Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Beverly Hills Unified School District Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

CITY HALL
Video Teleconference
Call in: (916) 235-1420 or (888) 468-1195
Participant Pin: 872120
Beverly Hills City Hall
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
2:30 PM

TELEPHONIC/VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

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AGENDA

1) Public Comment
   a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

2) Beverly Hills Unified School District Reopening of Schools
   a. Discuss potential reopening options

3) Discuss current expiring JPA

4) Discuss Future JPA in FY 20/21

5) Adjournment

George Chavez
City Manager

Posted: May 5, 2020

A DETAILED LIAISON AGENDA PACKET IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT WWW.BEVERLYHILLS.ORG

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: May 6th, 2020
To: Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Beverly Hills Unified School District Committee
From: Pam Shinault, Assistant Director
Subject: Beverly Hills Unified School District Reopening of Schools

Request

Discuss the possible plan for reopening of schools and the City’s access for use of schools through a Joint Powers Agreement.

Discussion

The current JPA expires at the end of June 2020, and negotiations regarding a new JPA were stopped in March when the Safer At Home orders were given and the focus changed to providing critical services (City) in a Pandemic and bringing schools online for virtual learning (BHUSD). The City stopped use of schools for recreation, enrichment and community programming, beginning on March 13th, 2020. Therefore, the City’s popular preschools closed, afterschool child care was discontinued and all aquatics and youth sports activities stopped, as JPA programs were discontinued to adhere to the Safer at Home order.

As the Safer at Home order still remains in effect today and is expected to continue at least through mid-May and possibly longer, the City continues to not have access to the schools for programs. Additionally, to plan for summer and the upcoming Fiscal Year 20/21 budget, a discussion of what options are under consideration for reopening schools is warranted. When and how schools are reopened may have a direct impact on the City’s ability to return to schools to offer programs at school sites. Retaining social distancing in City programs when we return to use of any facility, whether a City one or schools, will likely cause a reduction in the number of participants the City can accept within a program, and reduce the amount of revenue that can be collected to help offset costs.

Summer is just around the corner and planning for bringing back some youth programs, like camp, are under consideration, so that not all summer experiences are restricted to online.