Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10 am

ALL ITEMS FORTHWITH

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL - Members present: Alarcón, Cárdenas, Garcetti, Huizar, Koretz, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl and President Wesson (10); Absent: Buscaino, Englander, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (5)


COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - SEE PAGE 19

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) - CONTINUED TO MAY 2, 2012

Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)

12-0253
CD 14

HEARING COMMENTS relative to application for determination of “Public Convenience or Necessity” for alcohol sales for on-site consumption at Crane's Downtown bar/lounge located at 810 South Spring Street, basement, Los Angeles, 90014.

Application filed by: Darren Crane (Elizabeth Peterson Group, representative)

TIME LIMIT FILE - MAY 23, 2012

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MAY 23, 2012)

(Findings and Council recommendations required relative to the above application)
Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 2-6

ITEM NO. (2) - ADOPTED - ORDINANCE OVER TO APRIL 11, 2012

Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)

12-0132
CD 3

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to a zone change at 7313 Milwood 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 City of Los Angeles; that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 12-0132 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-2010-2590-MND] filed on May 20, 2011.

2. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the Los Angeles South Valley Area Planning Commission (LASVAPC) as the Findings of the Council.

3. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, approved by the LASVAPC, effecting a zone change from R1-1 to (T)(Q)R3-1 for the proposed construction of a six-unit multiple residential building, two-story over garage, with a maximum 35 feet in height, having a floor area of 9,600 square feet, and 12 parking spaces to be provided on an approximate 7,499 square foot parcel of land for property at 7313 Milwood Avenue, subject to Conditions of Approval.

   Applicant:  Lina Nahue
   Representative:  Silvestre Ornelas  APCS V 2010-2589-ZC

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

5. ADVISE the applicant of "Q" Qualified classification time limit as described in the Committee report.

6. 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.

7. 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 LASVAPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as
administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - APRIL 25, 2012

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - APRIL 25, 2012)

ITEM NO. (3) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted as Amended, Ayes (12); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian and Reyes (3)

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the consolidation of human resources (HR) functions within the City.

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

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance, under the provisions of Charter Section 514, to functionally transfer HR operations, position authorities and funding from the following departments to the Personnel Department: Department of Animal Services, Information Technology Agency, Planning Department, Public Works - Office of Management and Employee Services (OMES), and Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer appropriations of up to $1,599,625 into Personnel Department, Fund No. 100/66, Salaries General Account No. 1010, from the Funds/Accounts as specified below (to cover salary costs of positions to be transferred to the Personnel Department):

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Total $1,599,625
These figures represent six months salary and will be prorated once HR centralization is implemented.

3. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Personnel Department, and all of the affected departments to implement such other actions needed to transfer HR functions.

4. AUTHORIZE the CAO to make technical corrections as necessary to implement the HR consolidation as approved by the Mayor and Council.

5. INSTRUCT the Personnel Department to report to City Council on an evaluation of HR consolidation six months after the implementation of Phase 2.

6. APPROVE in concept the implementation of HR consolidation Phase 2.

7. REQUEST the Mayor to include the necessary actions to implement Phase 2 in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Budget for the following departments: Aging, Building and Safety, Community Development, Convention Center, Disability, Finance, General Services, Housing, Neighborhood Empowerment, Public Works - Contract Administration, Public Works - Engineering, Public Works - Sanitation, Public Works - Street Lighting, and Public Works - Street Services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO, Chief Legislative Analyst, and Personnel Department report that the transfer of HR positions and related funding from the affected departments to the Personnel Department results in no direct impact to the General Fund. However, HR consolidation should bring efficiencies and improved HR services.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ADOPTED

AMENDING MOTION (WESSON for KREKORIAN - KORETZ)

Recommendations for Council action:

SUBSTITUTE the following recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE in concept the implementation of Human Resources consolidation into the Personnel Department, and request the Mayor to include the necessary actions to implement such consolidation in the FY 2012-13 Proposed Budget for the following departments:

   (a) Phase 1, effective July 1, 2012: Animal Services, Cultural Affairs, El Pueblo, Emergency Management, General Services, Information Technology, Planning, Public Works (Contract Administration, Engineering, Office of Management Employee Services, Sanitation, Street Lighting, Street Services), Transportation.

   (b) Phase 2, effective January 6, 2013 (beginning of the pay period): Aging, Building and Safety, Community Development, Convention Center, Disability, Finance, Housing, Neighborhood Empowerment.
2. INSTRUCT the Personnel Department and all of the affected departments to negotiate and execute Shared Services Agreements within 30 days.

3. INSTRUCT the Personnel Department to report to Council on a evaluation of HR consolidation six months after implementation of Phase 2.

ITEM NO. (4) - CONTINUED TO MAY 1, 2012

Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)

12-0311 CD 5

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to prohibiting the parking of vehicles that are in excess of 22 feet in length or over 84 inches in height on the north side of Santa Monica Boulevard east of Manning Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Resolution (Koretz - Rosendahl):

1. RESOLVE to hereby prohibit, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22507, the parking of vehicles that are in excess of 22 feet in length or over 84 inches in height during the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. on the north side, of the north frontage road of Santa Monica Boulevard east of Manning Avenue, between 10681 Santa Monica Boulevard and the west side of the driveway of 10635 Santa Monica Boulevard.

2. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to post signs giving notice of the parking restrictions on the north side, of the north frontage road of Santa Monica Boulevard east of Manning Avenue, between 10681 Santa Monica Boulevard and the west side of the driveway of 10635 Santa Monica Boulevard.

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.

Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)

(Item Nos. 5-6)

ITEM NO. (5) - ADOPTED

12-0354 CD 11

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to monitoring collision rates at the intersection of San Vicente Boulevard and Darlington Avenue to measure the effectiveness of the new traffic control devices.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rosendahl - Zine):
INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

a. Monitor collision rates at the intersection of San Vicente Boulevard and Darlington Avenue to measure the effectiveness of the new traffic control devices (the "monitoring project"), and that the LADOT be prepared to introduce further mitigation measures if warranted.

b. Retain left-turn movements from San Vicente to Darlington in both travel directions during the course of the monitoring project.

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

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to work with the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority on the feasibility of installing additional safety measures at the intersection of Exposition, Gramercy and Rodeo to reduce potential bicycle, pedestrian, and automobile conflicts with the Exposition Metro Line train.

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 7-25
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)
(Item Nos. 7a-7k,8)

ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED

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 28, 2012:

12-0005-S167
CD 1
a. Property at 839 West Alpine Street (Case No. 8708).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5407-006-016
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on April 6, 2006)

12-0005-S168
CD 9
b. Property at 243 East 29th Street (Case No. 109498).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5128-003-027
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on July 12, 2007)

12-0005-S169
CD 9
c. Property at 4411 South Mettler Street (Case No. 288692).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5109-014-032
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on July 15, 2010)

12-0005-S170
CD 10
d. Property at 3683 South Victoria Avenue (Case No. 295466).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5046-025-007
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on October 28, 2010)

12-0005-S171
CD 13
e. Property at 3315 North Andrita Street (Case No. 320210).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5458-025-015
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 10, 2011)

12-0005-S172
CD 14
f. Property at 1119 South Calada Street (Case No. 367527).
   Assessor I.D. No. 5191-007-003
   (Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on February 9, 2012)
g. Property at 1575 West 208th Street (Case No. 336660). Assessor I.D. No. 7351-012-030

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on November 17, 2011)

h. Property at 1248 South Crescent Heights Boulevard (Case No. 285760). Assessor I.D. No. 5087-016-018

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on September 23, 2010)

i. Property at 1248 South Crescent Heights Boulevard (Case No. 354299). Assessor I.D. No. 5087-016-018

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on January 12, 2012)

j. Property at 867 North Sanborn Avenue (Case No. 309748). Assessor I.D. No. 5427-004-005

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was sent on July 14, 2011)


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

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to authorization to issue Tax-Exempt Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds of up to $5,288,149 for the Linda Vista Senior Apartments Project.

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

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, attached to the LAHD transmittal dated February 6, 2012 (Council file No. 11-1803-S1), authorizing the issuance of up to $5,288,149 in tax exempt multi-family housing revenue bonds (Bonds) for the development of the Linda Vista Senior
Apartments Project, located at 610 and 630 South Saint Louis Street in Council District 14.

2. APPROVE the related bond documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to negotiate and execute the relevant bond documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAHD reports that there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund as a result of the issuance of the bonds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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

ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER which was WAIVED, pursuant to Council Rule 17, by the Chair of the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee.

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

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, attached to the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) transmittal dated February 6, 2012 (Council File No. 11-1803-S1), authorizing the issuance of up to $5.3 million in tax exempt multi-family housing revenue bonds for the development of the Linda Vista Senior Apartments Project, (Linda Vista Project), located at 610 and 630 South Saint Louis Street in Council District 14.

2. APPROVE the related Linda Vista Project loan documents, in substantial conformance with the draft documents as provided as Attachments to the LAHD Transmittal dated February 6, 2012 (Council File No. 11-1803-S1), subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to negotiate and execute the Linda Vista Project loan documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian and Reyes (3)

11-1803-S2
CD 1

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LAHD) and RESOLUTION relative to authorization to issue Tax-Exempt Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds of up to $11,831,301 for the Vista Angelina Family Apartments Project.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:
1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, attached to the LAHD transmittal dated February 29, 2012 (Council file No. 11-1803-S2), authorizing the issuance of up to $11,831,301 in tax exempt multi-family housing revenue bonds (Bonds) for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Vista Angelina Family Apartments Project, located at 418 East Edgeware Road in Council District 1.

2. APPROVE the related bond documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to negotiate and execute the relevant bond documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAHD reports that there will be no fiscal impact on the General Fund as a result of the issuance of the bonds.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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

ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER which was WAIVED, pursuant to Council Rule 17, by the Chair of the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee.

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

1. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, attached to the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) transmittal dated February 29, 2012 (Council File No. 11-1803-S2), authorizing the issuance of up to $11.8 million in tax exempt multi-family housing revenue bonds for the development of the Vista Angelina Family Apartments Project, (Vista Angelina Project), located at 418 East Edgeware Road in Council District 1.

2. APPROVE the related Vista Angelina Project loan documents, in substantial conformance with the draft documents as provided as Attachments to the LAHD Transmittal dated February 29, 2012 (Council File No. 11-1803-S2), subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.

3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, to negotiate and execute the Vista Angelina Project loan documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
ITEM NO. (10) - ADOPTED

12-0296
CD 11

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to an offer to dedicate an easement for storm drain lying on property west of Westgate Avenue between Currituck Drive and Chenault Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1899).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the offer to dedicate an easement for storm drain lying on property west of Westgate Avenue between Currituck Drive and Chenault Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1899) 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 storm drain lying on property west of Westgate Avenue between Currituck Drive and Chenault Street (Right of Way No. 36000-1899), as depicted on the Exhibit Map in the February 29, 2012 City Engineer report, attached to the Council file.

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

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that a fee of $3,317 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. (11) - ADOPTED

12-0313
CD 13

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

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the installation of the name of Muppets at 6834 Hollywood Boulevard.

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

ITEM NO. (12) - ADOPTED

12-0314
CD 13

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of SUMNER REDSTONE on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
Recommendation for Council action:
APPROVE the installation of the name of Sumner Redstone at 7000 Hollywood Boulevard.

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

ITEM NO. (13) - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of WILLIAM H. MACY on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
Recommendation for Council action:
APPROVE the installation of the name of William H. Macy at 7072 Hollywood Boulevard.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

ITEM NO. (14) - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of FELICITY HUFFMAN on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
Recommendation for Council action:
APPROVE the installation of the name of Felicity Huffman at 7072 Hollywood Boulevard.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.

ITEM NO. (15) - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ENGINEER relative to the installation of the name of MALCOLM MCDOWELL on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
Recommendation for Council action:
APPROVE the installation of the name of Malcolm McDowell at 6714 Hollywood Boulevard.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that there is no General Fund impact.
ITEM NO. (16) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian and Reyes (3)

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (ROSENDAHL - BUSCAINO) relative to the Westchester Streetscape Improvements Project.

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

1. TRANSFER/APPROPRIATE $896,000 from the Public Works Trust Fund No. 834/50, to the Special Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund No. 206/50, to a new account entitled "Westchester Streetscape Improvements Project," as a loan to be repaid by federal grant funds, as further detailed in the text of this Motion.

2. TRANSFER/APPROPRIATE $84,000 from Fund 682/50, Account 50G218 (SAFETEA-LU Westchester Streetscape Improvements Project), to the above named new account in the Gas Tax Fund 206/50, entitled "Westchester Streetscape Improvements Project".

3. INSTRUCT the Director, Bureau of Street Services (BSS), or designee, to request federal reimbursements relative to the above identified earmarked $980,000 in federal grant funds, and receive and deposit the reimbursements into the Gas Tax Fund 206/50 and to repay the Public Works Trust Fund upon receipt of each federal reimbursement received on this project, with full repayment to the Public Works Trust Fund to be made no later than June 30, 2014.

4. AUTHORIZE the Director, BSS, or designee, to make any technical corrections to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)
(Item Nos. 17-18)

ITEM NO. (17) - ADOPTED

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (REYES - ZINE) and RESOLUTION relative to grant funding for the development of a community-designed plan for streetscape improvements to Seventh Street.

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

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION and AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to apply for and accept funds, and execute a Caltrans Fiscal Year 2012-13 "Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning" grant in the amount of $165,000 for the development of a community-designed plan for streetscape improvements to Seventh Street.
ITEM NO. (18) - ADOPTED

12-0463-S1 CD 1

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (REYES - ZINE) and RESOLUTION relative to grant funding for the development of a community-designed plan for streetscape improvements to Vermont Street.

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

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION and AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to apply for and accept funds, and execute a Caltrans Fiscal Year 2012-13 "Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning” grant in the amount of $185,000 for the development of a community-designed plan for streetscape improvements to Vermont Street.

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT: None submitted.

(Transportation Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (19) - ADOPTED

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian and Reyes (3)

12-0600

MOTION (KREKORIAN - WESSON) relative to City Council holding public hearings on the Mayor's Proposed 2012-13 Budget for the City commencing on Friday, May 18, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the John Ferraro Council Chamber.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. HOLD public hearings on the Mayor's Proposed 2012-13 Budget for the City commencing on Friday, May 18, 2012 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the John Ferraro Council Chamber and continuing each regular and special Council meeting day at said hour until such time as the City Council concludes its consideration of the Proposed Budget.

2. SCHEDULE special meetings beginning 10:00 a.m., on Monday, May 21, 2012 and on Thursday, May 24, 2012, which shall be devoted entirely to consideration of the Budget and Finance Committee report and City Council motions to amend the Mayor's Proposed 2012-13 Budget.

3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, to provide information to the public on the Mayor's Proposed 2012-13 Budget and publish the required public notices.
ITEM NO. (20) - ADOPTED - *SEE FOLLOWING - TO REFLECT TECHNICAL CORRECTION NOTED BELOW

Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian and Reyes (3)

12-0459
CD 15

MOTION (BUSCAINO - ROSENDAHL) relative to funding in support of various community activities in Council District 15.

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

TRANSFER $2,556.50 in Council District 15 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. *000703 000715 (CD-15 Community Services) in support of various community activities.

Adopted, Ayes (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)
(Item Nos. 21-25)

ITEM NO. (21) - ADOPTED

11-1529-S5
MOTION (PARKS - PERRY) relative to changing the regularly scheduled meeting of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee from the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month to the Third Tuesday of each month.

Recommendation for Council action:

CHANGE, pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Administrative Code, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Education and Neighborhoods Committee from the 1st and 3rd of the month to the Third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m., this change to be effective immediately upon adoption of this Motion.

ITEM NO. (22) - ADOPTED

11-0651-S1
MOTION (KREKORIAN for CARDENAS - ZINE) and RESOLUTION relative to authorizing the Bureau of Sanitation to submit an application to CalRecycle to seek grant funding for the Cesar Chavez Recreation Complex.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Director, Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to submit an application to CalRecycle to seek grant funding up to $750,000 for the Cesar Chavez Recreation Complex and, if awarded the grant, to report to the City Council to obtain approval for the receipt of these funds and authorization to negotiate, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, grant agreements, amendments, payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.
2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION as required by the granting agency, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

ITEM NO. (23) - ADOPTED

12-0010-S11
MOTION (BUSCAINO - ENGLANDER) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Amado Lozano on May 31, 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 Amado Lozano on May 31, 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. (24) - ADOPTED

12-0458 CD 14
MOTION (BUSCAINO - ZINE) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings to vacate the Mission Road and Jesse Street Vacation District.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INITIATE street vacation proceedings, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 9, Part 3, Public Streets, Highways and Service Easements Vacation Law to vacate the Mission Road and Jesse Street Vacation District.

2. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to investigate the feasibility of this vacation request.

3. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to present its report regarding the feasibility of vacating the requested areas to the Public Works Committee.

4. DIRECT the City Clerk to schedule this request for the City Council’s consideration at the appropriate time under the City’s Street Vacation procedures.
ITEM NO. (25) - ADOPTED

12-0474
RESOLUTION (ROSENDAHL - ZINE) relative to declaring the month of April 2012 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:
RESOLVE to DECLARE the month of April 2012 as DMV/Donate Life California Month in the City of Los Angeles.

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ITEM NO. (26) - ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted in Open Session, Ayes (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)

12-0231
The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to settlement in the case entitled Shirin Buckman v. City of Los Angeles, Superior Court Case No. BC 448000. (This matter arises from a traffic collision between an on-duty Department of Transportation Parking Meter repair vehicle and a pedestrian on May 11, 2010.)

(Budget and Finance Committee to consider the above matter in Closed Session on April 2, 2012)

ADOPTED

MOTION (ENGLANDER - CARDENAS)

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

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to expend a total of $450,000 in settlement of the above-entitled matter from City Attorney Fund 100/59, Account No. 009770.

2. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to draw a demand thereon in the amount of $450,000 and made payable to the Law Offices of Barry Novack and Plaintiffs Shirin Buckman and Rahmin Buckman.

3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions.

This matter was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee (Krekorian - Englander - Rosendahl - Koretz "yes") at its meeting on April 2, 2012, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(a).
ITEM NO. (27) - ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted in Open Session, Ayes (11); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian, Reyes and Zine (4)

12-0377

The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to settlement in the case entitled Majestic Towers, Incorporated and 3515 Wilshire, LLC (jointly administered), and City of Los Angeles v. Majestic Towers, Incorporated, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC433746. (This matter involves a bankruptcy settlement from the jointly-administered bankruptcy estate of Majestic Towers, Incorporated and 3515 Wilshire, LLC. The proposed settlement would also include the Los Angeles Superior Court action in which judgment was entered for the City against Majestic and is currently being appealed by Majestic.)

(Budget and Finance Committee to consider the above matter in Closed Session on April 2, 2012)

ADOPTED

MOTION (ENGLANDER - CARDENAS)

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

APPROVE a bankruptcy settlement in the amount of $2.65 million from the jointly-administered bankruptcy estates of Majestic Towers, Inc. (Majestic) and 3515 Wilshire, LLC. The proposed settlement would also include resolution of the Los Angeles Superior Court action in which judgment was entered for the City against Majestic and is currently being appealed by Majestic.

This matter was approved by the Budget and Finance Committee (Krekorian - Englander-Rosendahl - Koretz "yes") at its meeting on April 2, 2012, in Closed Session as permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9(a).

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

12-0498

MOTION (HUIZAR - GARCETTI) relative to funding for the community beautification efforts of the Clean and Green program in Council District 14.

12-0500

MOTION (ENGLANDER - WESSON) relative to funding for additional support of local neighborhood programs services and needs in Council District 12.

12-0504

MOTION (HUIZAR - ALARCON) relative to instructing the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 63.44 et seq to change the hours of operation in City Hall Park.
MOTION (ALARCON - HUIZAR) relative to changing the regularly scheduled meeting day and time of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee.

MOTION (KORETZ - LABONGE) relative to installing street banners announcing the Pick Pico Weekend on June 1-3, 2012.

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Buscaino was excused to leave at 11:30 a.m. from Council Session of Friday, May 4, 2012.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Huizar was excused to leave at 11:15 a.m. from Council Session of Tuesday, May 8, 2012 due to City Business.

Upon his request, and without objections, Councilmember Cárdenas was excused from Council Sessions of Friday, May 11, Wednesday, May 18 and Friday, May 25, 2012 all due to City Business.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

12-0004-S1 - Hagop Panossian, Ph. D Perry - Zine

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

12-0003-S1 - Curtis Piggee Parks - Perry

Ashley Sandall LaBonge

Alarcón, Cárdenas, Englander, Garcetti, Huizar, Koretz, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl, Zine and President Wesson (12); Absent: Buscaino, Krekorian and Reyes (3)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL