



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Legislative / Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
3:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: June 14, 2016 / 3:05 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling, Chief of Police Sandra Spagnoli, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Vicki Talbot (Beverly Hills Courier), Andrew Antwih (Shaw/Yoder/Antwih via conference call), Christopher Castrillo (Shaw/Yoder/Antwih via conference call), Executive Assistant Rachel Campbell.

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None

2) The Public Safety & Rehabilitation Act of 2016

A. Background

- This is the Governor's proposed parole initiative to release some nonviolent criminals and make it harder to charge juveniles as adults. It is for the November election and is not yet certified.
- The Secretary of State has until June 30 to validate signatures. To move forward, 585,000 signatures are required and just over 1 million signatures have been submitted and are currently being verified.
- Assuming the signatures are verified, this measure will be on the ballot; however the Legislature can postpone or propose another measure.

B. Position and next steps

- Mayor Mirisch agrees prisoners need rehabilitation; however, he opposes the initiative since there is no accountability and no supervision.
- Mayor Mirisch wants this to be an agenda item for Council.
- Councilmember Bosse recommends educating voters to make an informed choice to vote "no."

- Andrew Antwih will research if this is a partisan issue, and specifically contact the California Democrat and Republican Parties regarding their positions.
- Chief Spagnoli expressed concern that the problem with the initiative is accountability and monitoring, and when the social services component is not in place then reform is not effective. If it passes she plans to work as part of a larger group (including the League of California Cities and the Sheriffs' Departments) to influence who is appointed to the Board.

3) The Governor's "By Right" Housing Development Proposal

A. Background

- This Legislation, which is proposed by Governor Brown, would allow new residential projects with onsite affordable housing to be approved "as of right." This is potentially California's most significant housing policy change in years.
- The State Legislature has until close of business Wednesday, June 15, 2016, to approve a spending plan, and \$400 million has been set aside for various affordable housing measures. The State Legislature will vote on the portions where they have agreement by June 15 while continuing to discuss.
- This Bill would be effective immediately upon signature.

B. City Position and Next Steps

- The City of Beverly Hills opposes this bill and Mayor Mirisch expressed strong opposition.
- Mayor Mirisch wants us to be prepared and proactive with possible solutions including, but not limited to, down zoning should the bill pass.
- Mayor Mirisch expressed concerns that this proposal is an incursion on local control that can go against underlying zoning with a one size fits all approach. At some levels it would be 10%-20% affordable housing requirement with no restrictions.
- City Attorney Wiener noted that the City Attorney's office is closely following this issue and, if it passes, will have a white paper ready. One possibility is for the City to down zone one unit per acre.
- Andrew Antwih will keep us closely posted as this ongoing situation evolves.
- Andrew Antwih will provide more details on Assemblymember Bloom's own Proposal AB 501 and Andrew's office will flag AB 501.

4) SB 443 Mitchell Asset Forfeiture Bill

A. Background

- Assemblymember Mitchell objects to seizure of assets that are used by law enforcement as incentivizing and wants State asset forfeiture process followed that would require due process for offenders prior to cash or valuables being sold.
- This Bill has been in existence for a year and is sponsored by the California Rural Assistance Legal Foundation.

- Many groups oppose including State Association of Counties, Deputy District Attorneys, District Attorney's Association, and a long list of law enforcement organizations.
- Chief Spagnoli noted that current asset forfeiture practice by law enforcement has been effective especially regarding drug trafficking, while pointing out that we do not use it to supplant the budget.

B. Position and Current Status

- The City of Beverly Hills will take no action at this time.
- State Police Chiefs are working with the District Attorney's Association and California Sheriffs to work a compromise including a possible financial threshold.
- Andrew Antwih noted that passage is not certain although it has been through the Senate, at least in current form, and that it fell short 17 votes last time it was proposed. It can wait until the end of the legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

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