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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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- Call to Order
- Review minutes from October 2020
- Review minutes from November 2020.
- Comments from the Co-Chairs
- Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS AND/OR ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Finalize Government Relations Committee Rules of Operation.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and possible action on the CIS regarding City Council File 20-0002-S109, the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 3308 (Gabriel), which would create a State policy supporting housing for teachers and school employees, and permits school districts and developers that have received local or State funds, or tax credits designated for affordable rental housing, to restrict occupancy to teachers and school district employees on land owned by school districts.
- Discussion and possible action on the CIS regarding City Council File 20-0600-S84, report by the Budget Committee on the fiscal impact for FY 2020-21 on City Revenue due to Covid-19.
- Adjournment

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Telephonic and Online
Monday October 19, 2020

Revised October 20, 2020

Attendance: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Marie Javdani, Saif Mogri, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall,

Myrl Schreiber (left 8:52 PM), Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Public Attendance: Michelle Cornelius, Cathy, Danny Oztreicher, #411

Committee Co-chair Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. A quorum was established.

The June meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The July meeting minutes were approved as amended.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

Comments from the Chair: Saif asked that suggestions for agenda items be submitted to the committee chairs a minimum of one week before the meeting date.

Public Comment: None

Numbers refer to agenda items.

5. CIS regarding City Council File 20-0859 regarding Councilmember Jose Huizar and contracts termination: Joanne presented the CIS form which will be sent to the Board. CIS previously approved by committee.

6. CIS regarding City Council File 20-1114 regarding closure of West Valley Animal Shelter: Joanne presented the CIS form which will be sent to the Board. CIS previously approved by committee. Michelle voiced opposition to a hybrid shelter. She said the SFV has an annual intake of 24K animals and less than two shelters is inadequate. #411, former volunteer dog walker at the shelter, said staffing level and animal intake has been constant for years and the claim that millions of dollars of additional funding is needed to keep the West Valley shelter open is ridiculous. Olivia said Lorena Espinol is the animal services liaison for CD12 and is currently accepting public comment on the issue. Cathy said she is pleased the WHNC is acting to file a CIS; and a hybrid shelter would not be 'open induction' (taking all animals) like the municipal shelters are.

7. CIS regarding City Council File 20-0793 regarding making it illegal to use the 911 emergency system to make false reports to law enforcement agencies that an emergency or threat exists when the call is motivated/based on racial bias:

Recommend a CIS in support to the WHNC Board

Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstain – 0

The recommendation passed unanimously.

8. CIS regarding City Council File 20-0791 regarding Police Department (LAPD) be directed to report within 60 days with an overview of the LAPD Special Orders related to the Use of Force (Special Order 4), Body Worn Video Cameras (Special Order 12) and Digital In-Car Video (Special Order 45):

Recommend a CIS in support to the WHNC Board

Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstain – 0

The recommendation passed unanimously.

Saif mentioned the LAPD Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) is looking for new members.

10. CIS regarding City Council File 20-0930 to authorize a business owner or operator in the City of Los Angeles to refuse admittance or service to any person who fails to wear a face covering:

Recommend a CIS in support to the WHNC Board

Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstain – 2

The recommendation passed.

9. Discussion on the CIS regarding City Council File 20-0963 regarding relative to conduct of neighborhood council elections during the

COVID-19 Pandemic: Saif suggested a public forum on election procedures and how to register/vote.

Danny asked if agendas could include hyperlinks to council files.

Co-chair Joanne adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES Telephonic and Online Monday November 16, 2020

Attendance: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Saif Mogri, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, Brian Begun and Sandi bell

Public Attendance:

Committee Co-chair Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. A quorum was established.

The approval of October 2020 meeting minutes were postponed to the December meeting

Comments from the Chairs: None

Public Comment: Brian Begun discussed the noise issues near the West Hills Hospital complex. They start picking the trash at 6 AM or earlier. Brian was requested to take the matter to Zoning and Planning.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS AND/OR ONGOING BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the CIS regarding City Council File 20-0002-S137, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for H.R. 8015 (Maloney), Delivering for America Act, which prevents arbitrary changes to the United States Post Office's functions.

The committee supported creating a CIS in favor of the resolution and sending it to the Board for consideration. The vote was 8 Yes and also had support from 3 non-committee Board members,

6. Discussion and possible action regarding 20-002-S138, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for H.R. 7015 which would appropriate \$40 billion to the United States Postal Service (USPS) and prioritize the purchase of personal protective equipment; and HR 2382 which would repeal the Postal Accountability and Efficiency Act.

The committee supported creating a CIS in favor of the resolution and sending it to the Board for consideration. The vote was 8 Yes and also had support from 3 non-committee Board members,

7. Discussion and possible action regarding 20-002-S145, REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the City's 2019-20 Federal Legislative Program for any administrative or legislative action which would prohibit forced hysterectomies at United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facilities. In conjunction with the Public health Committee.

The committee supported creating a CIS in favor of the resolution and sending it to the Board for consideration. The vote was 7 Yes 1 abstain. It also had support from 3 non-committee Board members,

8. Discussion and possible action regarding 20-002-S154, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in the 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SPONSORSHIP and/or SUPPORT of legislation to ensure that under no circumstances, aside from any threat of abuse or neglect, should children ever be separated from their parents as they seek to enter the U.S. through asylum or any other means, including legislation that strengthens and guarantees the right to family integrity and procedural due process laws, U.S. asylum statutes which guarantee the right to apply for asylum, the Administration Procedures Act (APA) which prohibits arbitrary government action, and the *Flores Agreement* which prescribes national standards for the housing, detention, and release of children detained by federal immigration authorities.

The committee supported creating a CIS in favor of the resolution and sending it to the Board for consideration. The vote was 8 Yes and also had support from 3 non-committee Board members,

9. Adjournment

Co-chair Joanne adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies, proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency, must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to real estate analysis by EdSource, first year teachers in California could not afford a one-bedroom apartment in nearly 40 percent of 680 school districts that reported data in the year 2019 due to the State's rapidly increasing housing costs and comparatively stagnant teacher salaries; and

WHEREAS, the teacher housing affordability crisis has resulted in a teacher shortage in the State's public education system, with California having lost at least 40,000 teachers to outmigration between 2013 and 2017, which constitutes a 22 percent increase over the previous five-year period, according to EdSource; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) recently applied for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) to fund the construction of affordable housing on their land with the intention to restrict occupancy to employees of LAUSD, but their application was rejected by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC), who did not agree that the statute or IRS law authorizes LIHTC to be used to fund affordable housing restricted to employees of one school district; and


WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3308 (Gabriel), introduced on February 21, 2020, would allow school districts to restrict occupancy of affordable housing on school district-owned land, funded with LIHTCs, to teachers and school district employees of the school district that owns the land, regardless of any laws that would prohibit a priority or preference for school district employees and teachers; and

WHEREAS, the State has passed legislation to address the housing shortage for school workers, such as the Teacher Housing Act of 2016, which allows school districts to provide affordable housing specifically for district employees and their families; and AB 1157, approved by Governor Jerry Brown in 2017, which exempts school districts from some of the usual requirements related to the sale or lease of property if it will be used for employee housing; and

WHEREAS, AB 3308 (Gabriel) would complement the State's efforts to make affordable housing accessible to school district employees by clearly establishing that individual districts can utilize their land to provide for their employees, without potentially being stopped on the grounds that a school district constitutes a single employer and therefore cannot use LIHTC funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 3308 (Gabriel), which would create a State policy supporting housing for teachers and school employees, and permits school districts and developers that have received local or State funds, or tax credits designated for affordable rental housing, to restrict occupancy to teachers and school district employees on land owned by school districts.

PRESENTED BY:



DAVID RYU
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District

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CORRECTED

Item No. 28

*Corrected to add votes for Recommendation No. 31. **File No. [20-0600-S84](#)**

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Second Financial Status Report (FSR) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21.

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

1. APPROVE the recommendations of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) as detailed in the Second FSR for FY 2020-21, dated December 4, 2020, attached to Council file No. 20-0600-S84, as amended to incorporate the changes and additions as detailed in Recommendation Nos. 2-31.
2. TRANSFER \$387,000 from the Engineering Special Services Fund No. 682/50, Revenue Source Code No. 4903, Interest Income to the Sewer Capital Fund No. 761/50, Revenue Source Code No. 5161, Reimbursement of Expenditures.
3. REVISE Attachment 1A of said CAO report, Reduction-46, by replacing Account No. 001098, Overtime Variable Staffing with Account No. 001093, Constant Staffing Overtime.
4. REVISE Recommendation No. 15 of said CAO report as follows:
Transfer \$4,128,344.17 from various accounts within the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund to the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 580230, Reserve for Unrealized Revenue, as specified in Attachment 2A of said report.
5. REVISE the *Transfer To Account* in Attachment 2A of said CAO report from Account No. 580196, Reserve for Mid-Year Adjustments to Account No. 580230, Reserve for Unrealized Revenue.
6. APPROPRIATE \$500,000 from the available cash balance within the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Trust Fund No. 62N/68 to the Planning Department Fund No. 100/68, Account No. 003040, Contractual Services.
7. TRANSFER / APPROPRIATE a total of \$80,000 to align with current expenditure patterns as follows:
 - a. \$40,000 from General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000862 (CD 5 Council Fee Subsidy) to Council Fund No. 100/28, Account No. 1070 (Salaries As Needed).
 - b. \$40,000 from General City Purposes Fund No. 100/56, Account No. 000705 (CD 5 Community Services) to Council Fund No. 100/28, Account No. 1070 (Salaries As Needed).
8. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer funds up to \$1,850,000 as needed pursuant to a schedule provided by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) from the *Census 2020/Redistricting Commissions* line item in the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 580317 to City Clerk Fund No. 100/14; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to establish any accounts and in the appropriate amounts, to fund salary, contractual services, and administrative expenses of the Los Angeles City Council

Redistricting Commission and the Los Angeles Unified School District Redistricting Commission.

9. TRANSFER \$611,000 from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Blanket Authority No. 6757-5 (Work Order No. URR80) to the Transportation Trust Fund No. 840/94, Account No. 2200 (Miscellaneous Deposits) for overtime costs associated with Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) services during construction of the Stone Canyon and Sunset West Trunk Line Unit 1 Replacement.
10. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to transfer the above identified funds on an as needed basis from the Transportation Trust Fund No. 840/94, Account No. 2200 (Miscellaneous Deposits) to the Transportation Fund No. 100/94, Account No. 001090 (Salaries - Overtime) to pay for overtime costs associated with the above described project and to creditor reimburse the LADWP for any surplus amounts; and, AUTHORIZE the LADOT to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.
11. INSTRUCT the CAO to report by January 30, 2021 relative to working with the Controller to draw down balances on all available special funds not controlled by the Proprietary departments for cash flow and close out any special funds without active transactions.
12. INSTRUCT the CAO to defer the reduction \$190,000 to the Controller's Accounting Assistance Program until January 30, 2021 and work with the Controller's office to avoid accounting service impacts for the controller and participating departments.
13. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) and the CAO to report to the committee on the reversal of the Mayor's 50 percent amnesty program for parking fines that are paid timely.
14. INSTRUCT the CAO to remove all travel budgets from all departments and place them in the reserve fund for budget balancing measures in Future FSRs
15. INSTRUCT the CAO to remove Council Heritage Month Funding and place in the reserve fund for budget balancing measures in Future FSRs
16. INSTRUCT the CAO to remove funding for Official Visits of Dignitaries and place in the reserve fund for budget balancing measures in Future FSRs.
17. INSTRUCT the CAO to defer membership fees for all organizations and place those funds in the reserve fund for budget balancing measures in Future FSR.
18. INSTRUCT the CAO to report to the Budget and Finance Committee by January 30, 2021, relative to utilizing the 2020-21 general fund contribution to the Ethics Campaign Matching Funds Trust Fund to the UB for Layoff Avoidance.
19. INSTRUCT the CAO to report to the Budget and Finance Committee by January 30, 2021, relative to sweeping the remainder of Ethics Trust Fund to the reserve fund for budget balancing measures in Future FSRs.

20. INSTRUCT the CAO to report to Executive Employees Relations Committee (EERC) with contract savings proposals for United Firefighters of Los Angeles City to be negotiated with labor in an amount sufficient to offset the service impacts of the proposed reductions to the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, and to contribute to addressing revenue shortfalls.
21. INSTRUCT the CAO to report to EERC with contract savings proposals for Los Angeles Police Protective League to be negotiated with labor in an amount sufficient to offset the service impacts of the proposed reductions to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, and to contribute to addressing revenue shortfalls.
22. INSTRUCT the CAO to report to EERC with contract savings proposals to be negotiated with all civilian unions to offset service impacts of proposed reductions in all departments for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22, and to contribute to addressing revenue shortfalls.
23. INSTRUCT the CAO to report to the Budget and Finance Committee with a list of contractual payments that the City will owe in the 4th Quarter of FY 2020-21, with recommendations for deferring those payments until FY 2021-22.
24. INSTRUCT the CAO to report at the next FSR with recommendations for more Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles project deferral/cancellation to free up additional credit capacity.
25. INSTRUCT the CAO to report with recommendations for revisions to departmental budgets based on expanded implementation of full cost recovery with fees.
26. **AMEND the report to reduce proposed potential layoffs in LAPD to match the Department's original recommendations to the CAO (355 sworn and 273 civilians); and, INSTRUCT the CAO to develop recommendations to Budget and Finance for offsetting solutions. (Ayes: Krekorian - Koretz - Blumenfield; Nays: Price - Bonin)
27. INSTRUCT the CAO, together with the Controller and the Personnel Department, to report to the Budget and Finance Committee with a timeline for implementation of all layoffs beginning on May 22, 2021, including all necessary further actions by Council and Mayor to implement, and also including all deadlines for approving offsetting savings or solutions that could be applied to avoid or defer such implementation.
28. ELIMINATE General Fund funding for Clean and Green and Hire LA Youth, and sweep funds to the reserve fund for budget balancing measures in Future FSRs; and, INSTRUCT the CAO to ensure Clean and Green and Hire LA Youth are paid and provide recommendations to fund these programs from other sources, including Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) funds, UB Account No. 580318, AB 1290 funds, and other potential sources.
29. INSTRUCT the BOS and the Board of Public Works to reduce or eliminate the cost of living adjustments in outside vendor contracts.
30. INSTRUCT the CAO and departments to incorporate automatic annual inflation escalator to extent permissible by law for fee increases.

31. ***INSTRUCT the CAO to sweep any unspent and uncommitted balances from the Coronavirus Relief Fund funds after the December 30, 2020 deadline, regardless of whether Congress acts to extend that deadline. (Ayes: Krekorian - Koretz - Blumenfield; Nays: Price - Bonin)

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that the Second FSR identifies a total of \$116.24 million in projected over-expenditures and \$12.70 million in additional General Fund appropriations required to supplement special fund revenue shortfalls. The CAO recommends transfers, appropriations, and other budgetary adjustments totaling approximately \$257.42 million in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of said CAO report.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies as the recommended transactions use current revenues and balances to pay for current operations.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its special meeting held on December 7, 2020, the Budget and Finance Committee considered the CAO's Second FSR for FY 2020-21 dated December 4, 2020 (attached to C.F. No. 20-0600-S84). Said CAO report provides updated expenditure and revenue projections through October. The CAO reports that given the recent surge in COVID-19 cases and the extended Safer at Home Order which is contributing to a worsening revenue outlook, this report also presents a plan and specific reduction proposals to address the City's daunting budget gap.

The CAO provided the Committee with an introduction to the Second FSR. The CAO's Finance Specialist provided further detailed information related to the Second FSR, and read an amendment into the record. Councilmember Koretz introduced a motion relative to Stone Canyon and Sunset West Trunk Line Unit 1 Replacement project. During further discussion, at the request of the Chair and Members, representatives from the LAPD, City Attorney, BOS, Department of Animal Services, Bureau of Engineering, Board of Public Works, Controller, LAFD, LADOT, and the Department of General Services responded to questions relative to the Second FSR and their respective departments. An amendment introduced by the Chief Legislative Analyst was stated for the record.

After further consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations by the CAO contained in the Second FSR for FY 2020-21, as amended, as detailed above. A minority report was prepared for information purposes unless it is adopted by a motion. This majority report is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

VOTE FOR RECOMMENDATION NOS. 1-25 AND 27-31

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
PRICE:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

**VOTE FOR RECOMMENDATION NO. 26

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
PRICE:	NO
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	NO

*** VOTE FOR RECOMMENDATION NO. 31

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
PRICE:	NO
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN	NO

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