

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**
Friday, **November 21, 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: Alarcon, Greuel, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (10); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss, (5).

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 18, 2008

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - SEE PAGE 11

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 1-5

**ITEM NO. (1) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE
PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 12, 2008**

**Roll Call #4 - Motion (Rosendahl - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar,
Smith and Weiss (5)**

[08-1313](#)

CD 12

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Chatsworth Street Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Chatsworth Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on September 19, 2008 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on DECEMBER 12, 2008 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

**Roll Call #1 - Motion (Rosendahl - Zine) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (10);
Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)
(Item Nos. 2-5)**

**ITEM NO. (2) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE
PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 12, 2008**

[08-1315](#)

CD 15

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Wilmington Avenue and 107th Street Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Wilmington Avenue and 107th Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on September 19, 2008 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on DECEMBER 12, 2008 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

**ITEM NO. (3) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE
PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 12, 2008**

[08-2188](#)

CD 2

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Morella Avenue and Hortense Street Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Morella Avenue and Hortense Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on September 19, 2008 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on DECEMBER 12, 2008 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

**ITEM NO. (4) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE
PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 12, 2008**

[08-2189](#)

CD 2

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Murietta Avenue and Moorpark Street Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Murietta Avenue and Moorpark Street Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on September 19, 2008 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on DECEMBER 12, 2008 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

ITEM NO. (5) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 12, 2008

[08-2190](#)

CD 2

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Moorpark Street and Norwich Avenue Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Moorpark Street and Norwich Avenue Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on September 19, 2008 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on DECEMBER 12, 2008 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

Item for Which Public Hearing Has Been Held - Item 6

ITEM NO. (6) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Rosendahl - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)

[08-2989](#)

CD 9

MOTION (PERRY - GREUEL) relative to authorizing the placement of signs on City property within the boundaries of Temple Street, 12th Street, Main Street and the Harbor Freeway celebrating Taxicab Appreciation Week, which takes place December 8-12, 2008.

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

(For background reports and materials related to this matter, contact the Legislative Assistant for the Public Works Committee at 213-978-1076.)

ADOPTED

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing the placement of signs on City property within the boundaries of Temple Street, 12th Street, Main Street and the Harbor Freeway celebrating Taxicab Appreciation Week, which takes place December 8-12, 2008.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Perry - Greuel):

1. **AUTHORIZE** the placement of signs on City property, specifically street signs and street lights, within the boundaries of Temple Street, 12th Street, Main Street and the Harbor Freeway, celebrating Taxicab Appreciation Week which takes place December 8-12, 2008 and further **DIRECT** that said signs are to be fabricated, installed and removed by the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (BID) at no cost to the City and shall be installed in late November 2008 and remain in place only through the month of December 2008.
2. **DIRECT** the Downtown Center BID to present the proposed signage, as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1, to the Board of Public Works for review and approval prior to their placement in the community.

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

Community Impact Statement: None Submitted.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 7-14

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (7) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS - ORDINANCE OVER TO DECEMBER 2, 2008

Roll Call #5 - Motion (Rosendahl - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)

[08-2731](#)

CD 9

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Figueroa and Ninth Streets Lighting District.

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

1. **ADOPT** the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 7 2008.
2. **PRESENT** and **ADOPT** the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **JANUARY 23, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Figueroa and Ninth Streets Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$4,041.92 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2009-10 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: January 16, 2009)

**Roll Call #3 - Motion (Rosendahl - Reyes) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)
(Item Nos. 8-12)**

**ITEM NO. (8) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS -
ORDINANCE OVER TO DECEMBER 2, 2008**

[08-2748](#)

CD 2

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Vineland Avenue and Archwood Street Lighting District.

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

1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 9, 2008.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **JANUARY 23, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Vineland Avenue and Archwood Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$733.36 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2009-10 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: January 16, 2009)

**ITEM NO. (9) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS -
ORDINANCE OVER TO DECEMBER 2, 2008**

[08-2808](#)

CD 1

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Park View and 10th Streets Lighting District.

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

1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 15, 2008.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **JANUARY 23, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Park View and 10th Streets Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$527.36 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2009-10 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: January 16, 2009)

**ITEM NO. (10) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS -
ORDINANCE OVER TO DECEMBER 2, 2008**

[08-2810](#)
CD 12

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Lurline Avenue and Bryant Street Lighting District.

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

1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 15, 2008.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **JANUARY 23, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Lurline Avenue and Bryant Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIC and XIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$527.36 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2009-10 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: January 16, 2009)

**ITEM NO. (11) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS -
ORDINANCE OVER TO DECEMBER 2, 2008**

[08-2811](#)
CD 2

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Tujunga Canyon Boulevard and Haines Canyon Avenue Lighting District.

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

1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 15, 2008.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **JANUARY 23, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Tujunga Canyon Boulevard and Haines Canyon Avenue Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$1,717.82 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2009-10 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: January 16, 2009)

**ITEM NO. (12) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS -
ORDINANCE OVER TO DECEMBER 2, 2008**

[08-2812](#)
CD 4

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Hortense Street and Lankershim Boulevard Lighting District.

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

1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 15, 2008.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **JANUARY 23, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Hortense Street and Lankershim Boulevard Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIII C and XIII D of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$253.79 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2009-10 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: January 16, 2009)

**ITEM NO. (13) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS -
ORDINANCE OVER TO DECEMBER 2, 2008**

Roll Call #4 - Motion (ROSENDAHL - WESSON) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)

[08-2813](#)

CD 4

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a hearing date for the maintenance of the Lankershim Boulevard and Saticoy Street Lighting District.

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

1. ADOPT the report of the Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, dated October 15, 2008.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **JANUARY 23, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Lankershim Boulevard and Saticoy Street Lighting District, in accordance with Proposition 218, Articles XIIIC and XIID of the California Constitution and Government Code Section 53753.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that if adopted, \$791.04 will be collected annually starting with tax year 2009-10 that will go into a dedicated street lighting maintenance assessment account for the use in the operation and maintenance of this street lighting system.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: January 16, 2009)

Roll Call #4 - Motion (Rosendahl - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)

ITEM NO. (14) - ADOPTED

[08-0005-S746](#)

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 (LAHD), Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the LAHD's report of November 13, 2008.

[08-0005-S746](#)

CD 8

- a. Property at 6400 South Bonsallo Avenue (Case No. 175275).
Assessor I.D. No. 6004-019-027

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on April 10, 2008)

[08-0005-S747](#)

CD 9

- b. Property at 8406 South San Pedro Street (Case No. 16198).
Assessor I.D. No. 6030-024-032

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 29, 2005)

[08-0005-S748](#)

CD 10

- c. Property at 4113 West Jefferson Boulevard (Case No. 119837).
Assessor I.D. No. 5050-002-058

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 26, 2008)

[08-0005-S749](#)

CD 14

- d. Property at 2233 West Merton Avenue (Case No. 13015).
Assessor I.D. No. 5686-002-019

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 2, 2006)

[08-0005-S750](#)

CD 15

- e. Property at 1603 West 220th Street (Case No. 153984).
Assessor I.D. No. 7346-010-029

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 10, 2008)

MOTION ADOPTED UPON FINDINGS BY COUNCIL THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2008, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)(2) AND COUNCIL RULE 23

ADOPTED

Roll Call #6 - Motion (Alarcon - Rosendahl) Findings on Need to Act - Adopted, Ayes (10);

Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)

Roll Call #7 - Motion (Alarcon - Rosendahl) Adopted, Ayes (10);

Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, Smith and Weiss (5)

[08-3179](#)

CD 7

MOTION (ALARCON - ROSENDAHL) relative to Partnership to Uplift Communities Charter School public hearing in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA).

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. ESTABLISH that on December 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the City Administrative Officer, 200 North Main Street, Room 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90012 as the date, time and location of the public hearing for the \$23 million tax-exempt bond issuance for the financing of acquisition and improvements for the Partnership to Uplift Communities Charter School, in compliance with the TEFRA.**
- 2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to include a placeholder on the Council Agenda of December 9, 2008 for Council consideration of the results of the public hearing in accordance with the TEFRA requirements, to be submitted by the Partnership to Uplift Communities Charter School, with assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with said consideration to be rescheduled upon notification by the CAO, if necessary.**

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

[08-3180](#)

MOTION (GARCETTI - PERRY) relative to declaring the Cadillac Event on November 24, 2008 a Special Event (the event sponsor shall reimburse the City for all fees and costs associated with this event).

[08-3181](#)

MOTION (PERRY - GARCETTI) relative to declaring the Holiday Peace March on December 18, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$500).

[06-3110-S1](#)

MOTION (PARKS - GREUEL) relative to declaring the Annual Winter Wonderland/Toy Giveaway 2008 on December 13, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$2,719).

[07-4139-S1](#)

MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to declaring the Oshogatsu in Little Tokyo on January 1, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,000).

[06-2210-S1](#)

MOTION (ALARCON - REYES) relative to declaring the 41st Annual Christmas Parade and Festival on December 6, 2008 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$3,952).

[08-2082-S1](#)

MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to declaring the Community Unity on October 24, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,000).

[07-3857-S1](#)

MOTION (WESSON - ZINE) relative to declaring the Trevor Project on December 7, 2008 a Special Event (the event sponsor shall reimburse the City for all fees and costs associated with this event).

[07-3479-S3](#)

MOTION (GARCETTI - ZINE) relative to the Hollywood Santa Parade on November 30, 2008.

[06-2179-S1](#)

MOTION (PERRY - GARCETTI) relative to the Goldenvoice Third Annual LA Weekly Detour Festival.

[08-3182](#)

MOTION (PARKS – GREUEL) relative to the Home Preservation Event on November 22, 2008.

[07-2423-S1](#)

MOTION (ALARCON for HAHN - GREUEL) relative to amending a previous Council action regarding a fee subsidy for Parents of Watts, Inc.

[08-3183](#)

MOTION (WEISS – GREUEL) relative to the Studio Oaks Park Project.

[08-0011-S52](#)

MOTION (PARKS - PERRY) relative to funding for the Exposition Park Map and Brochure.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Motion (Rosendahl - Zine) was unanimously adopted to excuse President Garcetti from Council session of Friday, December 5, 20078 due to City business.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Smith was excused to leave at 12:00 p.m. from Council session of Tuesday, November 25, 2008 due to City business.

Upon her request, and without objections, Councilmember Greuel was excused to arrive at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, to arrive at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2008, to arrive at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008 and to arrive at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 due to personal business. Councilmember Greuel was also excused to leave at 11:00 a.m. from Council session of Tuesday, December 9, 2008 and was excused from Council session of Tuesday, January 20, 2009 due to City business.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Weiss was excused to leave at 12:00 p.m. from Council session of Wednesday, December 3, 2008 due to personal business.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

[08-2603](#) - Cate Blanchett

(Garcetti - LaBonge)

Sir Tim Rice

(Garcetti - LaBonge)

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

**Ayes, Alarcon, Greuel, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (9);
Absent: Cardenas, Hahn, Huizar, LaBonge, Smith and Weiss (6).**

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Karen E. Kalfayan, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL