

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**

Friday, **November 6, 2009**

Van Nuys City Hall, 14410 Sylvan Street, Van Nuys, CA 91401 - 11:15 am

****ALL ITEMS FORTHWITH****

--- SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ---

11:15 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER
AS COUNCIL RECESSES ITS REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL - Members present: Alarcón, Cárdenas, Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, LaBonge, Parks, Rosendahl, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (11); Absent: Perry, Reyes and Smith (3); Vacant: Council District Two.

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

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 23-24

ITEM NO. (23) - ADOPTED

Roll Call # - Motion (Hahn - Parks) , Ayes (10); Absent: LaBonge, Perry, Reyes and Smith (4)

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to conveying City-owned property for the purpose of developing a pocket park.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Hahn - Parks):

INSTRUCT and AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services to expeditiously convey the vacant City-owned property located at 1816 East 115th Street and 1817 Imperial Highway to the Department of Recreation and Parks for the purpose of developing the property into a pocket park for community use.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (24) - RECEIVED AND FILED

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Koretz - Rosendahl) Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Perry, Reyes and Smith (3)

[09-2213](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to prohibiting the declawing of cats or other animals in the city of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - Rosendahl - Cárdenas):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to prohibit the declawing of cats or other animals in the city of Los Angeles.

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 25-29

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (25) - ADOPTED - ORDINANCE OVER TO NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Roll Call #3 - Motion (Koretz - Rosendahl) , Ayes (11); Absent: Perry, Reyes and Smith (3)

[09-2213](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the declawing of cats or other animals in the city of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE adding Section 53.72 to the LAMC to prohibit the declawing of cats or other animals in the city of Los Angeles.

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

(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

**Roll Call #1 - Motion (LaBonge - Wesson) , Ayes (11); Absent: Perry, Reyes and Smith (3)
(Item Nos. 26-27)**

ITEM NO. (26) - ADOPTED

[09-2004-S1](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE relative to authorization for the issuance of up to \$55 million in Solid Waste Resources Revenue Bonds (SWRRB) that will be used to refund/refinance approximately \$51 million in outstanding SWRRB that were issued in October 2001.

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

ADOPT the accompanying AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION approving certain documents and authorizing the issuance of up to \$55 million in refunding bonds.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund as a result of the proposed \$55 million in SWRRB, Refunding Series 2009-B, as average annual debt service will be paid from the Solid Waste Resources Revenue Fund.

Debt Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the issuance of the proposed \$55 million in SWRRB, Refunding Series 2009-B, will not cause the City's debt service payments to exceed 15 percent of General Fund Revenues for both voter-approved and non-voter approved debt as established in the City's Financial Policies, Debt Management Section, because the debt service on these bonds will be paid from the Solid Waste Resources Revenue Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (27) - ADOPTED

[09-2668](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AGING (LADOA) relative to acceptance of a \$10,000 donation from the Senior Community Action Network Foundation.

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

1. APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOA, or designee, to accept \$10,000 for the rendering of services.
2. AUTHORIZE the LADOA to deposit the Emergency Alert Response System donation of \$10,000 into the Fund for Senior Services, Fund Number 597.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOA reports that no matching funds are required and there is no impact on the City General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (28) - LOST QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK

[08-3271-S2](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) relative to attorney conflicts panel request for conflict counsel for representation for the City Controller.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the CAO to retain and enter into a contract agreement with the law firm of Strumwasser & Woocher, LLP, for the matter of City of Los Angeles vs. City Controller, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 402345, with the funds encumbered within the Attorney Conflicts Panel Fund No. 46T, Department 10.
2. AUTHORIZE the CAO to prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations will have no additional impact on the General Fund. The proposed contract agreement with the law firm of Strumwasser & Woocher, LLP, is in compliance with City Financial Policies in that ongoing revenue will be used to support this program. The proposed contract funding is provided in Fund46T of the 2009-10 Adopted Budget for the Attorney Conflicts Panel.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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

[Council may recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled The City of Los Angeles ,A Municipal Corporation v. Los Angeles City Controller, Laura Chick, In Her Official Capacity, et al.]

ITEM NO. (29) - ADOPTED AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #4 - Motion (Alarcon - Cardenas) , Ayes (10); Absent: LaBonge, Perry, Reyes and Smith (4)

[07-1212-S5](#)

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CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (ALARCON - CARDENAS) relative to the Animal Services Spay and Neuter Advisory Committee's evaluation of the City's Spay and Neuter Ordinance.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST that the Animal Services Spay and Neuter Advisory Committee present its final report and evaluation of the City's spay and neuter program and recommendations to strengthen the City's Spay and Neuter Ordinance.

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

(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ADOPTED

MOTION (ALARCON - WESSON)

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to review the recommendations contained in the preliminary report of the Animal Services Spay and Neuter Advisory Committee and report back to Council with recommendations.

Councilmember Huizar moved, seconded by Councilmember Hahn, that the Special Council meeting adjourn.

Ayes, Alarcón, Cárdenas, Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, Parks, Rosendahl, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (10); Absent: LaBonge, Perry, Reyes and Smith (4); Vacant: Council District Two.

Whereupon the Special Council meeting did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL