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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Legislative Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

June 7, 2021
10:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: June 7, 2021 / 10:00 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmember John Mirisch, Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D.; Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey; Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap, Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich, Police Chief Dominick Rivetti; Deputy Fire Chief Joe Matsch, Battalion Chief Michael Hand; City Attorney Lawrence Wiener, Public Works Manager Michael Hensley; Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo; Policy & Management Analyst Cindy Owens, Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange, Inc., Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange, Inc., Tim Sullivan, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange, 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) **H.R. 613 - SALT Deductibility Act and S. 85 - SALT Deductible Act**

- The Liaisons recommend the City support HR 613.

2) **H.R. 1280 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021**

- The Liaisons recommend the City take a neutral position on HR 1280.

3) **Assembly Bill 14 (Aguiar-Curry) - Communications: Broadband Services: California Advanced Services Fund**

- The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 14 if amended to:
 - Include language that the funding is for technology neutral solutions and is not limited to 5G or fiber;
 - Limit the charge to one percent of the total bill;
 - Prohibit a company from increasing charges to consumers or cities related to the installation of broadband if the company receives funding from this program;
 - Allow local jurisdictions to retain control over permitting and installation processes; and
 - Create a consumer assistance fund to assist those less fortunate with payments for broadband services.

4) **Senate Bill 4 (Gonzalez) - Communications: California Advanced Services Fund: Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program: Surcharges**

- The Liaisons recommend the City support SB 4, if amended with the same language as AB 14.

5) **Assembly Bill 48 (Gonzalez, Lorena) - Law Enforcement: Kinetic Energy Projectiles and Chemical Agent**

- The Liaisons recommend the City remain neutral on AB 48.

6) **Assembly Bill 537 (Quirk) - Communications: Wireless Telecommunications and Broadband Facilities**

- The Liaisons recommend the City oppose AB 537.

7) **Assembly Bill 989 (Gabriel) - Housing Accountability Act: Appeals: Housing Accountability Committee**

- The Liaisons recommend the City oppose AB 989.

8) **Assembly Bill 1276 (Carrillo) - Single-use Food Accessories**

- The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 1276.

9) **Assembly Bill 1401 (Friedman) - Residential and Commercial Development: Parking Requirements**

- The Liaisons recommend the City oppose AB 1401.

10) Senate Bill 2 (Bradford) - Peace Officers: Certification: Civil Rights

- The Liaisons recommend the City remain neutral on SB 2.

11) Senate Bill 12 (McGuire) - Local Government: Planning and Zoning: Wildfires

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 12.

12) Senate Bill 16 (Skinner) - Peace Officers: Release of Records

- The Liaisons recommend the City remain neutral on SB 16. The Liaisons recommended the City send a letter to Peace Officers Standards & Training (“POST”) requesting they establish guidelines related to the content of this bill as well as for AB 46 and SB 16.

13) Senate Bill 49 (Umberg) - Income Taxes: Credits: California Fair Fees Tax Credit

- The Liaisons recommend the City remain neutral on SB 49.

14) Senate Bill 519 (Wiener) - Controlled Substances: Decriminalization of Certain Hallucinogenic Substances

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 519.

15) Senate Bill 693 (Stern) - Pupil Instruction: Genocide Education: The Holocaust

- The Liaisons strongly recommend the City support SB 693.

16) Request to Sign on to Letter by Westside Cities Council of Governments to the State of California Requesting an Extension of the October 2021 Housing Element Adoption Deadline

- The Liaisons recommend the City support this request.

17) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including:
 - The Legislature has reached the halfway point for bills in Sacramento. The Houses have exchanged bills this past Friday with the deadline for bills to leave their House of origin. Adoption of a State budget must be approved by June 15.
 - Governor Newsom announced a new budget and spending plan when he issued his May revise due to the drastic increase in projected State revenues with a surplus in the General Fund of \$75 billion. In addition, \$26 billion in Federal funds are also available to the State from the American Rescue Plan for a total of over \$100 billion for the State to develop a spending plan. He is proposing the following:
 - Governor Newsom has also proposed a \$7 billion spending plan for broadband in the State that will play out over multiple years.
 - Announced an \$11 billion spending plan for transportation including \$1 billion identified for rail improvements in the Southern California

- region necessary to improve mobility to prepare for the 2028 Olympics.
 - Also proposed is \$3.9 billion in funding to provide incentives for electric or hydrogen vehicles, especially in the medium and heavy-duty class.
 - Governor Newsom has set June 15 as the deadline for the State to re-open the economy.
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the Federal Government including:
 - The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will mark up a 5-year, \$547 billion Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill that will comprise a key part of President Biden's Infrastructure package which includes:
 - \$343 billion for roads, bridges, and safety
 - \$109 billion for transit
 - \$95 billion for freight and passenger rail
 - Transportation Infrastructure Chairman Pete DeFazio is allocating \$14.8 billion for earmarks.
 - Senator Ted Lieu has submitted two projects on behalf of the City of Beverly Hills:
 - \$5 million for the Metro North Portal Project
 - \$3 million for the Robertson Blvd. sidewalk Rehabilitation Project
 - President Biden is proposing to raise corporate taxes from 21% to 28% and raise income taxes on people earning more than \$400,000 to help pay for the infrastructure bill.

ADJOURNMENT

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