



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A  
**Sunshine Task Force Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

October 15, 2018  
4:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Date / Time: October 15, 2018 / 4:00 pm

In Attendance: Mayor Julian A. Gold, M.D., Councilmember Robert Wunderlich, Chuck Aronberg, Magali Bergher, Sonia Berman, Linda Brown, Mark Elliot, Judie Fenton, Lori Greene Gordon/Planning Commissioner, Victoria Gordon, Marilyn Gallup, Marcia Hobbs/The Beverly Hills Courier, Marcy Kelly, Myra Lurie, Steve Mayer, Susan Mishler, Ronald Richards/BHHPA, Stella Sarraf, Ilona Sherman/Chair Design Review Commission, Victoria Talbot/The Beverly Hills Courier, Debbie Weiss/BHPPA, Thomas White, Allyson Wittner

Staff: Assistant City Manager George Chavez, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, City Auditor Eduardo Luna, Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Management Analyst Michelle Ramos-Vergara

1) Public Comment

- a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any items not listed on the agenda.

Ronald Richards requested to extend meetings to more than one hour. Mayor Gold stated that the request will be considered.

Councilmember Wunderlich introduced City Auditor Eduardo Luna who spoke on his background and experience.

2) Follow Up Items From the Last Meeting

- City Attorney to provide status update on open lobbyist complaints

City Attorney Laurence Wiener reported that all people who have filed complaints have been or will be notified. He stated that the City Clerk is working on scheduling administrative hearings for the complaints that have been deemed valid.

- Private Attorney General — City Attorney to provide an analysis of advantages/disadvantages of a similar process for the City

City Attorney Laurence Wiener clarified that the Private Attorney General is available to anyone to enforce violations of requirements.

- List of requested items for discussion/items discussed

Management Analyst Michelle Ramos-Vergara handed out a list of issues discussed at the previous meeting. She advised to contact Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez with any questions.

Thomas White spoke on Brown Act compliancy with regards to closed session items. City Attorney Laurence Wiener addressed Mr. White's concerns then suggested to add the item to a future Study Session.

3) Council direction not being followed - Failure to follow the General Plan

Debbie Weiss expressed her concern that staff does not always follow Council direction. She and Victoria Talbot each provided an example. Mayor Gold reminded everyone that commissions can modify items not in compliance with the General Plan.

Mayor Gold directed to follow up on the item. He asked Ronald Richards to provide specific suggestions on how to address the issue. He also directed Assistant City Manager George Chavez to provide an explanation of management's follow up process. Mayor Gold suggested Victoria Talbot use her example.

4) Establishment of a formal procedure to handle complaints against a Commissioner

Mayor Gold reminded everyone that Council has the authority to remove and/or address commissioner issues. He requested to include the specific language of an ex parte in the next agenda.

5) Any commissioner or councilmember who is a party to a lawsuit shall report it within ten days of notice including providing a copy of the complaint or cross complaint.

Mayor Gold expressed disagreement as not all lawsuits are directly related to City business. Debbie Weiss suggested that this should only apply to items that create a conflict of interest.

6) Public Feedback Process for La Cienega Park & Recreation Complex – Taken out of order.

Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey briefly provided an update on the public outreach efforts and outcomes for the La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex project. She encouraged everyone to participate in the online survey.

7) Adjournment

Date / Time: October 15, 2018 / 5:00 pm