

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**
Wednesday, **March 25, 2009**
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: Cardenas, Greuel, Hahn, Huizar, LaBonge, Reyes, Weiss, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (10); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl and Smith (5).

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
MARCH 20, 2009

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

Items Noticed for Public Hearing - Items 1-13

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

Roll Call #13 - Motion (Greuel - LaBonge) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Perry and Rosendahl (2)

[08-3489](#)

HEARING APPEALS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the proposed 2009 Annual Weed and Brush Abatement Program.

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE authorizing and ordering the removal of weeds, rubbish, refuse and/or dirt upon certain streets, sidewalks, parkways and/or are on or in front of certain private properties in the City of Los Angeles, which are a public nuisance as set forth in the 2009 Ordinance of Intention No. 180475 adopted by the Council on January 7, 2009.

(Communication from the City Attorney and Ordinance of Intention adopted on January 7, 2009)

**Roll Call #1 - Motion (Weiss - Cardenas) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)
(Item Nos. 2-5)**

**ITEM NO. (2) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED
ON APRIL 15, 2009**

[08-0057](#)

CD 11

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Stoney Hill Road and Mountaingate Drive (Reballot) Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Stoney Hill Road and Mountaingate Drive (Reballot) Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on January 27, 2009 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on APRIL 15, 2009 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 APRIL 15, 2009**

[08-3361](#)

CD 6

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Cantara Street and De Garmo Avenue Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Cantara Street and De Garmo 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 January 27, 2009 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on APRIL 15, 2009 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 APRIL 15, 2009**

[08-3366](#)

CD 9

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Alameda and Fourth Streets Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Alameda and Fourth Streets Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on January 27, 2009 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on APRIL 15, 2009 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 APRIL 15, 2009

[08-3367](#)
CD 9

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Hill and 37th Streets Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Hill and 37th Streets Lighting District, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Proposition 218.

(Ordinance of Intention adopted on January 27, 2009 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on APRIL 15, 2009 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

ITEM NO. (6) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED ON APRIL 15, 2009

Roll Call #14 - Motion (Weiss - Wesson) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (13); Absent: Perry, and Rosendahl (2)

[08-3368](#)
CD 5

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Sweetzer Avenue and Clinton Street Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Sweetzer Avenue and Clinton 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 January 27, 2009 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on APRIL 15, 2009 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

ITEM NO. (7) - PUBLIC HEARING HELD - CONTINUE HEARING AND ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED ON APRIL 15, 2009

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Weiss - Cardenas) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[08-3411](#)
CD 2

HEARING PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Kester Avenue and Camarillo Street Lighting District.

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTESTS against the proposed improvement and maintenance of the Kester Avenue and Camarillo 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 January 27, 2009 - Continue hearing and present Ordinance on APRIL 15, 2009 to consider report of protests to be submitted as a result of balloting, pursuant to Proposition 218)

ITEM NO. (8) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - PROTEST DENIED - LIEN CONFIRMED

Roll Call #16 - Motion (Huizar - LaBonge), Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Perry and Rosendahl (2)

[08-3402](#)
CD 14

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of cleaning and fencing of the lot and demolition of the building at 4176 North Toland Way. (Lien: \$13,469.45)

ITEM NO. (9) - RECEIVED AND FILED - INASMUCH AS THE LIEN HAS BEEN PAID

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Greuel - Reyes) Adopted to Receive and File, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[08-3403](#)
CD 2

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of barricading all openings, cleaning and fencing of the lot, and graffiti abatement at 7535 West Owens Street. (Lien: \$8,090.16)

ITEM NO. (10) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - PROTEST DENIED - LIEN CONFIRMED

Roll Call #3 - Motion (Cardenas - Huizar) Adopted to Confirm Lien, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[08-3404](#)

CD 4

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of barricading all openings, cleaning and fencing of the lot at 644 North Lillian Way. (Lien: \$13,289.79)

ITEM NO. (11) - RECEIVED AND FILED - INASMUCH AS THE LIEN HAS BEEN PAID

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Greuel - Reyes) Adopted to Receive and File, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[08-3405](#)

CD 6

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of barricading all openings, cleaning and fencing of the lot at 13983 West Van Nuys Boulevard. (Lien: \$7,765.55)

**Roll Call #3 - Motion (Cardenas - Huizar) Adopted to Confirm Lien, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)
(Item Nos. 12-13)**

ITEM NO. (12) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - PROTEST DENIED - LIEN CONFIRMED

[08-3406](#)

CD 2

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the cost of cleaning the lot at 4530 North Tyrone Avenue. (Lien: \$1,167.60)

ITEM NO. (13) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - PROTEST DENIED - LIEN CONFIRMED

[08-3407](#)

CD 7

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of barricading all openings and graffiti abatement at 14451 West Sayre Street. (Lien: \$2,918.82)

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 14-23

ITEM NO. (14) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #12 - Motion (Weiss - Zine) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Perry and Rosendahl (2)

[09-0296](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the appointment of Mr. Paul W. Sweeney, Jr. to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Paul W. Sweeney, Jr. to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2013 to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Sylvia Drew Ivie, who resigned on January 20, 2009, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Mr. Sweeney resides in Council District Five. (Current Board gender composition: M=2; F=2; Vacancy=1)

Ethics Commission Review: Complete.

Background Check Review: Complete.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 27, 2009

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 27, 2009)

(Personnel 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, please contact the Legislative Assistant for the Personnel Committee at 213-978-1078.)

ADOPTED

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Mr. Paul W. Sweeney, Jr. to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Paul W. Sweeney, Jr. to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2013 to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Sylvia Drew Ivie, who resigned on January 20, 2009, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Mr. Sweeney resides in Council District Five. (Current Board gender composition: M=2; F=2; Vacancy=1)

Ethics Commission Review: Complete.

Background Check Review: Complete.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – MARCH 27, 2009

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MARCH 27, 2009)

ITEM NO. (15) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #11 - Motion (Parks - LaBonge) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcon, Perry and Rosendahl (3)

[08-0600-S37](#)

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to authorize the transfer of unencumbered money in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Fund to the Reserve Fund or the Unappropriated Balance.

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

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending Section 5.517 of the LAAC to authorize the transfer of unencumbered money in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Fund to the Reserve Fund or to the Unappropriated Balance.
2. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report within 60 days on the following recommendations:
 - a. Separate the Neighborhood Council allocation from the General Fund from all other allocations in the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Fund and establish the Neighborhood Council allocation as a separate account entitled "Neighborhood Council" account.
 - b. Define the following terms in regards to the above Neighborhood Council account; encumbrance, ending year balance, end of the fiscal year "sweep", and any other account term that is needed for the account.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment estimates that approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 in unspent funds would be eligible for transfer to the Reserve Fund or Unappropriated Balance at the end of the current fiscal year provided that funds are not reprogrammed during the annual budget process. The proposed Ordinance will provide the Mayor and Council with greater flexibility to manage the City's resources.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (16) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #17 - Motion (LaBonge - Hahn) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Perry and Rosendahl (2)

[07-2679](#)

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the 2008 Community School Parks Report.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the 2008 Community School Parks Report relative to recommendations for the ongoing development of a master joint use agreement and the implementation of 15 Community School Parks, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Continued from Council meeting of February 25, 2009)

ITEM NO. (17) - CONTINUED TO APRIL 8, 2009

Roll Call #4 - Motion (Reyes - Smith) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[09-0533](#)

MOTION (PARKS - SMITH) relative to the proposed Newsrack Permit Fee increase and the process required to approve such fee increase.

(Budget and Finance Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public comment 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 Budget and Finance Committee at 213-978-1075.)

(Public Works Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (18) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #18 - Motion (LaBonge - Alarcon) Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Perry and Rosendahl (2)

[09-0427](#)

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to notifying Neighborhood Councils, residents and community groups of the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) E-policing program and to encourage participation.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge - Garcetti):

1. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, to notify all Neighborhood Councils of the availability of LAPD's E-policing program and to encourage such Neighborhood Councils, and local residents to participate in LAPD's E-policing and receive the benefits of updated locations of criminal activity, e-mail crime alerts and bulletins.
2. INSTRUCT all City departments which regularly interact with residents and community groups at public counters and other locations to disseminate information on the LAPD's E-policing program and encourage participation.
3. INSTRUCT City departments to explore the use of Twitter to disseminate information.

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.

ITEM NO. (19) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #6 - Motion (Reyes - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[09-0457](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS relative to a 20-year lease agreement with Crowley Lake Fish Camp, Inc. for the continued operation and maintenance of a recreational facility located in and about Crowley Lake Reservoir in Mono County, California.

(Energy and Environment 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, please contact the Legislative Assistant for the Energy and Environment Committee at 213-978-1078.)

ADOPTED

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a 20-year lease agreement with Crowley Lake Fish Camp, Inc. (Crowley) for the continued operation and maintenance of a recreational facility located in and around Crowley Lake Reservoir in Mono County, California.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. **DISAPPROVE** the Board of Water and Power Commissioners' (Board) action of February 17, 2009, Resolution No. 009-185, authorizing the execution of the lease with Crowley for the operation and maintenance of a recreational facility located in and around Crowley Lake Reservoir in Mono County, California. The term of the lease is 20 years, commencing on January 1, 2009 and concluding on December 31, 2028.

2. **REQUEST that the Board instruct the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to re-initiate the Request for Proposals (RFP) process in an expeditious manner.**

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that approval of the proposed lease agreement will not result in costs to the LADWP. It is anticipated that the LADWP will receive income in the amount of \$70,000 per year or \$1.4 million over the 20-year term, which will be deposited into the Water Revenue Fund. Since the LADWP is bound only by the City Debt Management Policies, the City Financial Policies are not applicable. Approval of the proposed agreement will have no impact on the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None Submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 29, 2009

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 27, 2009)

ITEM NO. (20) - CONTINUED TO APRIL 7, 2009

Roll Call #5 - Motion (Hahn - Huizar) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[09-0278](#)

CD 15

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to preparing an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Beacon Street Redevelopment Project Area (Project Area) to amend land use language.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. **ADOPT** the accompanying RESOLUTION [attached to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) report dated February 5, 2009] which will provide for processing the preliminary amended Redevelopment Plan and preliminary report to the City Council in such a manner that the review of the draft documents by the City Council would be subject to the "10-day rule" under the Oversight Ordinance, pursuant to Section 8.99.05 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.
2. **DIRECT** the CRA to prepare an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Project Area, which relates to changes in the Redevelopment Plan's land use provisions and map to conform to the relevant Community Plan and the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles.
3. **INTERPRET** certain actions related to its process of preparing said amendment to the existing Plan Amendment for the Project Area Redevelopment Plan as ministerial action and not "actions of the CRA," subject to Section 8.99.04 of the City of Los Angeles Administrative Code, which relates to changes in the Redevelopment Plan's land use provisions and map to conform to the relevant Community Plan and the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles.
4. **AUTHORIZE** the Chief Executive Officer, CRA, or designee, to:

- a. Proceed with said Redevelopment Plan Amendment, and take all the necessary actions to complete it.
- b. Transmit the Preliminary Plan, Preliminary Report, and Final Report to Council, and State Reports, Proposed Redevelopment Plan, and any/all other required documents for the proposed plan amendment to all affected taxing agencies to the Planning Commission of the City of Los Angeles, the City Council, relevant departments of the State of California, and any other required parties, as applicable.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Chief Legislative Analyst reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Continued from Council meeting of March 11, 2009)

ITEM NO. (21) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #6 - Motion (Reyes - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[06-1854-S10](#)

CD 13

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an application for a hardship exemption from provisions of the City's Echo Park Neighborhood Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) for the property at 1141 Echo Park Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. GRANT hardship exemption from the City's Echo Park Neighborhood ICO (Ordinance No. 178454) as noted and as described in the application attached to Council file No. 06-1854-S10, for the proposed replacement of 88 rotten, broken, wood sliding windows with aluminum windows and the replacement of eight broken wood windows with wood windows in the front of the building located at 1141 Echo Park Avenue.
2. ADVISE the applicant that this hardship exemption, if granted by the City Council, is not a permit or license and that any other approvals, permits and licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper agencies.

Applicant: Broadimpex, LLC, Jean-Luc Jubin, Representative

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.

(On January 23, 2009 Council referred this matter to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. Planning and Land Use Management Committee waived consideration of the above matter.)

ITEM NO. (22) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #20 - Motion (Greuel - LaBonge) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Cardenas, Perry, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (4)

[08-1984](#)

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a report from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding information on the condition of the freeway system in Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Caltrans report dated January 26, 2009 regarding information on the condition of the freeway system in Los Angeles, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Continued from Council meeting of March 11, 2009)

ITEM NO. (23) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #15 - Motion (Garcetti - Smith) to Adopt as Amended, Ayes (13); Absent: Perry and Rosendahl (2)

[08-1783](#)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to runaway film and television production in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Garcetti - Greuel):

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and Office of Finance (Finance) to develop criteria for providing a tax credit or tax incentive program to film productions that locate in the City of Los Angeles, contingent upon the approval of a tax incentive or credit program by the State of California and including criteria for local benefit such as job creation and identification of a funding source.
2. INSTRUCT the Office of Finance, CAO, and CLA to evaluate the effectiveness of the Entertainment and Multimedia Tax Incentive and recommend changes to the incentive that would assist with the retention of entertainment productions.
3. REQUEST the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to:
 - a. Develop a plan to establish a utility nodes pilot program for key Downtown Los Angeles locations that will include access to electricity and data, procedures to manage these nodes and make them available to film productions (such as security, access, and billing), and evaluation procedures to determine the effectiveness of this program.

- b. Identify the location of these key nodes for this pilot program in consultation with the film industry; the 1st, 9th and 14th Council Districts; the Downtown community; and the City's film permit coordinator, with a priority on parking base camp locations.
 - c. Report back to the Committee in 60 days with any actions and recommended approvals needed to implement this program.
 - d. Report back to the Committee in six months concerning implementation of the demonstration program and assessment of other areas of the City where this program could be implemented in the future.
4. ESTABLISH a Film Industry Parking Task Force to address the special parking and transportation needs of the filming industry in the Downtown area, to be comprised of representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Offices of Council Districts One, Nine and 14, CAO, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the City's film permit coordinator, and the CLA in collaboration with Downtown stakeholders, to develop specific recommendations for the management of both on-street and off-street parking resources in a manner which supports the continued use of Downtown for filming while recognizing the needs of Downtown residents, visitors and employees, including but not limited to:
 - a. Streamlining parking regulations and policies.
 - b. Identifying targeted sites and zones for film making related parking, with a report to the Mayor and City Council within six months.
5. DIRECT the Film Industry Parking Task Force to identify vacant land in the immediate Downtown area that can effectively serve as staging areas for film productions, with a priority on governmentally owned parcels, and report back in 60 days with recommendations to make these sites available to film productions at low or no cost.
6. ESTABLISH a City Film Task Force comprised of City departments and agencies, chaired by the CAO and including the CLA, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, LADOT, Bureau of Street Services, Community Redevelopment Agency, Council Offices, Mayor's Office and the film permit coordinator, and others as appropriate, to meet regularly to consider long-term and emerging film policy issues and address industry needs and Concerns.
7. DIRECT the CAO to work with FilmLA to create and offer a moderated on-line listing of public and private facilities available for film production use, including site location, facilities available, rates, and other relevant considerations.
8. DIRECT the relevant entities to report back to Council within 60 days in regard to the progress made in connection with Recommendation Nos. 1-7.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Engineer. Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Jobs, Business Growth and Tax Reform 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 Jobs, Business Growth and Tax Reform Committee at 213-978-1077.)

ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, JOBS, BUSINESS GROWTH AND TAX REFORM COMMITTEE relative to runaway film and television production in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Garcetti - Greuel):

- 1. CONCUR with the Public Works Committee Report recommendations from its February 18, 2009 committee meeting (attached to the council file).**
- 2. ADD the Harbor Department and the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to the Film Industry Parking Task Force.**
- 3. REQUEST that the Film Industry Parking Task Force report back to Council within 90 days with regard to the progress made in connection with all the recommendations of the Public Works Committee Report.**

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

ADOPTED

AMENDING MOTION (GARCETTI - SMITH)

Recommendations for Council action:

- 1. REQUEST the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to immediately begin construction of utility nodes in the downtown area and to report in 60 days on the progress.**
- 2. REQUEST the Film Industry Parking Task Force to report with a list of parking lots in 60 days. (Public Works Committee Report Recommendation No. 4)**
- 3. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to report on:**
 - a. The feasibility of constructing parking for film productions under parks.**
 - b. Design standards of parking lots, including but not limited to City, Caltrans, and private, to raise the entrances to 14 feet to accommodate film production vehicles.**

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 24-29

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (24) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #11 - Motion (Parks - LaBonge) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcon, Perry and Rosendahl (3)

[09-0544](#)

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 Magnolia Boulevard and Vineland 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 March 11, 2009.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION setting the date of **MAY 27, 2009** as the hearing date for the maintenance of the Magnolia Boulevard and Vineland 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, \$22,557.42 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: May 18, 2009)

ITEM NO. (25) - ADOPTED

Roll Call # 22 - Motion (Reyes - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Perry, Rosendahl, Wesson and President Garcetti (5)

[09-0005-S171](#)

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 March 18, 2009:

[09-0005-S171](#)

CD 9

- a. Property at 1003 East 20th Street (Case No. 159633).
Assessor I.D. No. 5131-007-017

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on May 1, 2008)

[09-0005-S172](#)

CD 2

- b. Property at 10519 West La Tuna Canyon Road (Case No. 89580).
Assessor I.D. No. 2544-024-024

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 1, 2007)

[09-0005-S173](#)

CD 13

- c. Property at 2008 North Lemoyne Street (Case No. 202666).
Assessor I.D. No. 5420-017-011

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 4, 2008)

[09-0005-S174](#)

CD 9

- d. Property at 416 East 23rd Street (Case No. 6367).
Assessor I.D. No. 5127-013-005

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on April 23, 2003)

[09-0005-S175](#)

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- e. Property at 752 East Vernon Avenue (Case No. 140717).
Assessor I.D. No. 5108-002-011

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 29, 2007)

[09-0005-S176](#)

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- f. Property at 942 East 51st Street (Case No. 170565).
Assessor I.D. No. 5103-029-020

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on March 13, 2008)

ITEM NO. (26) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #21 - Motion (Smith - Reyes) to Adopt as Amended, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Perry, Rosendahl, Wesson and President Garcetti (5)

[08-2502](#)

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (SMITH - ROSENDAHL) and COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSIONS relative to the impact of the recent meltdowns in the mortgage market, investment banking industry, and financial markets, and their potential impact on the City's investment portfolio; City employees' pension and/or retirement benefits, and the City's Budget.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant:

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer, the Office of the City Treasurer, the Fire and Police Pension System and the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System to report back in two weeks on the impact of the recent meltdowns in the mortgage market, investment banking industry, and financial markets, and their potential impact on: 1) the City's investment portfolio; 2) City employees' pension and/or retirement benefits; and, 3) the City's Budget. The report should also include the feasibility of insuring or otherwise safeguarding employee pensions/retirement benefits, if necessary.

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

ADOPTED

MOTION (ALARCON - SMITH)

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System and the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System to report back on alternative options to the five-year smoothing period policy, including but not limited to, ten- and seven- and one-half year option(s).

ITEM NO. (27) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #7 - Motion (Smith - Weiss) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[09-0002-S31](#)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (ROSENDAHL - PERRY) relative to the City's position on Assembly Bill 566 (Nava) which provides that mobilehome park residents have an opportunity to cast a vote on the subdivision of their mobilehome park.

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

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 566 (Nava) which will ensure that mobilehome park residents have an opportunity to cast a meaningful vote on whether the mobilehome park in which they have affixed their homes should be subdivided, and will help clarify that local agencies processing mobilehome park subdivision applications are able to protect against sham mobilehome park conversions and preserve affordable housing for their residents.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules and Government Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (28) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #19 - Motion (Cardenas - Hahn) to Adopt as Amended, Ayes (12); Absent: Garcetti, Perry, and Rosendahl (3)

[09-0002-S36](#)

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (CARDENAS - ROSENDAHL) relative to the City's position on AT&T's Channel 99 platform and delivery of Public, Education and Government (PEG) video channel programming.

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

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2009-10 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for administrative action by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to rule that AT&T's Channel 99 platform and delivery of PEG video channel programming does not comply with federal law, as further set forth in the petition filed before the FCC by the Alliance for Community Media (ACM).
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, ***and the Information Technology Agency** with the assistance of the law firm of Miller & Van Eaton, currently under contract with the City for its expertise in telecommunications matters, to file comments on behalf of the City in support of the ACM petition before the FCC, and take such other action as may be appropriate to effectively support that petition, without compromising the City's claims under state law. * **(Cardenas - Hahn)**

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Rules and Government Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (29) - SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL MOTION - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #23 - Motion (Reyes - Zine) to adopt Substitute Motion, Ayes (10); Absent: Cardenas, Perry, Rosendahl, Wesson and President Garcetti (5)

[09-0521](#)

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CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (ROSENDAHL for REYES - ALARCON) relative to the Mayfair Hotel Project and related actions.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to hold a hearing in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) to enable the California Statewide Communities Development Authority to issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to undertake the financing of various multifamily rental housing projects, including up to \$25 million for the Mayfair Hotel Project and related actions. The developer of the Mayfair Hotel Project, Amerland Group LLC has pledged to comply with all applicable City policies including, but not limited to payment of prevailing wages for project labor.
2. ESTABLISH April 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), 200 North Spring Street, Suite 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90012, as the date, time and location for the public hearing in compliance with the TEFRA.
3. AUTHORIZE Orrick Herrington and Sutcliffe to publish the required public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times, on behalf of the City Council, with publication cost to be reimbursed by the Amerland Group, LLC.
4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to include a placeholder on the Council agenda of **APRIL 14, 2009** for Council consideration of the results of the public hearing in accordance with TEFRA requirements, to be submitted by the Amerland Group LLC with the assistance of the CAO.

(Continued from Council meeting of March 20, 2009)

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE MOTION (REYES - GARCETTI)

Recommendations for Council action:

1. **AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to hold a hearing in accordance with the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) to enable the LAHD to issue Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds to undertake the financing of the Mayfair Hotel Project. The developer of the Mayfair Hotel Project, Amerland Group LLC has pledged to comply with all applicable City policies and LAHD Bond Policies and Procedures, including, but not limited to payment of prevailing wages for project labor.**
2. **ESTABLISH April 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the LAHD, 1200 West Seventh Street, Room 832, Los Angeles, CA 90017, as the date, time and location for the public hearing in compliance with the TEFRA.**
3. **AUTHORIZE the LAHD to publish the required public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times, on behalf of the City Council, with publication cost to be reimbursed by the Amerland Group, LLC.**
4. **INSTRUCT the City Clerk to include a placeholder on the Council agenda of APRIL 17, 2009 for Council consideration of the results of the public hearing in accordance with TEFRA requirements, to be submitted by the LAHD with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer.**

Items Called Special

Motions for Posting and Referral

Councilmembers' Requests for Excuse from Attendance at Council Meetings

Closed Sessions - Items 30-33

ITEM NO. (30) - MEETING HELD - MOTION ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #24 - Motion (Parks - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (9); Noes: Zine (1); Absent: Cardenas, Garcetti, Perry, Rosendahl and Wesson (5)

[09-0155](#)

The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to settlement in the case entitled Michael and Kathleen Lattanzi v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC369797. (This case arises out of a slip and fall incident that occurred on August 17, 2006.)

(Budget and Finance Committee considered the above matter in Closed Session on March 9, 2009.)

(Continued from Council meeting of March 11, 2009)

ADOPTED

MOTION (PARKS - SMITH)

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to expend \$5,000,000 in settlement of the case entitled Michael and Kathleen Lattanzi v. City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC369797, from Liability Claims Account No. 9770, Fund 100, Department 59.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw demands thereon, payable to the Law Offices of Greene, Broillett and Wheeler, LLP and Michael and Kathleen Lattanzi, as follows:
 - a. \$1,000,000 due July 2009
 - b. \$2,000,000 due July 2010
 - c. \$2,000,000 due July 2011
3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

ITEM NO. (31) - MOTION ADOPTED

Roll Call #8 - Motion (Smith - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcon, Parks, Perry and Rosendahl (4)

[09-0150](#)

The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to settlement in the case entitled Dennis Coville v. City of Los Angeles, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case Nos. Unassigned; Claim Nos. 9003-1971-7748; 9003-2001-0416. (Claimant alleges he sustained personal injuries during the course and scope of his employment as a Captain with the Los Angeles Fire Department.)

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

ADOPTED

MOTION (SMITH - GREUEL)

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

1. **AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to enter into a settlement in the case entitled Dennis Coville v. City of Los Angeles, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case Nos. Unassigned; Claim Nos. 9003-1971-7748; 9003-2001-0416, through a Stipulated Findings and Award for 82 percent permanent disability equivalent to \$122,935.00 and thereafter a life pension totaling approximately \$83,577.00, for a total of \$206,512.31.**
2. **AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to execute the Stipulated Findings and Award with all appropriate parties for submission to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for its award of payment.**

ITEM NO. (32) - MOTION ADOPTED

Roll Call #9 - Motion (Parks - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcon, Perry and Rosendahl (3)

[09-0267](#)

The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to settlement in the case entitled Andrew Teague v. City of Los Angeles, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. Unassigned; Claim No. 9002-2002-2964. (Applicant alleges he sustained personal injuries during the course and scope of his employment as a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department.)

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

ADOPTED

MOTION (PARKS - SMITH)

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

1. **AUTHORIZE** the City Attorney to enter into a settlement in the case entitled Andrew Teague v. City of Los Angeles, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. Unassigned; Claim No. 9002-2002-2964, through a Stipulated Award at 100 percent total disability, estimated at \$807,634.20, payable at \$602.00 per week for the remainder of Applicant's life.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the City Attorney to execute the Stipulated Award with all appropriate parties for submission to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for its award of payment.

ITEM NO. (33) - MOTION ADOPTED

Roll Call #10 - Motion (Parks - Smith), Ayes (12); Absent: Alarcon, Perry and Rosendahl (3)

[09-0269](#)

The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to settlement in the case entitled Jennifer Howlett v. City of Los Angeles, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. Unassigned; Claim No. 9002-2005-2254. (Claimant alleges she sustained personal injuries during the course and scope of her employment as a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department.)

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

ADOPTED

MOTION (PARKS - SMITH)

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

1. **AUTHORIZE** the City Attorney to enter into a settlement in the case entitled Jennifer Howlett v. City of Los Angeles, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. Unassigned; Claim No. 9002-2005-2254, through a Stipulated Award of 75 percent permanent disability in the sum of \$138,577.50, and a life pension in the sum of \$221,824.68 at a weekly rate of \$115.96 for a combined total of \$360,402.18.
2. **AUTHORIZE** the City Attorney to execute the Stipulated Award with all appropriate parties for submission to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for its award of payment.

Adjourning Motions

Council Adjournment

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

[09-0667](#)

CD 4

MOTION (LABONGE - GARCETTI) relative to declaring the Observe and Report Movie Screening Event on April 6, 2009 a Special Event (event sponsor to reimburse the City for all fees and costs incurred).

[08-2219-S1](#)

CD 9

MOTION (GARCETTI - HUIZAR FOR PERRY - ALARCON) relative to declaring El Grito 2009 on September 15, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$50,000).

[08-1000-S1](#)

CD 6

MOTION (CARDENAS - PARKS) relative to declaring the First Annual Pet Care Fair on April 18, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$3,500).

[09-0655](#)

CD 7

MOTION (ALARCON - HUIZAR) relative to declaring the Procession for Peace on April 10, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,470).

[07-1736-S1](#)

CD 12

MOTION (SMITH - CARDENAS) relative to declaring the Shepherd of the Hills Fourth of July Spectacular on July 4, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$17,374).

[09-0665](#)

CD 15

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the 2009 Earth Day Celebration on April 18, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,280).

[08-0975-S1](#)

CD 15

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the Annual Cinco De Mayo Festival on May 2-3, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$4,452).

[07-1035-S1](#)

CD 15

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the His Sheltering Arms Annual Health Fair on April 28, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,226).

[09-0654](#)

CD 15

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the Harbor Police Station Grand Opening on April 25, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,252).

[09-0653](#)

CD 5

MOTION (WEISS - LABONGE) relative to declaring the Mural Rededication Street Fair on March 29, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$1,008).

[09-0664](#)

CD 10

MOTION (WESSON - WEISS) relative to declaring the JBC Community Charity Bazaar on March 28, 2009 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = \$2,392).

[09-0658](#)

MOTION (WEISS - GARCETTI - GREUEL) relative to a report on the backlog of untested rape kits by the Human Rights Watch.

[09-0657](#)

CD 5

MOTION (WEISS - CARDENAS) relative to funding to install a security system at the Westwood Charter School.

[09-0656](#)

CD 7

MOTION (ALARCON - GREUEL) relative to funding for the 2009 Fourth of July Celebration at Hansen Dam.

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

[09-0659](#)

RESOLUTION (GARCETTI - SMITH) relative to submitting a grant application for the development of the Virgil Village Context-Sensitive Transit Village Master Plan and Implementation Strategy.

**At the conclusion of this day's Council Session
ADJOURNING MOTIONS WERE ADOPTED in tribute to the memory of:**

[09-0003](#) - Charles David Carter

(Alarcon for Cardenas)

David Briggs

(LaBonge)

Bob Arbogast

(LaBonge)

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

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Karen E. Kalfayan, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL