

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceeding**

October 8 2013

TUESDAY - JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM 340, CITY HALL 200 NORTH
SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 - 10:00 AM

TUESDAY

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL

Members present: Blumenfield, Bonin, Cedillo, Fuentes, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, O'Farrell, and President Wesson (10); Absent: Buscaino, Englander, Martinez, Parks and Price (5)

Approval of the Minutes

Commendatory Resolutions, Introductions and Presentations

Public Testimony of Non-agenda Items Within Jurisdiction of Council

Items Noticed for Public Hearing

ITEM NO. (1)

HEARING PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS to Building and Safety Department report and confirmation of lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) and/or Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC).

Recommendation for Council action:

HEAR PROTEST, APPEALS OR OBJECTIONS relative to proposed lien for nuisance abatement costs and/or non-compliance of code violations/Annual Inspection costs, pursuant to LAMC and/or LAAC and CONFIRM said lien for the following properties:

(a)

[13-0160-S114](#)

CD 15 788 West Summerland Avenue. (Lien: \$2,727.93)

Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(b)

[13-0160-S115](#)

CD 15 821 North Sanford Avenue. (Lien: \$1,398.14)

Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

RECEIVE AND FILE INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID

(c)

[13-0160-S116](#)

CD 15 951 East Imperial Highway. (Lien: \$568.40)

Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

RECEIVE AND FILE INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID

(d)

[13-0160-S117](#)

CD 13 1077 North Oxford Avenue. (Lien: \$850.12)

Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

RECEIVE AND FILE INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID

(e)

[13-0160-S118](#)

CD 15 1247 East 104th Street. (Lien: \$2,461.11)

Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 16, 2013

(f)

[13-0160-S119](#)

CD 13 3001 North Delay Drive. (Lien: \$2,805.60)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(g)

[13-0160-S120](#)

CD 15 2212 East 103rd Street. (Lien: \$2,350.75)

Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

RECEIVE AND FILE INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID

(h)

[13-0160-S121](#)

CD 8 2172 West Florence Avenue. (Lien: \$953.74)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(i)

[13-0160-S122](#)

CD 15 1804 East 109th Street. (Lien: \$5,324.08)

Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 16, 2013

(j)

[13-0160-S123](#)

1942 South Hobart Boulevard. (Lien: \$2,700.78)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(k)

[13-0160-S124](#)

CD 9 5940 South Wall Street. (Lien: \$7,892)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(l)

[13-0160-S125](#)

CD 13 5945 West Barton Avenue aka 5941 and 5943 West Barton Avenue. (Lien:
\$7,242.31)

**Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander ,
Martinez , Parks , Price (5)**

RECEIVED AND FILED INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID

(m)

[13-0160-S126](#)

CD 3 18319 West Hart Street, House #11. (Lien: \$4,721.70)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(n)

[13-0160-S127](#)

CD 2 4865 North Bakman Avenue aka 11304-11306 Huston Street. (Lien:
\$14,671.53)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(o)

[13-0160-S128](#)

CD 3 18926 West Wyandotte Street. (Lien: \$8,380.40)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(p)

[13-0160-S100](#)

CD 2 6552 North Woodman Avenue. (Lien: \$9,491.59)

(Continued from Council meeting of September 10, 2013)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

(q)

[13-0160-S101](#)

CD 12 17432 West Hart Street. (Lien: \$20,603.36)

(Continued from Council meeting of September 10, 2013)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED

ITEM NO. (2)

[13-0679](#)

CD 11 HEARING PROTEST relative to vacating the alley easterly of Brooks Avenue

from Abbot Kinney Boulevard to its northerly terminus (VAC-E1401216).

(Categorical Exemption, Findings and Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee report adopted on September 4, 2013)

Adopted, (10) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Martinez , Parks , Price (5)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - CITY ENGINEER INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED

Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held

ITEM NO. (3)

[13-1211](#)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR and CITY ETHICS COMMISSION relative to the appointment of Mr. Anthony Pirozzi to the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Anthony Pirozzi to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2015, to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Cindy Miscikowski, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Mr. Pirozzi resides in Council District 15. (Current commission gender composition: M = 3; F = 2)

Ethics Commission review: Complete.

Background Check: Complete.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 27, 2013

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 25, 2013)

(Trade, Commerce and Tourism Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)

(Click on the above hyperlink or go to <http://www.lacouncilfile.com> for background documents.)

ADOPTED

TRADE, COMMERCE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the

appointment of Mr. Anthony Pirozzi to the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Anthony Pirozzi to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2015, to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Cindy Miscikowski, is **APPROVED** and **CONFIRMED**. Mr. Pirozzi resides in Council District 15. (Current commission gender composition: M = 3; F = 2.)

Ethics Commission Review: Complete.

Background Check: Complete.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE - OCTOBER 27, 2013

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - OCTOBER 25, 2013)

Adopted - FORTHWITH, (14) ; Absent: Englander (1)

ITEM NO. (4)

[12-0564-S1](#)

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to include a definition of television pilots and to exempt the filming of television pilots from certain fees.

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

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending Subsections (b) and (d) of Section 41.20 and adding Subsection (a)(11) to Section 41.20.1 of the LAMC to include a definition of television pilots and exempt the filming of television pilots from certain fees.
2. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinance dated July 26, 2013.

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.

(Continued from Council meeting of September 24, 2013)

Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (15)

CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 15, 2013

ITEM NO. (5)

[12-0899-S1](#)

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Park Ranger Program.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge - Fuentes):

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks and City Administrative Officer (CAO) to conduct a study in 60 days in regards to required Park Ranger staffing levels, including:

- a. Investigating priorities for managed hiring and/or other procedures necessary for hiring more Park Rangers.
- b. An analysis of the specific numbers of Park Rangers and support personnel required for optimal staffing.
- c. An analysis of the park system on a regional basis to determine where the greatest need for Park Rangers exists.
- d. An analysis of required equipment and infrastructure to support Park Rangers.
- e. Creation of a Reserve Park Ranger program.
- f. Coordination with rangers from other governmental agencies.
- g. An overview of the Park Ranger Program prior to reductions in numbers of Park Rangers in comparison with the current situation.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

ADOPTED

AMENDING MOTION (FUENTES - LABONGE)

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks to include a report on re-establishing the Chief Park Ranger position; and appointing a California Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified Chief Ranger for the City of Los Angeles Park Ranger Division; and an analysis of the impacts regionally and city-wide since the elimination of the Chief Park Ranger position.

Adopt as Amended, (14) ; Absent: Englander (1)

Items for which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - (10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (6)

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 attached to the Council File:

(a)

[13-0005-S598](#)

CD 8 441 West Century Boulevard (Case No. 377142) Assessor I.D. No. 6054-032-043

Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

(b)

[13-0005-S599](#)

CD 9 317 West 76th Street (Case No. 417976) Assessor I.D. No. 6031-010-021

Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

ITEM NO. (7)

[08-1179](#)

FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING DATE relative to establishing **OCTOBER 29, 2013**, as the date for hearing appeals against confirmation of assessment for the improvement project under 1911 Act of Warbler Way (near Doheny Drive) Sewer Improvement Project with mainline sanitary sewer, house connection sewer (laterals), appurtenant structures, and related work - A'11-SZC11898.

(Board of Public Works Hearing Date: October 21, 2013)

Adopted, (12) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Price (3)

SET FOR HEARING OCTOBER 29, 2013

ITEM NO. (8)

[11-0023-S13](#)

CD 9 COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE relative to the status of the Farmers Field and Event Center project and options for the renovation of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Motion (Perry - Parks), the Chief Legislative Analyst report dated March 26, 2013, and the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Stadium and Convention Center Renovation dated March 27, 2013.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

ITEM NO. (9)

[13-0657](#)

CD 9 COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE relative to an evaluation of the Los Angeles Convention Center facilities and amenities.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the Chief Legislative Analyst report dated May 28, 2013 relative to an evaluation of the Los Angeles Convention Center facilities and amenities.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

ITEM NO. (10)

[11-1151-S2](#)

CD 12

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (ENGLANDER - BLUMENFIELD) relative to a License Agreement with the Gas Company for the installation, operation and maintenance of the Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the License Agreement with the Gas Company (attached to the Council file) to enable the installation, operation and maintenance of RAWS in Council District 12.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Department of General Services, to execute the License Agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Innovation, Technology, and General Services Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Adopted, (12) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Price (3)

ITEM NO. (11)

[13-0010-S32](#)

CD 15

MOTION (BUSCAINO - BLUMENFIELD) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Manuel Ayala on September 16, 2013.

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 Manuel Ayala on September 16, 2013.
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.

Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

ITEM NO. (12)

[13-1291](#)

CD 4 MOTION (LABONGE - BUSCAINO) relative to funding for community services in Council District Four.

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

1. TRANSFER/APPROPRIATE \$35,000 in the Council District Four portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56 to the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 0704 (CD 4 Community Services) and be allocated/utilized therefrom to partially fund any aspect of the community activities conducted by or on behalf of the community organizations listed below and in the amounts specified.
2. DIRECT the City Clerk to prepare the necessary document(s) and/or agreement(s) with the below name entities, or any other agencies or organizations, as appropriate, in the below listed amounts, for the below listed purposes, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, if needed, and AUTHORIZE the Councilmember of the Fourth District to execute such agreement(s) or other document(s) on behalf of the City.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	General Operating	\$5,000

CalArts Program	Expenses	
A-D Architecture + Design Museum	General Operating Expenses	10,000
Mural Conservancy of Los Angeles	General Operating Expenses	5,000
The Blank Theater	General Operating Expenses	10,000
Robert Graham Studio or Coliseum Commission	Refurbishment of Olympic Statues	<u>5,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$35,000

3. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

Adopted, (12) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Price (3)

ITEM NO. (13)

[13-0344-S1](#)

CD 1 MOTION (BUSCAINO - CEDILLO) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings to vacate Sichel Street between Baldwin and Mozart Streets.

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 for Sichel Street between Baldwin and Mozart Streets.
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.
- 5.

Adopted, (12) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Price (3)

MOTION ADOPTED UPON FINDINGS BY COUNCIL THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)(2) AND COUNCIL RULE 23

13-0010-S34

Findings Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

Motion Adopted, (13) ; Absent: Englander , LaBonge (2)

MOTION (O'FARRELL - BONIN) relative to an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the death of Keymontae Mackenzie on September 27, 2013.

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 Keymontae Mackenzie on September 27, 2013.**
- 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.**

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

13-1319 MOTION (BLUMENFIELD - WESSON) relative to rehabilitating/reconstructing a 61 unit affordable housing project at 7237, 7251, 7255, and 7261 Amigo Avenue in Council District Three.

13-0770-S1 MOTION (PRICE - WESSON) relative to the process of establishment of the proposed Central Avenue Business Improvement District.

13-1333 MOTION (FUENTES - BLUMENFIELD) relative to the Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Broadcast and Webcast.

13-1332 MOTION (PRICE - KREKORIAN) relative to the funding to further support community services in Council District Nine.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:

13-0004-S3	Wiley College & University of Southern California Exhibition Debate	Wesson - LaBonge
	Laserium	LaBonge - O'Farrell
	Independent Shakespeare Co.	LaBonge - O'Farrell
	Italian American Heritage Month October 2013	Buscaino - LaBonge - O'Farrell

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

13-0003-S3	Joyce Black	Koretz - All Councilmembers
	Leonardo Bologna	Buscaino - All Councilmembers

ENDING ROLL CALL

Blumenfield, Bonin, Buscaino, Cedillo, Fuentes, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, Martinez, O'Farrell, Parks, Price and President Wesson (13); Absent: Englander and LaBonge (2)

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, INTERIM CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL