

**Friday, May 30, 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, Bonin, Cedillo, Fuentes, Huizar, Koretz, LaBonge, Martinez, O'Farrell, Parks and President Wesson (11); **Absent:** Buscaino, Englander, Krekorian and Price (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)

[14-0160-S99](#)

CD 10 5733 West Jefferson Boulevard aka 3351 La Cienega Place. (Lien: \$9,057.47)

**Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote ( 11 ) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

**RECEIVED AND FILED INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID**

(b)

[14-0160-S100](#)

CD 11 633 North Radcliffe Avenue. (Lien: \$656.64)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11 ) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

(c)

[14-0160-S101](#)

CD 9                      628 East 76th Place. (Lien: \$652.26)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

(d)

[14-0160-S102](#)

CD 12                      22200 West Plummer Street. (Lien: \$691.01)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

(e)

[14-0160-S103](#)

CD 9                      210 East 74th Street. (Lien: \$682.63)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

(f)

[14-0160-S104](#)

CD 8                      219 East 111th Street. (Lien: \$4,106.47)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

(g)

[14-0160-S105](#)

CD 4                      14345 West Mulholland Drive aka 3355 North Beverly Glen Boulevard. (Lien: \$669.08)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

(h)

[14-0160-S106](#)

CD 10                      1926 South Rimpau Boulevard. (Lien: \$677.43)

**Adopted to Receive and File, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**  
**RECEIVED AND FILED INASMUCH AS LIEN HAS BEEN PAID**

(i)

[14-0160-S51](#)

CD 7                      12511 North Cometa Avenue. (Lien: \$1,805.84)

(Continued from Council meeting of May 16, 2014)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**  
**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

(j)

[13-0160-S167](#)

CD 15                      552 West 110th Street. (Lien: \$6,555.99)

(Continued from Council meeting of May 23, 2014)

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**  
**CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2014**

ITEM NO.                      (2)

HEARING PROTESTS relative to Office of Finance reports requesting approval to record liens against taxpayers for unpaid taxes.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of Finance to record a lien for unpaid taxes in the amounts stated below, pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 21.15(o) for the following:

(a)

[14-0170-S25](#)

CD 11                      The Park at LAX Inc. (Lien: \$45,690.81)

(Continued from the Council meeting of May 16, 2014)

**Adopted, ( 12) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Price (3)**  
**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED**

(b)

[14-0170-S26](#)

CD 11                      The Park at LAX Inc. (Lien: \$512,800.32)

(Continued from the Council meeting of May 16, 2014)

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

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED - LIEN CONFIRMED**

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

ITEM NO.                      (3)

[14-0494](#)

**HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to the appointment of Mr. Ben Pak to the Affordable Housing Commission.

**Recommendation for Council action:**

**RESOLVE** that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Ben Pak to the Affordable Housing Commission for the term ending June 30, 2015 is **APPROVED** and **CONFIRMED**. Mr. Pak resides in Council District 12. (Commission gender composition: M=6; F=1)

**Financial Disclosure Statement:** Not required.

**Background Check:** Completed.

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT ITEM - JUNE 2, 2014**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MAY 30, 2014)**

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO.                      (4)

[14-0110](#)

CD 2                      **ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION** relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Hazeltine Avenue and Collins Street Lighting District.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO.                      (5)

[14-0111](#)

CD 13

ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the San Fernando Road and Treadwell Street Lighting District.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (6)

[14-0112](#)

CD 14

ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Marengo and State Streets Lighting District.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (7)

[14-0182](#)

CD 3

ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Wilbur Avenue and Hatteras Street Lighting District.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (8)

[14-0183](#)

CD 11

ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the La Tijera Boulevard and Thornburn Street No. 1 Lighting District.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (9)

[14-0184](#)

CD 10

ORDINANCE SECOND CONSIDERATION relative to the improvement and maintenance of the Crenshaw Boulevard and Rodeo Road Street Lighting District.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (10)

[13-1236](#)

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to signage and location markers for the Los Angeles River Bike/Jogging/Walking Path.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE Motion (Cedillo - LaBonge - O'Farrell) relative to installing street signage or other appropriate location markers to the Los Angeles River Bike/Jogging/Walking Path and identifying locations where Emergency Call Boxes may be appropriate.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 6, 2014**

ITEM NO. (11)

[11-0102](#)

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the First and Second Status Reports for the Los Angeles River Projects for 2013-14.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the January 3, and May 8, 2014 City Administrative Officer First and Second Status Reports relative to the Los Angeles River Projects for 2013-14.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (12)

[14-0601](#)

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER (APHAR) COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of various projects connected with the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan (LARRMP).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the May 7, 2014 Bureau of Engineering (BOE)/Los Angeles River Project Office relative to the status of various projects connected with the LRRMP.
2. INSTRUCT the BOE/Los Angeles River Project Office to incorporate into its monthly report directions and recommendations on all pending items, outlined separately from

the list of active projects, that the APHAR Committee should consider.

3. INSTRUCT the BOE/Los Angeles River Project Office to report at the next regular meeting of the APHAR Committee in regard to all pending State legislation that will have any impact on the Los Angeles River.
4. INSTRUCT the BOE/Los Angeles River Project Office to provide an update in regard to the Army Corps of Engineers' Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study with said report to include:
  - a. A description of the project's current status.
  - b. A description and analysis with recommendations of what actions the City needs to take to ensure that the full scope of the Army Corps of Engineers' Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is adhered to, as directed by the Resolution adopted by Council on August 23, 2013 (Council File No. 10-0270-S3).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BOE/Los Angeles River Project Office reports that its May 7, 2014 report is for informational purposes only and there is no fiscal impact anticipated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (13)  
[14-0443](#)

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FILM AND TV PRODUCTION JOBS REPORT relative to the creation of a survey and system for City of Los Angeles film permit recipients to provide feedback regarding their experiences working with the City and FilmLA.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Krekorian - Price):

1. DIRECT the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to work with organizations such as the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation to create a survey, which would be sent to all those who received a filming permit from the city in the past two years, to ask them to evaluate their experience working with the City of Los Angeles, FilmLA, and all City departments.
2. INSTRUCT the EWDD to report on options to create a system which would allow for continuing feedback on City film policies and services.
3. INSTRUCT the Citywide Filming Coordinator, EWDD, to report in 60 days on the results of exit interviews and other outreach to the Industry, and to propose solutions to the challenges presented.

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.

(Continued from Council meeting of May 16, 2014)

**Adopted - FORTHWITH, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (14)

[14-0471](#)

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FILM AND TV PRODUCTION JOBS REPORT relative to eliminating impediments to filming in Los Angeles and improving efficiency and coordination of film permits.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Krekorian - Price - O'Farrell):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to report on the number of Recreation and Park monitors needed to process permits promptly and options for adjusting permit fees to recover the cost of additional park monitors.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA, CAO, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to report on personnel needed for accurate and timely posting of signs for location film shoots throughout the city.
3. INSTRUCT the RAP and the Los Angeles Fire Department to work with the Information Technology Agency, and for the Departments to report on the feasibility of developing a connection with FilmLA's computer systems for the purpose of efficiently tracking locations, staff, and permits among departments and with the City's contractor.
4. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department to report on the feasibility of creating a rapid response capability to deploy officers near location shoots when notified that individuals near film productions are engaging in extortive behavior against filming.
5. INSTRUCT and REQUEST as appropriate, the Los Angeles Public Library Department and City Attorney to work with FilmLA to streamline the permitting process for filming in libraries.
6. INSTRUCT the CLA and CAO to work with FilmLA and report on the feasibility of shortening the holiday moratorium on filming and the possibility of expanding shooting hours for Downtown Los Angeles.
7. REQUEST the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to report on:
  - a. Reevaluation of sites that have been determined to be off-limits because of Homeland Security concerns, or out-of-use.
  - b. Progress that has been made on providing power nodes for use in the Industry and whether there are additional ways to expand that program.
  - c. Ways in which the LADWP might be able to alleviate some of the impacts of power rates on industry businesses.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.



(Continued from Council meeting of May 16, 2014)

**ADOPTED**

**AMENDING MOTION (HUIZAR - KREKORIAN)**

**Recommendation for Council action:**

**ADOPT** the following recommendation in lieu of Recommendation No. 6:

**INSTRUCT** the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer to work with Council District 14, Council District 9 and FilmLA and report on the holiday moratorium on filming and shooting hours for Downtown Los Angeles and on how to increase public outreach during filming in Downtown Los Angeles.

**Adopted as Amended - FORTHWITH, ( 12 ) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Price (3)**

ITEM NO. (15)

[11-1345](#)

CD 7

**PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to the operation of the North East Valley Animal Shelter by Best Friends Animal Society.

**Recommendation for Council action:**

**NOTE** and **FILE** the September 12, 2012 and April 22, 2014 Department of Animal Services reports relative to the operation of the North East Valley Animal Shelter by Best Friends Animal Society.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11 ) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (16)

[14-0661](#)

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to applications for Metro's Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program funding for seven proposed projects.

**Recommendations for Council action:**

1. **APPROVE** the list of projects in the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report to Council dated May 19, 2014 (attached to the Council file), as the City's priorities for Metro's Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program funding.

2. **DIRECT** the General Manager, LADOT, on behalf of the City, to submit grant applications for all recommended projects in the final list of projects to Metro for possible funding.
3. **AUTHORIZE** the General Manager, LADOT, or Director or General Manager of the lead City Department, to execute any necessary funding and contractual documents, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, for grants to the City approved in the Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund inasmuch as no matching funds are required for the funding application. However, projects will provide funding match via staff time which is generally funded through the City's special transportation funds (Prop A, C, and/or Measure R) outreach efforts of project partners. Projects will include an in-kind funding match of staff time and quantify outreach efforts that continue to be conducted through the lives of the projects.

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

ITEM NO. (17)  
[13-1190](#)

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the adoption of fee waivers for New Hope partners and Revised New Hope Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the April 23, 2014 City Attorney report relative to the adoption of fee waivers for New Hope Partners and Revised New Hope Program.
2. DIRECT the Department of Animal Services to secure approval by the City Administrative Officer (CAO) with a report to City Council prior to any future fee increases or other financial changes to the New Hope Program.

**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, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , Krekorian , Price (4)**

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

ITEM NO. (18)

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 and Community Investment Department (LAHCID), Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the LAHCID's report attached to the Council File:

(a)

[14-0005-S236](#)

CD 1                      1423 South Westmoreland Avenue (Case No. 394819) Assessor I.D. No. 5056-002-012

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

(b)

[14-0005-S237](#)

CD 1                      1622 West 11th Street (Case No. 427305) Assessor I.D. No. 5137-019-013

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

(c)

[14-0005-S238](#)

CD 2                      4380 North Bakman Avenue (Case No. 452538) Assessor I.D. No. 2366-006-001

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

(d)

[14-0005-S239](#)

CD 14                      3224 East 4th Street (Case No. 412622) Assessor I.D. No. 5186-006-011

**Adopted, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

ITEM NO.                      (19)

[13-1400](#)

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 April 30, 2014)

**ADOPTED**

**AMENDING MOTION (O'FARRELL - MARTINEZ)**

Recommendation for Council action:

**DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to work with the property owner to record a Covenant and Agreement to run with the land ensuring that all costs associated with any future requirement to widen Melrose Avenue up to the initially required 15 feet are the responsibility of the property owner at that time.**

**Adopted as Amended, ( 11) ; Absent: Buscaino , Englander , O'Farrell , Price (4)**

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

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| 14-0710     | MOTION (LABONGE - WESSON) relative to funding for a program of exchange with the Berlin Zoo associated with our Sister City of Berlin, Germany.        |
| 13-0010-S15 | MOTION (O'FARRELL - PARKS) relative to reinstating the reward offer for a series of robberies in the City of Los Angeles for an additional six months. |
| 14-0699     | MOTION (LABONGE - WESSON) relative to lease approval for office space at 743 South Lucerne Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90005.                           |

**COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN HONOR OF:**

14-0004-S1	Ed P. Reyes	O'Farrell - Martinez
	Los Angeles River Day	O'Farrell - Martinez
	Independent Shakespeare Co.	LaBonge - O'Farrell - Martinez
	Los Angeles County Fair	LaBonge - Wesson
	Carrie Bowen	LaBonge - Krekorian

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

14-0003-S1	Wallace Maurice DeCuir	Parks
	Joseph Thomas Kay, Jr.	Parks
	Velma Lee Moore	Parks
	Elsa Stockton	LaBonge - All Councilmembers

**ENDING ROLL CALL**

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

**Whereupon the Council did adjourn.**

ATTEST: Holly L. Wolcott, INTERIM CITY CLERK

By	
Council Clerk	PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Regular meeting recessed at 12:40  
Special meeting convened at 12:40  
Special meeting adjourned at 12:47  
Regular meeting convened at 12:47