



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Legislative / Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 30, 2020

10:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: July 30, 2020 / 10:01 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich, Councilmember John Mirisch, Assistant City Manager Gabriella Yap, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Assistant Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich, City Attorney Larry Wiener, Police Lieutenant Max Subin, Policy & Management Analyst Cindy Owens, Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.; Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.; Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates; Multimedia Services Manager Jonathan Herndon, Executive Assistant Lisa Karson.

A. Oral Communications

1) Public Comment

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

Speakers: None.

B. Direction

1) **AB 345 (Muratsuchi) – Natural Resources: Environmental Justice: Oil and Gas: Regulations of Operations**

- Would establish an environmental justice program within the Natural Resources Agency that would require the Department of Conservation to adopt regulations to protect public health and safety near oil and gas extraction facilities.
- Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 345.

2) **AB 725 (Wicks) – General Plans: Housing Element: Moderate-income and Above Moderate-income Housing: Suburban and Metropolitan Jurisdictions**

- Would require at least 25 percent of a metropolitan jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need for moderate-income and above moderate-income housing be allocated to sites with zoning that allows at least two units of housing, but no more than 35 units per acre of housing. By imposing additional

requirements on the manner in which a city or county may satisfy its regional housing need, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose AB 725.

3) **AB 1063 (Petrie-Norris) – Planning and Zoning Law: Housing Elements: Accessory Dwelling Units: Adequate Site Substitutes**

- Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to allow a jurisdiction to identify sites for potential accessory dwelling units based on existing zoning standards and the demonstrated capacity to accommodate accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units as determined by the city or county.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 1063.

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

- On July 10, 2020, the Liaisons supported AB 1196 as it prohibited the use of carotid restraints or choke holds by a law enforcement agency. Amendments were then published to add the prohibition of the use of techniques or transport methods that involve a substantial risk of positional asphyxia. This item requests the consideration of these amendments.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 1196 if amended for clarity.

5) **AB 1672 (Bloom) – Solid Waste: Pre-moistened Nonwoven Disposable Wipes**

- Requires certain pre-moistened nonwoven disposal wipes manufactured on or after January 1, 2022 to be labeled clearly and conspicuously to communicate that they should not be flushed.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support AB 1672.

6) **AB 1851 (Wicks) – Religious institution affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements**

- Would prohibit a local agency from requiring the replacement of religious-use parking spaces that a developer of a religious institution affiliated housing development project proposes to eliminate as part of that housing development project.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose AB 1851.

7) **AB 2323 (Friedman) – California Environmental Quality Act: Exemptions**

- Would expand the application of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for housing and other specified projects by permitting community plans, as defined, to serve as the basis for exemption of residential, mixed-use and employment center projects near transit. It also eliminates the exclusion of sites within the boundaries of a state conservancy from existing exemptions for affordable agricultural housing, affordable urban housing, and urban infill housing. Because a lead agency would be required to determine the applicability of this exemption, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose AB 2323 unless amended.

8) AB 2345 (Gonzalez) – Planning and Zoning: Density Bonuses: Annual Report: Affordable Housing

- Would require the annual report provided by a jurisdiction to the Department of Housing and Community Development includes specified information regarding density bonuses granted in accordance with specified law. Would revise Density Bonus Law to increase the maximum allowable density and the number of concessions and incentives a developer can seek from a jurisdiction.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose AB 2345.

9) AB 3107 (Bloom) – Planning and Zoning: General Plan: Housing Development

- Would require a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any element of the general plan for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Included among these conditions is a requirement that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20 percent of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose AB 3107.

10) AB 3279 (Friedman) – California Environmental Quality Act: Administrative and Judicial Procedures

- Revises CEQA litigation procedures by 1) reducing the deadline for a court to commence hearings from one year to 270 days, 2) providing that a lead agency may decide whether a plaintiff prepares the administrative record, and 3) authorizing a court to issue an interlocutory remand.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City oppose AB 3279.

11) SB 431 (McGuire) – Mobile Telephony Service Base Transceiver Station Towers: Communications Infrastructure: Performance Reliability Standards

- Would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Services, to develop and implement by July 1, 2021, performance reliability standards, as specified, for all mobile telephony service base transceiver station towers, commonly known as “cell towers,” and for all infrastructure for providing mobile telephony service, Voice over Internet Protocol service, Internet Protocol enabled service, and cable television service that is located within a commission-designated Tier 2 or Tier 3 High Fire Threat District, or that affects those towers or that infrastructure within such a district.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support SB 431.

12) SB 1044 (Allen) – Firefighting Equipment and Foam: PFAS chemicals

- Would prohibit the use of firefighting foam containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) chemicals, except where federally required, and requires notification of the presence of PFAS in the protective equipment of firefighters.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch recommended the City support SB 1044.

13) Police Officer's Bill of Rights

- Allows the Committee the opportunity to discuss working on the potential introduction of State law to reform the Police Officer's Bill of Rights.
- Both Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch believe the Police Officer's Bill of Rights does need some reform; however, that should occur through hearings at the state legislature level. They both recommended the City encourage the legislature to develop reforms.

14) Independent Prosecution of Peace Officers

- Allows the Committee the opportunity to discuss working on the potential introduction of a State law on requiring independent prosecution of peace officers.
- Vice Mayor Wunderlich and Councilmember Mirisch concurred the state legislature should be the lead in developing legislation for creating an entity to independently prosecute peace officers.

15) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including the Legislature has proposed a \$100 billion economic stimulus plan. Andrew provided a brief summary of the proposal which included funding for:
 - Small businesses
 - Increase in unemployment benefits
 - Aid for school districts
 - Funding for broadband infrastructure
 - Funding for housing homeless
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the federal government including:
 - President Trump's proposal to postpone Presidential election.
 - Negotiations for another COVID-19 financial relief bill are currently at a stand-still.

ADJOURNMENT

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