that the streetlights are not installed or are removed from service if previously installed.

(Public Hearing held February 8, 2008)

ITEM NO. (11) - ADOPTED - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Tujunga Canyon Boulevard and Hamilton Drive Lighting District.

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

1. FIND that a majority protest exists in the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment District and therefore the assessment cannot be enacted.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE abandoning all proceedings relating to the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).
3. INSTRUCT the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, to assure that the streetlights are not installed or are removed from service if previously installed.

(Public Hearing held February 8, 2008)

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 12-18

ITEM NO. (12) - ADOPTED

07-0146

EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES’ REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Section 19.142 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) relative to increase pre-contract assessed valuation limits for single-family, multi-family residential commercial or industrial buildings.

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

1. FIND that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article II, Section 2, Subsection (m) of the City’s CEQA guidelines.

2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Cultural Heritage Commission, as the Findings of the Council.

3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending Section 19.142 of the LAAC, to increase pre-contract assessed valuation limit of $500,000 for single-family dwellings to $1,500,000 and to increase the pre-contract assessed valuation limit of $1,500,000 for multi-family residential commercial or industrial buildings to $3,000,000.

4. NOTE and FILE the City Administrative Officer’s (CAO) report dated June 18, 2007, inasmuch as the report was provided for analysis and fiscal impact information only.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no fiscal impact associated with adopting the recommendations in this report. Adoption of the proposed amendment to the Approval of Historical Property Contracts Ordinance would also have no fiscal impact. Approval of the recommendation in this report is consistent with the City’s Financial Policies.

ITEM NO. (13) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #7 - Motion (Cardenas - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

08-0078

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the establishment of a truck training program at the Lopez Canyon Landfill.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Alarcon - Hahn - Cardenas):
1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation and the City Attorney to prepare a Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Sanitation and the Teamsters Joint Council 42 Training Academy Inc., to establish a truck training program at the Lopez Canyon Landfill and to report in 30 days.

2. REQUIRE that the agreement include, and not be limited to, terms which require that all trucks operated as part of the training meet the clean air operating practices established by the Bureau of Sanitation for heavy trucks by July 1, 2009.

3. REQUIRE that the contract agreement include a provision assuring that at least 25 percent of the Trucking Academy participants be residents of the Seventh Council District and that efforts be made to partner with knowledgeable local workforce development agencies and/or organizations to identify potential participants.

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

(Continued from Council meeting of February 19, 2008)

ITEM NO. (14) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #5 - Motion (Greuel - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Huizar and President Garcetti (2)

07-0695

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT relative to the status of the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program and a request to allocate funds for 2005 Lead Hazard V and VI Grants.

(Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee report 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 Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee at 213-978-1080.)

ADOPTED

MOTION (GREUEL - WESSON)

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

APPROVE the recommendations of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), as shown in the attached CAO report dated February 26, 2008, relative to the status of the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program and a request to allocate funds for 2005 Lead Hazard V and VI Grants.
ITEM NO. (15) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Rosendahl - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Alarcon, Cardenas, Huizar, Weiss and President Garcetti (5)

07-2348
CD 11

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to extending the expenditure deadline of $400,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purchase of a 20-unit motel at 12841 West Washington Boulevard and a contract with Upward Bound House (UBH) for the creation of the UBH Emergency Family Shelter.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Community Development Department, to:
   a. Extend the expenditure deadline for CDBG funds allocated to UBH from January 31, 2008, to June 30, 2008.
   b. Negotiate and execute a contract with UBH to implement the UBH Emergency Family Shelter Project subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
   c. Prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that may be required and are consistent with this action.
   d. Amend the 33rd Year Housing and CDBG Consolidated Plan to reflect the extended time of performance, if necessary.

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

ITEM NO. (16) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION - TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #5 - Motion (Greuel - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Huizar and President Garcetti (2)

07-2667
CD 8

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT relative to the status of funds derived from the sale of the Vermont Village Plaza – Phase II Project and a request to transfer funds to the Community Redevelopment Agency to facilitate the purchase of surplus City-owned property located at 1636 West Manchester Avenue.

(Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comments will be provided.)
MOTION (GREUEL - WESSON)

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

APPROVE the recommendations of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), as shown in the attached CAO report dated February 26, 2008, relative to the status of funds derived from the sale of the Vermont Village Plaza – Phase II Project and a request to transfer funds to the Community Redevelopment Agency to facilitate the purchase of surplus City-owned property located at 1636 West Manchester Avenue.

ITEM NO. (17) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Rosendahl - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Alarcon, Cardenas, Huizar, Weiss and President Garcetti (5)

07-0002-S167

RULES AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City=s position on HR 2578 and S 1627, the Empowerment Zone and Renewal Community Enhancement Act of 2007.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Garcetti - Perry), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City=s 2007-08 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of HR 2578 and S 1627, the Empowerment Zone and Renewal Community Enhancement Act of 2007, which would amend the Internal Revenue Code provisions relating to tax-preferred Empowerment Zones, rural enterprise communities and renewal communities to: (1) extend the period of designation for such areas through 2015; (2) provide a safe harbor standard for employee residency requirements in the Empowerment Zone; (3) eliminate certain residency requirements for the Empowerment Zone employment tax credit; (4) grant authority to expand the boundaries of the Empowerment Zone; (5) allow carryovers of unused expensing allowances for Empowerment Zone businesses; (6) allow certain Empowerment Zone businesses to elect to receive payments in lieu of tax benefits; (7) allow federal guarantees and tax exemptions for Enterprise Zones and Renewal Communities; and, (8) allow the issuance of tax-exempt rural enterprise community bonds.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.
ITEM NO. (18) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #8 - Motion (Hahn - Weiss) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

08-0002-S2

RULES AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's position on the State of California's suit against the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) challenging its decision to block California rules curbing greenhouse gas emissions from new cars and trucks.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Greuel - Perry - Smith), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2007-08 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT of the State of California's suit against the US EPA that challenges the EPA's recent decision to block California rules designed to curb emissions of green-house gasses from new automobiles, and SUPPORT S. 2555 (Boxer), which would allow California to set its own emissions standards.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 19-28
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (19) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Hahn - Zine) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Alarcon, Cardenas, Huizar, Weiss and President Garcetti (5)

04-0135-S1

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE relative to each Neighborhood Council identifying a liaison to serve as point of contact to City and other government agencies and educating stakeholders on the "safe corridors" program.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE Motion (LaBonge - Hahn) relative to each Neighborhood Council identifying, within its Board or stakeholders, a liaison to serve as the point of contact to City and other government agencies, and to work with the Commission on Children, Youth and their Families (CCYF) to educate stakeholders on the "safe corridors" program, inasmuch as the CCYF reports that Neighborhood Councils were provided the opportunity to participate in the ongoing "safe corridors" programs, and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.
ITEM NO. (20) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #9 - Motion (Zine - Parks) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

MOTIONS relative to “Special Events” to be held in the various Council Districts.

Recommendations for Council action:

DECLARE the following community events as “Special Events”; APPROVE any temporary street closures as requested; and, INSTRUCT the involved City departments to perform such services as detailed the Council motions attached to the various listed Council files, including the waiver of fees, costs and requirements and other related issues, as specified:

08-0432 et al.

MOTION (GARCETTI - ZINE) relative to declaring the Britollo Frozen Dinner Event on February 27, 2008 a Special Event (the event sponsor shall reimburse the City for all fees and costs associated with this event).

06-0657 CD 9

MOTION (PERRY - GARCETTI) relative to declaring the Eighth Annual Festival on April 14-16, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $1,600).

08-0431 CD 6

MOTION (PARKS for CARDENAS - ROSENDAHL) relative to declaring the Grand Opening of the Dominican Republic Consulate General Office and Mini Carnival on February 23, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $1,800).

08-0430 CD 14

MOTION (HUIZAR - GREUEL) relative to declaring the Million Dollar Theater Grand Re-Opening on February 28, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $1,642).

07-0526 CD 11

MOTION (ROSENDAHL - GREUEL) relative to declaring the Trees To The Sea 2008 event on March 8, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $2,692).

08-0421 CD 10

MOTION (WEsson - ROSENDAHL) relative to declaring the Wilshire Center Earth Day/Car Free Day on April 22, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = none submitted).
g. MOTION (REYES - HUIZAR) relative to declaring the 28th Annual Ceremony to Honor Cuauhtemoc on February 23, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $6,085).

h. MOTION (WEISS - ROENDEAHL) relative to declaring the Westwood Village Certified Farmers’ Market on February 24, 2008 - November 23, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = none submitted).

i. MOTION (GARCETTI - HUIZAR) relative to declaring the LA Magazine, ED Hardy event on February 22, 2008 a Special Event (the event sponsor shall reimburse the City for all fees and costs associated with this event).

j. MOTION (HUIZAR - HAHN) relative to declaring the Create Fixate Art Show on March 8, 2008; May 17, 2008; June 21, 2008; September 27, 2008; and December 6, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $4,352).

k. MOTION (ALARCON - HUIZAR) relative to declaring the 15th Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice and Cultural Arts Festival on March 30, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $2,800).

l. MOTION (HUIZAR - HAHN) relative to declaring the Chinese Cultural Festival on May 10-11, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $6,728).

ITEM NO. (21) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Hahn - Zine) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Alarcon, Cardenas, Huizar, Weiss and President Garcetti (5)

MOTION (WESSON - ROSENDAHL) relative to installing street banners announcing the Palms Neighborhood Council for the period of March 2008 to March 2009.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the street banner program announcing the Palms Neighborhood Council, as a “City of Los Angeles Non-Event,” for the period of March 2008 to March 2009.
2. APPROVE the content of the street banners for the above specified event.

3. APPROVE the continuation of the street banner installation program, as described above, should unforeseen circumstances change the actual period of the street banner installation.

ITEM NO. (22) - RECEIVE AND FILE

Roll Call #10 - Motion (Cardenas - Rosendahl) Adopted To Receive and File, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

MOTION (ROSENDAHL - WEISS) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings for Aetna Street between Van Nuys Boulevard and Vesper Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INITIATE street vacation proceedings, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law for Aetna Street between Van Nuys Boulevard and Vesper Avenue.

2. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to investigate the feasibility of this vacation request.

3. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to present its report regarding the feasibility of vacating the requested areas to the Public Works Committee.

4. DIRECT the City Clerk to schedule this request for the City Council's consideration at the appropriate time under the City's Street Vacation procedures.

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Hahn - Zine) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Alarcon, Cardenas, Huizar, Weiss and President Garcetti (5)

ITEM NO. (23) - ADOPTED

MOTION (ROSENDAHL - WEISS) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings for a portion of Beech Knoll Road Excess Right-of-Way adjacent to Lot 44, Tract No. 6840.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INITIATE street vacation proceedings, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law for a portion of Beech Knoll Road Excess Right-of-Way adjacent to Lot 44, Tract No. 6840.

2. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to investigate the feasibility of this vacation request.
3. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to present its report regarding the feasibility of vacating the requested areas to the Public Works Committee.

4. DIRECT the City Clerk to schedule this request for the City Council’s consideration at the appropriate time under the City’s Street Vacation procedures.

ITEM NO. (24) - ADOPTED

06-0233
CD 9

MOTION (PERRY - GARCETTI) relative to amending previous Council action regarding the Friends Serving Friends-Homeless Feed on February 23, 2008.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AMEND previous Council action of January 23, 2008 to provide the following street closures on February 23, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and that no streets be closed:

   Towne Avenue between Third and Fifth Streets

2. AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst, or designee, to make technical corrections or clarifications as may be necessary to implement the intent of the Motion.

ITEM NO. (25) - ADOPTED

08-0435

MOTION (PERRY - GARCETTI) relative to the Department of General Services using the Tom Bradley Room on May 29, 2008.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to use the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on Thursday, May 29, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a management training seminar.

ITEM NO. (26) - ADOPTED

08-0437
CD 12

MOTION (SMITH - ZINE) relative to purchasing two parcels at Stoney Point Park to provide equestrian access to trails along the northern border of the City.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to TRANSFER $200,000 from the available cash balance of the Council District 12 Real Property Trust Fund No. 694/14, and DEPOSIT these funds into the Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Fund No. 699, Account No. 1000.
2. AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst, or designee, to make technical corrections or revisions as may be necessary to implement the intent of the Motion.

ITEM NO. (27) - ADOPTED - FORTHWITH

08-0443
CD 12

MOTION (SMITH - ZINE) relative to removing the sidewalk dedication requirements for a youth center project being constructed at 18901 West Parthenia.

Recommendation for Council action:

REMOVE the requirement that the two foot sidewalk dedication per Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.37, because the requirements will not improve traffic conditions which are being addressed by the 2001 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects and would create an unnecessary financial burden on the youth center being constructed at 18901 West Parthenia Street by the Los Angeles Police Department Devonshire Police Activity League Supporters.

ITEM NO. (28) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #11 - Resolution (Zine - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

08-0436
CD 3

RESOLUTION (ZINE - GREUEL) relative to calling on Tenet Healthcare Corporation and Health Care Property Investors Inc., to reach an agreement to complete the sale of the Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center as quickly as possible.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE to REQUEST that Tenet Healthcare Corporation and Health Care Property Investors Inc., act as responsible, caring and good corporate citizens, to resolve their differences and to reach an agreement to complete the sale of the Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center as quickly as possible so that this facility can continue to provide top-quality medical care to the residents of communities throughout the San Fernando Valley.

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

07-0797

MOTION (GREUEL - LABONGE) relative to declaring the Saint Francis de Sales 2008 School Fair on May 2-4, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $5,199).
MOTION (PARKS - PERRY) relative to declaring the Guatemalan and Central American Communities Gathering on March 1, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $3,000).

MOTION (GREUEL - LABONGE) relative to declaring the Our Lady of Lourdes School Annual Family Fun Days on May 16-18, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $5,967).

MOTION (GREUEL for GARCETTI - LABONGE) relative to declaring the College Road Trip event on March 3, 2008 a Special Event (the event sponsor shall reimburse the City for all fees and costs associated with this event).

MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to declaring the Community Health Fair on March 15, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $1,500).

MOTION (PARKS - CARDENAS) relative to declaring the 25th Annual Black History Parade on February 24, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $10,638).

MOTION (GREUEL for GARCETTI - ZINE) relative to declaring the Smiles and Miles Event on March 2, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $1,342).

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the Watts Community Street Festival on May 10-11, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $13,494).

MOTION (ROSEDAHL - GREUEL) relative to declaring the Run for the Innocent event on March 2, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $4,882).

MOTION (ROSEDAHL - GREUEL) relative to declaring the WLA Animal Services Care Center Grand Opening on February 23, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $1,642).

MOTION (GREUEL for GARCETTI - REYES) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Julio Lizano on October 14, 2007.

MOTION (PERRY - SMITH) relative to the Federacion Mexico Unido Reception on March 7, 2008.

MOTION (REYES - ROSEDAHL) relative to the MacArthur Metro Apartments A and B Projects.
MOTION (ZINE - SMITH) relative to the offer of reward in the apprehension and conviction of Ramon Eduardo Gaspar.

MOTION (REYES - WESSON) relative to funding for a new scoreboard for Toberman Park.

MOTION (PARKS - WESSON) relative to clarifying recommendations in the 2007 Mid-Year Financial Status Report.

MOTION (HAHN - GREUEL) relative to graffiti abatement in the Harbor area.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Motion (Zine - Rosendahl) unanimously adopted to excuse Councilmember Park to arrive at 11:30 a.m. to Council session of Wednesday, March 5, 2008 due to Personal Business.

Motion (LaBonge - Hahn) unanimously adopted to excuse Councilmember Wesson to leave at 12:00 p.m. from Council session of Friday, March 14, 2008 due to City Business.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

- Michael Molina (Hahn)
- IN Los Angeles Magazine (Rosendahl)
- Mark and Wendi Dyne (Smith - Zine)
- Sheba and Howard Grobstein (Smith - Zine)

At the conclusion of this day’s Council Session

ADJOURNING MOTIONS WERE ADOPTED in tribute to the memory of:

- Jimmy Porter, Sr. (Parks for Wesson)
- Bryan Kenneth Joseph (LaBonge)
- Reginald “Reggie” Lynn Cobb (Parks)
- Rose Luizzi (Zine)

Ayes, Alarcon, Greuel, Hahn, LaBonge, Parks, Reyes, Rosendahl, Weiss, Wesson and Zine (10); Absent: Cardenas, Huizar, Perry, Smith, and President Garcetti (5).
Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Frank T. Martinez, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk                  PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL