Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings  
Friday, October 28, 2011  
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: Alarcón, Cárdenas, Englander, Huizar, Koretz, LaBonge, Perry, Wesson and Zine (9); Absent: Krekorian, Parks, Reyes, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (5)

NO QUOROM - ALL ITEMS CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011


COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

Item Noticed for Public Hearing - Item 1

ITEM NO. (1) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-0922  
COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to authorizing the Department of Animal Services to conduct license hearings even in the absence of a valid dog license and to establish more definite barking dog noise and distance criteria.

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

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending Sections 53.18.5 and 53.63 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to authorize the Department of Animal Services to conduct license hearings even in the absence of a valid dog license and to establish more definite barking dog noise and distance criteria, and to impose administrative citation civil penalty fees in the amounts $250 for a first offense, $500 for a second offense and $1,000 for a third offense; and, adding Section 53.43.3 to the LAMC to create a Restricted Dog Permit with an annual fee in the amount of $120 (in addition to the dog license fee and tax).

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.
Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 2-3

ITEM NO. (2) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1781

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION relative to an application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III Discretionary Grant Program funding to construct the Los Angeles River Bikeway Network project that will link Downtown Los Angeles to the San Fernando Valley and to Long Beach via a single contiguous bikeway corridor.

(Transportation 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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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III Discretionary Grant Program funding to construct the Los Angeles River Bikeway Network Project.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to submit a TIGER Discretionary Grant application for the construction of bikeways on and supporting the Los Angeles River Bikeway Network Project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Federal funding is sought in the amount of $13 million. The City will provide matching funds in the amount of $5 million in Local Measure R funds to match the federal grant for a project total of $18,000,000.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (3) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1781-S1

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION relative to an application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III Discretionary Grant Program funding for the Downtown L.A. Streetcar project.
(Transportation 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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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) III Discretionary Grant Program funding for the Downtown L.A. Streetcar Project.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to submit a TIGER Discretionary Grant application funding for the Downtown L.A. Streetcar project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Federal funding is sought in the amount of $37.5 million. The City will provide matching funds in the amount of $11 million in local funds that have been secured and allocated to the project.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 4-16
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (4) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-0005-S631
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 October 20, 2011:

11-0005-S631
CD 1

a. Property at 1511 West Fourth Street (Case No. 335345).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5153-019-018

   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on May 19, 2011)
b. Property at 5887 North Whitnall Highway (Case No. 205726).
   Assessor I.D. No. 2415-015-001
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 18, 2008)

c. Property at 5887 North Whitnall Highway (Case No. 320946).
   Assessor I.D. No. 2415-015-001
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on March 24, 2011)

d. Property at 213 West 99th Street (Case No. 45135).
   Assessor I.D. No. 6053-016-013
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on September 21, 2006)

e. Property at 213 West 99th Street (Case No. 277953).
   Assessor I.D. No. 6053-016-013
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 10, 2010)

f. Property at 2942 South Wellington Road (Case No. 172380).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5050-020-026
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 6, 2008)

g. Property at 2359 North Eastern Avenue (Case No. 252741).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5215-035-039
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 5, 2010)

h. Property at 2822 North Eastern Avenue (Case No. 263937).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5217-002-009
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 4, 2010)
i. Property at 936 East 114th Street (Case No. 295318).
   Assessor I.D. No. 6072-026-011

   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on December 2, 2010)

ITEM NO. (5) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER and RESOLUTION relative to vacating the walk easterly of Caravana Road between Empis Street and Naranja Road (VAC E1401117).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of July 22, 2009, that the vacation of the walk easterly of Caravana Road between Empis Street and Naranja Road, pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, pursuant to Article III, Class 5(3) of the City of Los Angeles Environmental Guidelines.

2. REAFFIRM the FINDINGS of July 22, 2009, that this vacation is in substantial conformance with the General Plan pursuant to Section 556 of the Los Angeles City Charter.

3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION TO VACATE No.11-1401117 for the vacation of the walk easterly of Caravana Road between Empis Street and Naranja Road.

4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to transmit, following Council adoption, Resolution to Vacate No. 11-1401117 to the Land Development Group of the Bureau of Engineering for recordation of said Resolution with the Los Angeles County Recorder.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Engineer. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

ITEM NO. (6) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to an offer to dedicate an easement for alley purposes on alley east of Highland Avenue, between Hollywood Boulevard and Yacca Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1872).

Recommendations for Council action:
1. FIND that the offer to dedicate an easement for alley purposes on alley east of Highland Avenue, between Hollywood Boulevard and Yacca Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1872) 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 alley purposes on alley east of Highland Avenue, between Hollywood Boulevard and Yacca Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1872), as depicted on the Exhibit Map in the August 24, 2011 City Engineer report, 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 $3,317 fee for processing this report was paid pursuant to Sections 7.3 and 7.41.1 of the Administrative Code. No additional City Funds are needed.

ITEM NO. (7) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

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CD 8

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to an offer to dedicate an easement for sanitary sewer purposes on the property on the east side of Buckingham Road north of Santa Rosalia Drive (Right of Way No. 36000-1889).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the offer to dedicate an easement for sanitary sewer purposes on the property on the east side of Buckingham Road north of Santa Rosalia Drive (Right of Way No. 36000-1889) 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 sanitary sewer purposes on the property on the east side of Buckingham Road north of Santa Rosalia Drive (Right of Way No. 36000-1889), as depicted on the Exhibit Map in the October 13, 2011 City Engineer report, 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 $3,317 fee for processing this report was paid pursuant to Sections 7.3 and 7.41.1 of the Administrative Code. No additional City Funds are needed.
ITEM NO. (8) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1731
CD 13
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of Hal David on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Hal David at 6752 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

ITEM NO. (9) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1732
CD 13
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of BeBe & CeCe Winans on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of BeBe & CeCe Winans at 6126 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

ITEM NO. (10) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1733
CD 13
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of John Lasseter on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of John Lasseter at 6834 Hollywood Boulevard.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.
ITEM NO. (11) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1433-S1
CD 6

MOTION (CARDENAS - HUIZAR) relative to funding in support of the 2011 El Grito Festival.

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

TRANSFER $6,354.48 in the Council District Six portion of the Special Events Fee Subsidy line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56 to the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000706 (CD-6 Community Services) in support of the 2011 El Grito Festival.

ITEM NO. (12) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1794
CD 14

MOTION (HUIZAR - KREKORIAN) and RESOLUTION relative to authorizing the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to retroactively submit a Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) grant application for the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project at Ascot Hills Park.

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

1. RETROACTIVELY approve the submission of a HCF grant application to the State Department of Parks and Recreation to fund the Ascot Hills Trails Pavilion project at Ascot Hills Park in the amount of $100,000.

2. RETROACTIVELY ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for HCF grant funds and designates the General Manager, RAP, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for project completion.

3. AUTHORIZE, if awarded, the General Manager, RAP, to take the necessary steps to accept and receive the grant.

4. INSTRUCT the RAP to report to Council if HCF grant awarded with a finalized scope, costs estimates and maintenance plan.

ITEM NO. (13) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-0010-S45

MOTION (PERRY - REYES) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Susana Amelia Prieto on October 16, 2011.

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 Susana Amelia Prieto on October 16, 2011.

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.

ITEM NO. (14) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1795
CD 13

MOTION (GARCETTI - WESSON) relative to installing street banners announcing the Love Echo Park Lake Don’t Litter program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the street banner program announcing the Love Echo Park lake Don’t Litter, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event, Street Banner Program.

2. APPROVE the content of the street banners for the above specified event, as attached.

ITEM NO. (15) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1796

MOTION (PERRY - REYES) relative to authorizing the Department of General Services (GSD) use of the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on October 26, 2011.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the GSD use of the City Hall Tom Bradley Room on October 26, 2011 during regular business hours.

ITEM NO. (16) - NO QUORUM - LEFT ON DESK - CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 1, 2011

11-1797

RESOLUTION (HUIZAR - KORETZ) relative to the submittal of an application for a Waste Tire Enforcement Grant to the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:
1. RESOLVE to AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) to submit an application for a Waste Tire Enforcement Grant to the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for a period of five years, commencing with Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 through FY 2017-18 for funds to support inspections and surveys of waste tire facilities within the City.

2. RESOLVE to AUTHORIZE and EMPOWER the Director, BSS, or designee, of the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works to execute in the name of the City of Los Angeles all necessary applications, agreements, payment requests and amendments for the purpose of securing/obtaining Waste Tire Enforcement Grant funds for the FY 2012-13 through FY 2017-18, and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application and in accordance with Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 61.07(a).

The Council meeting adjourned, due to the lack of a quorum.

Alarcón, Cárdenas, Englander, Huizar, Koretz, LaBonge, Perry, Wesson and Zine (9); Absent: Krekorian, Parks, Reyes, Rosendahl and President Garcetti (5)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk                        PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL