

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**
Wednesday, **January 5, 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: Cárdenas, Hahn, LaBonge, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (10); Absent: Alarcón, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian and Parks (5)

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
DECEMBER 17, 2010

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - SEE PAGE 11

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 Noticed for Public Hearing - Items 1-6

ITEM NO. (1) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

Roll Call #5 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Koretz and Parks (3)

[08-1716](#)

CD 13

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Legion Lane and Sunnynook Drive (Re-ballot) Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held December 8, 2010)

**Roll Call #1 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Parks and Perry (3)
(Item Nos. 2-6)**

ITEM NO. (2) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

[09-2745](#)

CD 4

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Camarillo Street and Elmer Avenue (Re-ballot) Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held December 8, 2010)

ITEM NO. (3) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

[10-1291](#)

CD 9

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the San Pedro Street and 87th Place Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held December 8, 2010)

ITEM NO. (4) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

[10-1293](#)

CD 4

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Sierra Bonita and De Longpre Avenues Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held December 8, 2010)

ITEM NO. (5) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

[10-1294](#)

CD 3

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Baird Avenue and Vanowen Street Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held December 8, 2010)

ITEM NO. (6) - PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - ADOPTED

[10-1327](#)

CD 11

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF HEARING PROTESTS and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Corinth and Missouri Avenues Lighting District.

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

1. DENY the protests and confirm the assessments.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE levying the assessments and ordering the maintenance of the above lighting district, in accordance with Sections 6.95-6.127 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and Government Code Section 53753 (Proposition 218).

(Public Hearing held December 8, 2010)

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 7-10

ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #2 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Koretz and Parks (3)

[10-1840](#)

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to waiving any holiday moratorium on street / traffic signal construction/repairs for any work associated with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) - citywide traffic signal improvements - new signals and left turn phasing, and Automated Surveillance and Control (ATSAC) program projects.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (LaBonge - Rosendahl) waiving any holiday moratorium on street / traffic signal construction / repairs for any work to be performed in connection with ARRA citywide traffic signal improvements - new signals and left turn phasing, and ATSAC program projects.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Public Works Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #6 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Parks and Perry (3)

[09-1737](#)

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE relative to funding necessary for implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP) during the next ten years.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Bureau of Engineering report dated October 26, 2010 relative to funding necessary for implementation of the LARRMP during the next ten years, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #2 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Koretz and Parks (3)

[09-1245-S3](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY and PERSONNEL COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to activities undertaken regarding the recruitment and selection of the qualified police officers.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE Personnel Department report to the Personnel and Public Safety Committees dated September 2, 2010 (attached to the Council file), relative to activities undertaken regarding the recruitment and selection of the qualified police officer candidates for the period January through June, 2010.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (10) - SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF COMMUNICATION AND REPORT - SEE FOLLOWING

Roll Call #7 - Substitute Motion Adopted in Lieu, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Parks and Perry (3)

[10-2296](#)

CD 15

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of dedicating Watts Towers admission ticket proceeds to a reactivated Watts Towers Restoration, Maintenance and Preservation Trust Fund or the Cultural Affairs Trust Fund.

RECEIVED AND FILED

A. COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE

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

APPROVE the Motion (Hahn - LaBonge) instructing the Department of Cultural Affairs and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report on the feasibility of dedicating Watts Towers admission ticket proceeds to a reactivated Watts Towers Restoration, Maintenance and Preservation Trust Fund or the Cultural Affairs Trust Fund.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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B. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. CONCUR with the recommendation of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee to approve the Motion recommendation relative to instructing the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report on the feasibility of dedicating Watts Towers admission ticket proceeds to a reactivated Watts Towers Restoration, Maintenance and Preservation Trust Fund or the Cultural Affairs Trust Fund.
2. INSTRUCT the DCA and the CAO to include in the report a clarification of the mandate and guidelines for the use of funds in the Watts Towers Restoration, Maintenance and Preservation Trust Fund and the Cultural Affairs Trust Fund and whether these funds can be used for repair and maintenance costs as opposed to programming expenses.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Continued from Council meeting of December 7, 2010)

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE MOTION (HAHN - LABONGE)

Recommendations for Council action:

1. **DELETE Recommendations A and B.**
2. **ADOPT the following new recommendations:**
 - a. **INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to prepare the necessary recommendations to dedicate all Watts Towers admission ticket proceeds to the Cultural Affairs Trust Fund and to allow the use of funds for programming, staffing maintenance and restoration.**
 - b. **REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an amendment to Section 5.111.2(c) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to allow the Watts Towers admission fees to be deposited into the Cultural Affairs Trust Fund.**

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 11-16

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (11) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #8 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Parks and Perry (3)

[10-1975](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY and ORDINANCE OF INTENTION FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to setting the date for hearing objections against the 2011 Annual Weed and Brush Abatement Assessment Roll Schedule for locations stated on personal appeals attached to the file.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Government Code Sections 39560 to 39588, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE establishing **MARCH 23, 2011**, as the date for hearing objections to the proposed removal of weeds and/or rubbish, refuse and dirt upon certain streets, sidewalks, parkways and/or are on or in front of certain private properties in the City of Los Angeles, and are a public nuisance, and declaring Council's intention to order the abatement of said nuisance.

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.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (12) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #9 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Parks and Perry (3)
(Item Nos. 12a-12h)

[10-0005-S928](#)

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 December 29, 2010:

[10-0005-S928](#)

CD 1

- a. Property at 1522 West Temple Street (Case No. 271607).
Assessor I.D. No. 5160-002-006

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 15, 2010)

[10-0005-S929](#)

CD 10

- b. Property at 1945 South Harcourt Avenue (Case No. 263818).
Assessor I.D. No. 5061-017-026

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 15, 2009)

[10-0005-S930](#)

CD 9

- c. Property at 239 West 52nd Street (Case No. 307737).
Assessor I.D. No. 5110-026-030

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

[10-0005-S931](#)

CD 10

- d. Property at 3048 South West Boulevard (Case No. 169486).
Assessor I.D. No. 5050-026-055

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

[10-0005-S932](#)

CD 10

- e. Property at 3048 South West Boulevard (Case No. 277416).
Assessor I.D. No. 5050-026-055

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 17, 2010)

[10-0005-S933](#)

CD 9

- f. Property at 5022 South Wall Street (Case No. 253365).
Assessor I.D. No. 5109-008-029

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on October 8, 2009)

[10-0005-S934](#)

CD 4

- g. Property at 833 North McCadden Place (Case No. 232766).
Assessor I.D. No. 5524-004-006

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on May 21, 2009)

[10-0005-S935](#)

CD 8

- h. Property at 929 West 74th Street (Case No. 125884).
Assessor I.D. No. 6020-004-027

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 28, 2008)

ITEM NO. (13) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #6 - Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Koretz and Parks (3)

[07-1342](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, AD HOC RIVER COMMITTEE relative to progress on the implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP) and on the establishment of a Los Angeles River Special Projects Office.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Bureau of Engineering status report dated November 9, 2010 relative to progress on the implementation of the LARRMP and on the establishment of a Los Angeles River Special Projects Office, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (14) - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 7, 2011

Roll Call #3 - Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (12); Absent: Huizar, Parks and Perry (3)

[08-1943](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the report on the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Parks - Perry):

NOTE and FILE the Board of Police Commissioners report to the Public Safety Committee dated September 27, 2010 (attached to the Council file), relative to a Los Angeles Police Department analysis of the report on the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (15) - ADOPTED

Roll Call #10 - Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Huizar, Parks, Perry and Smith (4)

[09-0630](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to establishing a citywide ban for underage purchases of spray paint cans.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Zine - Smith - Garcetti) relative to establishing a citywide ban for underage purchases of spray paint cans.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (16) - CONTINUED TO JANUARY 12, 2011

Roll Call #4 - Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (12); Absent: Huizar, Koretz and Parks (3)

10-0010-S47

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (ALARCON - CARDENAS) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Armando Sanchez Velazquez on October 18, 2010.

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

1. PROVIDE an offer of reward in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Armando Sanchez Velazquez on October 18, 2010.
2. FIND that the subject reward complies with the provisions of Chapter 12, Article 1, Division 19, of the Los Angeles Administrative Code.
3. DIRECT the City Clerk to publish the required notices and/or advertisements to effectuate this reward.

(Continued from Council meeting of December 15, 2010)

COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Koretz was excused to arrive at 11.00 a.m to Council session of Tuesday, January 11, 2011, due to City business.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Rosendahl was excused from Council sessions of Tuesday, January 18; Friday, January 21; Tuesday, January 25; Wednesday, January 26; and Friday, January 28, 2011 due to personal business.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Zine was excused to arrive at 11:00 a.m to Council session of Friday, January 14, 2011. due to City business.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

[11-0004](#) - Seth Fowler

(Zine - All Councilmembers)

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

[11-0003](#) - Anne Slopanskey Gazdun

(Rosendahl)

Mike Harris

(Rosendahl)

John Francis Maroney

(Reyes - All Councilmembers)

Don Van Vliet

(Koretz)

Kelvin and Demetria Dorsey

(Wesson)

Enrique "Rick" Conrado

(Zine)

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

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL