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BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

BOARD REPORT

NO. 18-120

DATE: June 20, 2018

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: HARBOR HIGHLANDS PARK – APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE
HOURS OF OPERATION

AP Diaz	_____	*V. Israel	
R. Barajas	_____	N. Williams	_____
H. Fujita	_____	S. Pina-Cortez	_____



General Manager

Approved

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Concur with the recommendations presented in the City Council motion attached to this Report as Attachment 1 modifying the operating hours for Harbor Highlands Park, to close at sunset and to open at sunrise, seven days a week ; and
2. Approve the draft Ordinance in the form attached to this Report as Attachment 2 adding Harbor Highlands Park to the list of parks closing at sunset and opening at sunrise, seven days a week, as specified in the Los Angeles Municipal code, Section 63.44(B)(14)(c).

SUMMARY:

On April 11, 2018, the Los Angeles City Council adopted a motion (Council File No. 18-0109) which requested that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance that would add Harbor Highlands Park to the list of parks that open at sunrise and close at sunset every day of the year. This motion also requested that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) concur with the recommended operating hours change.

Harbor Highlands Park is located at 825 West Capitol Drive in San Pedro in Council District 15. Residents of the neighborhood surrounding the park have expressed concerns about illegal activity that appears to be taking place in the park after dark since the park lacks evening lighting.

The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Harbor Division and surrounding community are supportive of this change and strongly believe this will allow LAPD to adequately curb illegal activities.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this report will have no significant impact on RAP's General Fund, only a minimal cost of creating and installing new signs.

This report was prepared by: Randy Kelly, Superintendent Pacific Region

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1. Council File No. 18-0109
2. Draft Ordinance

MOTION ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, PARKS, AND RIVER

Harbor Highlands Park is located at 825 W. Capitol Drive in Council District 15. Residents of the neighborhood surrounding the park have expressed concerns about illegal activity that appears to be taking place in the park after dark.

To increase safety in the area, Harbor Highlands Park should be closed from sunset to sunrise, and the LAMC 63.44 should be amended to reflect these hours.

The Los Angeles Police Department, Harbor Division and surrounding community is supportive of this change and strongly believes that this will allow the police department to more adequately curb illegal activities.

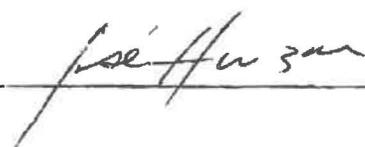
I THEREFORE MOVE that the hours of operation at Harbor Highlands Park, located at 825 W. Capitol Drive in San Pedro, be established as opening at sunrise and closing at sunset.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be instructed to prominently post the aforementioned hours at Harbor Highlands Park.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to add Harbor Highlands Park to the list of parks closed at various times as specified in the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 63.44.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to concur with the above recommendations and to instruct the Los Angeles Park Rangers to enforce the new park hours at Harbor Highlands Park seven days a week.

PRESENTED BY: 
JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 



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ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 14 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add Harbor Highlands Park, located at 825 West Capitol Drive in San Pedro, to the list of City parks identified as being closed at sunset and open at sunrise.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of Subdivision 14 of Subsection B of Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended by adding, in alphabetical order, a park to the list of City parks that are identified as being "Closed at Sunset, open at Sunrise," to read as follows:

Harbor Highlands Park