Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Friday, October 20, 2006
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10 am

(For further details see Official Council Files)

(For communications referred by the President see Referral Memorandum)

ROLL CALL - Members present: Cardenas, Greuel, Hahn, LaBonge, Padilla, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl, Smith, Weiss, Wesson and President Garcetti (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Zine (3).

APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2006

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS - NONE

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

ROLL CALL NUMBER (#) - INDICATES THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE ACTED UPON DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 1-15
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

Roll Call #6 - Motion (Perry - Rosendahl) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)
(Item Nos. 1-6)

ITEM NO. (1) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S370
CD 2 RESOLUTION removing the property at 11619 Friar Street from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 7634), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.2335-026-020

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on January 18, 2005)

ITEM NO. (2) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S371
CD 8 RESOLUTION removing the property at 2926 South Normandie Avenue from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 8379), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.5054-007-007

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on May 31, 2005)

ITEM NO. (3) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S372
CD 8 RESOLUTION removing the property at 713 West 69th Street from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 9114), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.6013-020-033

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on January 17, 2006)

ITEM NO. (4) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S373
CD 9 RESOLUTION removing the property at 4220 South Avalon Boulevard from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 12833), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.5115-006-032

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on May 25, 2006)

ITEM NO. (5) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S374
CD 11 RESOLUTION removing the property at 2302 South Strongs Drive from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 3472), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.4227-004-016

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on March 8, 2006)

ITEM NO. (6) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S375
CD 13 RESOLUTION removing the property at 806 North Lucile Avenue from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 26371), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.5401-002-010

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on September 5, 2006)

Roll Call #1 - Motion (Perry - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (12); Absent: Huizar, Reyes and Zine (3) (Item Nos. 7-9)

ITEM NO. (7) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S376
CD 13 RESOLUTION removing the property at 1164 North Commonwealth from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 11948), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.5542-024-013

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on April 11, 2006)

ITEM NO. (8) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S377
CD 14 RESOLUTION removing the property at 2848 East Guirado Street from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 23622), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.5185-036-022

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on June 15, 2006)

ITEM NO. (9) - ADOPTED

06-0005-S378
CD 15 RESOLUTION removing the property at 9320 South Firth Boulevard from the Rent Escrow Account Program [REAP], (Case No. 12280), inasmuch as the owner has corrected the cited REAP violations and provided proof of compliance with the Los Angeles Housing Department, Code Enforcement Unit, habitability citations, pursuant to Ordinance 173810, and ADOPT the Findings contained in the Los Angeles Housing Department's report of October 12, 2006. Assessor I.D. No.6048-003-034

(Notice of Acceptance into the REAP/Rent Reduction Program was released on April 19, 2006)

ITEM NO. (10) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Roll Call #3 - Motion (Weiss - Rosendahl) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)

06-1314-S1
CD 5 CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, relative to an application for a hardship exemption from provisions of the City's La Cienega-Melrose-Harper Avenue-West Hollywood Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) for the property at 839, 845-47 Croft Avenue and 8430 Willoughby Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. GRANT hardship exemption from the City's La Cienega-Melrose-Harper Avenue-West Hollywood ICO (Ordinance No. 177699) as noted and as described in the application attached to Council file No. 06-1314-S1, for the proposed construction of 33 residential condominiums, in 3 1/2 stories, approximately 57,000 total square feet, from 31' to 45' in height, of which between 31' to 35' will be visible from the street; project will also provide 75 subterranean parking spaces for property at 839, 845-47 Croft Avenue and 8430 Willoughby Avenue.

2. ADVISE the applicant that this hardship exemption, if granted by the City Council, is not a permit or license and that any other approvals, permits and licenses required by law must be obtained from the proper agencies.

   Applicant: Farhad Larian and Moris Shemian on behalf of themselves and Barca Trust, Habibi Properties, and Maple Leaf Apartments

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

(Continued from Council meeting of October 11, 2006)

ITEM NO. (11) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Roll Call #7 - Motion (LaBonge - Greuel) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)

06-0625

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE relative to holding City Council meetings in the Harbor Area.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Hahn - Rosendahl - Garcetti), SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. INSTRUCT the Information Technology Agency (ITA) to TRANSFER from their Telecommunications Development Account additional funds to provide the necessary funding support for live video coverage of the three off-site Council meetings in the Harbor Area.

2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk, in conjunction with both the ITA and the Department of General Services, to proceed with finalizing the arrangements and implementation schedule for conducting Harbor Area City Council meetings in the coming fiscal year.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk and ITA report that if unanticipated funds are available in the Telecommunications Development Account, there will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund for ITA's financial support. There is no fiscal impact for the City Clerk.

ITEM NO. (12) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

Roll Call #8 - Motion (Garcetti - Wesson) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)

06-1643

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE relative to an amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code for the Office of the Mayor.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the proposed amendments to Schedules A and B of the Conflict of Interest Code for the Office of the Mayor, to accurately reflect the Office's staffing structure as well as the roles of individual staff members.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Ethics Commission. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

ITEM NO. (13) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

Roll Call #9 - Motion (Garcetti - Rosendahl) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)

07-1100

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE and RESOLUTION relative to requesting support from the County Registrar-Recorder for the 2007 Municipal Elections.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION requesting that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorize the County Registrar-Recorder to perform specified election related support services for the City of Los Angeles 2007 Primary Nominating and General Municipal Elections to be held on March 6 and May 15, 2007, respectively.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk reports that adoption of the accompanying Resolution will not require an additional General Fund appropriation as the funds required to conduct the 2007 municipal elections are already included in the City Clerk's Fiscal Year 2006-07 operating budget.

ITEM NO. (14) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

Roll Call #10 - Motion (Perry - Parks) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)

06-2333

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONERS and RESOLUTION relative to proposed Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. N-534 with Ameripride Uniform Services for uniform rental and laundering services.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rosendahl - Huizar):

CONCUR with the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) action on September 19, 2006, Resolution No. 18986, approving Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. N-534 with Ameripride Uniform Services for uniform rental and laundering services extending the term for an additional 12 months to October 4, 2007 for a total term of 42 months and increase the contract total by $1,500,000 to $5,620,452.

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

TIME LIMIT ITEM - NOVEMBER 23, 2006

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - NOVEMBER 22, 2006)

(Energy and Environment Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ITEM NO. (15) - ADOPTED - TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

Roll Call #2 - Motion (Padilla - Smith) Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Reyes, Wesson and Zine (5)

06-0002-S133

CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (PADILLA - GARCETTI) relative to the City's position on Proposition 86, the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006.

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

RESOLVE that the City include in its 2005-06 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Proposition 86, the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006, which would impose an excise tax of $2.60 per pack of cigarettes and increase taxes on other tobacco products to raise approximately $2 billion annually to reduce the adverse economic and health effects of tobacco use in California.

(Intergovernmental Relations Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

(Continued from Council meeting of October 10, 2006)

MOTION ADOPTED UPON FINDINGS BY COUNCIL THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2006, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)(2) AND COUNCIL RULE 23

ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - FORTHWITH

Roll Call #4 - Motion (Perry - Smith) Findings on Need to Act - Adopted, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)
Roll Call #5 - Motion (Perry - Smith) to Adopt as Amended, Ayes (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5)

06-2556

MOTION (PERRY - SMITH) relative to reports by the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) and the Bureau of Street Services (BOSS) regarding the level of services currently being provided in the Skid Row area.

Recommendation for Council action:

DIRECT the BOS and BOSS to report on the level of services which they are currently providing in the Skid Row area.

ADOPTED

AMENDING MOTION (PERRY - ROSENDAHL)

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the City Attorney to provide a clarification of guidelines to the Bureau of Street Services and Los Angeles Police Department in connection with implementation of the Safer Cities Initiative with respect to personal items versus trash, and how this policy is applied on a citywide basis; and further INSTRUCT the City Clerk to place the matter on the Tuesday, OCTOBER 24, 2006 Council agenda.

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

06-2551

MOTION (LABONGE - HAHN) relative to declaring the Reborn 2006 on November 10-11, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $1,088).

06-2547

MOTION (LABONGE - HAHN) relative to declaring the Griffith Observatory Re-Opening Galactic Gala on October 29, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $3,222).

06-2569

MOTION (LABONGE - HAHN) relative to declaring the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Business Watch Meeting on October 26, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $774).

06-2550

MOTION (ROSENDAHL - SMITH) relative to declaring the Venice High School Homecoming Football Game on November 9, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $2,038).

04-2459

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the 41st Annual Watts/Willowbrook Christmas Parade on December 2, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $28,250).

06-2549

MOTION (HAHN - PARKS) relative to declaring the Community Awareness Day on October 28, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $2,520).

06-2567

MOTION (WEISS - WESSON) relative to declaring the Guru Gaddee Day Parade on October 21, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $375).

06-2566

MOTION (CARDENAS - PADILLA) relative to declaring the Senior Health and Safety Fair on October 21, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $500).

06-2565

MOTION (GREUEL - LABONGE - GARCETTI) relative to declaring the Harvard-Westlake Homecoming on October 21, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $883).

06-2564

MOTION (GREUEL - LABONGE) relative to declaring the Shadow Hills Home Owners Association Annual Halloween Event on October 31, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $2,016).

06-2563

MOTION (CARDENAS - PADILLA) relative to declaring the Fall Fling 2006 on October 21, 2006 a Special Event (fees and costs absorbed by the City = $500).

06-2548

MOTION (GARCETTI for HUIZAR - ROSENDAHL) relative to declaring the LA Fashion Awards on October 20, 2006 a Special Event (event sponsor to reimburse the City for all fees and costs incurred).

06-2561

MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to declaring the Haute Moms Rule! event on October 23, 2006 a Special Event (event sponsor to reimburse the City for all fees and costs incurred).

06-2552

MOTION (LABONGE - PADILLA) relative to a transfer of funds for services in connection with the September 18, 2006 Mayor's reception for LA's BEST.

05-2071

MOTION (GREUEL - LABONGE) relative to a transfer of funds for services in connection with the October 23, 2006 reception for the Jewish Federation in the City Hall Tom Bradley Room.

05-2341

MOTION (PERRY - PARKS) relative to amending a personal services contract in Council District Nine.

04-2099

MOTION (PADILLA - CARDENAS) relative to a lease for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council at 13515 1/2 Hubbard Street in Sylmar.

06-2562

MOTION (LABONGE - GREUEL) relative to formally naming the 5900 block of Franklin Avenue as Franklin Village.

06-2568

MOTION (WEISS - GREUEL) relative to Council asserting jurisdiction over the South Valley Area Planning Commission action of October 12, 2006.

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

06-2560

RESOLUTION (PERRY - WESSON - PARKS - HAHN) relative to declaring October 24, 2006 as Rosa Parks Global Peace Prayer Day in the City of Los Angeles.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upon his request, and without objection, Councilmember Parks was excused to leave at 11:30 a.m. from Council session of Wednesday, November 1, 2006 due to City business.

Motion (Garcetti - Smith) unanimously adopted to excuse Councilmember LaBonge from Council session of Friday, November 3, 2006 due to City business.

Motion (Wesson - Rosendahl) unanimously adopted to excuse Councilmember Perry to leave at 11:15 a.m. from Council session of Wednesday, October 25, 2006 due to City business.

Motion (Perry - Rosendahl) unanimously adopted to excuse Councilmember Zine from Council session of Wednesday, November 15, 2006 due to City business.

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

06-2357 - Anthony Alarcon ((Cardenas - All Councilmembers)

Angela Bowden (Garcetti)

Petty Officer Second Class Michael A. Monsoor (Garcetti)

Christopher Glenn (LaBonge - All Councilmembers)

Grace Quinn	(LaBonge - All Councilmembers)
Della Clark Allen	(Parks)
Emily J. Perez	(Parks - Perry)
Mrs. Dorothy L. Bush	(Wesson)

Ayes, Cardenas, Greuel, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl, Smith, Weiss, Wesson and President Garcetti (10); Absent: Hahn, Huizar, Padilla, Reyes and Zine (5).

Whereupon the Council did adjourn.

ATTEST: Frank T. Martinez, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL