

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Prang called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Guarriello led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Duran, Councilmember Guarriello, Mayor Pro Tempore Land, and Mayor Prang. Councilmember Heilman arrived at the meeting following the Presentations.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk West, and Assistant City Clerk Schaffer.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins reported that the closed session was called to order at 6:00 P.M. He stated that there were no public speakers. He spoke regarding Item 4 on the agenda and stated that the City of West Hollywood has entered into escrow on the purchase of the property located at 7317 Romaine Street. He stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Land, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello to approve the March 2, 2009 agenda and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Rose Kavalier, the mother of West Hollywood resident Norma Kemper. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Janet Witkin, the former Executive Director of Alternative Living for the Aging.

Mayor Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Nell Soto, a former State Legislator, former Councilmember of the City of Pomona, and the mother of Tom Soto.

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Peter Palmieri, the father of Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Member Jimmy Palmieri. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting: Cpl. Stephen S. Thompson, Staff Sgt. Sean D. Diamond, Pfc. Cwislyn K. Walter, Staff Sgt. Mark C. Baum, Pfc.

Zachary R. Nordmeyer, Cpl. Michael L. Mayne, Spc. Michael B. Alleman, 1st Lt. William E. Emmert, Spc. Brian M. Connelly.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Land presented a proclamation and unveiled banners in recognition of Women's History Month.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land presented a proclamation in recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the National Council of Jewish Women, Los Angeles.

Mayor Prang wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy 90th birthday.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

HENRY MENDOZA, MARINA DEL REY, spoke regarding the upcoming U.S. Census, and wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday and spoke regarding the recent passing of Janet Witkin, the former Executive Director of Alternative Living for the Aging. He congratulated the National Council of Jewish Women, Sheila Kuehl and Hillary Clinton for being honored for Women's History Month.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City, and spoke regarding various local, state, and national issues.

RICK WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the possibility of installing recycling bins for fluorescent light bulbs in the City. He spoke regarding crosswalk safety issues in the City.

DONALD ELMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local groundwater conservation issues in relation to development projects in the City.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

RICHARD W. EASTMAN, HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding HIV/AIDS issues and medical marijuana issues in the City, and spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

MARK KRAJEWSKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City. He spoke regarding noise issues at the Hyatt Hotel on the Sunset Strip.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday.

BISSER STOYANOV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

NORMAN CHRAMOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday. He spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent passing of Janet Witkin, the former Executive Director of Alternative Living for the Aging. She spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City. She wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday.

RUTH WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

KATE BARTOLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

RANDY DERRICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding trash and code compliance issues in relation to a development project on Fairfax Avenue.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello thanked everyone for organizing a birthday celebration in his honor. He spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City and encouraged residents to vote.

Councilmember Heilman wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday, and thanked Council Deputy Donna Saur for organizing a birthday celebration in his honor. He spoke regarding public comments surrounding the possibility of installing recycling bins for fluorescent light bulbs in the City and requested the City Manager to investigate the issue. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding local groundwater conservation issues in relation to development projects in the City and requested the City Manager to investigate. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding trash and code compliance issues in relation to a development project on Fairfax Avenue, and requested the City Manager to investigate. He spoke regarding the upcoming Russian Winter Festival event in the City. He spoke regarding the upcoming International Women's Day events in the City. He spoke regarding the upcoming Human Rights Speaker Series event focusing on LGBT rights in Latin America. He spoke regarding the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference in the City.

Councilmember Duran wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday. He spoke regarding the upcoming U.S. Census and requested the City Manager to investigate the possibility of requesting the U.S. government to include census data for the LGBT

community. He spoke regarding public comments surrounding the possibility of installing recycling bins for fluorescent light bulbs in the City and requested the City Manager to investigate the issue, as well as to investigate needle recycling issues. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding trash and code compliance issues in relation to a development project on Fairfax Avenue, and requested the City Manager to investigate. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding local groundwater conservation issues in relation to development projects in the City and requested the City Manager to investigate. He spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land wished Councilmember Guarriello a happy birthday. She thanked staff member Larissa Fooks, and Council Deputies Corri Planck and Fran Solomon for their work on Women's History Month. She encouraged residents to report delinquent properties and development projects to City Hall. She spoke regarding public comments surrounding noise issues at the Hyatt Hotel on the Sunset Strip, and requested the City Manager to investigate the possibility of improving noticing to residents when special event permits are granted. She spoke regarding public comment surrounding local groundwater conservation issues in relation to development projects in the City, and spoke regarding increased noticing to residents on water conservation.

Mayor Prang spoke regarding public comments surrounding the possibility of installing recycling bins for fluorescent light bulbs in the City and requested the City Manager to investigate the issue. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding local groundwater conservation issues in relation to development projects in the City and requested the City Manager to investigate. He spoke regarding the upcoming increase in enforcement of illegal hot dog carts in the City. He spoke regarding the recent grand opening of the Havenhurst pocket park in the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo stated that his office will investigate the issues raised during Public Comment and Councilmember Comments and will report back to City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$2,228,754.00 in expenditures and \$0.00 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M. **Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Land and unanimously approved.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, March 2, 2009 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, February 26, 2009.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ACTION: Approve the minutes of February 17, 2009. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 621, RESOLUTION NO. 09-3773:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 621 and adopt Resolution No. 09-3773, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 621." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

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 Harmeet Ahluwalia and Eddie Kerkhofs, and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

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.F. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S HEARING ACTION REPORTS [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will receive a report from the Community Development Department concerning actions taken at recent Director's meetings.

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

2.G. AGREEMENT WITH EDAW INC. TO PERFORM AN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY OF THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO REPLACE THE INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE [S. KEENE, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA]

The City Council will consider approving an Agreement with EDAW Inc., to perform an environmental study of the development standards to replace the Interim Zoning Ordinance.

ACTION: 1) Approve the Agreement with EDAW Inc. not-to-exceed thirty-nine thousand four hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$39,458), to prepare an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the development standards to replace the Interim Zoning Ordinance; 2) Authorize the City Manager to

execute the agreement; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to appropriate \$39,458 from unallocated reserves in the General Fund to account 100-3-07-07-531005. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH HEERY INTERNATIONAL, INC. RELATED TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN AND LIBRARY COMPONENT OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECT [J. ENGLISH, R. REYNOLDS, J. HUFFER]

The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Heery International, Inc for overall construction administration and construction management services for the West Hollywood Park Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation and new West Hollywood Library component of the 25th Anniversary Project.

ACTION: 1) Approve an Agreement for Services with Heery International in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,139,296 for the Project Management/Construction Administration Management services for the West Hollywood Park Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation and new West Hollywood Library; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute all agreements. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AB 56 (PORTANTINO) AND AB 98 (DE LA TORRE): [C. PLANCK, L. FOOKS, P. INDALL]

The City Council will consider adopting resolutions in support of women's health care coverage, AB 56 (Portantino) concerning mammographies and AB 98 (De La Torre) concerning maternity leave.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 09-3774, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB 56 (PORTANTINO) CONCERNING MAMMOGRAPHIES"; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 09-3775, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT AB 98 (DE LA TORRE) CONCERNING MATERNITY CARE"; and 3) Send copies of the signed resolutions to State Senator Fran Pavley, Assemblymember Mike Feuer, Assemblymember Hector De La Torre and Assemblymember Anthony Portantino. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PENALTIES ACT AND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, AB 16 & 17 (SWANSON): [C. PLANCK, L. FOOKS, M. HORNER]

The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in support of the Human Trafficking Penalties Act and the Human Trafficking Accountability Act, AB 16 & 17 (Swanson).

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 09-3776, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PENALTIES ACT AND THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, AB 16 & 17 (SWANSON)"; and 2) Send copies of the signed resolutions to State Senator Fran Pavley, Assemblymember Mike Feuer, Assemblymember Sandre Swanson, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking and Polaris Project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. LIVE BROADCAST OF THE LESBIAN & GAY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING [J. DURAN, H. MOLINA, J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON]

The City Council will consider directing the Public Information Office (PIO) staff to broadcast the special meeting of the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board (LGAB) meeting on May 26, 2009.

ACTION: Direct staff to facilitate the live broadcasting over City Channel 10 of the special LGAB meeting celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn riots in New York City in June 1969, which is considered by many to be the turning point in the fight for equal rights for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S RUSSIAN SPEAKING COMMUNITY [J. DURAN, H. MOLINA, J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON]

The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of a photography exhibit celebrating 25 years of the City's Russian speaking community.

ACTION: 1) Approve the City of West Hollywood's co-sponsorship authorizing the use of the City logo on printed materials advertising the exhibit and the use of City facilities; and 2) Direct staff to assist with the coordination of the exhibit. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH DECALS BY DESIGN FOR TRANSIT VEHICLE DECALS [L. LONG, D. DENNIS, J. ROONEY]

The City Council will consider a request to approve an agreement funds to pay for transit vehicle decals that will be applied to new dial a ride and fixed route vehicles.

ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Decals By Design to fund the manufacture and installation of decals for the new transit vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Prang spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election and encouraged residents to vote.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:45 P.M. in memory of Rose Kavaler, Janet Witkin, Nell Soto, Peter Palmieri, and all the soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting. They adjourned to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.