

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Prang called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ben McCormick led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Duran, Councilmember Guarriello,
Councilmember Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Land, and
Mayor Prang.

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 stated that one (1) Item of Real Property Acquisition was added to the agenda regarding the property located at 1206-1208 N. Orange Grove Avenue. He stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:35 P.M. with no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tempore Land requested that Items 4.A., 5.A., and 5.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.X., 2.Y., and 2.Z.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Items 2.T. and 2.U. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

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

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gay Forbes, the former West Hollywood Community Development Director.

Mayor Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bart McDowell, the father of Kelly McDowell, the Mayor of the City of El Segundo.

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Martin Delaney, the founder of Project Inform and an HIV/AIDS activist. He requested that the

meeting be adjourned in memory of Bob Krueger, the partner of Pastor Mark Stewart of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. 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: Staff Sgt. Roberto Andrade Jr., Spc. Matthew M. Pollini, Sgt. Kyle J. Harrington, Pvt. Grant A. Cotting, Chief Warrant Officer Philip E. Windorski Jr., Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin H. Todd, Chief Warrant Officer Joshua M. Tillery, Chief Warrant Officer Matthew G. Kelley.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Land presented a proclamation in recognition of Get Out the Vote Month.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land presented a proclamation in recognition of American Heart Month.

Mayor Prang presented a Key to the City to Trevor Daley from the office of Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Mayor Prang and Councilmember Guarriello presented certificates to participants in the Don't Drink and Drive Awareness Campaign.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

DAVID MACFADYEN spoke in support of Item 2.W.

JEANNE CORDOVA, ALTADENA, spoke in support of Item 2.S.

BEN MCCORMICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.S.

DONALD ELMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding rent stabilization issues in the City and spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

DINA SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 6.A.

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

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that the City Council adjourn in memory of Harvey Ackerman, a local designer who recently passed away. She spoke regarding various local, state and national issues.

JOHN D'AMICO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent death of Martin Delaney, the founder of Project Inform. He spoke regarding his recent marriage in the City of West Hollywood. He spoke regarding the upcoming General Municipal Election in the City.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked City Council and City staff for their support during the previous few months.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Heilman congratulated Councilmember Duran for receiving the Human Rights Campaign Community Hero Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from Equality California for his work with the LGBT community.

Councilmember Duran thanked Councilmember Heilman for his supportive comments. He spoke regarding the ongoing issue of marriage equality in California.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land congratulated Councilmember Duran for receiving the Human Rights Campaign Community Hero Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from Equality California for his work with the LGBT community. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Harvey Ackerman, a local designer who recently passed away. She spoke regarding Item 2.S. and the upcoming GenderPlay in Lesbian Culture event in the City

Mayor Prang spoke regarding an unofficial property tax assessment letter being mailed to residents, and provided clarification that residents are not required to pay a fee to have their property taxes lowered if the value of their property goes down. He requested City staff to issue a press release to provide additional information to residents regarding the issue. He thanked outgoing Historic Preservation Commissioner Victoria Joyce, and outgoing Rent Stabilization Commissioner Christopher Winter, for their service to the City. He spoke regarding the upcoming 2009 Reception for the Arts event in the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$1,093,086.00 in expenditures and \$749,500.00 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.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,V.,W.,X.,Y.,Z. **Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously approved.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, February 2, 2009 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, January 29, 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 January 20, 2009. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 619, RESOLUTION NO. 09-3768:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 619 and adopt Resolution No. 09-3768, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 619." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2008:

The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Report for the month ended December 2008 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

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

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 09-804 (2ND READING), PERTAINING TO PEDDLING AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 09-804, a proposed ordinance pertaining to peddling and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 09-804, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PERTAINING TO PEDDLING AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 09-805 (2ND READING), AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOLLOWING A LICENSE REVOCATION AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 09-805, a proposed ordinance amending the Business License Ordinance pertaining to processing applications following a license revocation and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 09-805, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOLLOWING A LICENSE REVOCATION AND

AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. 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.H. RESIGNATIONS FROM CITY COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will accept the resignation of Historic Preservation Commissioner Victoria Joyce, effective December 19, 2008; and the resignation of Rent Stabilization Commissioner Christopher Winter, effective January 13, 2009.

ACTION: Accept with regret the resignation of Victoria Joyce from the Historic Preservation Commission and Christopher Winter from the Rent Stabilization Commission. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CIP 55-08/09-05, ANNUAL PAVEMENT STRIPING, LEGENDS AND PAINTING [L. LONG, S. BAXTER, K. TRUDEAU]

The City Council will consider awarding a two year contract for Annual Pavement Striping, Legends and Painting.

ACTION: 1) Accept the bid dated November 24, 2008, in the amount of \$272,586.00 submitted by California Traffic Maintenance, Incorporated of Burbank, California; 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign a two year Agreement with California Traffic Maintenance, Incorporated in an amount of \$272,586.00 for the Annual Pavement Striping, Legends and Painting, CIP 55-08/09-05; 3) Authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed 15% of the Agreement amount as approved by the Director of the Human Services Department; and 4) Reject all other bids and return associated Bid Bonds. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) OF COMBINED TAXI COUPON SUBSIDY PROGRAM SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS [L. LONG, D. DENNIS, J. ROONEY]

The City Council will consider the issuance of an RFP for the Administration of the Taxi Coupon Subsidy Program services and continue to coordinate services with the City of Beverly Hills.

ACTION: Authorize staff to issue an RFP for the Taxi Coupon Subsidy Program in coordination with the City of Beverly Hills Transit Services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH LPA, INC. TO PROVIDE DESIGN SERVICES FOR CITY HALL [O. DELGADO]

The City Council will consider approving an amendment to the contract with LPA, Inc.

ACTION: 1) Approve an amendment with LPA, Inc. for an additional \$30,000 increasing the not to exceed amount of the contract to \$60,000 for the fiscal year 08-09; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH CARL WALKER, INC. TO PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF PARKING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR NEW WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PARKING STRUCTURE [O. DELGADO, J. ROCCO]

The City Council will consider amending the agreement with Carl Walker Inc. to provide revenue projections for a parking structure in West Hollywood Park.

ACTION: 1) Approve an amendment with Carl Walker Parking for an additional \$15,000 increasing the total not to exceed amount of the contract from \$24,000 to \$39,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment. **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: 1) Authorize the Finance Director to appropriate \$15,000 from the unallocated reserves in the Prop A Fund and increase budgeted expenditures in account #203-3-05-53-538021; and 2) 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. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR PLUMMER PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT [J. ENGLISH, L. BELSANTI]

The City Council will consider authorizing Human Services staff to submit an application for Federal Appropriations Funding for Fiscal Year 2010 for the Plummer Park Capital Improvement Project.

ACTION: 1) Authorize staff to submit application for Federal Appropriations Funding in the amount of \$750,000 for Fiscal Year 2010; 2) Appoint City Manager, or his/her designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, applications and agreements necessary for completion of the appropriations-funded project; and 3) If the appropriation funds are awarded, authorize the Director of Finance to adjust the budget in fiscal year 2010 to reflect the actual appropriations award of \$750,000 for a total of \$750,000 in increased budgeted expenditures and revenues. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PARKING VIOLATION FEE SCHEDULE [O. DELGADO, J. ROCCO, D. NORTE]

The City Council will consider amending the fine amounts for parking violations as mandated by SB 1407.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 09-3769, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 8 OF RESOLUTION 08-3691 ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SB 1407". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. PARKING RATES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 901 HANCOCK AVENUE [O. DELGADO, J. ROCCO]

The City Council will consider adopting a resolution establishing public parking rates for the garage located at 901 Hancock Avenue.

Adopt Resolution No 09-3770, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE PUBLIC PARKING RATES FOR THE PARKING GARAGE LOCATED AT 901 HANCOCK AVENUE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS [J. ENGLISH, R. REYNOLDS, J. HUFFER]

The City Council will consider authorizing advertisement for the West Hollywood Park Master Plan construction bids.

ACTION: 1) Authorize the Department of Economic Development & Special Projects to proceed with advertising the West Hollywood Park Master Plan for construction bids; and 2) Authorize the "Notice Inviting Sealed Bids for the West Hollywood Park Phase I Implementation Project in the City of West Hollywood". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.R. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE L.A. WEEKLY GOLD STANDARD FOOD EVENT [R. REYNOLDS, J. HUFFER, M. LOUIE]

The City of West Hollywood City Council will consider co-sponsoring the L.A. Weekly Gold Standard Food Event scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2009.

ACTION: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the L.A. Weekly Gold Standard Food Event and authorize the use of the City name and logo on invitations, programs and other collateral materials; 2) Authorize Economic Development and Public Information to work with L.A. Weekly and the event producers to organize and publicize the event; and 3) Approve a waiver of special event fees for the LA Weekly Gold Standard Food Event to be held on Sunday, March 8, 2009 in West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF “GENDERPLAY IN LESBIAN CULTURE” ART EXHIBIT AT ONE LGBT ARCHIVES, MARCH 14-MAY 30, 2009 [J. BOOK]

The City Council will consider co-sponsoring an art exhibit entitled “GenderPlay in Lesbian Culture: From Passing Women to Gender Queer,” at ONE LGBT Archives gallery/museum in West Hollywood, sponsored by The Lesbian Exploratorium Project (LEX) and the ONE Archive.

ACTION: 1) Approve city co-sponsorship for the art exhibit “GenderPlay in Lesbian Culture: From Passing Women to Gender Queer.”; 2) Transfer \$4,000 from unallocated reserves to Account 100-3-05-05-531001 (Special Council Projects) and authorize staff to negotiate a contract for services with ONE LGBT Archives for presentation of this exhibit, in an amount not to exceed that; and 3) Authorize staff to waive fees for permits and use of facilities in connection with this art exhibit. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. INCREASING AND IMPLEMENTING OUTREACH EFFORTS TO RUSSIAN-SPEAKING RESIDENTS IN THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE [S. KEENE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL]

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.U. DIRECTION TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO) TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF BROADCASTING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT PLUMMER PARK AND RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THAT PARK [J. DURAN, H. MOLINA]

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.V. HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL 2009: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS [L. LONG, N. BEARD]:

Council will consider authorizing the development and release of a request for qualifications to special event producers for the production of the Halloween Carnaval 2009.

ACTION: Authorize the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for the Halloween Carnaval 2009. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE RUSSIAN WINTER FESTIVAL [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, M. HORNER]

The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the Russian Winter Festival from March 5-7, 2009.

ACTION: 1) Approve the City of West Hollywood’s co-sponsorship of the Russian Winter Festival and the use of the City’s name and logo on printed materials advertising the event; 2) Direct the Russian Advisory Board to attend the various events and provide feedback to staff; and 3) Direct staff to assist with the promotion of the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. (4.A.) ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS VIEWING PARTY CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST AND STREET/LANE CLOSURES [L. LONG, N. BEARD]

City Council will consider co-sponsoring Academy Award viewing events including the APLA and Elton John AIDS Foundation parties and approve road and/or lane closures including San Vicente Blvd. and Robertson Blvd. and partial closures on Sunset Blvd.

ACTION: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of two high profile events in West Hollywood; 2) Approve waiver of permit fees (\$2,400) and traffic control services including encroachment fees (\$26,000) in support of the APLA Viewing Event, and Elton John AIDS Foundation events; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to allocate funds from undesignated reserves in the amount of \$26,000 for services including safety and traffic personnel and barricades to the Recreation Division account # 100-3-05-51-535013 and \$20,000 to the Public Safety account # 100-2-04-04-534320. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Y. (5.A.) ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, D. DENNIS, J. ROONEY]

The City Council will consider a General Fund trade agreement for Prop A Local Return Funds with the City of West Covina.

ACTION: 1) Approve a Prop A fund trade agreement with the City of West Covina for \$750,000 West Hollywood General Funds in exchange for \$1,000,000 City of West Covina Prop A Funds; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate \$750,000 from the unallocated reserves in the General Fund to Expenditure for Traded Funds (100-1-03-31-531016); and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance to increase budgeted revenues in the Prop A Fund, Account No. 203-42101 by \$1,000,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Z. (5.B.) ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRADBURY AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, D. DENNIS, J. ROONEY]

The City Council will consider a General Fund trade agreement for Prop A Local Return Funds with the City of Bradbury.

ACTION: 1) Approve a Prop A fund trade agreement with the City of Bradbury for \$75,920, West Hollywood General Funds in exchange for \$104,000 City of Bradbury Prop A Funds; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate \$75,920 from the unallocated reserves in the General Fund to Expenditure for Traded Funds (100-1-03-31-531016); and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance to increase budgeted revenues in the Prop A Fund,

Account No. 203-421001 by \$104,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS VIEWING PARTY CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST AND STREET/LANE CLOSURES [L. LONG, N. BEARD]

City Council will consider co-sponsoring Academy Award viewing events including the APLA and Elton John AIDS Foundation parties and approve road and/or lane closures including San Vicente Blvd. and Robertson Blvd. and partial closures on Sunset Blvd.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X.

4.B. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will consider making direct and at-large appointments to City Commissions, Advisory Boards, and Committees.

ACTION:

Councilmember Duran made the following direct appointment:
Rent Stabilization Commission – H. Gail Sanes

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, D. DENNIS, J. ROONEY]

The City Council will consider a General Fund trade agreement for Prop A Local Return Funds with the City of West Covina.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.Y.

5.B. ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRADBURY AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, D. DENNIS, J. ROONEY]

The City Council will consider a General Fund trade agreement for Prop A Local Return Funds with the City of Bradbury.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.Z.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.T. INCREASING AND IMPLEMENTING OUTREACH EFFORTS TO RUSSIAN-SPEAKING RESIDENTS IN THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE [S. KEENE, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL]

The City Council will consider a report documenting past outreach strategies to the Russian-speaking community regarding the General Plan Update, and a list of possible future outreach strategies to the Russian-speaking community.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding the previous survey that was conducted, and the possibility of conducting surveys by mail for the Russian-speaking community.

ACTION: Direct the Department of Community Development staff to proceed with the suggested additional Russian community outreach efforts. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Land and unanimously approved with additional direction from the City Council.**

2.U. DIRECTION TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO) TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF BROADCASTING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT PLUMMER PARK AND RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THAT PARK [J. DURAN, H. MOLINA]

The City Council will consider directing staff to explore options for remote City Council transmissions and receiving public comment from Plummer Park.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding the previous shuttle services to the City Council meetings that were provided to East Side residents. He spoke regarding the possibility of conducting an annual meeting on the East Side of the City. He spoke regarding the need to monitor the attendance of the broadcasts to measure their effectiveness.

ACTION: 1) Direct Public Information Office to investigate the feasibility of airing live City Council meetings at Plummer Park and the ability for citizens to provide public comment from that park. Staff shall include the City's liaison to the Russian-speaking community in the planning process; and 2) Staff to report back to City Council within 90 days. **Carried by Consensus with additional direction from the City Council.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 17.52.010 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS FROM BEING EVICTED BECAUSE THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAS GROWN AS THE RESULT OF THE ADDITION OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF [A. WINDERMAN, M. HULL, S. LEWIS]

City Council will consider an urgency ordinance amending § 17.52.010 of the Municipal Code of the City of West Hollywood to protect residential tenants from being evicted because their household has grown as the result of the addition of dependent children.

Stephen Lewis, Staff Attorney, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2009.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Duran requested that, if the Item is approved, City staff provide notice to the judges at the Beverly Hills Superior Court.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Urgency Ordinance 09-806U, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 17.52.010 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS FROM BEING EVICTED BECAUSE THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAS GROWN AS THE RESULT OF THE ADDITION OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF;" and 2) Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 09-807, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 17.52.010 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROTECT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS FROM BEING EVICTED BECAUSE THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAS GROWN AS THE RESULT OF THE ADDITION OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN." **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Land, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously approved.**

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:38 P.M. in memory of Gay Forbes, Bart McDowell, Harvey Ackerman, Martin Delaney, Bob Krueger, 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 Tuesday, February 17th, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.