

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE relative to the use of *Envision*, a point-based sustainability rating system and planning guide, for introducing sustainability elements into Bureau of Engineering infrastructure projects and other City projects.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Buscaino – Ryu):

1. APPROVE the City Engineer's decision to use *Envision* as a rating system for measuring sustainability and receive certification for Bureau of Engineering projects where feasible.
2. SUPPORT the Bureau of Engineering partnership with the County of Los Angeles, to start with the delivery of two projects using the *Envision* rating system.
3. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering to report relative to the progress of *Envision* and on other opportunities within the City for incorporating *Envision*.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On October 18, 2016, Council considered Motion (Buscaino – Ryu) relative to the use of *Envision* for introducing sustainability elements into Bureau of Engineering infrastructure projects and other City projects. Motion states that *Envision* takes a holistic view of infrastructure by focusing on the social, environmental, and economic impact of projects. *Envision* encourages public involvement in the decision-making process through community outreach and feedback programs, resulting in more equitable project decisions for all stakeholders. Impacts are measured in five broad categories: quality of life, leadership, resource allocation, natural world, climate and risk.

Motion goes on to state that the Bureau of Engineering has determined that *Envision* is a viable sustainability standard for infrastructure projects, and anticipates major project benefits such as reduced carbon emissions, improved water quality, climate resilience, and community well-being.

Motion further states that on August 16, 2016, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors adopted the use of *Envision* for County infrastructure projects. The Bureau of Engineering and the County are partnering to continue to lead in the arena of sustainable infrastructure in the Los Angeles region and have identified candidate pilot projects to collaborate on. This partnership, in addition to Engineering's own efforts, will further determine the optimal target rating level for future *Envision* projects and establish strategies for implementation of *Envision* within each agency.

Motion recommends that Council concur with the City Engineer's decision to use *Envision* to measure sustainability and receive certification for Bureau of Engineering projects where feasible, and to support the Bureau's partnership with the County of Los Angeles. Council

referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee meeting held October 24, 2016, Committee Chair and Committee Member discussed this matter with the City Engineer and Bureau staff. The City Engineer stated that while sustainability standards and certifications exist for the construction of buildings, similar standards had not yet been established for infrastructure projects. The use of *Envision* guidelines for infrastructure projects will reduce their carbon footprint and incorporate social and environmental costs in project planning. The Bureau of Engineering will promote the use of *Envision* with other infrastructure-building City Departments such the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles World Airports, and the Department of Water and Power; and, regionally with other local cities. Incorporating *Envision* project planning elements does not increase costs according to the City Engineer. Taking into account project sustainability will reduce costs over time.

The Committee Chair and Committee member recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendations as stated above.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

COUNCILMEMBER CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

PRICE: YES

O'FARRELL: ABSENT

RYU: ABSENT

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-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE relative to recommendations for various street tree pruning issues and tree trimming contractor cost and performance.

Recommendation for Council action:

INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services to:

- a. Report to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee:
 - i. Relative to the status of hiring the additional tree pruning crew and the level of productivity attained by the crew during the 2016-17 Fiscal Year.
 - ii. In 60 days relative to the results of the most recent multi-year tree pruning contract bid and award process.
- b. Establish a maximum allowable year-to-year cost increase for tree pruning, tied to the Consumer Price Index, in all future Request for Bids.
- c. Report with a plan to implement metrics to closely track and assess overall contractor performance, including how often contractors do not meet performance standards.
- d. Increase current tree trimming contracts from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
- e. Adopt a tree maintenance policy that includes dead tree removal in future grids that are bid out for tree pruning.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Office (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against, unless amended: Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor and Council dated October 21, 2016, the CAO discusses the frequency of street tree pruning and the use of street tree trimming contractors. According to the CAO, the use of City forces is 18 percent more expensive than contractors to perform the same amount of work.

Contractors are required to meet tree pruning standards set by the Bureau of Street Services. Failure to comply can result in suspension of work, nonpayment for unacceptable work, and cancellation of the contract. The Bureau does not, however, track how often contractors fail to meet the City's standards. Currently, there are no specific metrics for assessing the overall system. The CAO recommends that the Bureau develop a plan to implement metrics that would more closely track and assess overall contractor performance, such as tracking how often a

contractor does not meet performance standards.

The CAO also discusses tree trimming contract services, recommending that cost increases be capped and tied to any increase in the Consumer Price Index.

At the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee meeting held October 24, 2016, the Committee Chair discussed this matter with a representative of the CAO. The CAO's representative reviewed the findings and recommendations of the aforementioned report.

Members of the public in attendance stated that residents should be notified in advance of scheduled street tree prunings. It was stated that contractor pruning should not be done during the summer and that their work is often ugly. Support was expressed for the development of metrics to track contractor performance and a recommendation was made for a five-year tree pruning cycle.

The Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee Chair recommended that Council approve the CAO's recommendation stated above.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

PRICE: ABSENT

O'FARRELL: ABSENT

RYU: ABSENT

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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE relative to implementing tree removal and replacement policies, and developing an urban forestry management plan to sustain and enhance the City's urban forest and tree canopy.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Krekorian – Buscaino):

INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division to:

- a. Report relative to the implementation of the City's tree removal and replacement policies, including related support programs, and an accounting of the net losses and increases in tree canopy as a result of those programs.
- b. Develop and report with an urban forestry management plan, backed by relevant data, that will result in a more sustainable urban forest with greater diversity and resiliency, encourage increased plantings in neighborhoods lacking tree cover, and produce a significant net increase in tree canopy throughout the City of Los Angeles over time.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On August 5, 2016, Council considered Motion (Krekorian – Buscaino) relative to implementing tree removal and replacement policies, and developing an urban forestry management plan to sustain and enhance the City's urban forest and tree canopy. Motion states the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division is responsible for the stewardship of the urban forest in Los Angeles. This work includes maintenance of existing street trees, assessing the overall health of the tree population in Los Angeles, and recommending policies to preserve the health of street trees.

Motion goes on to state that factors such as disease, and the removal of mature trees caused by sidewalk repair and new construction threaten the sustainability of the City's street tree population. Motion movers believe that existing policies and programs should be re-evaluated in order to ensure the sustainability of the City's urban forest. Motion recommends that Council instruct the Urban Forestry Division to report with an overview of how sidewalk repair, new construction, and other policies affect street trees, and with recommendations for an urban forestry management plan. Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee meeting held October 24, 2016, the Committee Chair discussed this matter with a representative of the Bureau of Street Services Urban Forestry Division. The Bureau's representative discussed the findings and recommendations of a related report (Council File No. 14-0163-S11) considered in conjunction with this Motion. The Committee Chair recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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BUSCAINO:	YES
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MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
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PRICE:	ABSENT
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O'FARRELL:	ABSENT
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RYU:	ABSENT
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-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE relative to naming the intersection of Spaulding Avenue and Adams Boulevard as Jewel Jay Nelson Jr. Square.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Wesson – Harris-Dawson):

1. APPROVE the naming of the intersection of Spaulding Avenue and Adams Boulevard as Jewel Jay Nelson Jr. Square.
2. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this affect at this location.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On September 23, 2016, Council considered Motion (Wesson – Harris-Dawson) relative to naming the intersection of Spaulding Avenue and Adams Boulevard as Jewel Jay Nelson Jr. Square.

Motion states that Mr. Nelson opened the JNJ Burger and Bar-B-Que Shack in 1987. Mr. Nelson was known for his friendly and easygoing disposition, and he would regularly chat with customers while working. Even with recent media attention on the business for its delicious food, he continued in his unceasing dedication to his business and the community. Although Mr. Nelson recently passed away and will be missed by many, his legacy of accomplishment and dedication to the community will endure. Motion makers recommend that the aforementioned street intersection be named in his honor as tribute to his substantial contributions to the City of Los Angeles. Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee meeting held October 24, 2016, Committee Chair and Committee Member recommended that Council approve the naming of the intersection of Spaulding Avenue and Adams Boulevard as Jewel Jay Nelson Jr. Square.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Buscaino", with a stylized flourish at the end.

COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

COUNCILMEMBER CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

PRICE: YES

O'FARRELL: ABSENT

RYU: ABSENT

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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE relative to amending a Bureau of Engineering contract with FSY Architects, Inc., for architectural services for various municipal facilities projects.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, or designee, on behalf of the Bureau of Engineering, to execute the four-year extension with FSY Architects, Inc., for pre-qualified on-call architectural services for various municipal facilities projects, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Funding for this contract will be subject to the availability of funds. The contract includes a Financial Liability Clause which states that the City liability under this contract shall only be to the extent of the present appropriation to fund the contract.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

TIME LIMIT FILE – DECEMBER 5, 2016

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – DECEMBER 2, 2016)

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated August 15, 2016, the CAO states that the Board of Public Works, on behalf of the Bureau of Engineering requests authority to execute Amendment No. 3 to the contract with FSY Architects, Inc., for pre-qualified on-call architectural services for various municipal facilities projects. The proposed amendment will extend the term of the contract for an additional four years, from March 23, 2016 to March 22, 2020. No additional funding is requested. The Cao recommends approval of the proposed contract amendment.

The CAO reports that the proposed four-year extension would continue the original scope of work to allow FSY to complete existing municipal facilities projects. The extension will enable the consultant to complete Phases II, III, and IV of Vision Theater/Manchester Junior Arts Center project, which is currently in design; and, complete the existing Lincoln Pool and Bathhouse Replacement project, which is currently in the bid and award phase. The proposed amendment is for a time extension only and limited to these two projects—no new task orders will be issued to the contractor unless directly related to these projects. Phases II, III, and IV of the Vision/Manchester project are expected to be completed by July 2019, and construction for the Lincoln project is expected to be completed by February 2019.

At the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee meeting held October 24, 2016, Committee Chair and Committee Member recommended that Council authorize the Board of Public Works to execute the proposed contract amendment, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,



COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

COUNCILMEMBER CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES
O'FARRELL:	ABSENT
RYU:	ABSENT

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