



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Legislative / Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

August 12, 2020

5:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: August 12, 2020 / 5:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich, Councilmember John Mirisch, Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Director of Human Resources Shelley Ovrom, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Policy & Management Analyst Cindy Owens, Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc., Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc., Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates, 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) **AB 1492 (Boerner Horvath) – Employment: Telecommuting Act**

- This bill would authorize any non-exempt employee working from home who is not under the physical control of the employer to choose when to take any meal or rest period during the workday, if the employer has not already scheduled a meal or rest period within the requirements of the law. The bill would require an employer to only pay one additional hour of pay for each day that the employer fails to notify the employee of the employee's right to take a break or requires an employee to work without a meal or rest period.
- Andrew Antwih reported this bill was pulled from the Assembly last minute by the author for further revision and is expected to be resubmitted at a later date.
- Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City be on record of being in support of the principle of teleworking.

2) SB 970 (Umberg) – Primary Election Date

- This item seeks direction on SB 970, which would change the date of the statewide direct primary to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in even-numbered years in which there is no presidential primary.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support SB 970 if amended with the amendment mentioned in the report.
- They also recommended the City Council ratify the letter sent by City Manager George Chavez on behalf of the City on August 9, 2020 which had a position of support if amended.

3) Discuss Sending a Letter to Sacramento Requesting a Postponement on All Major Housing Bills

- This item seeks direction on sending a letter to Sacramento requesting a postponement of the legislature to approve any major housing legislation due to COVID-19 with the exception of funding for affordable housing.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City send a letter requesting Sacramento to consider potential changes in a post-COVID world when contemplating legislation; and address the difficulty of obtaining meaningful public input during the pandemic by insuring opportunities for public input and not rushing through legislation without public input.

4) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including the Legislature has approximately 12 days left to pass bills. Andrew provided a brief summary of additional business:
 - Governor could call a special session after 8/31, only for a specific reason.
 - Several budget trailer bills are delayed as legislature wants more oversight on COVID 19 efforts and spending.
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the federal government including:
 - Biden/Harris ticket opens up the possibility of a new California Senator.
 - Major areas of disagreement still remain to proceed for an additional COVID-19 financial relief bill.

ADJOURNMENT

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