

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

**Tuesday, January 21, 2014**

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

(For further details see Official Council Files)

**(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)**

## **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present: Blumenfield, Buscaino, Cedillo, Englander, Fuentes, Krekorian, LaBonge, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price and President Wesson (11); Absent: Bonin, Huizar, Koretz and Parks (4)**

**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-S167](#)

CD 8 552 West 110th Street. (Lien: \$6,555.99)

(Continued from Council meeting of December 17, 2013)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 12 ) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

**CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

(b)

[13-0160-S168](#)

CD 13            1277 North Western Avenue. (Lien: \$6,838.44)

(Continued from Council meeting of December 18, 2013)

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED**

(c)

[13-0160-S136](#)

CD 8            2315 West Vernon Avenue. (Lien: \$2,769.12)

(Continued from Council meeting of January 14, 2014)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JANUARY 22, 2014**

**Items for which Public Hearings Have Been Held**

ITEM NO.        (2)

[13-1698](#)

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the appointment of Ms. Lisa Waltz Morocco to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Lisa Waltz Morocco to the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission for the term ending June 30, 2016 is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Ms. Morocco resides in Council District Five. (Current commission gender composition: M = 2; F = 3).

Ethics Commission Review: Completed.

Background Check: Completed.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - JANUARY 31, 2014**

**(LAST DATE FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JANUARY 31, 2014)**

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

ITEM NO. (3)

[13-1588](#)

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to request for one substitute authority for one Safety Engineer for the Department of General Services (GSD).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the November 26, 2013 City Administrative Officer (CAO) report relative to request for one substitute authority for one Safety Engineer (Class Code 1727-0) for the GSD within the Finance and Special Services Division.
2. INSTRUCT the CAO to report in regards to the criteria used to evaluate requests for substitute position authorities, including:
  - a. The number of requests for substitute position authorities that have been submitted by City departments for the current fiscal year.
  - b. The number of requests for substitute position authorities that have been forwarded to Council with recommendations for or against approval.
  - c. The number of requests for substitute position authorities currently being evaluated by the CAO.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no additional impact to the General Fund. The GSD is requesting substitute authority for one Safety Engineer. The GSD will hold one General Funded financed position of Equipment Mechanic to partially offset the cost for this substitute position. The remaining cost will be offset using existing salary savings.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

ITEM NO. (4)

[13-0019](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE and PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to activities undertaken by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) regarding the recruitment and selection of qualified police officer candidates during the period of January through June, 2012.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the December 28, 2012 Personnel Department report relative to activities undertaken by the LAPD regarding the recruitment and selection of qualified police officer candidates during the period of January through June, 2012.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

ITEM NO. (5)

[13-1615](#)

CD 4

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the establishment of Temporary Preferential Parking District (TPPD) No. 182 for Stansbury Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that an adverse parking impact affecting fewer than six blocks exists, from which the residents deserve immediate relief, in the residential area of Stansbury Avenue in Council District Four.
2. FIND that the establishment of TPPD No 182 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption under Article III, 1, a, 3 of the 2002 Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION establishing TPPD No. 182, pursuant to Section 80.58.d of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), for the residential portions of Stansbury Avenue, Calhoun Avenue and Hazeltine Avenue all between Collins Street and Burbank Boulevard.
4. AUTHORIZE the use of the "1 HOUR PARKING 9 AM - 3 PM; MONDAY-SUNDAY; DISTRICT NO. 182 PERMITS EXEMPT" restriction on both sides of all residential blocks in TPPD No. 182.

5. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

- a. Initiate the necessary procedures for the preparation and sale of parking permits to residents within TPDD No. 182, as specified in LAMC Section 80.58.
- b. Post the authorized parking restriction signs on the residential portion of Stansbury Avenue upon Council action establishing the District.
- c. Post or remove the authorized parking restriction signs on any street segment in the district, except for areas where parking is currently prohibited at all times in the interest of traffic flow or safety, upon receipt and verification of signatures from the residents of any block requesting the posting or removal of the approved parking restriction for their block, and representing at least 67 percent of the dwelling units on their block.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that revenue from the sale of Preferential Parking Permits will cover the cost of implementation and administration of TPPD 182. The City will gain additional General Fund revenue from the issuance of parking citations to violators of the District's parking restrictions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

ITEM NO. (6)

[13-0486](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current level of integration and compatibility between the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control camera system (ATSAC) and the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) surveillance monitoring system.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE Motion (Englander – Buscaino – Garcetti – Zine) instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), LAPD, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report relative to the current level of integration and compatibility between ATSAC and LAPD's surveillance monitoring system, and related matters.
2. DIRECT the LAPD and LADOT to report to the Public Safety and Transportation Committees in the first quarter of 2014 relative to the

availability of grant funds to update ATSAC cameras for use by the LAPD, and converting cameras from analog to digital format.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted to Refer, Unanimous Vote ( 11 ) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

ITEM NO. (7)

[13-0740](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the City's Cyber Security Working Group and ensuring the security of the City's critical infrastructure systems.

Recommendations for Council action:

NOTE and FILE Motion (Englander – Garcetti – Buscaino) requesting the City's Cyber Security Working Group report relative to its initial work and its plans for ensuring the security of the City's critical infrastructure systems.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11 ) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

ITEM NO. (8)

[13-1210-S1](#)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Development Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. (Constellation) to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Hyperion Treatment Plant (HTP) Digester Gas Utilization Project (DGUP).

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, on behalf of the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), to execute the Development Agreement with Constellation to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the HTP DGUP.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that

there is no General Fund impact. The proposed Development Agreement will be fully funded from the Sewer Capital and Sewer Operation and Maintenance Funds. Sufficient funds have been provided in the 2013-14 Adopted Budget to support the first year costs of the Agreement and future year funding will be appropriated through the City's annual budget process and subject to Mayor and Council approval. In addition, the Agreement contains a Financial Liability Clause which limits the City's annual financial obligation to the amount that is approved in the corresponding year's budget. Therefore, the recommendation, as detailed above and in the January 13, 2014 CAO report, attached to the Council file, complies with the City's Financial Policies as ongoing revenues will support ongoing expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - MARCH 14, 2014**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MARCH 5, 2014)**

**Adopted - FORTHWITH, ( 11 ) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

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

ITEM NO. (9)

[13-1652](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to the appointment of Ms. Lara Yeretsian to the Police Permit Review Panel.

Recommendation for Council action:

RESOLVE that the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Lara Yeretsian to the Police Permit Review Panel for the term ending June 30, 2014, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Joy Atkinson, is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Ms. Yeretsian resides in Council District Four. (New Board gender composition: F=3; M=4).

Ethics Commission Review: Pending.

Background Check: Completed.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE - JANUARY 23, 2014**

**LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - JANUARY 22, 2014)**

**(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter)**

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

ITEM NO. (10)

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)

[14-0005-S6](#)

CD 3 20247 1/2 West Lanark Street (Case No. 391056) Assessor I.D. No. 2107-002-071

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

(b)

[14-0005-S7](#)

CD 9 138 West 76th Street (Case No. 175624) Assessor I.D. No. 6031-013-005

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

(c)

[14-0005-S8](#)

CD 10 5264 West Edgewood Avenue (Case No. 208751) Assessor I.D. No. 5084-019-007



**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

(d)

[14-0005-S9](#)

CD 10            5264 West Edgewood Avenue (Case No. 357202) Assessor I.D. No. 5084-019-007

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

(e)

[14-0005-S10](#)

CD 10            1241 South Sycamore Avenue (Case No. 394067) Assessor I.D. No. 5084-030-011

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

(f)

[14-0005-S11](#)

CD 14            1441 North Ricardo Street (Case No. 425905) Assessor I.D. No. 5202-014-015

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

ITEM NO.        (11)

[13-1400](#)

CD 13            CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (O'FARRELL - BUSCAINO) relative to removing the street widening improvement requirement to maintain consistent street standards and to promote the pedestrian experience for a mixed use development located at 5663-5647 Melrose Avenue and 5742-5766 West Camerford Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to remove the street widening improvement requirement along Melrose Avenue from Case

Number VTT-66997-1A (BOE Condition No. 2) and CPC 2006-6519-ZC-ZV-HD-ZAA-SPR (Transportation Dedications No. 2) to maintain consistent street standards on Melrose Avenue and to promote the pedestrian experience.

2. INSTRUCT the BOE, the Planning Department and, in consultation with the City Attorney, any other appropriate city department, bureau or agency, to work cooperatively with the applicant through the Revocable Permit process to allow for the enhanced parkway, wider sidewalk and enhanced landscaping.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Public Works and Gang Reduction and Planning and Land Use Management Committees waived consideration of the above matter)**

(Continued from Council meeting of November 19, 2013)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11 ) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Krekorian , Parks (4)**

**CONTINUED TO APRIL 23, 2014**

ITEM NO. (12)

[14-0050](#)

CD 10 MOTION (WESSON - BLUMENFIELD) relative to funding for construction of wrought iron fencing and gate work at walkways south of the 10 Freeway northerly of Adams Boulevard between Virginia Road and Bronson Avenue.

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

1. TRANSFER/APPROPRIATE \$77,160 in the Pipeline Franchise Revenue portion of the Council District 10 Real Property Trust Fund No. 692 to the General Services Fund No. 100/40, for construction of wrought iron fencing and gate work at walkways south of the 10 Freeway northerly of Adams Boulevard between Virginia Road and Bronson Avenue, as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
001014	Construction Salaries	\$14,260
003180	Construction Materials & Supplies	\$62,900

2. AUTHORIZE the General Services Department to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

**Adopted - FORTHWITH, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

ITEM NO. (13)

[14-0051](#)

CD 13 MOTION (O'FARRELL - BUSCAINO) relative to funding for the installation of an art work called the Sunset Junction\_BLOOMRS as part of the Sunset Junction Streetscape project located between Santa Monica Boulevard and Edgecliffe Street.

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

1. TRANSFER/APPROPRIATE \$124,758 in the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281213 (CD 13 Redevelopment Projects - Services) to the Street Services Fund No. 100/86, Account No. 3040 (Contractual Services) for the installation of an art work called the Sunset Junction\_BLOOMRS as part of the Sunset Junction Streetscape project located between Santa Monical Boulevard and Edgecliffe Street by Lexington Design & Fabrication with the assistance of John Labib & Associates.
2. DIRECT the Bureau of Street Services to prepare, process and execute the necessary document(s) or agreement(s) with Lexington Design & Fabrication and/or John Labib & Associates, or any other agency or organization, as appropriate, in the above amount, for the above purpose, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, if needed.
3. FIND that the services to be performed by Lexington Design & Fabrication and/or John Labib & Associates are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees.
4. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Services 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: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

ITEM NO. (14)

[14-0052](#)

CD 8 MOTION (PARKS - O'FARRELL) relative to funding for additional entertainment

for sound and arts & crafts for the Martin Luther King Festival on January 20, 2014.

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

1. TRANSFER/APPROPRIATE \$20,000 in the Council District Eight portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, to the Council District Eight portion of the Cultural Affairs Fund No. 100/30, Account No. 9669 (Council Civic Fund) to provide funding for additional entertainment for sound and arts & crafts for the Martin Luther King Festival on January 20, 2014.
2. AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to make any technical corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

ITEM NO. (15)

[12-1000-S2](#)

MOTION (HUIZAR - KREKORIAN) relative to an agreement with The California Endowment for work related to revising the Quimby and Finn Fee and park land acquisition and access programs.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the Planning Department to negotiate and execute the required agreement with The California Endowment to receive up to \$47,500 over one year in grant funds for work related to revising the Quimby and Finn fee and park land acquisition programs in support of the Health Element of the City's General Plan, and to cause these funds to be deposited and appropriated into a new account in the City Planning Grant Trust Fund No. 46Y: Appropriation Unit No. 68K205.
2. AUTHORIZE the Planning Department to negotiate and execute an amendment to an existing contract with Raimi and Associates (Contract No. C-121012) to expand the scope of work to include tasks associated with outreach, research, policy and ordinance work to improve upon the Quimby and Finn fee and park land acquisition programs.

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Bonin , Huizar , Parks (3)**

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

14-0076 MOTION (BUSCAINO - CEDILLO) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings to vacate a portion of the alley northwesterly of Main Street between 9th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

14-0077 MOTION (BUSCAINO - CEDILLO) relative to initiating street vacation proceedings to vacate portions of the northwesterly side of Main Street between 9th and 11th Streets.

14-0002-S8 RESOLUTION (KORETZ - BLUMENFIELD) relative to a statewide water bond.

**COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:**

14-0004 Richard Hilton Englander - Fuentes - Blumenfield  
- Martinez  
San Fernando High School Football Fuentes - Martinez  
Angela Kaufman, Deaf Awareness Month LaBonge - Martinez  
2013

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

14-0003 Imogene Jean Talley Roth LaBonge - All Councilmembers  
Juliette Michaela Alsobrooks Wesson - All Councilmembers

**ENDING ROLL CALL**

Blumenfield, Buscaino, Cedillo, Englander, Fuentes, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Martinez, O'Farrell, Price and President Wesson (12); Absent: Bonin, Huizar and Parks (3)

**Whereupon the Council did adjourn.**

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, INTERIM CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL