



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A  
**Sunshine Task Force Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

August 20, 2018  
4:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Date / Time: August 20, 2018 / 4:05 pm

In Attendance: Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., Councilmember Robert Wunderlich, Ed Brown, Linda Brown, Marcia Hobbs/The Beverly Hills Courier, Myra Lurie, Steve Mayer, Susan Mishler, Anne Ostroff, Peter Ostroff, Victoria Talbot/The Beverly Hills Courier, Thomas White, Debbie Weiss

Staff: Assistant City Manager George Chavez, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Chief Information Officer David Schirmer, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed, Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez

1) Public Comment

- a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any items not listed on the agenda.

Debbie Weiss voiced her concerns regarding the Public Hearing procedures/process followed by the Planning Commission when she attended the recent Calle Vista Public Hearing. She requested that Commission public hearing procedures be reviewed by City Council.

Marcia Hobbs suggested training for all commissioners.

2) Follow Up Items From the Last Meeting

- Possible applicability of California Private Attorney General statute to enforce lobbyist registration violations

City Attorney Laurence Wiener reported that the public is entitled to bring a lawsuit on their own, no need for Private Attorney General. There was discussion regarding who pays for the legal fees, how attorney's fees can be recovered, and the City's liability. Mayor Gold directed Mr. Wiener to report at the next meeting on the issues raised and what the advantages/disadvantages are of the City having its own process.

Mr. Wiener indicated that he will speak to Ms. Weiss regarding the complaints that she filed with the City Attorney's Office regarding lobbyist violations.

Thomas White asked for a report on the issues discussed at the previous meeting.

- 3) Requirements for basements, square footage allowed per City Ordinance, setbacks on sides and back and 2-story guest houses in rear for properties in the flats

As a clarification to questions raised by Linda Brown and Anne Ostroff on aspects of R-1 standards that should be reviewed, Mayor Gold stated that they are already on the Planning Commission workplan.

- 4) Noticing Requirements – Making the public noticing requirements for all departments the same as Planning in Community Development (i.e., 20-day notice, 1000 radius + blockface)

Steve Mayer spoke about limited public involvement and input due to the City's inadequate public noticing. Director of Public Works Shana Epstein reported that Public Works has been regularly publishing major projects and events in the City's newspapers. Victoria Talbot stated that the City should let her know what it wants disseminated so she can write about it on the Beverly Hills Courier. Myra Lurie suggested that the City employ social media in disseminating information. Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed announced that she will be providing the City's social media information to members.

- 5) Address actions taken by the City Council and the vote thereon in the following open session

Thomas White explained that the item is about the Brown Act requirement for Council decisions made during Closed Sessions to be reported at an open meeting. Mr. Wiener explained that he usually announces litigation-related Council decisions at the Formal Meeting City Manager Report section unless the case is settled or final, then it is not reported.

- 6) Property Acquisition/Disposition – For any land acquisition or disposition by the City, there will be a minimum document requirement so that the Commission(s) will be able to make an informed decision

Item carried over to the next meeting.

- 7) Special Investigations/Audits – Post online on the City's website the "back-up" to the executive summary and/or report

Mr. Mayer stated that the report on the Lots 12 and 13 investigation was not posted online and asked that a report on City special investigations and audits be published in the City's website in the future.

- 8) Litigation – All Online – All filings in lawsuit in which the City is involved should be posted on the City's website

Item carried over to the next meeting.

- 9) Meeting Procedures – Expand the use of Robert's Rules of Order to all Commissions and Committees

Item carried over to the next meeting.

- 10) Adjournment

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