

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE  
Minutes from the Special Meeting of August 11, 2022

MEMBERS: Matthew W. Szabo, Office of the City Administrative Officer, Chair (CAO)  
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA)  
Jeanne Holm, Office of the Mayor (Mayor)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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No General Public Comment.

**Item 1** Bureau of Engineering (BOE) report recommending to the Board of Public Works the award of the construction contract for the Madrid Theatre renovations project to Waisman Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$10,743,000 (Work Order No. E1908443).

**Disposition:** Approved with discussion.

Sharon, Tso, CLA, requested clarification on which fiscal year the project would require additional funding to address the current shortfall and the anticipated project completion date. Asatur Keymetlyan, BOE, responded that construction completion is expected in the second quarter of fiscal year 2023-24.

Matt Szabo, CAO, acknowledged the project shortfall and confirmed BOE's intention to utilize the City's General Fund as a last recourse. Mr. Szabo also asked for clarification on whether there is a spending deadline for the \$2 million in State grant funds awarded to the project. Mr. Keymetlyan stated that BOE has been informed by the grant recipient, Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), that the State's conditional deadline to complete construction is 12 months. BOE clarified that DCA had informed the State that the project schedule will exceed the 12-month timeframe. Mr. Keymetlyan further explained staff intend to submit the extension request to the State after construction commences at the end of next month, with the expectation the request will be approved

Jeanne Holm, Mayor, asked for clarification on how much revenue would be generated by the completed theatre facility, and whether there are any restrictions for the use of those funds. Mr. Keymetlyan and Steven Lane, BOE, had no information available to address this inquiry. Ms. Holm also inquired whether it was possible to spread the cost over multiple years by delaying the equipment purchases to follow completion of the capital improvements. Mr. Keymetlyan confirmed the audio-visual and theatre lighting equipment purchases would be delayed, and that BOE intends to pursue additional funding sources to address the current shortfall projected.

**Item 2** Report from the General Services Department (GSD) requesting authority to proceed with a proposed fencing and gate installation to secure access to the Los Angeles Mall outside of regular business hours.

**Disposition:** Approved with discussion.

Ms. Holm expressed concern that the placement of the security fencing should not appear to limit access to a public facility. Ms. Holm also inquired about the hours the gates would be secured. Eric Robles, GSD, responded the gates would be secured outside of the hours of operation defined for the facility. Mr. Robles further explained that LAPD would provide access to City staff or for special events planned outside of regular business hours.

Ms. Holm requested a timeline for installation of fencing and gates. Mr. Robles responded that the project would require two to three months to complete.

Ms. Holm asked to clarify whether security issues in the LA Mall have tapered off after the recent completion of the Encampment to Home project. Captain Castillo, LAPD, advised that the number of criminal occurrences has not changed; however, the incidents of vandalism and public urination have tapered off. He expects this project will allow redeployment of LAPD resources to other nearby areas that require attention. Capt. Castillo confirmed that access would be provided to staff working in the LA Mall, upon request as needed to provide access outside of regular business hours

**Item 3** Municipal Facilities Committee to consider a determination in accordance with AB 361 Section 3(e)(3) that, while the state of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as originally proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, remains active and/or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, this legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and/or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

**Disposition:** Approved as read into the record.

*The Meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.*