

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Duran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Sibyl Zaden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember D’Amico, Councilmember Heilman,
Councilmember Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and
Mayor Duran

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, Assistant City Attorney Hogin, City
Clerk Schaffer and Assistant City Clerk Quarker

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

Assistant City Attorney Hogin reported that the closed session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. She stated that there was no public comment. She reported that no additional items were added to the agenda. She stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:22 p.m. with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang requested that Items 2.K. and 2.Q. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember Land requested that Item 4.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X.

Mayor Duran noted his abstention from Item 2.U., due to the fact that he serves on the Board of Directors of AIDS Project Los Angeles.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang noted his NO vote on Item 2.P.

Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman to approve the February 21, 2012 agenda as amended. The agenda was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Land asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the father of West Hollywood resident Todd Elliott.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Lindbergh "Linn" Williams, husband of Evelyn McCoy Williams. He also requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the following soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the December 19, 2011 City Council Meeting: Sergeant Jerry D. Reed II, 30, Lance Corporal Osbrany Montes De Oca, 20, Sergeant 1st Class Billy A. Sutton, 42, Brigadier General Terence J. Hildner, 49, Lance Corporal Edward J. Dycus, 22, Sergeant William C. Stacey, 23, 1st Lieutenant David A. Johnson, 24, Corporal Christopher G. Singer, 23, Master Sergeant Travis Riddick, 40, Corporal Kevin Reinhard, 25, Captain Daniel B. Bartle, 27, Corporal Jesse W. Stites, 23, Captain Nathan R. McHone, 29, Corporal Joseph D. Logan, 22, Corporal Phillip D. McGeath, 25, Specialist Keith D. Benson, 27, Lance Corporal Kenneth E. Cochran, 20, Corporal Jon-Luke Bateman, 22, Private (Trooper) Neil I. Turner, 21, Private 1st Class Michael W. Pyron, 30, Private 1st Class Dustin P. Napier, 20, Staff Sergeant Jonathan M. Metzger, 32, Specialist Brian J. Leonhardt, 21, Specialist Robert J. Tauteris Jr., 44, Specialist Christopher A. Patterson, 20, Airman 1st Class Matthew R. Seidler, 24, Senior Airman Bryan R. Bell, 23, Technical Sergeant Matthew S. Schwartz, 34, Petty Officer 1st Class Chad R. Regelin, 24, Specialist Pernell J. Herrera, 33, Private 1st Class Justin M. Whitmire, 20, Specialist Kurt W. Kern, 24, Sergeant Noah M. Korte, 29, Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Altmann, 27, and Specialist Mikayla A. Bragg, 21.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

PHIL JENNERJAHN, LOS ANGELES, stated that he is running in the U.S. Congressional District race.

DEGE COUTEE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council and Staff for adjourning the February 6, 2012 meeting in memory of Richard Kearns and spoke regarding the recent event that was held in West Hollywood in his honor.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Prang for adjourning the meeting in memory of soldiers who died in Afghanistan. She also spoke regarding the scheduling of Commission, Advisory Board, and City Council meetings.

PAT DIXON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a medical marijuana dispensary in the City.

SHEILA LIGHTFOOT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 3.A, and spoke regarding Item 2.Q.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.Q.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a recent Planning Commission meeting and praised presentations by Staff and the Assistant City Attorney.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding partnering with the Williams Institute on an upcoming event scheduled for February 22, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. entitled, "What Happened to ENDA?" He stated that the event will be held in the West Hollywood Park Community Room. He also spoke regarding Item 2.R. and requested Staff to explore the possibility of closing only the South side of Sunset Boulevard during the early morning portion of the Marathon.

Councilmember Land thanked Staff and the Senior Advisory Board for their work on the Senior Valentine's Day Dance. She spoke regarding the upcoming West Hollywood Heart Walk event to be held on Sunday at Kings Road Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She spoke regarding the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference scheduled for April 13 – 14, 2012. She also spoke regarding public comment surrounding meeting scheduling and stated that due to the holiday on Monday, the City Council meeting was moved to Tuesday, which caused some overlapping.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding an upcoming meeting to discuss the automated parking garage to be built behind City Hall and encouraged residents to attend. He spoke regarding the recent Gay Men's Discussion Group, and spoke regarding another upcoming discussion to be held on March 8, 2012 in the West Hollywood Park Community Room. He spoke regarding his attendance at the Senior Valentine's Day Dance. He spoke regarding the next lecture in the CalArts Lecture Series entitled, "All Theatre, All the Time, Now," scheduled for February 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. He also spoke regarding the Mardi Gras event being held in the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke regarding a meeting scheduled for February 23, 2012 regarding redistricting in the Los Angeles Unified School District and possible impacts on schools that serve West Hollywood. He encouraged residents to attend.

Mayor Duran spoke regarding his recent participation in an event at the West Hollywood Elementary School, where children were given a project to make models showing what they would do with a vacant lot. He thanked Councilmember Land and Staff for scheduling the event.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding Item 4.B. and stated that the City's revenues continue to be strong. He stated that the City is now looking at the work program for the next two years; which will include two initiatives, one being the Plummer Park Master Plan and the other being the West Hollywood Park gymnasium and pool. He stated that there will be community outreach regarding both of these items. He spoke regarding Councilmember Heilman's request regarding the Marathon, and stated that

there will be an emergency lane on Sunset Boulevard for residents who need access to that area.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$407,130 in expenditures and \$400,017 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,L.,M., N.,O.,P.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,W.,X.(4.B.) **Motion by Councilmember Heilman seconded by Councilmember Land and approved, noting Mayor Duran's abstention from Item 2.U., and Mayor Pro Tempore Prang's NO vote on Item 2.P.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, February 21, 2012 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, February 16, 2012.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of prior Council meetings.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of February 6, 2012. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 692, RESOLUTION NO. 12-4270:

SUBJECT: The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 692 and adopt Resolution No. 12-4270, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 692". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

SUBJECT: The City Council is asked to deny Claims filed against the City, as a routine administrative step in claims processing.

ACTION: Deny the claims of Gustavo Chavarria and Sonia Kang and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 12-883 (2ND READING), APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT (ZTA) 2011-004, REVISING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 19.54 (TEMPORARY USE AND SPECIAL USE PERMITS) TO ALLOW

FOR A PERMANENT INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITTED. [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 12-883, a proposed ordinance to approve zone text amendment (ZTA) 2011-004, revising provisions of chapter 19.54 (temporary use and special use permits) to allow for a permanent increase in the annual amount of special events permitted.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 12-883, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING OF ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT (ZTA) 2011-004, REVISING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 19.54 (TEMPORARY USE AND SPECIAL USE PERMITS) TO ALLOW FOR A PERMANENT INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITTED." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 12-884 (2ND READING), AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PEDDLING FOOD FROM THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 12-884, amending the Business License Ordinance pertaining to peddling food from the public right-of-way and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

ACTIONS: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 12-884, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PEDDLING FOOD FROM THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from various Commissions on actions taken at their recent meetings.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011 [A. GANDHY, G. SCHUCHARD]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the City of West Hollywood for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

ACTION: Receive and File. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. AMEND AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: PREPARATION OF CITY'S ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT REPORT [A. GANDHY, B. ROSEN]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an amendment to professional services agreement with RR Brown & CO, LLP for the preparation of the City's Annual Special Assessment District Reports.

ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the professional services agreement with RR Brown & CO, LLP for the preparation of the City's Annual Special Assessment District Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. 25th ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECT - AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GEOTECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR SOILS INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION NORTH PARK EXPANSION [J. ENGLISH, S. BAXTER, J. HUFFER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an amendment to an agreement for services related to on-site soils inspection and field services related to the West Hollywood Park Phase 1 Implementation North Park Expansion with Geotechnologies, Inc.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve a third amendment to an agreement for services with Geotechnologies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for a new contract total of \$103,820 for soils inspections and engineering services for the West Hollywood Park Phase 1 North Park Expansion project; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and approve any minor modifications that may be required. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN – REAFFIRMING REMOVAL OF ON-STREET PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAN VICENTE BLVD. [S. PERLSTEIN, O. DELGADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider reaffirming their earlier decision to remove on-street parking on San Vicente Blvd between Melrose Avenue and Pacific Design Center Road as part of implementation of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.L. APPROVAL OF THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN [S. PERLSTEIN, O. DELGADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Sewer System Management Plan.

ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 12-4272, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP), AS REQUIRED BY STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ORDER NO. 2006-0003." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 1201 CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM [S. PERLSTEIN, O. DELGADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving the Notice of Completion for CIP 1201 Concrete Repair Program by CJ Concrete Construction, Inc.

ACTION: Accept the work and authorize the following: a) Filing a Notice of Completion by the City Engineer; b) Final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35 day lien period; c) Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion; and d) Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION OF 8863 CYNTHIA STREET AS PART OF OLD SHERMAN THEMATIC GROUPING [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, L. YELTON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider designating the building located at 8863 Cynthia Street as a local cultural resource as part of the Old Sherman Thematic Grouping.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 12-4273: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGNATING THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 8863 CYNTHIA STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE AS PART OF THE OLD SHERMAN THEMATIC GROUPING". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION OF 8863 ½ CYNTHIA STREET AS PART OF THE OLD SHERMAN THEMATIC GROUPING [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, L. YELTON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider designating the building located at 8863 ½ Cynthia Street as a local cultural resource as part of the Old Sherman Thematic Grouping.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 12-4274: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, DESIGNATING THE EXTERIOR OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 8863 ½ CYNTHIA STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE AS PART OF THE OLD SHERMAN THEMATIC GROUPING". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. DENIAL OF CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION OF 8865 CYNTHIA STREET AS PART OF THE OLD SHERMAN THEMATIC GROUPING [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, L. YELTON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider denying the designation of the property located at 8865 Cynthia Street as a local cultural resource as part of the Old Sherman Thematic Grouping.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 12-4275: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8865 0CYNTHIA STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AS A LOCAL CULTURAL

RESOURCE AS PART OF THE OLD SHERMAN THEMATIC GROUPING". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting Mayor Pro Tempore Prang's NO vote.**

2.Q. 1343 N. LAUREL AVENUE – STATUS UPDATE [J. ENGLISH, J. HUFFER, L. BELSANTI, S. BAXTER, S. CAMPBELL, A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO]:

SUBJECT: This item provides the City Council with a status and outlines a process to move forward with enhanced public use of the property located 1343 N. Laurel Ave.

ACTION: This Item was moved to Excluded Consent.

2.R. 2012 LA MARATHON STREET CLOSURES [S. BAXTER, O. WALKER, C. SMITH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving road closures on portions of Sunset Boulevard, San Vicente Boulevard, and Santa Monica Boulevard to accommodate the 2012 LA Marathon.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the closure of Sunset Boulevard between North Havenhurst Drive and Clark Street/North San Vicente Boulevard on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 4:00 am to 2:00 pm; 2) Approve the closure of North San Vicente Boulevard between Sunset Boulevard and Melrose Avenue on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 4:00 am to 2:00 pm; 3) Approve the closure of Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega Avenue and North Doheny Drive on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 4:00 am to 2:00 pm; and 4) Approve the closure of North Doheny Drive between Santa Monica Boulevard and Beverly Boulevard on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 4:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION [C. SCHAFER]:

SUBJECT: This item recommends that the City Council ratify the appointment by the Mayor of two members to the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency pursuant to Section 34179 of the California Health and Safety Code.

ACTION: Staff recommends that the Mayor appoint Paul Arevalo and Roderick Burnley to the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency pursuant to Section 34179 of the California Health and Safety Code, and that the City Council approve the Mayor's appointments. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. APPOINTMENT TO THE HERITAGE TREE COMMITTEE [S. BAXTER, S. CAMPBELL]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making an appointment to the Heritage Tree Committee.

ACTION: Appoint Mr. Geoffrey Buck, resident of West Hollywood, to serve a one-year term as the community representative to the City's Heritage Tree Committee. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES' RED CIRCLE PROJECT POW WOW [A. LAND, C. PLANCK, J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring AIDS Project Los Angeles's (APLA) Red Circle Project Pow Wow.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve City co-sponsorship with the APLA Red Circle Project Pow Wow, scheduled for March 17, 2012; 2) Approve fee waivers for use of space in Plummer Park; 3) Direct the City's Recreation staff to coordinate with APLA's Red Circle Project in terms of event date and location within Plummer Park; 4) Authorize APLA's Red Circle Project to utilize the City of West Hollywood's name and logo on printed and online promotional materials; and 5) Direct the City's Public Information Office to assist with promotion of the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar, noting the abstention of Mayor Duran.**

2.V. INSTALLATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BANNERS ALONG SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD [V. LOVE, L. FOOKS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request from the West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board to authorize the installation of Women's History Month banners from March 1, 2012 to April 1, 2012, along Santa Monica Blvd between La Cienega and Crescent Heights.

ACTION: Authorize the installation of 42 pole banners on the north and south sides of Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega and Crescent Heights from March 1, 2012 – April 1, 2012. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. SUPPORT OF WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION'S 25th ANNIVERSARY GALA [J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider supporting the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation's 25th Anniversary Gala, on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

ACTION: Support the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation's (WHCHC) 25th Anniversary Gala and authorize the sponsorship of one table on behalf of the City of West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. (4.B.) UPDATE OF THE 2011-2012 OPERATING BUDGET, CAPITAL WORK PLAN, AND VISION 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS [P. AREVALO, A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, D. WILSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the mid-year budget update of the City's 2011-12 Operating Budget and Capital Work Plan, and Vision 2020 Accomplishments

ACTION: 1) Receive and file the attached Mid-Year Financial Report; 2) Receive and file the attached report on accomplishments toward the Primary Strategic Goals of Vision 2020 and other activities of the City's Departments; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology to increase budgeted revenues in General Fund by \$400,700; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance & Technology to increase budgeted expenditures in General Fund by \$287,230. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:02 P.M.

The Successor Agency to the West Hollywood Community Development Commission adopted Resolutions to: 1) establish rules and regulations for operations; 2) create a redevelopment obligation retirement fund; 3) adopt an enforceable obligation payment schedule; and 4) adopt a preliminary draft of an initial recognized obligation payment schedule that lists all of the obligations of the former Community Development Commission.

The actions are more fully described in the minutes of the Successor Agency to the West Hollywood Community Development Commission.

THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL: 7:03 P.M.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. DEMOLITION OF 16 UNITS TO CONSTRUCT A 17-UNIT BUILDING AT 1350 HAYWORTH AVENUE [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, L. YELTON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a continued public hearing to consider a request to demolish a 16-unit apartment building to construct a four-story, 17-unit condominium building for the property located at 1350 Hayworth Avenue. The City Council reviewed this application on September 6, 2011 and recommended that the applicant re-design the project in order to better fit the neighborhood, and to take into consideration the adjacent historic property. There were approximately 20 residents in opposition to the proposed project and the common concerns were the following: a) The structure is too massive for the neighborhood; b) A four-story building is too tall on Hayworth Avenue; c) The subterranean tandem parking will cause problems; and d) Lack of sunlight and increase of shade on adjacent building.

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

Laurie Yelton, Associate Planner, and Todd Gish, Urban Designer, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 21, 2012.

Mayor Duran opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward:

JAY VANOS, APPLICANT, spoke regarding the project and thanked the City Council for their suggestions regarding the re-design. He spoke in support of the Item.

CHLOE ROSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

LINDA RUIZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

CHARLES RUIZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

HEAVENLY WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project; specifically the loss of rent stabilized units.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

WILLIAM LEE MATIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

LAURA BOCCALETTI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

VIRGINIA GILLICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

THOMAS MAGAZENO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

KATHY SMALL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

JEFFREY HINER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

STEVE BAVA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

SCOTT SELSOR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Mayor Duran stated that the following individuals were opposed to the Item, but did not wish to speak: MARK TOTTA AND MINNA KIM.

JAY VANOS, APPLICANT, provided a brief rebuttal.

Councilmember D'Amico disclosed that he had spoken with some of the neighbors.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang disclosed that he had visited the site and spoken with some of the neighbors.

Councilmember Land requested clarification on the process and steps taken regarding this item. Staff stated that the developer submitted and worked with Staff on a redesign, and that there were no neighborhood meetings.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding public comment surrounding the tree in front of the building. Staff stated that the tree is included in the current plans.

Mayor Duran closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the difficulty in satisfying the neighbors in the properties immediately adjacent to any proposed development. She spoke regarding the proposed redesign of the project and expressed concerns that the changes did not reflect the direction from the Council. She spoke regarding the need to include the neighbors in the redesign meetings and spoke in support of a project that enhances the neighborhood. She spoke in opposition to the proposed redesign.

Mayor Duran thanked the public speakers. He spoke in support of Staff and their efforts to take into account the direction from City Council and

work with the developer to try to bring forward a redesigned project. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding the loss of rent controlled apartments at the site and spoke regarding the limitations on Council to mandate whether buildings are designated as apartments or condominiums. He spoke regarding the previous moratorium to halt certain development in the City and the lawsuit that followed. He stated that this property was part of that lawsuit, which has added to the difficulty in developing the site. He spoke regarding the need for a more global discussion involving aging housing stock and rent controlled units, particularly as the economy improves and development begins to increase. He spoke regarding the proposed project and expressed concerns regarding neighborhood compatibility. He spoke regarding the structure and the massing not conforming with other structures in the neighborhood. He spoke in support of the developers listening to the community and their concerns during the process.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding issues that had been addressed by the developer in the redesign; including the height and the front of the project. He spoke regarding the project being new construction and exempt from Rent Control, and spoke regarding the limitations on Council to mandate whether buildings are designated as apartments or condominiums. He spoke in support of the parking at the project and stated that it meets City Code. He spoke in support of modern architecture and spoke in support of variations in architectural style in the City. He spoke regarding the massing of the building and suggested a redesign on the side adjacent to the Hollywood Riviera property.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke regarding improvements that were made in the redesign, but expressed concern about impacts to other buildings in the area, particularly the building to the South.

ACTION: 1) Continue the public hearing to a date uncertain; 2) Direct staff to meet with the architect and surrounding neighbors to address concerns regarding the project, prior to the submission of redesigned architectural plans. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and approved.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE [K. COOK, J. AUBEL, K. FRASER, A. WHITTLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive an update on public safety activities and give additional direction to staff.

Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager, West Hollywood Sheriff's Captain Kelley Fraser, and Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Whittle, provided

background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated February 21, 2012.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a recent issue involving homeless people camping on private property.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding off-leash animals and noise issues in the City.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the West Hollywood Fire Department.

Councilmember Heilman thanked the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and City Staff for their hard work. He spoke regarding a number of quality of life issues including noise and public urination at the parking structure at West Hollywood Park. He requested staff to investigate the possibility of additional security as well as alternative solutions to the issues. He spoke regarding medical related calls made to the fire department and the resulting response of sending a fire truck. He requested Staff to explore the possibility of providing additional paramedic units to handle these types of calls.

Assistant Chief Whittle stated that a fire engine is deployed to assess if paramedics are needed. He stated that paramedic squads are strategically placed to respond in five to eight minutes, however fire trucks are placed closer to meet the national standard of four minutes. He stated that nationwide, cities are looking at the effectiveness of Fire and EMS deployment and are looking at what the best model is for cities.

Councilmember Land thanked Staff, the Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Department for keeping the community safe. She spoke regarding the upcoming Neighborhood Watch Captain Training scheduled for February 23, 2012, and encouraged attendance. She spoke regarding using the training to provide more information to neighborhoods regarding crimes in their area. She spoke regarding educating new constituents about safety in the City. She spoke regarding the City's ongoing efforts to work on homeless issues in the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang thanked Staff, the Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Department for keeping the community safe. He spoke regarding leash laws, increasing the number of motorcycle officers, and the homeless issues in the City. He spoke regarding constituents working with the Sheriff's Department to obtain a letter of agency to allow Sheriffs permission to come on to your property to address issues in a more proactive manner. He spoke in support of increasing the City's investment in law enforcement and public safety. He spoke in support of

adding more motorcycle officers to address the volume of issues relating to traffic in the city.

Councilmember D'Amico thanked Captain Fraser for addressing the community's recent concerns surrounding safety in the area. He thanked the Fire Department for their hard work and thoughtful preparation they display in keeping the City safe.

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding comments surrounding the West Hollywood Park parking structure and stated that the City will be increasing foot patrols in the parking structure. He spoke regarding the issue of Sheriff Department staffing on Santa Monica Boulevard, and stated that Staff will be working with business owners to develop safety programs that mirror what is now being done on Sunset.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve the following public safety priorities including: a) Continue to work with local businesses, residents, and neighboring jurisdictions to promote neighborhood livability and mitigate impacts from nighttime establishments; b) Continue to collaborate with the Residential and Commercial Code Compliance Divisions to address various nuisance issues, including dogs off leash, inappropriate disposal of dog waste, scavenging, and noise; c) Monitor and adjust traffic enforcement deployment as needed to address speeding vehicles, driving while using cell phones and "distracted movement", bicycles on sidewalks, and other traffic violations; d) Continue to aggressively address criminal transient issues, and assist Social Services with overall homelessness issues; e) Continue to provide attentive customer service; and f) Continue to educate the community through Neighborhood Watch and the Public Safety Commission's "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" campaign on key public safety issues; and 2) Give additional direction to staff as necessary.
Approved by consensus of the City Council.

4.B. UPDATE OF THE 2011-2012 OPERATING BUDGET, CAPITAL WORK PLAN, AND VISION 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS [P. AREVALO, A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, D. WILSON]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider the mid-year budget update of the City's 2011-12 Operating Budget and Capital Work Plan, and Vision 2020 Accomplishments

ACTION: This Item was approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.K. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN – REAFFIRMING REMOVAL OF ON-STREET PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAN VICENTE BLVD. [S. PERLSTEIN, O. DELGADO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider reaffirming their earlier decision to remove on-street parking on San Vicente Blvd between Melrose Avenue and Pacific Design Center Road as part of implementation of the West Hollywood Park Master Plan.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang requested clarification regarding the elimination of parking and expressed concerns about the removal of parking spaces along San Vicente Boulevard.

Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer, gave a brief overview of the proposed improvements that were approved as part of the Master Plan. She spoke regarding the community outreach that was done in 2003-2004. She spoke regarding road repairs scheduled for the area.

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding the parking spaces adjacent to the Pacific Design Center and the possibility of retaining those spaces.

Councilmember D'Amico requested clarification regarding the possibility of only repaving the street and not removing the parking meters. He spoke regarding the possibility of using the revenue from the parking meters for future re-striping. He spoke in support of retaining the parking meters for one year and reassessing impacts at that time.

Councilmember Land requested clarification as to whether the removal of spaces would make way for the previously approved bike lane. Staff stated that the spaces would need to be removed in order to install the bike lanes that were approved as part of the recommendation from the Bicycle Task Force.

MARCY NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the hours of the parking structures at the Library and the need for parking in the area.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the removal of parking spaces on San Vicente Boulevard.

Councilmember Land requested that staff look into the public comment surrounding library hours and the parking structures at West Hollywood Park. She spoke regarding the additional parking options that have been added to the surrounding area including the structures at West Hollywood Park and the Pacific Design Center. She spoke in support of the Item and the additional bicycle lane on San Vicente Boulevard.

ACTION: Approve Resolution No. 12-4271, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REAFFIRMING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE ON-STREET PARKING SPACES ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAN VICENTE BLVD BETWEEN MELROSE AVENUE AND PACIFIC

DESIGN CENTER ROAD.” **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and approved, noting the NO votes of Councilmember D’Amico and Mayor Pro Tempore Prang.**

2.Q. 1343 N. LAUREL AVENUE – STATUS UPDATE [J. ENGLISH, J. HUFFER, L. BELSANTI, S. BAXTER, S. CAMPBELL, A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO]:

SUBJECT: This item provides the City Council with a status and outlines a process to move forward with enhanced public use of the property located 1343 N. Laurel Ave.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang requested that two members of the City Council be appointed to a subcommittee to participate in discussions regarding the future of the property. Councilmember D’Amico and Mayor Pro Tempore Prang stated that they would like to serve on the subcommittee.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the future of the property.

ACTION: It is recommended that the City Council: 1) Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposal for public outreach and community meeting facilitation services in regards to developing various conceptual uses of the City property located at 1343 Laurel Avenue; and 2) Receive and file this report. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, seconded by Councilmember Land and approved.**

6. LEGISLATIVE: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MICHAEL SIDLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding public comments she made at a previous City Council meeting.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.T. and in support of the appointment of Geoffrey Buck to the Heritage Tree Committee.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke regarding the new technology in the Council Chambers and requested staff to explore options regarding the touch screen monitors.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:11 p.m. in memory of the father of Todd Elliott, Lindbergh "Linn" Williams, , and all the soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the meeting of December 19, 2011. The City Council adjourned to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 5th day of March, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Heilman, Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and Mayor Duran.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

JOHN J. DURAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

COREY SCHAFFER, CITY CLERK