

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS TELEPHONIC VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

Beverly Hills Liaison Meeting

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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Legislative Lobby Committee

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 30, 2021 2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: August 30, 2021 / 2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmember John Mirisch; Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D.; Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap; Fire Chief Joseph Matsch; Acting Police Captain Max Subin; Director of Finance, Jeff Muir; Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich; City Attorney Lolly Enriquez; Assistant Director of Public Works Daren Grilley; Policy & Management Analyst Cindy Owens<u>:</u> Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange, Inc.; Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange, Inc.; Tim Sullivan, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange, Inc.; Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates; Webviewer Mark Eliot; Webviewer Kory Klem; Executive Assistant Lisa Karson.

A. Oral Communications

1) Public Comment

Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None.

B. Direction

1) League of California Cities - Resolutions

• The Liaisons recommend the City support the resolutions that will be voted on at the League of California Cities annual conference on Friday, September 24, 2021.

- 2) Assembly Bill 43 (Friedman) Traffic Safety
 - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 43.
- 3) Assembly Bill 117 (Boerner Horvath) Air Quality Improvement Program: Electric Bicycles
 - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 117, seeking amendments.
- 4) Assembly Bill 122 (Boerner Horvath) Vehicles: Required Stops: Bicycles
 - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 122, seeking amendments that it only applies to adults, not any bicyclist required to wear a safety helmet.
- 5) Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Robert) Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences
 - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 361.
- 6) Assembly Bill 602 (Grayson) Development Fees: Impact Fee Nexus Study
 - The Liaisons recommend the City oppose AB 602.
- 7) Assembly Bill 718 (Cunningham) Peace Officers: Investigations of Misconduct
 - The Liaisons have no recommendation for AB 718. The bill failed to reach the floor for a vote and is considered dead.
- 8) Assembly Bill 773 (Nazarian) Street Closures and Designations
 - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 773.
- 9) Senate Bill 60 (Glazer) Residential Short-Term Rental Ordinances: Health or Safety Infractions: Maximum Fines
 - The Liaisons recommend the City support SB 60, only if it does not preempt the City's ability to enforce at existing levels.
- 10) Senate Bill 389 (Todd) Alcoholic Beverages: Retail Off-Sale License: Retail Off-Sale Delivery: Retail On-Sale License: Off-Sale Privileges
 - The Liaisons recommend the City support SB 389.

11) Senate Bill 792 (Glazer) – Sales and Use Tax: Returns: Online Transactions: Local Jurisdiction Schedule

• The Liaisons recommend the City support SB 792.

12) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including:
 - SB 10 has passed the Senate floor and is currently on its way to the Governor for signature.
 - There are 10 days left on the Legislative calendar to conclude its business. The formal calendar has been concluded for committees to meet. Activity is expected on the State budget for budget trailer bills related to cap and trade, drought, wildfire, and transportation spending.
 - Funds already approved for the budget:
 - \$1B for Olympics-related transit projects in the southern California region,
 - \$1B in statewide transit improvements,
 - \$500M for active transportation and
 - \$500M for grade separation. Provision listed in Bill that if a subsequent Bill were not enacted by October, the money would revert back to the General Fund.
 - State is focusing on the drought with \$500M in budget expenditures authorized earlier this year. Focus is on long term planning for issues with vegetation management, technology to anticipate weather patterns that contribute to fires spreading, and funding for equipment. There is consideration of expenditures relating to underground power lines in remote areas.
 - Currently there are discussions underway of provisions for long duration of energy storage.
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the Federal Government including:
 - The House adopted the Budget Resolution for FY 2022 providing reconciliation instructions to thirteen House and twelve Senate committees to advance the Democratic Build Back Better Plan.
 - Under consideration is raising corporate taxes by 25% as proposed by West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin, or 28% as proposed by President Biden.
 - Under review is the elimination of the stepped up basis for capital gains and the transfer of wealth from one generation to another.
 - Budget Reconciliation Bill may also include short-term relief under the current state and local tax deduction cap that was enacted into law in the 2017 Corporate Tax Cut Bill signed by President Trump that affects California directly.
 - The House passed the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, aimed at countering Republican-led efforts at the state level to make it harder to vote particularly for communities of color, people with disabilities, and Americans living predominately in poor areas.

- The Food and Drug Administration ordered three small e-cigarette manufacturers not to sell their flavored products in a first step of what is expected to be a series of decisions that is likely to impact products sold by Jewel and hundreds of other e-cigarette manufacturers. The FDA's action comes amid a broader battle over the future of vaping in the country in which public health officials argue that e-cigarettes, particularly products that come in fruity flavors, have sparked a new epidemic of young adults hooked on nicotine.
- The Supreme Court struck down the Federal Pandemic Eviction Ban leaving up to 6 million renters behind in rental payments in jeopardy of being homeless; Congress has appropriated \$46B for renters and landlord assistance, only \$5.7B has been disbursed by states and localities.

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