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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
December 08, 2015

I. City Council Winter Recess

- a. The Los Angeles City Council will observe winter recess beginning Friday, December 18, 2015 until Friday, January 08, 2015.
- b. During this time the Los Angeles City Council nor the City Council Committees will meet.

II. Misty Copeland Square Unveiling

- a. Monday, December 21, 2015, 3:30PM – 4:30PM
- b. Northwest corner of 13th St and Pacific Ave, adjacent to San Pedro City Ballet
- c. Councilman Joe Buscaino will be honoring San Pedro prodigy Misty Copeland by naming 13th and Pacific Ave., Misty Copeland Square. Misty got her start at the San Pedro City Ballet and went on to become the first female lead in the 75-year history of the American Ballet Theater. This year she was also named Time Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world. Misty will attend this naming and the public is invited. The ceremony will include a performance by the current students of the San Pedro City Ballet. Misty will be in town to teach a Master Class at the Warner Grand Theatre as a fundraiser for the San Pedro City Ballet:
<https://www.gofundme.com/sanpedroballet> Please consider contributing.

III. Public Safety Committee

- a. The Los Angeles City Council's Public Safety Committee will consider Councilman Buscaino's Motion relative to directing the Los Angeles Police Department to report on the increase in property crime across the City of Los Angeles over recent months, and what efforts the department is undertaking to address this problem.
- b. The meeting will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 8:30AM in Room 1010 of Los Angeles City Hall (200 N. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012).
- c. You are encouraged to attend and provide testimony on this critical issue.

IV. Legislative Update

a. Council, 12.02.15

1. City Council considered an Ordinance regarding exempting retired peace officers and qualified reserve officers from the ban on possessing large-capacity ammunition magazine.
 1. Approved; Bonin, Koretz, Martinez, Ryu dissenting

2. CF 13-0068-S2

b. Council, 12.01.15

1. City Council considered a Trade, Commerce and Technology Committee Report regarding requesting the Board of Harbor Commissioners to initiate the process to consider the Port of Palermo, Italy, as a Sister or Friendship Port to the Port of Los Angeles
 1. Approved unanimously.
 2. *CF 14-1402*

c. Council, 11.24.15

1. City Council considered a Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations & Neighborhoods Committee report regarding a Neighborhood Council Subdivision Policy.
 1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance to amend the relevant Los Angeles Administrative Code sections relative to Neighborhood Council subdivision/boundary adjustment as follows:
 - a. A new Neighborhood Council may be created from within the boundaries of an existing Neighborhood Council by the following process:
 - a. The subdividing group shall undertake the process for Neighborhood Council formation as already described for new councils.
 - b. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) shall set an election to take up the question within 90 days of verifying all paperwork is complete.
 - c. A majority of the votes cast by stakeholders of the entire original Neighborhood Council shall be required to complete the separation and create a new council.
 - d. If an area leaves a Neighborhood Council, the original council should simply be required to adjust its boundaries and board structure and not recertify.
 - e. If an area moves between two existing Neighborhood Councils, neither should be required to recertify.
 2. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (GAO) to include in the City budget for the next fiscal year, proposed funding for three positions needed to implement the proposed Neighborhood Council subdivision/boundary adjustment policy.
 3. NOTE and FILE the DONE Reports dated November 19, 2013 and August 13, 2015.
 4. Approved, unanimously.
 5. *CF 12-1681*

d. Council, 11.18.15

1. City Council considered a Resolution establishing the City's position to SPONSOR/SUPPORT legislation amending the California

Vehicle Code to allow seizure and impoundment of a motor vehicle in connection with prostitution, pimping, pandering, and solicitation. (For prior convictions beyond three years ago).

1. Approved, unanimously.
2. *CF 15-0002-S75*

e. Council, 11.17.15

1. City Council considered a Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report relative to the City Council's authority to declare a State of Emergency as it relates to the shelter crisis, with full range of power as authorized by Government Code 8698. Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Cedillo - Bonin, et al):
 1. REQUEST the City Attorney to provide a report, or prepare and present a draft ordinance, to:
 - a. Amend Municipal Code Sections 12.03, 12.80 and 12.81 to provide the City the full powers of State Government Code 8698-8698.2 to declare a state of emergency as it relates to the current shelter crisis.
 - b. Provide the legal steps necessary to authorize a Safe Parking Program on City facilities or on property owned/operated by a non-profit in the following land use zones (R3, R4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2, or M3).
 - c. Provide a report relative to the steps necessary for the State and/or Federal Government to declare a state of emergency and any resources that may be provided to the City as a result of that declaration, including humanitarian resources provided through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) intervention.
 2. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to prepare and present a resolution to effectuate the State of Emergency, as needed.
 3. INSTRUCT the City's Planning Department and Department of Building and Safety, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and City Attorney to prepare and present a report with draft ordinance language, if needed, to implement the intent of this motion as it relates to the reasonable and appropriate suspension of code sections that interfere with efforts to mitigate the current housing crisis, and the report should include the impact of waiving associated fees.
 4. Approved as amended, unanimously.
 5. *CF 15-1138*
2. City Council considered a Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report relative to preliminary steps and resources required to provide storage facilities and services including but not limited to

public restrooms and showers, for unhoused and unsheltered individuals Citywide. Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Bonin - Cedillo - Huizar - Koretz for Buscaino):

- 1.** ADOPT the goals for Citywide expansion of storage and services for the homeless as stated in Finding No. 4 of the August 26, 2015 joint City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report (attached to Council file 15-0727), to serve as a guide for the potential Citywide expansion and operation of new storage and service facilities.
 - 2.** ADOPT the location criteria for the Citywide expansion of storage and services presented in Finding No. 6 of the August 26, 2015 joint CAO and CLA report (attached to Council file 15-0727), to address how potential sites for new facilities will be assessed and options for the implementation of short- and long-term facilities.
 - 3.** DIRECT the Housing and Community Investment Department to amend the contract with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), subject to the approval of the City Attorney, to include the management of storage and service facilities Citywide.
 - 4.** REQUEST the LAHSA to:
 - a.** Report within 30 days with an implementation plan to locate and assess potential short- and long-term sites with any additional staff and funds required.
 - b.** Report within 60 days subsequent to LAHSA's implementation plan report, with preliminary findings related to resources required to implement short- and long-term storage facilities, including estimated costs, subject to the adopted location criteria.
 - 5.** Approved as amended, unanimously.
 - 6.** *CF 15-0727*
- 3.** City Council considered a Homelessness and Poverty Committee Report relative to amending Section 56.11, Article 6, Chapter V, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the storage of personal property in public areas. Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Bonin - Price):
- 1.** REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend LAMC Section 56.11, Article 6, Chapter V, to emphasize that the ordinance is designed to assure the City's ability to keep public areas, especially sidewalks, clean, safe and accessible for the benefit of the entire community while also recognizing and allowing for the needs of homeless individuals, who have no other alternatives, to maintain and store life necessities. Specifically, the amended ordinance shall:

- a.** Allow individuals to maintain a specified quantity of Personal Property on the public areas covered by the ordinance, as follows:
 - i.** Unattended Personal Property, of any amount, may be impounded by the City with proper notice.
 - ii.** Attended Personal Property of a volume in excess of a bulky item as defined by this ordinance may be impounded by the City with proper notice.
 - iii.** In drafting the amended ordinance, the City Attorney shall consult with the City Administrative Officer and recommend a specific amount of additional voluntary storage capacity in the City that, only when established and operational, shall permit the City to impound attended Personal Property (with the exception of essential items of a limited quantity, e.g., a backpack of 2 cubic feet) with proper notice if operational voluntary storage is located and available within 2 miles or equivalent access is provided to the voluntary storage through another means, such as transportation assistance.
- b.** Maintain the City's ability to enforce the ordinance's provisions allowing for the removal of Personal Property so as to provide that the City's public areas are clean, accessible and available for their intended uses while balancing the needs and rights of individuals experiencing homelessness and to enforce the provisions related to Tents and Attachments, which raise specific safety issues, by specifying that unlawful conduct is limited to:
 - i.** An individual's failure to remove attended Personal Property upon proper notice, as required by the ordinance, coupled with his/her impeding City officials to remove such property as allowed for in the ordinance.
 - ii.** An individual preventing the deconstruction of a Tent (between 6:00am and 9:00pm) or an Attachment when requested to do so by a City official (as defined in the protocols and procedures of an Interdepartmental policy between Bureau of Sanitation and LAPD- See Recommendation No. 4).
 - iii.** Illegal dumping

- c. Provide that if an individual refuses to deconstruct a Tent (between 6:00am and 9:00pm) or an Attachment when requested to do so by a City official, the City may deconstruct it and it may be subject to immediate impoundment.
 - d. Provide that the City has the ability to immediately move and as necessary immediately impound attended and unattended Personal Property that does not allow for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) passage.
 - e. Provide that Personal Property which is obstructing City operations or maintenance, including cleanings, must be immediately moved and may be impounded with proper notice.
 - f. Designate Bureau of Sanitation as the Designated Administrative Agency.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present a separate ordinance which addresses commercial property stored in public areas and allows for its continued regulation and enforcement.
3. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation and LAPD to report back with a consistent inter-departmental policy that provides protocols and procedures for implementation of this ordinance that includes, but is not limited to, allowing owners of property noticed for removal an opportunity to comply at the time their property is subject to removal, including the impoundment of property and deconstruction and possible impoundment of Tents and Attachments, as reasonably feasible and specify the roles of each department under the ordinance. This policy should maintain the City's ability to enforce the ordinance's provisions allowing for the removal of Personal Property to provide that the City's public areas are clean, accessible and available for their intended uses and addresses specific concerns related to Tents and Attachments, while balancing the needs and rights of individuals experiencing homelessness.
4. REQUEST the City Attorney to report relative to whether successful completion of a diversion program can ensure an individual's record remains clean.
 - a. Approved as amended, unanimously.
 - b. *CF 14-1656-S1*

V. Upcoming Events

a. Watts Winter Wonderland

1. Thursday, December 10, 2015, 4PM – 6:30PM

2. E. 103rd Street between Success Ave and Compton Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90002
 3. Hope to see you there!
- b.** Mt. Sinai *Handbags for Hope*
1. Saturday, December 12, 2015, 11AM – PM
 2. 225 S. Mesa Street, San Pedro, CA 90731
 3. The Sisterhood Ministry of Mt. Sinai is sponsoring a ministry opportunity called “Handbags for Hope.” This project is taking place now through December 12th. Our vision is to take a stand and raise awareness to Domestic Violence. Their goal is to collect 500 new or gently used handbags, fill them with essential toiletry items and gift them to five Women’s Shelters in the community that help women in transition and women who are fleeing from Domestic Violence situations.
- c.** Wilmington Holiday Parade
1. Sunday, December 13, 2015, 12PM – 2PM
 2. N. Avalon Boulevard and W. E Street and E. E Street, Wilmington, CA 90744