

**Government Affairs
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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chair Gil Imber.
2. **Roll Call** - Pamela Harris, Gil Imber, Howard Katchen, Tom Materna - present.
Kira Durbin - absent.
3. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting.
The minutes of the August 25 meeting were approved (4-0-0).
4. **Comments by Public Officials**
5. **Chair's Report**
 - a. Government Affairs, Chair Gil Imber.
 - i. [CF 20-0990](#). Anti-Bias Training/NCs. City Council adopted.
 - ii. [AB 2147](#). Inmate fire crews. Signed into law.
6. **Action Items Which May Be Voted Upon**
 - a. [CF 20-0762](#). Municipal Wireless Network Initiative / Los Angeles Residents. Public Wifi.
Discussion followed.
 - i. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File CF 20-0762 to develop a municipal wireless network (public wifi) for residents of the City of Los Angeles. The internet has become a necessity for modern life and, as such, should be treated as such insofar as providing public access via wireless capability is practicable.
Letters: CIS for 20-0762, Letter to CD4/David Ryu.
Presented by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Tom Materna.
Discussion followed.

Presented by: Howard Katchen. **Seconded by:** Gil Imber.
Discussion followed. Public Comment followed.

To Continue until such time as the LA City Council's Information, Technology, and General Services Committee has had a time to review the Council's motion and provide a report as requested

Yes: Harris, Imber, Katchen, Materna

No: - / Absent: Durbin

The motion 6a is continued (roll call vote), 4-0-0.

- b. [CF 20-0769-S1](#). Advanced Provider Response Unit (APRU) Program Expansion / Integration of Mental Health and Social Work Professionals / Non-Violent and Non-Criminal Calls.

Discussion followed.

- i. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File CF 20-0769-S1 to consider a plan from the Fire Department (LAFD) to expand the Advanced Provider Response Units (APRU) in order to cover more areas of the City and respond to non-violent non-criminal calls that would previously be responded to by the Police Department (LAPD).

Letters: CIS for 20-0769-S1, Letter to CD4/David Ryu.

Presented by: Pamela Harris. **Seconded by:** Tom Materna.
Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Harris, Imber, Katchen, Materna

No: - / Absent: Durbin

The motion 6b is adopted (roll call vote), 4-0-0.

- c. [CF 20-1170](#). Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) / Suspending Ongoing Construction / Hillside / Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFSZ).

- i. No motion.

7. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. [CF 18-0467](#). Neighborhood Council System Reforms. City Council adopted item. Effective date for ordinances [186760](#) and [186761](#) is October 16, 2020.
- i. [§186760](#): 16 years minimum to vote / 18 years minimum to serve
1. Exception: ONE youth seat, aged 14-17 yo.
- ii. [§186761](#): Community interest stakeholder redefined as an individual who participates in a Community Organization, which must be not-for-profit. Includes religious groups, education, etc.
1. Must maintain a physical street address within the NC area.
Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.
- b. CD4 Candidate Forum, 9/23/20.
Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.
- c. Possible agenda items for next meeting.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

8. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within the Committee's Jurisdiction**
9. **Adjournment** - Gil Imber adjourned the meeting via general consent at 8:18pm.

*All Council File (CF) items contain a hyperlink to the applicable source legislation.

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