

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**  
Wednesday, **February 24, 2010**  
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: Alarcón, Cárdenas, Hahn, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Reyes, Smith, Wesson and Zine (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Rosendahl, and President Garcetti (4)**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF  
February 19, 2010

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PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR -  
An opportunity for public testimony was provided.

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

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## **Items Noticed for Public Hearing - Items 1-8**

**ITEM NO. (1) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - NO PROTEST - LIEN CONFIRMED**

**Roll Call #2 - Motion (Hahn - Parks) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (4)**

[09-2897](#)  
CD 10

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of barricading all openings and cleaning of the lot at 5268 West Westhaven Street. (Lien: \$2,312.68)

**Roll Call #1 - Motion (Koretz - Reyes) Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (4)  
(Item Nos. 2-3)**

**ITEM NO. (2) - RECEIVED AND FILED - INASMUCH AS OWNERSHIP HAS CHANGED**

[09-2904](#)  
CD 5

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 at 4226 North Sepulveda Boulevard. (Lien: \$8,813.28)

**ITEM NO. (3) - RECEIVED AND FILED - INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID**

[09-2905](#)

CD 3

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 at 23861 West Crosson Drive.

(Lien: \$7,196.28)

**Roll Call #2 - Motion (Hahn - Parks) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (4)  
(Item Nos. 4-5)**

**ITEM NO. (4) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - NO PROTEST - LIEN CONFIRMED**

[09-2906](#)

CD 15

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of fencing the lot, demolition of the building, asbestos removal, and monitoring of the asbestos removal at 2309 East 112th Street.

(Lien: \$40,985)

**ITEM NO. (5) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - NO PROTEST - LIEN CONFIRMED**

[09-2907](#)

CD 10

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the costs of barricading of all openings, cleaning and fencing of the lot at 4839 West 18th Street (front building).

(Lien: \$5,786.65)

**ITEM NO. (6) - CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

**Roll Call #3 - Motion (Parks - Reyes) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (4)**

[09-2908](#)

CD 9

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the cost of cleaning of the lot at 5940 South Wall Street.

(Lien: \$973)

**Roll Call #1 - Motion (Koretz - Reyes) Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Huizar, Perry, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (4)  
(Item Nos. 7-8)**

**ITEM NO. (7) - RECEIVED AND FILED - INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID**

[09-2909](#)

CD 11

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the cost of fencing of the lot at 12400 West Wagner Street. (Lien: \$4,463.42)

**ITEM NO. (8) - RECEIVED AND FILED - INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID**

[09-2910](#)

CD 13

HEARING APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien to cover the cost of graffiti abatement at 6424 West Selma Avenue aka 6424-40 Selma Avenue and 1556 Wilcox Avenue. (Lien: \$193.60)

**Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Item 9-10**

**ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED, \*AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING**

**Roll Call #4 - Motion (Koretz - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

[09-0600-S156](#)

MOTION (KORETZ - SMITH) relative to instructing departments to negotiate with existing contractors to seek a 10 percent reduction in contract rates and report to the Budget and Finance Committee within 45 days of the results of those efforts.

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

(Click on the above hyperlink or go to <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm> for background documents.)

**ADOPTED**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to negotiating with existing contractors to seek a 10 percent reduction in contract rates.

**Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - Smith):**

1. **NOTE and FILE the Motion (Koretz - Smith) relative to negotiating with existing contractors to seek a 10 percent reduction in contract rates inasmuch as the City Council has already approved this proposal in Recommendations 62-64 of the 2009-10 Mid Year Financial Status Report, dated January 29, 2010, with clarification in Amending Motion 10H (Alarcón - Huizar), and no further Council action is necessary.**

2. **REQUEST** that reports back requested of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the General Manager, Department of General Services, relative to Mid Year Report recommendations 62 and 63 concerning negotiating with existing contractors to seek a 10 percent reduction in contract rates, bypass referral to Committee and be referred directly to Council for discussion.
3. **REQUEST** the City Attorney to analyze the preference provision included in Amending Motion 10H (Alarcón - Huizar), approved as part of the Mid Year Financial Status Report (Council file No. 09-0600-S159), to provide clarity as to the legality of allowing preferences on future contracts to those vendors, consultants, and contractors who negotiate at least a ten percent reduction in the value of their current contracts.
4. **RE-EMPHASIZE** that as the Council develops a profile of identifying businesses that the City intends to ask for the 10 percent reduction in contract costs, that the City Attorney be included early on in these discussions to provide advice on the proposed contract reductions as well as the ability to extend contracts as part of the negotiation process.
5. **INSTRUCT** the CAO to analyze current personal service contracts, some of which may provide the same or similar services that could be provided by City employees, and report back to the Council on how a reduction in spending on such contracts by a targeted amount can be used to achieve a like reduction in the budget deficit that is being proposed to be achieved through layoff of City employees.

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

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

**ADOPTED**

**MOTION (HAHN - KORETZ)**

**Recommendation for Council action:**

**INSTRUCT** the CAO in consultation with all affected Department General Managers to report on March \*3 4, 2010 with priority list of City General Fund contracts which can be immediately terminated in order to make available additional funds to address the budget crisis and open possible jobs to be filled by our General Funded employees - this action would in effect create a “contract layoff list.” \*(Garcetti - Hahn)

**ADOPTED**

**MOTION (HAHN - KORETZ)**

**Recommendation for Council action:**

**INSTRUCT** City departments to include on their websites a list of contracts over \$5,000.

**ITEM NO. (10) - ADOPTED, \*AS AMENDED - FORTHWITH - SEE FOLLOWING**

**Roll Call #5 - Motion (Krekorian - Zine) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

[09-0600-S159](#)

MOTION (SMITH - ROSENDAHL) relative to amending the process for City Clerk conduct of Neighborhood Council elections and the transfer of unspent and uncommitted funds to the Reserve Fund.

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

(Click on the above hyperlink or go to <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm> for background documents.)

**ADOPTED**

**EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to canceling the process for City Clerk to conduct the Neighborhood Council (NC) elections.

**Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Smith - Rosendahl)**

1. **OPPOSE** Smith - Rosendahl motion relative to a proposed ordinance removing the City Clerk from the NC election process.
2. **DIRECT** the City Clerk to identify potential cost saving activities that may reduce the \$1.5 million remaining to conduct the 2010 NC Elections and report back to Education & Neighborhoods Committee; further, direct that any realized savings at the end of the elections be returned to the \*~~General Fund~~ Emergency Reserve Fund. \*(Garcetti - Krekorkian)
3. **REQUEST** Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Chief Legislative Analyst, and City Clerk in consultation with the City Attorney, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, and NCs to report back in 120 days to the Education & Neighborhoods Committee on a framework that will allow NCs to run their own elections in 2012, to include basic election procedures.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

**ADOPTED**

**MOTION (KREKORIAN - SMITH - PARKS)**

**Recommendation for Council action:**

**DELETE** reference to General Fund and replace with Emergency Reserve Fund.

## Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 11-14

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

### ITEM NO. (11) - NO ACTION TAKEN

#### [10-0247](#)

CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTIONS addressing the Fiscal Year 2009-10 and 2010-11 budget deficits, City staff and others to report on budget balancing matters and possible closed executive session as it may relate to bargaining instructions relative to negotiations with employees and employee organizations.

[Council may recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, to meet with the City's labor negotiator(s) relative to the above matter.]

### ITEM NO. (12) - ADOPTED, \*AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING

**Roll Call #6 - Motion (Garcetti - Perry) Adopted, Ayes (11); Noes: Zine (1); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

#### [09-0600-S173](#)

MOTION (GARCETTI - PERRY) relative to funding for expenditures related to the engagement of consultants to complete the study of the City's meter system.

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

TRANSFER \*~~\$200,000~~ **\$180,000** from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 0250 Public-Private Partnership Parking (Special Parking Revenue Fund Source), to the Capital Finance Administration Fund No. 100/53, Account No. 0170 (General Administration) for expenditures related to the engagement of consultants to complete the study of the City's meter system. \*(Hahn - Garcetti)

### ADOPTED

#### MOTION (PARKS - GARCETTI)

Recommendations for Council action:

**AMEND** previous action taken under Council file No. 10-0139-S1 (Recommendations Nos. 4 and 5) in connection with a proposed Public Private Partnership for parking assets options to **INSTRUCT** the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to move quickly to repair 10,000 meters by sole source or whatever means necessary and further, **INSTRUCT** the LADOT to release an express parking RFP to address 6,000 meters in the downtown central area, including a small matching element for which funds have been already set aside.

**ITEM NO. (13) - ADOPTED**

**Roll Call #7 - Motion (Perry - Parks) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

[10-0288](#)

MOTION (GARCETTI - HUIZAR - PERRY - PARKS - ET AL.) relative to instructing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the Harbor Department and the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) to report to Council with an analysis of their current contracts with outside vendors.

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the LADWP, the Harbor Department and the LAWA to report to Council on March 3, 2010, with an analysis of their current contracts with outside vendors to identify opportunities to contract with General Fund departments and to replace contract personnel with displaced General Fund employees.

**ITEM NO. (14) - ADOPTED, \*AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING**

**Roll Call #4 - Motion (Koretz - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

[10-0287](#)

MOTION (GARCETTI - HAHN - PERRY - PARKS - ET AL.) relative to instructing the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report to the Council with an update on efforts to reduce outside contracts by 10 percent or more.

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the CAO to report to the Council on **March \*3 4, 2010**, with an update on efforts to reduce efforts outside contracts by 10 percent or more, and that all departments be available to respond to questions if necessary. **\*(Garcetti - Hahn)**

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

[09-0600-S178](#)

MOTION (GARCETTI - PERRY) relative to scheduling Thursday, March 4, 2010 as Revenue Day for a Special Meeting of the City Council.

[10-0010-S12](#)

MOTION (PARKS - CARDENAS) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the deaths of Robert Nelson and Drayvon James on August 25, 2009.

[09-0109-S1](#)

MOTION (PERRY - ROSENDAHL) relative to lease approval for office space at 4060 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037.

## COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Motion (Garcetti - Zine) unanimously adopted to excuse Councilmember Perry to leave at 12:30 p.m. from Council session of Thursday, February 25, 2010 due to Personal business.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Reyes was excused from Council session of Monday, April 12, 2010 due to City business.

## COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

<a href="#">10-0004</a> - Mark O'Brien	(Garcetti - All Councilmembers)
Joy Ory	(Garcetti - All Councilmembers)
Al Pacheco	(Hahn - All Councilmembers)
Karen Renee Manson	(Hahn - All Councilmembers)

**Ayes, Alarcón, Cárdenas, Hahn, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl, Smith, Zine and President Garcetti (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Wesson (3)**

**Whereupon the Council did adjourn.**

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL