

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Legislative / Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 10, 2020 3:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: July 10, 2020 / 3:32 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich, Councilmember John Mirisch, City Manager George Chavez, Assistant City Manager Gabriella Yap, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Assistant Police Chief Marc Coopwood, Director of Community Development Susan Healy-Keene, City Attorney Larry Weiner, Senior Management Analyst Cindy Owens, Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.; Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.; Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates; Communications Specialist Chuck Merrill, Executive Assistant Lisa Karson.

A. Oral Communications

1) Public Comment

Cindy Owens read public comments via emails into the record as reflected below

- Beth Hogarty stated she opposed SB 902 and encouraged the City to oppose SB 902.
- Jenny Clough stated she did not support SB 902 and encouraged the City to oppose SB 902.
- Mark Elliot stated on AB 1436 the debt owned by the tenant should be offset by the amount of any payments, mortgage forbearance, mortgage forgiveness, property tax reduction obtained by the property owner from the local, state, or federal entities.
- Mark Elliot recommended the City support SB 1079 as the benefits are two-fold: 1) residents can organize to purchase rental property and 2) allow a public entity a right-of-refusal.

B. Direction

- 1) H.R. 2513 The Corporate Transparency Act of 2019
 - Requires small businesses to provide identities of true owners.
 - Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support H.R. 2513.

2) H.R. 7120 – George Floyd Law Justice in Policing Act of 2020

- Would develop uniform standards for law enforcement organizations including but not limited to banning chokeholds, enforcing national transparency standards, prohibiting no knock warrants, and establishing accountability for officer misconduct with a national database to track offenses.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended a position of support H.R. 7120.

3) AB 1022 (Holden) – Peace Officers: Use of Force

- Requires law enforcement policies to require officers to immediately report potential excessive force, and to intercede when present and observing an officer using excessive force.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 1022.

4) AB 1196 (Gipson) – Peace Officers: Use of Force

- Prohibits a law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of a carotid restraint or a chokehold.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 1196.

5) AB 1426 (Chiu) - Tenancy: Rental Payment Default: State of Emergency: COVID-19

- Prohibits a landlord from applying a security deposit or monthly rental payment for the satisfaction of an obligation other than the prospective month's rent if the obligation accrued during or within 90 days after the termination of a state of emergency related to COVID-19. Provides that a tenant who failed to pay rent accrued during that period shall not be in default and would prohibit any action for recovery of unpaid rent until 15 months after the state of emergency is terminated.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 1436.

6) AB 1506 (McCarty, Weber, Bradford) – Police Use of Force

- Creates a special division in the Department of Justice to investigate police useof-force policies and make recommendations by request of law enforcement agencies.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 1506.

7) SB 902 (Wiener) - Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Density

- Authorizes local governments to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified by the local government, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose AB 1506, unless amended.

8) SB 995 (Atkins) - Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: Housing Projects

- Requires a lead agency to prepare a master EIR for a general plan, plan amendment, plan element, or specified plan for housing projects where the state has provided funding for the preparation of the master EIR.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose SB 995, unless the bill is amended to add a requirement level of 49 percent for affordable housing.

9) SB 1079 (Skinner) – Residential Property: Foreclosure

- Requires a trustee of a house being sold, during the 20-day period before the
 date of sale, to receive offers from individuals who would be owner-occupants of
 the home and from a public entity that is utilizing public funds to purchase the
 property; would require any offer from a prospective owner-occupant to be
 accompanied by an owner-occupant certification.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support SB 1079.

10) SB 1085 (Skinner) - Density Bonus Law: Qualifications for Incentives or Concessions: Student Housing for Lower Income Students: Moderate-Income Persons and Families: Local Government Constraints

- Requires a unit designated to satisfy the inclusionary zoning requirements of a city or county to be included in the total number of units on which a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions are based.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose SB 1085.

11) SB 1120 (Atkins) - Subdivisions: Tentative Maps

- Requires a proposed housing development containing two residential units to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, in zones where allowable uses are limited to single-family residential development if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose SB 1120 with extreme prejudice.

12) SB 1385 (Caballero) – Local Planning: Housing: Commercial Zones

- Would deem a housing development project an allowable use on a neighborhood lot that is zoned for office or retail commercial use under a local agency's zoning code or general plan.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City remain neutral on SB 1385.

13) SB 1410 (Caballero) – COVID-19 Emergency: Tenancies

- Would authorize an owner of real property and a tenant to sign and execute a
 tenant-owner COVID-19 eviction relief agreement that would allow the tenant to
 defer the tenant's unpaid rent, and would prohibit the owner from serving a notice
 terminating the tenancy or filing a complaint for unlawful detainer for that unpaid
 rent or during the state of emergency.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support SB 1410 if clarified to add language that no double payment could be received.

14) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including:
 - The Legislature was on Summer Recess and are scheduled to return on July 27.
 - The Legislature's original return date has been postponed from July 13 to July 27.
 - Two members of the State Assembly announced that they were infected with COVID-19 and there are reports that some staff were possibly infected.
 - The Legislature is taking more time to establish additional safeguards before returning for the last few weeks of the legislative year.
 - Both houses will have approximately five weeks to work through roughly 700 bills.
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the federal government including actions that may be taken after the summer recess on potential COVID-19 funding.

Additionally, Councilmember Mirisch requested AB 725, AB 3040, AB 2345, AB 3107, AB 1063, AB 345, Police Officer Bill of Rights reform, and consideration of an independent prosecutor for peace officers be brought back to the next meeting. The City already has a position on AB 3040. All other items will be considered at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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