

File Number

07-1383

Last Changed Date

06/19/2007

Title

MACARTHUR PARK INCIDENT / RALLY

Initiated by

Reyes / Huizar / Weiss Mover 2007

Subject

Special 1 Motion - On May 1, 2007 a rally of approximately 35,000 people was held in the City of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, an otherwise peaceful day ended with violent clashes between demonstrators, police and media personnel who were dispatched to MacArthur Park following the rally. Confrontations with the public began after officers tried to disperse some demonstrators who were reportedly blocking traffic and throwing palm fronds, wood and rocks at passing vehicles and police. Demonstrators as well as credentialed reporters and camera operators who were covering the event were reportedly injured. This incident has prompted questions by the public and elected officials as to the appropriateness of the use of force employed by the Los Angeles Police Department in response to the MacArthur Park rally. THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to RULE 23 of the Rules of the Los Angeles City Council, that there is a need to act on this matter and that the need for action came to the attention of the Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting. FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Commission be requested to report back to Council in 30 days on its investigation of the events occurring at MacArthur Park following the May 1, 2007 rally in downtown Los Angeles. FURTHER MOVE that the Commission's report provide recommendations on what, if any, deployment, tactics and use of force modifications the Los Angeles Police Department might employ to prevent a recurrence of the unfortunate events experienced by demonstrators and media personnel dispatched to cover the May 1, 2007 March.

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File History

- 5-2-07 - This day's Council session
- 5-2-07 - File to Council and Legislative Processing Clerk for placement on next available Council agenda
- 5-2-07 - Council Action - Findings ADOPTED - Motion ADOPTED *AS AMENDED
- 5-2-07 - Council Action - *Verbal Amending Motion - Zine Mover 2007 / Reyes - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND Special Motion #1 (Council file No. **07-1383**) to REQUEST the Chief of Police and Command Staff to report back to Council in 30 days on the investigation of the events occurring at MacArthur Park following the May 1, 2007 rally in downtown Los Angeles.
- 5-7-07 - File in files
- 5- 22-07 - File to Council and Legislative Processing Clerk
- 5-30-07 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Huizar Mover 2007 / Rosendahl - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND Motion (Reyes-Huizar-Weiss) (Item No. 6, CF **07-1383**) relative to investigations of the events occuring at MacArthur Park following the May 1, 2007 rally in downtown Los Angeles to REQUEST the Special Task Force on May 1 Protests to provide a status report to Council in 30 days.
- 6-5-07 - File to Council and Legislative Processing Clerk
- 6-6-07 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Zine Mover 2007 / Parks - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND Motion ((Reyes-Huizar-Weiss) (Item No. 33, CF **07-1383**) relative to investigations of the events occuring at MacArthur Park following the May 1, 2007 rally in downtown Los Angeles to INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department to REQUEST that the Incident Command Officers of the May 1, 2007 rally at MacArthur Park to appear before the Special Task Force on May 1 Protests.

6-6-07 - Council Action - Revised Motion - Zine Mover 2007 / Parks - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND Motion ((Reyes-Huizar-Weiss) (Item No. 33, CF **07-1383**) relative to investigations of the events occuring at MacArthur Park following the May 1, 2007 rally in downtown Los Angeles to INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department to INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department to REQUEST that the Incident Command Officers of the May 1, 2007 rally at MacArthur Park to appear before the City Council.

6-19-07 - File in files