



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Municipal Gallery

**Sunshine Task Force Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Tuesday, July 26, 2016  
5:00 PM

**Meeting Called to Order**

Date / Time: July 26, 2016 / 5:00 pm

**In Attendance:** Mayor John A. Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Sonia Berman, Judie Fenton, Marilyn Gallup, Marcia Hobbs, Alissa Roston, Zale Richard Rubins, Gloria Seiff, Victoria Talbot, Thomas White, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Deputy City Manager for Public Affairs Cheryl Friedling, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Community Outreach Manager Huma Ahmed, Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez

**1) Oral Communications**

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

None

**2) Legislative Advocate Form Enhancements and Priorities**

This item was not discussed.

**3) Discussion of Other Initiatives**

Following are the other matters discussed:

- Mr. White and Ms. Hobbs stated that the Closed Session agenda language does not have sufficient information or are made intentionally vague resulting in the public not being aware and not being able to participate and provide input to the decisions affecting the City. An example cited by Mr. White is the Planning Commission decisions on conditional use permits. They suggested that in the interest of transparency in government and public involvement, more details should be provided on the titles and descriptions of items on agendas and staff reports. Mr. Wiener explained that there is a limit to what can be divulged according to what kind of matter is being discussed and what the law allows.

- Mr. Rubins stated that the City has recently standardized the minutes of Commission meetings but he feels that the action minutes that are being done now are very generic and do not contain the information that guided the Commissioners in making their decisions. The option is to view the video of the meeting in the City's website but the video navigation is not user-friendly and there is no ability to rewind.
- Ms. Talbot and Ms. Hobbs stated that the Closed Session agendas are not in the City's website archives. Councilmember Bosse directed staff to publish the current and past years' Closed Session agendas in the City's website.
- Ms. Hobbs and Ms. Gallup suggested making the City's website more resident-friendly and business-friendly as possible and putting as much information as possible on matters relevant to the residents and businesses (e.g., Parcels 12 & 13, Beverly Hilton initiative).
- Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember Bosse stated that they are trying to set the example for accountability and transparency by their actions.

#### **4) Adjournment**

Date / Time: July 26, 2016 / 6:33 pm