Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Friday, June 11, 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, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Rosendahl, Smith, Wesson, and President Garcetti (11); Absent: Hahn, Perry, Reyes and Zine (4)

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2010

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 for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 1-6

ITEM NO. (1) - ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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.]

(Public Hearing closed on March 30, 2010)
ITEM NO. (2) - ADOPTED - ORDINANCE OVER TO JUNE 18, 2010

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT, RESOLUTION and ORDINANCES FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to a General Plan Amendment, zone change, and Building Line Removal for property at 9933 North White Oak Avenue.

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

1. FIND that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment, pursuant to the City's Environmental Guidelines and is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act; that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency in the City of Los Angeles; that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 10-0726 in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of the Department of City Planning in the custody of the Environmental Review Section; and ADOPT the Mitigated Negative Declaration [ENV 2008-1541-MND] filed on September 12, 2008.

2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Planning Commission (CPC) as the Findings of the Council.

3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION as recommended by the Mayor, the Director of Planning and the CPC APPROVING the proposed General Plan Amendment to the Northridge Community Plan from Low Residential to Low Medium I Residential land use designation for the proposed construction of three detached single-family dwellings pursuant to the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance, two stories, approximately 24 feet, 3 inches in height, approximately 1,900 square-feet each with a 430 square-foot garage, on approximately 11,107 square-foot net lot parcel for property at 9933 North White Oak Avenue.

   Applicant: Claremont Investment, Inc., David Ordin
   Representative: Greg Taylor, The Taylor Group CPC 2008-2100-GPA-ZC-BL

4. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCES, approved by the CPC, effecting a zone change from RA-1 to (T)(Q) RD3-1 and removal of a building line on the 10-feet wide northerly portion of the subject property, established by Ordinance 102141, for property at 9933 North With Oak Avenue, subject to Conditions of Approval.

5. REMOVE (T) Tentative classification as described in detail on the sheet(s) attached to the Council file.

6. INSTRUCT the Planning Department to update the General Plan and appropriate maps pursuant to this action.

7. ADVISE the applicant of "Q" Qualified classification time limit as described in the Committee report.
8. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to California State Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, the City shall monitor or require evidence that mitigation conditions are implemented and maintained throughout the life of the project and the City may require any necessary fees to cover the cost of such monitoring.

9. ADVISE the applicant that, pursuant to State Fish and Game Code Section 711.4, a Fish and Game Fee and/or Certificate of Fee Exemption is now required to be submitted to the County Clerk prior to or concurrent with the Environmental Notice of Determination filing.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CPC reports that there is no General Fund impact, as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - JUNE 15, 2010

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JUNE 15, 2010)

ITEM NO. (3) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

08-2855-S3

MOTION (WESSON - HAHN) and RESOLUTION relative to submitting applications to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, for the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Grant Program for first-time homebuyers assistance and related actions.

(Housing, Community and Economic Development 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

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to submitting applications to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), for the Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods (BEGIN) Grant Program for first-time homebuyers assistance and related actions.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Wesson - Hahn):

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION [attached to Motion (Wesson - Hahn)] to authorize the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) to:

   a. Submit four applications to the HCD under the BEGIN Program.

   b. Execute standard agreements if selected for such funding and any agreements if selected for such funding and any amendments thereto, subject to the review of the City Attorney as to form and legality.
c. Execute related documents necessary in the BEGIN Program.

2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to:

   a. Submit applications, on behalf of the City, to the HCD under the BEGIN Program for first-time homeowner assistance for the following projects:

      1. Santa Ana Pines (Mozaic) - $837,200 for 14 homebuyers, for an average BEGIN Loan of $59,800 per homebuyer.

      2. Townhome Ownership Program I - $674,000 for 10 homebuyers, for an average BEGIN Loan of $67,400 per homebuyer.

      3. Townhome Ownership Program II - $256,000 for 4 homebuyers, for an average BEGIN Loan of $64,000 per homebuyer.

      4. Elmer Court -- $1,220,700 for 10 homebuyers, for an average BEGIN Loan of $122,070 per homebuyer.

   b. Make any necessary technical adjustments consistent with Council’s actions relative to this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).

3. INSTRUCT the LAHD to, if BEGIN Grants are awarded to the City, present the Grant Agreements to Council for review and approval.

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

   Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (4) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

09-1449-S1
CD 10

MOTION (WESSON - HAHN) relative to the transfer of Community Redevelopment Agency funds in the amount of $100,000 to the Board of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services, for the completion of the Washington Boulevard Beautification Project.

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

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ADOPTED

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the transfer of $100,000 from the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to the Board of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services (BSS), for the Washington Boulevard Beautification Project.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Wesson - Hahn), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief Executive Officer, CRA, or designee, to transfer tax increment funds from the Mid-City Recovery Redevelopment Project Area (MCRPA) up to $100,000 and allocate such to be expended under the Cooperation Agreement (CRA Contract No. 502806) with the Department of Public Works, BSS, to pay for design services for landscaped median islands along Washington Boulevard, within the MCRPA, from Redondo Boulevard to West Boulevard, and from Crenshaw Boulevard to Western Avenue.

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer funds from the CRA to the BSS, in an amount not to exceed $100,000, into accounts as appropriate for reimbursement of direct expenditures consistent with this action as described in the payment terms of the Cooperation Agreement executed by the CRA and the BSS.

3. AUTHORIZE the Director, BSS, or designee, to:
   a. Deposit an amount not to exceed $100,000 in CRA funds into Subventions and Grants Fund 305/50, Revenue Source Code 3741, Revenue from the CRA, and appropriate therefrom to BSS Fund 100/86, various accounts, as follows, for Washington Boulevard Median Island Landscaping Design Services:

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   b. Prepare Controller instructions and/or make any technical adjustments as necessary to implement the above recommendations, and authorize the Controller to implement these instructions.

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. (5) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

10-0920
CD 9

MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to issuing Requests for Proposals to sell, rehabilitate, and develop mixed-use affordable housing projects on City-owned properties located at 4201-19, 4225, and 4251-63 South Central Avenue.

(Housing, Community and Economic Development 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

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to sell, rehabilitate, and develop mixed-use affordable housing projects on City-owned properties located at 4201-19, 4225, and 4251-63 South Central Avenue.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to issue a RFP to sell, rehabilitate, and develop mixed-use affordable housing projects on City-owned properties located at 4201-19, 4225, and 4251-63 South Central Avenue.

2. INSTRUCT the LAHD and CRA to report in 120 days relative to the status of the RFP.

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. (6) - ADOPTED

10-0614
CD 1

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to waiving the five foot dedication standard along Eighth Street, adjacent to the Central Region MacArthur Park Elementary School addition.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Reyes - Perry):
1. DIRECT the Department of City Planning, in coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), to prepare and present the necessary documents and Plan Amendments to the Streets and Highways Designation Map of the Transportation Element of the General Plan, and related Community and Specific Plans, to waive the five foot dedication standard along Eighth Street, adjacent to the Central Region MacArthur Park Elementary School addition.

2. DIRECT the LADOT and BOE to report with regard to any and all impacts of the directive in Recommendation No.1 of this report and make a recommendation consistent with achieving the goals of building the Central Region MacArthur Park Elementary School addition, per the Los Angeles Unified School District’s plan that have been approved by the State of California Division of the State Architect.

**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 7-11**
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

**Roll Call #3 - Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Hahn, Perry, Reyes and Zine (4)**

**ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED**

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**10-0005-S445 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 June 4, 2010:

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**10-0005-S445 CD 9**

a. Property at 742 East 79th Street (Case No. 207757).

Assessor I.D. No. 6029-002-005

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on March 19, 2009)

**10-0005-S446 CD 9**

b. Property at 317 East 68th Street (Case No. 181681).

Assessor I.D. No. 6011-012-005

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on July 24, 2008)
c. Property at 317 East 68th Street (Case No. 217867).  
Assessor I.D. No. 6011-012-005  
(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on July 1, 2009)

d. Property at 346 West 45th Street (Case No. 215264).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5110-004-015  
(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on May 14, 2009)

e. Property at 726 West Imperial Highway (Case No. 205375).  
Assessor I.D. No. 6088-002-004  
(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 20, 2008)

f. Property at 1558 West 49th Street (Case No. 144254).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5016-028-005  
(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 15, 2007)

g. Property at 4121 South Garthwaite Avenue (Case No. 267262).  
Assessor I.D. No. 5023-005-006  
(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on March 4, 2010)

h. Property at 13210 West Victory Boulevard (Case No. 268487).  
Assessor I.D. No. 2331-004-026  
(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 18, 2010)
i. Property at 11720 South Main Street (Case No. 262364). Assessor I.D. No. 6083-017-016

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 11, 2010)

j. Property at 214 East 83rd Street (Case No. 203114). Assessor I.D. No. 6030-012-004

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

k. Property at 652 West 73rd Street (Case No. 90520). Assessor I.D. No. 6020-026-009

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 18, 2007)

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #4 - Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Hahn, Perry, Reyes and Zine (4)

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the offer to dedicate an easement for street and alley purposes on the east side of Kester Avenue and the north side of the alley south of Parthenia Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1814).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the offer to dedicate an easement for street and alley purposes on the east side of Kester Avenue and the north side of the alley south of Parthenia Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1814) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Class 5(19) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.

2. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works to acquire the easement for street and alley purposes on the east side of Kester Avenue and the north side of the alley south of Parthenia Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1814), as depicted on the Exhibit Map in the May 4, 2010 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file.

3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Council action on this project be forwarded to the Real Estate Division of the Bureau of Engineering for processing.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that a fee of $2,462 was paid for the processing of this action pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 7.3 and 7.41.1. No additional City funds are needed.

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #2 - Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Hahn, Perry, Reyes and Zine (4)

10-0850  
CD 5

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to an offer to dedicate an easement for street purposes on Brier Drive southeast of Walnut Drive (Right of Way No. 36000-1807).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the offer to dedicate an easement for street purposes on Brier Drive southeast of Walnut Drive (Right of Way No. 36000-1807) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 pursuant to Article III, Class 5(19) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.

2. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works to acquire the easement for street purposes on Brier Drive southeast of Walnut Drive (Right of Way No. 36000-1807), as depicted on the Exhibit Map in the May 6, 2010 City Engineer report and attached to the Council file.

3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to forward a copy of the Council action on this project be forwarded to the Real Estate Division of the Bureau of Engineering for processing.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that a fee of $2,461 was paid for the processing of this action pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 7.3 and 7.41.1. No additional City funds are needed.

ITEM NO. (10) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #5 - Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Hahn, Perry, Reyes and Zine (4)

10-0857  
CD 13

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of Ben Kingsley on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Ben Kingsley on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at 6931 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.
ITEM NO. (11) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #6 - Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Hahn, Perry, Reyes and Zine (4)

10-0011-S19
CD 6

MOTION (CARDENAS - ZINE) relative to funding for bulky item pick-up and tree watering services in Council District Six.

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

1. TRANSFER $38,000 in the Council District Six portion of the Street Furniture Fund No. 43D/50 to the Board of Public Works Fund No. 100/74, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) to be allocated to the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce as follows: $24,000 for bulky item pick-up, Graffiti and Weed Abatement, and $14,000 shall be for the installation of the Sun Valley Street Median irrigation system, and AUTHORIZE the Public Works, Office of Community Beautification, to amend the existing contract with the Sun Valley Chamber of Commerce to include the expanded scope of work and increased funding as set forth above.

2. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services as well as the Department of Public Works, Office of Accounting, to make any technical corrections or clarifications as necessary to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

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

10-1037

RESOLUTION (HUIZAR - CARDENAS) relative to declaring June 23, 2010 as Don Pedro Rivera Day in the City of Los Angeles.

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upon her request, and without objections, Councilmember Perry was excused from Council session of June 15, 2010, to arrive at 11:45 a.m. due to City business

*LOST A QUORUM

Ayes, Cárdenas, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (8); Absent: Alarcón, Hahn, Perry, Reyes, Smith, Wesson and Zine (7)
Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk                     PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL