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MOTION

There is a long recognized need for new parkland and open space in the densely populated areas of Hollywood that do not have parks within a reasonable walking distance.

The Hollywood Central Park project proposes to cover a portion of the U.S. 101 Freeway, between Hollywood and Santa Monica Boulevards, in order to create a 44-acre street level park. If implemented, the Hollywood Central Park project would provide a new public park in a neighborhood where a large percentage of residents do not live in close proximity to a park or recreational facility.

In 2008 a feasibility study for the project was completed, which determined that the proposed Hollywood Central Park project is both technically and functionally feasible.

Following the completion of the feasibility study, the Friends of the Hollywood Central Park (FHCP), a non-profit organization, was created to raise funds, community interest, and support, for this proposed new park in Hollywood. FHCP has estimated that \$2,000,000 in funding would be needed to prepare the necessary environmental documentation and analyses for the proposed park.

On July 3, 2012, the City Council approved the transfer and appropriation of a total of \$825,000, from various funding sources, to the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for the preparation of environmental analyses for the proposed Hollywood Central Park project (CF 12-0600-S120). Of that amount, City staff estimated that \$300,000 would be needed to pay City Department's staff costs for the preparation and review of the environmental documents and the remaining \$525,000 would be used to pay for environmental consultants.

In August 2012, the FHCP received a \$1,200,000 donation from the Aileen Getty Foundation to fund an Environmental Impact Report for the Hollywood Central Park project. These funds, in combination with the \$825,000 in funding provided by the City, are sufficient to prepare the necessary environmental documentation for the project.

Through recent discussions between City staff and FHCP it has been determined that it would be most appropriate for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to serve as the lead agency for the City for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study since the project proposes to develop a new public park that would be owned by RAP. RAP has indicated a willingness to serve as the lead agency for the City, but has determined that a new staff position would be required in order to ensure the timely delivery of this high-priority special project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Designate the Department of Recreation and Parks as the lead City agency for the development, preparation, and review of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study, and associated technical studies, for the proposed Hollywood Central Park project.
2. Transfer \$785,000 from the Public Works Fund No. 682-50, Account 50JVAA (Bureau of Engineering Special Services Fund) to the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302-89, Account 89270K-TBD (General Capital) for the development, preparation, and review of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study, and associated technical studies and consultant reports, for the proposed Hollywood Central Park project;
3. Request the Department of Recreation and Parks to seek approval of the Civil Service exemption of one Principal Project Coordinator position pursuant to Charter Section 1001 (b), for a new



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4. Request the Department of Recreation and Parks to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Friends of the Hollywood Central Park, in the amount of \$525,000 to provide services relative to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study, and associated technical studies, for the proposed Hollywood Central Park project.
5. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks to make any technical corrections to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion.

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Councilman, 13th District

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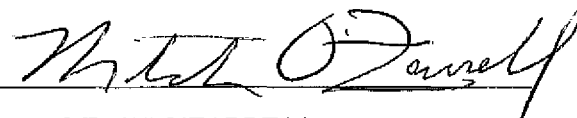
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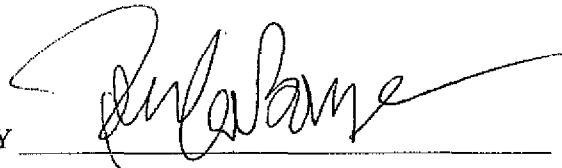
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