



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/BHUSD Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday May 13, 2020
4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: May 13, 2020 / 4:01 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Lester Friedman, Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Community Services Director Jenny Rogers, Community Services Assistant Director Pam Shinault, Recreation Services Manager Patty Acuna, Communications Specialist Charles Merrill, Systems Integrator Alvin Collins, Community Outreach Manager Garin Hussenjian, Executive Assistant Aida Thau, Admin Clerk II Jessica Barragan, Superintendent Dr. Michael Bregy, Assistant Superintendent Wade Roach, District Director of Athletics Tim Ellis, Board President Isabel Hacker, Board Vice President Rachelle Marcus

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None.

2) BEVERLY HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

a. Discuss potential reopening options.

The Liaisons discussed potential reopening options that were presented by the District. They are being asked by the County Office of Education to come up with myriad of possibilities and plans, so they can adjust to a different type of school opening depending on the COVID data changes at each specific moment in time throughout the school year, depending if there are small number of infections, or if then numbers spike. BHUSD must reopen but also be ready to keep kids at home if necessary. The District is following directions while they wait for information from regulatory agencies. No other public school district has yet made a final decision.

3) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

a. Update on Staff Working Group since January 2020

Staff provided an update regarding the meetings that the City staff and BHUSD staff have been working since the beginning of the year. This group met every two weeks and discussed topics such as security, custodial, facility maintenance, deferred maintenance, and agreements. This collaboration generated action ideas and opened up lines of communication in order to provide greater transparency.

b. 4th Quarter JPA Payment

During the 4th quarter the City was not able to use the school facilities. At the same time, the feeling is that the school district has used this time wisely to make improvements at the BHUSD facilities. The Board reminded the Liaisons that the 4th

Quarter belongs to a JPA that was already negotiated and executed and that these funds were already anticipated as part of the current school year budget.

c. Discuss current expiring JPA

The Liaisons discussed the financial issues that the COVID crisis has triggered and how the City's revenues will be seriously impacted by a very significant reduction on Transient Occupancy Tax, Sales Tax, and Business Tax. Currently the City's contribution towards the JPA amounts to 15% of BHUSD budget.

d. Discuss future JPA in FY 2020/2021

The Liaisons acknowledged the ongoing issue of security. After school security is not on the same level as during the school day. The Liaisons will work to improve security in future JPA. The Liaisons also discussed the challenge as to what recommend for next year, because assuming that schools reopen in the fall, due to social distancing guidelines, there might be two school shifts that might end later in the day, and the consequent impact on access for after school programming, and there might also be trailers on the school fields to provide more classroom space for social distancing guidelines between students. At the moment, there is no schedule or configuration for any kind of access to fields. The new schedule and configuration might reduce or eliminate use of school facilities for after school programming, and loss to the general community, if schools' green space is no longer available to residents on weekends. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled soon, since BHUSD has to turn in budgets for next 3-year projections: FY 20/21, FY21/22 and FY22/23 before the end of June.

4) ADJOURNMENT

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