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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Legislative Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 4, 2021
12:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: March 4, 2021 / 12:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich, Councilmember John Mirisch, Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich, Director of Finance Jeff Muir, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Director of Human Resources Shelley Ovrom, Fire Chief Gregory Barton, City Attorney Lawrence Wiener, Policy & Management Analyst Cindy Owens, Planning and Research Analyst Michelle Tse, Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc., Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc., Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates, Web Viewer Mark Elliott, 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: Mark Elliott commented regarding AB 617 - Transfer of Regional Housing Allocation. He does not feel the City should support this legislation as it does not send the right message from the City of Beverly Hills to pay another city to take our regional allocation.

B. Direction

1) **Assembly Bill 387 (Lee) - Social Housing Act of 2021**

- Would enact the Social Housing Act of 2021 to establish the California Housing Authority for the purpose of developing mixed-income rental and limited equity homeownership housing and mixed-use developments to address the shortage of affordable homes for low and moderate-income households.

- Work with authors to empower a coalition of non-profits to create affordable housing. Full bill will be available for review on 03/10/21.
- The Liaisons recommended the City support AB 387.

2) Assembly Bill 617 (Davies) – Planning and Zoning: Regional Housing Needs: Exchange of Allocation

- Would authorize a city or county, by agreement, to transfer all or a portion of its allocation of regional housing need to another city or county. The bill would allow the transferring city to pay the transferee city or county an amount determined by that agreement, as well as a surcharge to offset the impacts and associated costs of the additional housing on the transferee city.
- The Liaisons recommended the City support AB 617.

3) Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) - Housing Development: Incentives: Rezoning of Idle Retail Sites

- Upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other statute, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a program to provide incentives in the form of grants to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailer or a commercial shopping center to instead allow the development of workforce housing.
- A working definition should be developed with Community Development to determine eligibility.
- The Liaisons recommended the City support SB 15.

4) Senate Bill 49 (Umberg) - Business License Fees: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Waiver: Tax Credit

- Would prospectively waive State and local operating fees for eligible businesses identified in the bill during the remainder of the stay-at-home order and retroactively reimburse State and local operating fees paid during the stay-at-home order. This bill would primarily target restaurants and bars.
- Councilmember Mirisch questioned legal implications of waiving fees.
- Vice Mayor Wunderlich questioned pro-rating of fees for periods businesses were open.
- The Liaisons recommended the City support SB 49 if amended to allow proration of fees.

5) Senate Bill 278 (Leyva) - PERS: Disallowed Compensation: Benefit Adjustments

- Would establish new procedures for cases in which PERS determines that the benefits of a member or annuitant are, or would be, based on disallowed compensation that conflicts with PEPPRA and other specified laws and thus impermissible under PERL. The bill would also apply these procedures retroactively to determinations made on or after January 1, 2017, if an appeal has been filed and the employee member, survivor, or beneficiary has not

exhausted their administrative or legal remedies. After determining that compensation for an employee member reported by the state, school employer, or a contracting agency is disallowed, the bill would require the applicable employer to discontinue the reporting of the disallowed compensation.

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 278.

6) Senate Bill 285 (McGuire) - California Tourism Recovery Act

- Would require the California Travel and Tourism Commission to implement a strategic media and jobs recovery campaign known as the “Calling All Californians” program for the purpose of reversing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in California. The program would be implemented upon a determination by the Department of Public Health that it is safe to resume travel in California.
- The Liaisons recommended the City support SB 285.

7) Senate Bill 378 (Gonzalez) - Local Government: Broadband Infrastructure Development Project Permit Processing: Microtrenching Permit Processing Ordinance

- Would authorize a provider of fiber facilities to determine the method of the installation of fiber. The bill would prohibit a local agency from prohibiting, or unreasonably discriminating in favor of or against the use of, aerial installations, open trenching or boring, or micro trenching. Would authorize a local agency to prohibit aerial deployment of fiber where no aboveground utilities exist due to Electric Tariff Rule 20 or other existing underground requirements.
- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 378.

8) Senate Bill 590 (Allen) – 2022 Statewide Primary Election: Terms of Office

- Current law, Chapter 111 of the Statutes of 2020, moved the date of the statewide direct primary election in even-numbered years in which there is no Presidential primary election from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June. Current law authorizes elections for certain local offices to be held on the day of the statewide direct primary election. This bill would extend any term of office set to expire in March or April 2022 until the certification of election results from the June 7, 2022, statewide primary election.
- The Liaisons recommended the City support SB 590 and directed staff to seek an amendment for an urgency provision.

9) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including:
 - The Legislature has approved a package of bills that would set a timetable and provide \$2 billion in incentive funds for school districts around the state to reopen.

- The Governor announced 40% of the vaccinations for COVID-19 would be distributed in disadvantaged communities
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the Federal Government including:
 - House passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that provides \$1.9 trillion of COVID-19 financial relief and aid that includes:
 - New round of direct \$1,400 stimulus checks to individuals
 - Enhanced and increased weekly federal unemployment benefits of \$400 through August 2021
 - \$350 billion in aid to states and local governments
 - \$130 billion in aid for schools
 - \$160 billion for vaccines, personal protective equipment and testing
 - Increased child tax credits
 - Extension of eviction moratorium through end of the fiscal year
 - Additional assistance for small businesses and restaurants
 - House passed criminal justice reform bill HR 7120 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which bans chokeholds, ends racial and religious profiling, establishes national database to track police misconduct, prohibits certain no-knock warrants, and changes qualified immunity.
 - House passed HR 1 - For the People Act, which addresses voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance, and ethics for the three branches of government.
 - House passed HR 5 - The Equality Act, legislation that would amend the Civil Rights Act ensuring protections for LGBTQ Americans in employment, education, housing, credit, jury service and other areas.

ADJOURNMENT

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