Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10 am

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(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL - Members present: Cárdenas, Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl, Wesson and Zine (11); Absent: Alarcón, Reyes, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2010

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - SEE PAGE 5

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 for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 1-3

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Koretz - Parks) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcón Reyes, Smith and President Garcetti (4) (Item Nos. 1-2)

ITEM NO. (1) - ADOPTED

09-2996

AUDITS AND GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City Controller's communications on the "Early Payments to Vendors" and the "Review of Volume Discounts for Commodity Contracts."

Recommendation for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the City Controller's communications, dated February 1, 2010 and February 2, 2010, relative to the "Early Payments to Vendors" and the "Review of Volume Discounts for Commodity Contracts."

2. INSTRUCT the Department of General Services (GSD), relative to the "Review of Volume Discounts for Commodity Contracts," to report back in 45 days on the following:
a. The feasibility of requiring that vendor bid documents include volume discount provisions at varying thresholds.

b. The status of automating the tracking of purchases eligible for volume discounts and ensuring the correct discounts are applied as thresholds are reached.

3. INSTRUCT the GSD and REQUEST the City Controller, relative to the "Audit of Early Payments to Vendors," to report back in 90 days on the following:

   a. The feasibility of automating the Supply Management System and the Financial Management Information System payments later in the billing cycle if the vendor does not offer an early payment discount.

   b. The potential increase in annual interest earnings if applied citywide.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (2) - ADOPTED

09-2996-S1

AUDITS AND GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City Controller’s communications on the “Early Payments to Vendors” and the “Review of Volume Discounts for Commodity Contracts.”

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE Motion (Koretz - Huizar) relative to various Departmental reports on implementation of the “Audit of Early Payments to Vendors,” and “Review of Volume Discounts for Commodity Contracts.”

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (3) - NO ACTION, PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON MARCH 12. 2010

Roll Call #6 - Motion (Koretz - Parks) No Action Taken - Previously Adopted, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Alarcón, Reyes, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

09-0600-S180

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the transfer and implementation of rollover funds to the Unappropriated Balance (UB) account, subject to honoring contracts, committed projects, ongoing rent and leases, and unpaid bills.

Recommendations for Council action:
1. RECEIVE and FILE the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) March 3, 2010 report relative to the transfer and implementation of rollover funds to the UB account.

2. REQUEST the DONE to report back to the Education and Neighborhoods committee on a regular basis with a status on the transfer and implementation of rollover funds to the UB account.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 4-5
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (4) - 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. (5) - CONTINUED TO MARCH 23, 2010

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

10-0205

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (GARCETTI - PERRY) relative to the City’s options to generate cost savings in an effort to address a growing 2009-10 and 2010-11 budget deficit.

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer and Personnel Department to report to Council immediately on:

a. The status of implementation of Coalition of Los Angeles City Unions concessions.

b. The vacant positions and positions eligible for transfer from General Fund to special fund.

(Continued from Council meeting of March 9, 2010)
Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 6-7
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (6) - CONTINUED TO MARCH 17, 2010

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Rosendahl - Perry) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Alarcón, Reyes, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (REYES - GARCETTI) relative to the alley vacation for the alley easterly of Westlake Avenue from Seventh Street to approximately 295 feet northerly thereof.

Recommendation for Council action:

CONSIDER and ADOPT the report to be submitted by the Bureau of Engineering, including any required RESOLUTION and related documents, relative to the alley vacation for the alley easterly of Westlake Avenue from Seventh Street to approximately 295 feet northerly thereof (VAC-E1400585, Council file No. 09-1093).

(Continued from Council meeting of March 12, 2010)

ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #5 - Motion (Zine - LaBonge) Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Alarcón, Reyes, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

MOTION (SMITH - ZINE) relative to asserting jurisdiction over the South Valley Area Planning Commission’s (SVAPC) action of January 14, 2010.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ASSERT jurisdiction over the SVAPC’s action of January 14, 2010 (Letter of Determination dated March 5, 2010) in the matter of Case No. ZA-2009-0755-CU-1A, relative to approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the expansion of a child care/early education facility from 110 children to 210 children in the RA-1 Zone, for property located at 6100, 6112, and 6120 North Lindley Avenue and 18051 Topham Street.

2. REFER the matter, upon assertion of jurisdiction, to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee for its review and consideration.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 17, 2010
(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 17, 2010)

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

10-0204  
MOTION (CARDENAS - HUIZAR) relative to the request of the City Clerk, clarifying language for Council file No. 10-0204 adopted on February 10, 2010.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upon his request and without objections, Councilmember Reyes was excused to leave at 11:30 a.m. from Council Session of Tuesday, April 13, 2010, due to City Business.

Movement (Garcetti - Perry) unanimously adopted to excuse Councilmember LaBonge to leave at 12:00 p.m. from Council Session of Friday, March 19, 2010, due to City Business.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

10-0004 - Marilyn Freeman  
Commander Joan T. McNamara

Hahn - All Councilmembers

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

10-0003 - Juanita Chavez  
Dr. Jason Ahn  
Peter Graves  
Francisco Morales Gonzalez

Hahn  
Wesson  
Rosendahl - LaBonge - All Councilmembers  
Huizar

Ayes, Cárdenas, Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl, Wesson and Zine (11); Absent: Alarcón, Reyes, Smith and President Garcetti (4)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.
ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk                        PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE CITY COUNCIL