



# AGENDA

## LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008 10:15 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS COUNCIL RECESSES ITS REGULAR MEETING

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER  
ROOM 340, CITY HALL  
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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## BASIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING RULES

**AGENDAS** - The City Council meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 A.M. The agendas for City Council meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings. Council Agendas are available in the Office of the City Clerk, Council and Public Services Division, Room 395, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and on the City's World Wide Web Home Page site on the Internet at [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org); click on "Council Calendar."

Ten (10) members of the Council constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Council may consider an item not listed on the Council Agenda only if it is determined by a two-thirds (10) vote that the need for action arose after the posting of an Agenda. Some items on the Agenda may be approved without any discussion, however any item may be called "special" by a Councilmember. If an item is called "special" it will be "held" until the remainder of the items on the Council agenda have been acted on by the Council. An item may also be called "special" if a member of the public has requested to speak on the item and a public hearing has not previously been held on the matter.

The City Clerk will announce the items to be considered by the Council, however items will be grouped. For example, all items for which required public hearings have not previously been held are listed in one section on the printed Agenda. The Council President will ask if any Councilmember or member of the public wishes to speak on one or more of these items. If anyone wishes to speak on an item, it will be called "special." The remaining items in this section will be voted on by Council with one roll call vote.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** - An opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items for which public hearings have not been provided will be provided before or during consideration of the item. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested to complete a speaker card for each item they wish to address, and present the completed card(s) to the Sergeant-At-Arms. Speaker cards are available at the back of the Council Chamber.

The Council will also provide an opportunity for the public to speak on public interest items for a cumulative total of up to fifteen (15) minutes. Testimony shall be limited in content to matters which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. The City Council may not take any action on matters discussed during the public testimony period.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS** - Councilmembers requesting to address the Council will be recognized by the Council President in the order requested. For any item, the Chairperson of the Committee, or the maker of the original motion, or the member calling a matter "special" shall have up to six (6) minutes to discuss the item. All other Councilmembers may speak up to three (3) minutes each on the matter. After all members desiring to speak on a question have had an opportunity to be heard once, the time for each Member desiring to speak again shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

A motion calling the "previous question" may be introduced by any member during a Council debate. If adopted, this motion will terminate debate on a matter and the Chair will instruct the Clerk to call the roll on the matter.

**VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS** - Most items require a majority vote of the entire membership of the Council (8 members). Items which have not been discussed in a Council Committee and have been placed directly on the Council Agenda will require 10 votes to consider. Once considered, these items will normally require eight (8) affirmative votes to be adopted. Ordinances require a unanimous vote (at least 12 members must be present) in order to be adopted on first consideration. If an ordinance does not receive the necessary unanimous vote, it is laid over one calendar week. The votes required for approval on second consideration vary and depend upon the type of ordinance, but a typical ordinance requires eight (8) affirmative votes upon second consideration.

When debate on an item is completed, the Chair will instruct the Clerk to "call the roll." Every member present must vote for or against each item; abstentions are not permitted. The Clerk will announce the votes on each item. Any member of Council may move to "reconsider" any vote on any item on the agenda, except to adjourn, suspend the Rules, or where an intervening event has deprived the Council of jurisdiction, providing that said member originally voted on the prevailing side of the item. The motion to "reconsider" shall only be in order once during the meeting, and once during the next regular meeting. The member requesting reconsideration shall identify for all members present the Agenda number, Council file number and subject matter previously voted upon. A motion to reconsider is not debatable and shall require an affirmative vote of eight members of the Council.

When the Council has failed by sufficient votes to approve or reject an item, and has not lost jurisdiction over the matter, or has not caused it to be continued beyond the next regular meeting, the issue is again placed on the next agenda for the following meeting for the purpose of allowing the Council to again vote on the matter.

The City Council rules provide that all items adopted by the Council will not be presented to the Mayor, or other designated officer by the City Clerk until the adjournment of the regular meeting following the date of the Council action. A motion to send an item "forthwith" if adopted by ten (10) votes, suspends these rules and requires the City Clerk to forward the matter to the Mayor, or other officer, without delay.

**RULE 16 MOTIONS** - Council Rule No. 16 allows a member to send an item directly to the Council without it having to go to a Council Committee first, by giving the City Clerk a motion (seconded by an additional member) during a Council session to be placed on the next available Council Agenda.

Los Angeles City Council Agenda, **Special Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, **October 1, 2008**  
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10:15 am

**- - - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - - -**

10:15 a.m. or as soon thereafter  
as the Council Recesses its Regular Meeting

**ROLL CALL**

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**Closed Session - Item 56**

ITEM NO. (56)

[08-2593](#)

The City Council shall recess to Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled Leonard Woods, et al. v. Alexandria Housing Partners, L.P., et al., United States District Court Case No. CV07-08262 MMM (JWjx). (This matter concerns a preliminary injunction concerning the Alexandria Hotel in Council District 14.)

**(Housing, Community and Economic Development and Budget and Finance Committees waived consideration of the above matter)**

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EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES - If you challenge a City action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to, the public hearing. Any written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk before the City Council's final action on a matter will become a part of the administrative record.

CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 1094.5 - If a Council action is subject to judicial challenge pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, be advised that the time to file a lawsuit challenging a final action by the City Council is limited by Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6 which provides that the lawsuit must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the Council's action becomes final.

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Council after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office at 200 North Spring Street, City Hall, Room 395, during normal business hours.