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Council File: 11-0923

Title
Art Murals Citywide Program / Mural Ordinance

Date Received / Introduced
06/01/2011

Last Changed Date
09/05/2013

Expiration Date
09/03/2015

Reference Numbers
Refer to Council Files: 08-1233; 08-1233-S1
Case CPC-2008-2142-CA
Environmental: ENV-2008-2143-CE

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BILL ROSENDAHL

Second
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File Activities

Date	Activity
09/05/2013	City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is September 16, 2013.
09/04/2013	Council adopted item forthwith.
09/03/2013	City Clerk scheduled item for Council on September 4, 2013 .
09/02/2013	Community Impact Statement submitted by Venice Neighborhood Council.
08/28/2013	Council adopted item as amended, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.
08/28/2013	Council referred item to Arts, Parks, Health, Aging, and River Committee; Planning and Land Use Management Committee.
08/28/2013	Council adopted item as amended, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51; Ordinance over to September 4, 2013 for second reading.
08/27/2013	Community Impact Statement submitted by Valley Village Neighborhood Council.

Online Documents (Doc)

Title	Doc Date
Speaker Card(s)	09/04/2013
Communication from Public	09/03/2013
Community Impact Statement from Venice Neighborhood Council	09/02/2013
Amending Motion 7-C	08/28/2013

Council Vote Information (9 Votes)

Meeting Date: 09/04/2013
Meeting Type: Special
Vote Type: Roll Call
Vote Given: (12 - 3 - 0)

Member Name	CD	Vote
BOB BLUMENFIELD	3	NO
MIKE BONIN	11	YES
JOE BUSCAINO	15	YES
GILBERT A. CEDILLO	1	YES
MITCHELL ENGLANDER	12	YES
FELIPE FUENTES	7	YES
JOSE HUIZAR	14	YES
PAUL KORETZ	5	NO
PAUL KREKORIAN	2	YES
TOM LABONGE	4	YES
NURY MARTINEZ	6	YES
MITCH O'FARRELL	13	YES
BERNARD C PARKS	8	NO
CURREN D. PRICE	9	YES
HERB WESSON	10	YES

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Attached is the Staff Report with Summary on the Mural Ordinance...

Issue Summary

Related issues collided in the past regarding murals; huge murals wrapping buildings and electrification of sign billboards. Advertising controls were destroyed as murals all over the City included advertising content. For approximately the past ten years there was a moratorium on new murals. In 2011 a motion was introduced to redefine and control murals to the satisfaction of all. Dozens of hearings were held on this subject, but it was a moving target of controversy. The motion has morphed many times to compromise between groups who want unlimited, unfettered ability to do murals and those that want limits on content and placement. Mural content is to be controlled by a process yet undefined, but content is protected by Fed and state constitutional statutes. A permit process is to be defined. On Oct 28, 2013 and then reasserted on Sept 4 the Council acted in selecting Alternative B of the Mural Ordinance. The Subject ordinance had a "Version A" which allowed placement anywhere on private property throughout the City with reference to an "opt out" procedure (not defined) for single family homes. "Version B" was essentially the same except R1 (single family homes) zones were excluded, but allowed to opt in (again process not defined).

The ordinance is to take effect after a 90 day delay so that key remaining issues could be studied. Element 6. of the ordinance "INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning, in conjunction with the City Attorney, to report back on:

- a. The pro's and con's of opting in and out for each version of the Mural Ordinance.
- b. How to streamline each process for opting in and opting out.
- c. The adjudication process when there are controversies regarding a mural, whether the mural is hate speech, obscene speech or art.
- d. The adjudication process should a neighborhood or Neighborhood Council want to opt out."

Several other amendments to the ordinance were incorporated into B, but a "version F" was deferred for action after the Staff report. Version F calls for assigning responsibility for maintenance of murals since, once placed, murals must remain a minimum of two years.

LANCC voted to support Alt B with opt in procedure.

There is strong feelings by most NCs that we should NOT be responsible for policing.