

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**
Tuesday, **January 25, 2011**
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, Krekorian, LaBonge, Perry, Reyes, Smith and President Garcetti (8); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, Parks, Rosendahl, Wesson and Zine (7)

NO QUORUM - ALL ITEMS CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
JANUARY 19, 2011

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 1-9

ITEM NO. (1) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[10-1958](#)

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the reconfirmation of the Little Tokyo Merchant-Based Business Improvement District (BID).

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

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE OF INTENTION to confirm the Annual Report for the Little Tokyo BID and to levy a special assessment upon businesses located within the BID for the BID's tenth operating year beginning January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
2. DIRECT the City Clerk to schedule, prepare, publish, and mail the public hearing notice, as required by the provisions of Section 36500 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code.
3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality, to prepare an enabling Ordinance levying the special assessment for the Little Tokyo BID's eighth operating period beginning January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

4. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk, subject to City Attorney approval, to prepare, execute, and administer a contract between the City and the Li'l Tokyo Businessmen's Association to administer the Little Tokyo BID, if the Ordinance reconfirming the BID is adopted.
5. AUTHORIZE the Controller to provide, if necessary and available, an advance against the Little Tokyo BID 2011 assessment revenue in the amount of \$60,442 representing 25 percent of the anticipated BID revenue receipts, to the Li'l Tokyo Businessmen's Association, if the Ordinance reconfirming the BID is adopted.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk reports that there is no impact to the General Fund associated with this action.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (2) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

10-1920

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed amendment to Contract No. 2934 between the Department of Recreation and Parks and Frank R. Webb Architects, Inc. for as-needed architectural design services.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the President and Secretary of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to execute Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 2934 with Frank R. Webb Architects, Inc. to extend the term by three years through February 16, 2014, and increase the compensation amount by \$300,000 to an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that funding for the fees paid under the terms of the contract is provided within each project budget. There is no additional impact on the General Fund. This recommendation is in compliance with the City Financial Policies in that one-time revenues will be used to fund one-time expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 7, 2011

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 4, 2011)

ITEM NO. (3) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

10-1921

CDs 1 & 10

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a proposed amendment to an agreement with the Heart of Los Angeles Youth, Inc.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the President and Secretary of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners to execute the proposed amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Heart of Los Angeles Youth, Inc. relative to Lafayette Park, subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that the Heart of Los Angeles Youth, Inc., will install the Los Angeles Lakers logo at the center court of the Lafayette Park Multi-Purpose Center at no cost to the City. There is no impact on the General Fund. Therefore, the City Financial Policies are not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - FEBRUARY 7, 2011

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - FEBRUARY 4, 2011)

ITEM NO. (4) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[09-0125](#)

CDs 1, 8 & 9

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Figueroa Corridor (Property-Based) Business Improvement District's (BID) 2011 Fiscal Year Annual Planning Report.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the Annual Planning Report for the Figueroa Corridor BID's 2011 Fiscal Year, attached to the Council File, complies with the requirements of the State Law.
2. ADOPT the Annual Planning Report for the Figueroa Corridor BID's 2011 Fiscal Year, attached to the Council File, pursuant to the State Law.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk reports that there is no impact to the General Fund associated with this action.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (5) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[09-0356](#)

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the recommendations proposed by the Los Angeles Economy and Jobs Committee to reform the City's relationship with the entertainment industry.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Greuel - Garcetti):

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Greuel - Garcetti) relative to the recommendations proposed by the Los Angeles Economy and Jobs Committee to reform the City's relationship with the entertainment industry.

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) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[10-1472](#)

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the review of existing food service contracts to determine how food service costs for film productions can be reduced at

City facilities and develop policies and contractual guidelines for future food service contracts.

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

1. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Office (CAO), and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the support of the City Attorney, Department of Recreation and Parks (including the Griffith Observatory), Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles Zoo, Department of Airports, and other departments as appropriate, to review existing food service contracts to determine how food service costs for film productions can be reduced at City facilities and develop policies and contractual guidelines for future food service contracts to ensure that productions filming at City facilities have options related to food service providers.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA to report back to the Jobs, Business Development Committee in 45 days on the status of the ongoing review of the existing food service contracts.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (7) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[10-0605-S1](#)

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the disestablishment of the Chatsworth Merchant-Based Business Improvement District (BID).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the City Clerk's report dated September 20, 2010 and its draft Ordinance of Intention to disestablish the Chatsworth BID.
2. AUTHORIZE the Chatsworth BID to continue operations for the current capital Fiscal Year of June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.
3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to initiate district suspension if written protests representing 50 percent of the assessments are received during future renewal procedures of the Chatsworth BID.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk reports that there is no impact to the General Fund associated with this action.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (8) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[10-1805](#)

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the efforts in reducing gang violence and improving the communities quality of life when filming occurs in Gang Reduction and Youth Development -designated neighborhoods.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Krekorian - LaBonge):

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Krekorian - LaBonge) relative to the efforts in reducing gang violence and improving the communities quality of life when filming occurs in Gang Reduction and Youth Development -designated neighborhoods.

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. (9) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[08-2518](#)

CD 14

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the vacation of the alley northerly of 12th Street between Birch Street and Hemlock Street (VAC E1401104).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the vacation of the alley northerly of 12th Street between Birch Street and Hemlock Street is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City's Environmental Guidelines.
2. FIND that the street vacation proceedings pursuant to the Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law be instituted for the vacation of the public right-of-way indicated below and shown colored blue on Exhibit B of the October 21, 2008 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file:

Alley Southeasterly of Hemlock Street from 12th Street to approximately 274 feet northeasterly thereof.

3. FIND that there is a public benefit to this vacation and that upon vacation of the street, the City is relieved of its ongoing obligation to maintain the right-of-way and that the City is relieved of any potential liability that might result from continued ownership of the involved street easement as detailed in the October 21, 2008 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file.

4. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the City Engineer October 21, 2008, as the Findings of the Council.
5. ADOPT the accompanying City Engineer report dated October 21, 2008 to approve the vacation.
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to set a public hearing date for **FEBRUARY 23, 2011**.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that to date, the petitioner has paid a fee of \$6,420 for the investigation of this request pursuant to Section 7.42 of the Administrative Code. Any deficit fee to recover the cost pursuant to Section 7.44 of the Administrative Code may be required of the petitioner.

(Continued from Council meeting of January 18, 2011)

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 10-16

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (10) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

11-0005-S40

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 January 18, 2011:

11-0005-S40

CD 9

- a. Property at 1009 West 53rd Street aka 5227 South Vermont Boulevard (Case No. 12459).
Assessor I.D. No. 5002-027-005

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 22, 2006)

11-0005-S41

CD 8

- b. Property at 1344 West 39th Street aka 1342 West 39th Street (Case No. 293882).
Assessor I.D. No. 5036-018-022

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on September 30, 2010)

[11-0005-S42](#)

CD 13

- c. Property at 326 North Robinson Street aka 328 North Robinson Street (Case No. 223465). Assessor I.D. No. 5156-007-008

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 26, 2009)

[11-0005-S43](#)

CD 13

- d. Property at 326 North Robinson Street aka 328 North Robinson Street (Case No. 144447). Assessor I.D. No. 5156-007-008

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 20, 2007)

[11-0005-S44](#)

CD 13

- e. Property at 326 North Robinson Street aka 328 North Robinson Street (Case No. 154833). Assessor I.D. No. 5156-007-008

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 21, 2008)

[11-0005-S45](#)

CD 8

- f. Property at 4915 South Second Avenue (Case No. 208784). Assessor I.D. No. 5015-039-026

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on April 16, 2009)

ITEM NO. (11) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[10-0147](#)

[10-0147-S1](#)

[10-0147-S2](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, AUDITS AND GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE relative to the audits at the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation on their use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the October 8, 2010 report from the Controller's Office relative to audits at the Department of Public Works and Department of Transportation on their use of ARRA grants, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Services (BSS) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back in 30 days regarding exploring further grants for street repair and potential grants for alley repairs.

3. INSTRUCT the BSS and the CAO to report back in 30 days with a breakdown of all outstanding projects that have received funding, including:
 - a. Current expenditures.
 - b. Current job creation and retention rates.
 - c. Projected expenditure rates.
 - d. Projected completion dates.
 - e. Projected job creation and retention rates.

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. (12) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[11-0086](#)

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) and RESOLUTION relative to a cooperative agreement with the City of Los Angeles for payment of approximately \$930,000,000 for costs associated with certain CRA funded capital improvement, public improvement and affordable housing projects located within the currently designated 31 redevelopment project areas.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the CRA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), or designee, to negotiate and enter into a cooperation agreement (Agreement) in an amount up to \$930,000,000 with the City of Los Angeles (the City) for the implementation of capital and public improvements, affordable housing and other redevelopment projects (including program delivery costs) in the currently designated CRA redevelopment project areas, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney.
2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION finding that the use of CRA funds to pay for the construction of certain capital and public improvements are of benefit to the affected project areas by eliminating blight within the project area and that the construction of the improvements is consistent with the Redevelopment Plan and the Five-Year Implementation Plan for each project area and effectuates the relevant Redevelopment Plan.
3. INSTRUCT the CRA CEO, or designee, to increase the amount of the available funds under the Agreement by five percent (\$45 million) or \$930,000,000 in order to ensure that the work program of all regions and corresponding project areas are reflected in the list of projects (Attachment A of the CRA report dated January 14, 2011).

4. INSTRUCT the CEO to negotiate within the cooperation agreement the designation of a Successor Entity to implement the work program on behalf of the City upon the conclusion of CRA's statutory authority; and that such entity be either a non-profit organization or development corporation approved by the City Council and managed by the CEO, with support from designated members of the management team and staff.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CRA reports that there is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund as a result of this action.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

(Continued from Council meeting of January 18, 2011)

ITEM NO. (13) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[11-0087](#)

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (LABONGE - ROSENDAHL) relative to authorizing the Department on Disability to transfer \$50,000 for the AIDS Policy Development Project.

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

AUTHORIZE the Department on Disability to TRANSFER intra-departmentally \$50,000 from General Fund 100/65, Account 9800 to General Fund 100/65, Account 3040 for the purpose of funding an upcoming AIDS research contract under the Department's AIDS Policy Development Project.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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

ITEM NO. (14) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[09-2665-S4](#)

CD 9

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to a contract amendment and funding for the conduct of environmental assessments for the Slauson/Wall Green Space and Affordable Housing Project.

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

1. AMEND the allocation to the Slauson/Wall Green Space and Affordable Housing project in the 36th PY Consolidated Plan as follows:
 - a. Allocate up to \$200,000 of the \$2,716,936 identified for the project to the Community Development Department (CDD) to carry out required environmental assessments for the project.

- b. Allocate all remaining funds in the amount of \$2,516,936 plus any funds not used for the environmental assessments to Figueroa Corridor CLT and/or its wholly-owned subsidiary Slauson & Wall Park, LLC for acquisition of real property to establish a park.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, CDD, or designee, to amend existing Agreement No. 115414 with Jones and Stokes Associates, Inc. to:
 - a. Add up to \$200,000 in 36th PY Community Development Block Grant funds and expand the scope of work to include California Environmental Quality Act and other required environmental assessments for the Slauson/Wall Green Space and Affordable Housing project.
 - b. Extend the term of the contract for six months to September 30, 2011.
3. AMEND the PY 36 Consolidated Plan to reflect the changes and prepare and submit required amendments to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - a. Establish new Account No. G728 Slauson/Wall Green Environmental and appropriate \$200,000 within the Community Development Trust Fund No. 424.
 - b. Decrease Account No. G716 Slauson Wall Green Space in the amount of \$200,000 within the Community Development Trust Fund No. 424
5. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, CDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments that are consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (15) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[10-1288-S3](#)

CD 14

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HUIZAR - CARDENAS) relative to the installation of safety fencing along the portions of the Fourth Street and Lorena Bridge in Boyle Heights.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to TRANSFER and APPROPRIATE \$78,000 from the Seismic Bond Reimbursement Fund No. 608/50, Account No. S676 - Fourth St-0331 to the Department of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification (OCB), Fund No. 100/74, Account 3040 - Board of Public Works Contractual Services Account as follows, to provide for the installation of safety fencing along the portions of the Fourth Street and Lorena Bridge.

2. AUTHORIZE the Director, OCB, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make any technical adjustments as necessary to implement the above recommendations and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Public Works Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (16) - NO QUORUM - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 26, 2011

[10-1288-S2](#)

CD 14

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (HUIZAR - ROSENDAHL) relative to the implementation of the activated pedestrian warning device at Fourth and Concord Streets.

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

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to issue a non-participating construction change order to ongoing Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control implementation contracts for the implementation of the activated pedestrian warning device at Fourth and Concord Streets.
2. TRANSFER \$73,000 from Seismic Bond Fund 608, Project Account No. S676, titled "Fourth St-0331" to LADOT's Fund 655, Account A278 for the execution of the change order.
3. TRANSFER \$7,000 from Seismic Bond Fund 608, Project Account No. S676, titled "Fourth St-0331" to LADOT's Fund 100/94, Traffic Signal Equipment Account 3360 to supply the traffic signal controller for this project.
4. DIRECT the LADOT to expend these funds directly from Fund 655 on an as-needed basis for the construction of the activated pedestrian warning device.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this action.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Transportation Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Alarcón, Cárdenas, Krekorian, LaBonge, Perry, Reyes, Smith, and President Garcetti (8); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Koretz, Parks, Rosendahl, Wesson and Zine (7)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn due to No Quorum.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL