Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Friday, March 23, 2012
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, Buscaino, Garcetti, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Zine and President Wesson (13); Absent: Cárdenas and Englander (2)


COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - SEE PAGE 7

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

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 1-2

 Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Cárdenas and Englander (2) (Item Nos. 1-2)

ITEM NO. (1) - ADOPTED

09-0234-S2

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Los Angeles Housing Department report relative to foreclosure initiatives and programs in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Housing Department report dated February 3, 2012 relative to foreclosure initiatives and programs in the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ITEM NO. (2) - ADOPTED

10-1763-S2

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the implementation of a Responsible Banking Ordinance (RBO) and exclusion from the qualified list for City bond programs.
Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the City Administrative Officer and Community Development Department reports relative to the implementation of a RBO and exclusion from the qualified list for City bond programs any financial institution that the City of Los Angeles believes to have committed financial wrongdoing inasmuch as the issues in these reports will be addressed through implementation of a revised RBO (Council file no. 09-0234).

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 3-11
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (3) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Cárdenas, Englander and Perry (3)
(Item Nos. 3a-3c)

12-0005-S147
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 March 16, 2012:

12-0005-S147
CD 1

a. Property at 522 West Casanova Street (Case No. 229716).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5414-024-024
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on June 11, 2009)

12-0005-S148
CD 8

b. Property at 6531 South Victoria Avenue (Case No. 2086).
   Assessor I.D. No. 4006-019-011
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 5, 2006)
c. Property at 4949 North Buchanan Street (Case No. 286701). Assessor I.D. No. 5477-005-019

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

ITEM NO. (4) - SUBSTITUTE MOTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL MOTION - SEE FOLLOWING

Substitute Motion Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Cárdenas and Perry (2)

MOTION (GARCETTI - ALARCON) relative to authorizing the City Engineer to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to negotiate and execute an agreement to the Parks First Trust Fund Grant agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council to extend the deadline for the execution of a Lease agreement from March 31, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

ADOPTED

SUBSTITUTE MOTION (GARCETTI - LABONGE)

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the City Engineer to negotiate and execute an amendment or supplemental agreement to Parks First Trust Fund Grant Agreement No. C-120057 between the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Community Garden Council to extend the deadline for the execution of a lease agreement and any related documents from March 30, 2012 to June 30, 2012.

ITEM NO. (5) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Cárdenas, Englander and Perry (3)

MOTION (CÁRDENAS - BUSCAINO) relative to funding for costs associated with the installation of outdoor lighting at the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:
1. TRANSFER $5,940.13 in the Council District Six Real Property Trust Fund No. 688 and $2,391.87 in the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 301/88, Account No. MRPXX402 (TOTAL $8,332), to the below listed accounts and in the amounts specified in the General Services Fund No. 100/40 for costs associated with installation of outdoor lighting at the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center:

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<td>001014</td>
<td>Construction Salaries</td>
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<td>003180</td>
<td>Construction Materials, Supplies &amp; Svcs</td>
<td>$2,391.87</td>
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2. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

ITEM NO. (6) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Cárdenas, Englander and Perry (3)

10-0457-S2
MOTION (CARDENAZ - BUSCAINO) relative to funding for services in connection with the March 16, 2012 Council District Six Norooz Celebration in the City Hall Rotunda.

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

APPROPRIATE $1,195 from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58 to the General Services Fund 100/40, as follows: $325 to Account No. 1090 (Salaries - Overtime - Custodial) and $870 to Account No. 1090 (Salaries - Overtime - OPS) for services in connection with the March 16, 2012 Council District Six Norooz Celebration in the City Hall Rotunda - said fund to be reimbursed to the General Fund by the Norooz Foundation.

ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Cárdenas, Englander and Perry (3)

12-0380
CD 11

MOTION (ROSENDAHL - ZINE) relative to a personal services contract with Gruen Associates to provide services to the Eleventh Council District.

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

1. APPROVE the personal services contract with Gruen Associates to provide services to the Eleventh Council District from February 1, 2012 to April 1, 2012 in an amount not to exceed $19,500 from funds available in the Council Office Budget.
2. AUTHORIZE the Councilmember of the Eleventh Council District to execute said contract on behalf of the City.

3. TRANSFER $19,500 in the Department of Transportation West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan Fund No. 681 to the Council Fund No. 100/28, Account 3040 (Contractual Services) for the above purpose.

Adopted, Ayes (13); Absent: Cárdenas and Englander (2)  
(Item Nos. 8-10)

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED

12-0378
CD 14

MOTION (HUIZAR - REYES - BUSCAINO) relative to installing street banners promoting the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the street banner program identifying the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program.

2. APPROVE the content of the street banner design, attached to the Council file.

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED

12-0391
CD 5

MOTION (KORETZ - KREKORIAN) relative to installing street banners promoting the Encino Neighborhood Council.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the street banner program, promoting the Encino Neighborhood Council, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program.

2. APPROVE the content of the street banner design, attached to the Council file.

ITEM NO. (10) - ADOPTED

12-0387
CD 1

MOTION (REYES - GARCETTI) relative to installing street banners celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council.
Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the street banner program supporting the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council, as a City of Los Angeles Non-Event Street Banner Program.

2. APPROVE the content of the street banner, attached to the Council file.

ITEM NO. (11) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Cárdenas, Englander and Perry (3)

12-0379

RESOLUTION (ZINE - PERRY) relative to declaring April 16-20, 2012 as Mediation Awareness Week in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE to DECLARE April 16-20, 2012 as Mediation Awareness Week in the City of Los Angeles.

RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM NO. 17, COUNCIL FILE NO. 12-0342, FROM COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012

Adopted to Reconsider, Unanimous Vote (14); Absent: Cárdenas (1)

Adopted Substitute Resolution, Ayes (12); Noes: Buscaino and Englander (2); Absent: Cárdenas (1)

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN LIEU OF ORIGINAL RESOLUTION

12-0342

RESOLUTION (PERRY - PARKS - WESSON) relative to Council urging all management of radio and television stations in Los Angeles to do everything in their power to ensure that their on-air hosts do not use and promote racist and sexist slurs over public airwaves in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RESOLVE to URGE all management of radio and television stations in Los Angeles to do everything in their power to ensure that their on-air hosts do not use and promote racist and sexist slurs over public airwaves in the City of Los Angeles.

2. RESOLVE that the derogatory language used by some radio personnel has no place on public airwaves in the Great City of Los Angeles or anywhere in America.

3. RESOLVE that a truly diverse work environment must include the hiring of a work force that reflects the diversity of Los Angeles which includes women, Asian Americans, African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans.
MOTIONS PRESENTED PURSUANT TO RULE NO. 16 - TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

12-0441  MOTION (HUIZAR - BUSCAINO) relative to funding in support of LeaLA, the Spanish book fair of Los Angeles, at the Los Angeles Convention Center from May 11-13, 2012.

12-0442  MOTION (GARCETTI - ALARCON) relative to funding for services in connection with the March 21, 2012 Council District 13 special reception for the Latina Lawyers Bar Association in the City Hall Rotunda.

12-0011-S6  MOTION (LABONGE - WESSON) relative to funding for services in connection with the repair of potholes on Wilshire Boulevard between Fairfax and Wilton in Council District Four.

12-0446  MOTION (PARKS - WESSON) relative to approval for the Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood District Council to lease office space at 3761 Stocker Street, No. 108, Los Angeles, CA 90008.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

12-0004 - Lieutenant Ricky L. Banks (Rosendahl - Zine)
   Captain Robert S. Holloway (LaBonge - Wesson)

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

12-0003 - Annette Adest (Huizar)
   Louise Anthony Releford (Parks - Perry)

Alarcón, Buscaino, Garcetti, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Reyes, Rosendahl and Zine (11); Absent: Cárdenas, Englander, Perry and President Wesson (4)
Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m.

Special meeting convened at 11:03 a.m.

Special meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Regular meeting convened at 12:35 p.m.