

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 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 6:39 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Marcy Norton 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, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk
Schaffer and Assistant City Clerk Quarker**

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 was no public comment. He reported that no additional items were added to the agenda. He stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Land requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.J.

Councilmember D’Amico requested that Item 2.G. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Mayor Duran requested that Item 2.I. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 5.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.K.

City Attorney Jenkins stated that there had been a request from the Applicant to continue Item 3.B. to April 2, 2012.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang to continue Item 3.B. to the meeting of April 2, 2012, and carried by Consensus of the Council.

Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang to approve the March 5, 2012 agenda as amended. The agenda was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Merle R. Burge, the mother of City employee Patrick Burge. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bernard David Smith, father of Craig Smith who is a long-time resident of West Hollywood and partner of Human Services Commissioner Mark Zangrando.

Mayor Duran asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Annie Chavez Martinez, the grandmother of City employee Stephanie Martinez.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the following soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the last City Council Meeting: Corporal Conner T. Lowry, 24, Staff Sergeant Jordan L. Bear, 25, Private 1st Class Payton A. Jones, 19, Major Robert Marchanti II, 48, Lieutenant Colonel John D. Loftis, 44, Sergeant Joshua A. Born, 25, Corporal Timothy Conrad Jr., 22, and Sergeant Allen McKenna Jr., 28.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Duran and the City Council presented a proclamation to the Women's Advisory Board in recognition of Women's History Month and presented the unveiling of the Women's History Month Banners.

Councilmember Land presented a Proclamation in recognition of Planned Parenthood.

Councilmember Land presented a proclamation in recognition of The Red Circle Project -National Native American HIV Awareness Day.

Councilmember Heilman presented a Proclamation for AILO – The New Alliance of Israeli LGBTQ Educational Organizations.

Councilmember Heilman presented a Proclamation in recognition of National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke on behalf of the City Council and expressed gratitude to retiring City employee Allyne Winderman and stated that a Proclamation would be presented to her on Thursday, March 8, 2012.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.B.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed kind words for the late Rae Mitchell.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding representation of Eastside residents on City Council, Commissions, and Advisory Boards.

JIM KAZAKOS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the new West Hollywood Library.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding comments she made during the last City Council meeting. She also spoke regarding past litigation.

LYNDIA LOWY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City for recognizing March as Women's History Month. She spoke regarding the need for additional space in the City to display the Women's History Month Banners.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the scheduling of City Council, Commission, and Advisory Board meetings. She also spoke regarding maintenance issues at Plummer Park.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding issues surrounding the Iranian American Jewish Center.

COCO LACHINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding recent events hosted by the Transgender Advisory Board, and spoke regarding a recent Transgender Sensitivity Training event held with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department.

BRAD BURLINGAME, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MARKETING AND VISITORS BUREAU, spoke in support of Item 2.G.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Red Circle Pow Wow Event. She also spoke regarding community involvement in the Plummer Park Master Plan.

STEVE PARGAMANIK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Section 8 Program and the impact on seniors.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding Item 5.B. and stated that the Item is asking staff to evaluate the selection of the City's banking contract based on protecting the City's funds, as well as issues regarding the treatment of home owners and residents by the banks that are being considered. He also stated that the Rent Stabilization & Housing Department has been monitoring foreclosures and have not seen a spike in the City, but will continue to monitor this issue. He thanked Public Safety staff for their efforts in organizing events during the entertainment awards season, and thanked residents for their patience during these events. He spoke regarding the upcoming Los

Angeles Marathon, which will go through West Hollywood, and spoke regarding notices relating to street closures.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding an upcoming meeting sponsored by the Los Angeles Unified School District to discuss middle school options in West Hollywood. She thanked Public Safety staff, Neighborhood Watch Captains, and the Public Safety Commission for their hard work in putting together the recent Neighborhood Watch Captains Training. She thanked those who participated in the recent Well West Hollywood Walk event. She made an announcement regarding a missing person named Michael Benson Spizer, and encouraged everyone to look at the fliers posted throughout the City and to call the Sheriff's Department with any information.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke regarding the next Steering Committee Meeting for the automated parking garage behind City Hall, which will be held on March 29, 2012, and he encouraged residents to attend. He also stated that the next Tribe event will be held this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the discussion will be about Gay Culture. He spoke regarding an exhibit at the Pacific Design Center featuring Rudi Gernreich and Peggy Moffitt. He spoke regarding an upcoming lecture series regarding the separation of politics and religion. He congratulated Councilmember Land on her new position as Executive Director of the Trevor Project. He also stated that he recently celebrated his 20th anniversary with his partner, Keith.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke regarding the new "Stop Door Spam" program in the City, and stated that signs are now available for residents to help eliminate unwanted advertisement fliers on residents' doors. He also spoke regarding a letter that can be downloaded from the City's website for residents to send to companies that continue to leave advertisement collateral on their door. He spoke regarding an upcoming low-cost pet vaccination clinic to be held in the parking lot behind City Hall on March 24, 2012. He spoke regarding an upcoming concert at Fairfax High School. He spoke regarding a telephone scam where callers state that they are officers of the court, threaten residents for not reporting for jury duty, and then ask for personal information.

Mayor Duran spoke regarding five parking meters along Hancock just north of Santa Monica Boulevard, which are currently 15-minute meters. He requested the City Manager to investigate the possibility of extending the meter time, since the news stand which used to be in operation near these meters is no longer in business. He spoke regarding the possibility of installing lights on the crosswalk on Santa Monica Boulevard located between 24-Hour Fitness and Starbucks. He spoke regarding Item 5.B. and thanked Councilmember Heilman for bringing this issue forward. He spoke regarding the success of the recent Elton John Oscar Party and fundraiser. He spoke regarding an upcoming Gay Men's Chorus Concert to be held on March 24-25, 2012 entitled "Mighty Pipes." He also spoke regarding the recent Tribe events which are a forum for gay men, and spoke regarding a possible upcoming article in the Los Angeles Times addressing the presence of the lesbian community in West Hollywood. Mayor Duran announced that he will be absent for the next City Council Meeting scheduled for March 19, 2012. He spoke regarding a high number of visitors from Australia who visit West

Hollywood and reported that he will be going to Melbourne to meet with hoteliers, restaurateurs and other business owners to discuss tourism in the City.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding a previous Item brought forward to City Council regarding crosswalks along Santa Monica Boulevard and asked the City Manager to research this issue. He also spoke regarding an email he received concerning issues with the live video feed of the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding the Special Events Item being brought forward to City Council on March 19, 2012 and stated that because of Mayor Duran's absence at the meeting, the Item will be brought forward as receive and file, with a full discussion to be scheduled on April 2, 2012. He also reported that City Staff has hired an acoustical and lighting engineer to make improvements in the Council Chambers, and a report will be brought forward at the March 19, 2012 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Schaffer stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$882,000 in expenditures and \$899,820 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,H.,J.(5.A.),K.(5.B.),
Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously approved.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, March 5, 2012 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, March 1, 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 21, 2012. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 693, RESOLUTION NO. 12-4276:

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

ACTION: : Approve Demand Register No. 693 and adopt Resolution No. 12-4276, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT

OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 693". **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive reports from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and the Disabilities Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.E. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS 2010-11 [S. BAXTER, D. DENNIS, D. GIUGNI]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will receive the year-end report of Social Services contract programs for 2010-11.

ACTION: Receive and file the year-end report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CITY HALL HVAC EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT - CIP NO. 55-11/12-05-EE0002146 [S. BAXTER, S. CAMPBELL, H. COLLINS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider approving an Agreement with Pardess Air, Incorporated for the City Hall HVAC Equipment Replacement Project CIP No. 55-11/12-05-EE0002146.

ACTIONS: : 1) Accept the bid dated February 14, 2012 and approve an Agreement with Pardess Air, Incorporated for the City Hall HVAC Equipment Replacement CIP No. 55-11/12-05-EE0002146 in the amount of \$180,000; 2) Authorize the Director of Human Services, or his designee, to negotiate and execute one or more change orders to the contract with Pardess Air, Incorporated, for additional unforeseen work, which may develop during the project; the total value of which shall not exceed a 15% project contingency amount of \$27,000; 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Pardess Air, Incorporated for the City Hall HVAC Equipment Replacement CIP No. 55-11/12-05-EE0002146; and 4) Reject all remaining bids. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ESTABLISHMENT OF GATEWAY SIGNAGE TASKFORCE [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, J. HARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider establishing a Gateway Signage Taskforce from stakeholders in the three primary districts of Santa Monica Boulevard, The Avenues of Art and Design and the Sunset Strip.

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

2.H. CO-SPONSOR APLA T2 WATER STOP DURING LA MARATHON [P. AREVALO, M. GERLE]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider co-sponsoring APLA's T2 water stop during the 2012 LA Marathon.

ACTIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of AIDS Project Los Angeles's water stop and authorize the use of the City name and logo on t-shirts, promotional items, and invitations; and 2) Approve parking validation for volunteers working the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.I. CANDIDATES' FORUM ON WOMEN'S ISSUES [V. LOVE, L. FOOKS]:**
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request from the West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board to sponsor a candidates' forum on women's issues.

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

- 2.J. (5.A.) ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, S. BAXTER, D. GIUGNI]:**

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

ACTION: 1) Approve a Prop A fund trade agreement with the City of Lakewood for \$675,000 West Hollywood General Funds in exchange for \$900,000 City of Lakewood Prop A Funds; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate \$675,000 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. R203-421001 by \$900,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.K. (5.B.) WEST HOLLYWOOD BANKING CONTRACT [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, J. ERICKSON, D. BREMOND]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct the City Manager to evaluate feasible options for changing the bank handling the City's bank accounts.

ACTIONS: 1) Direct the City Manager and Finance Department to evaluate our existing relationship with Bank of America and determine whether the relationship meets the needs of the City's Finance Department and is consistent with the City's core values; and 2) Direct the City Manager and Finance Department to return to the Council with recommendations within 180 days. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 3.A. PARKING CREDITS PROGRAM ORDINANCE [O. DELGADO, J. ROCCO, D. NORTE, A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA]:**

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider adopting a parking credits ordinance, amended fee resolution, zoning text amendment and the allocation of funding to implement a parking credits program in the City.

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

Don Norte, Parking Services and Projects Officer, and the Consultant on the project, provided background information as outlined in the Staff Report dated March 5, 2012.

Councilmember Heilman expressed concerns regarding the parking credits being an entitlement and requested clarification as to whether the credits could be transferred to other businesses when a business closes down. He spoke in support of utilizing the credits to ensure that the City attracts and retains good businesses.

Anne McIntosh, Director of Community Development, stated that this Item would not change current Land Uses and the required permits would not change for various types of businesses.

Councilmember Land requested clarification on the limited amount of parking credits issued during the initial rollout.

Oscar Delgado, Director of Public Works, stated that Staff will be evaluating this program for six months and will issue a limited amount of parking credits while staff measures utilization.

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

ALAN BERNSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the Item, specifically because of the effect it may have on small businesses.

STEVE WAYLAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

GENEVIEVE MORRILL, REPRESENTING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, spoke in support of the Item.

CHRIS BONBRIGHT, BEVERLY HILLS, spoke in support of the Item.

NIC ADLER, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Item.

TODD STEADMAN, REPRESENTING THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, spoke in support of the Item.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

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

Mayor Duran closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of the Item, but expressed concerns regarding issuing parking credits to businesses that are not in good standing with the City. He spoke regarding establishing additional criteria for the entitlement and renewal of parking credits. He spoke in support of a cautious rollout and monitoring of the program.

Councilmember Land thanked Staff and spoke in support of the Item. She spoke in support of monitoring the program, particularly monitoring how the credits are issued in association with the types of businesses the City wants to attract.

Mayor Duran spoke in support of the Item. He spoke regarding the dependence on additional parking to continue to improve economic development in the City. He spoke regarding remedies that are available to deal with businesses that are not in good standing with the City. He spoke regarding the economic hardship package that was previously adopted by the City and the parking issues that were raised surrounding art galleries and retail businesses in the Avenues of Art and Design. He requested clarification from the City Attorney as to whether these issues could be addressed as part of this Item. City Attorney Jenkins stated that these issues should be addressed separately at a future meeting.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of directing staff to investigate the possibility of implementing a set of criteria to determine, during the application and renewal process, whether a business is currently in good standing with all other City rules and regulations. He also spoke in support of monitoring the businesses that are applying for the parking credits to determine if they are the types of businesses the City is trying to attract.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the possibility of granting a limited renewal period for those businesses that may not be in good standing with the City.

ACTIONS: 1) Introduce for first reading, Ordinance No. 12-885, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE A PARKING CREDITS PROGRAM AND DESIGNATE A PARKING CREDITS DISTRICT AND AMENDING TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE) RELATING TO PARKING CREDITS AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE IN-LIEU PARKING FEE CITY WIDE"; 2) Adopt Resolution No 12-4277, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE MASTER FEE RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION 11-4191) AND RESCINDING

RESOLUTION NO. 11-4233 BY ESTABLISHING ASSOCIATED FEES FOR THE PARKING CREDITS PROGRAM"; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance to increase budgeted expenditures in account 213-3-08-82-531004 by \$50,000 and increase budgeted revenues in account 213-443003 by \$50,000; and 4) Give direction to staff to investigate the possibility of implementing a set of criteria to determine, during the application and renewal process, whether a business is currently in good standing with all other City rules and regulations. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, seconded by Councilmember D'Amico and unanimously approved.**

3.B. CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 8801 SUNSET BOULEVARD [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, A. GALLO]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will hold a continued public hearing to consider a 47,504 sq. ft. commercial development containing retail, gym/spa and office space at 8801 Sunset Boulevard. The project also integrates a new billboard and large screen video sign into the building facades and includes a development agreement and zoning map amendment.

ACTIONS: This Item was CONTINUED to April 2, 2012.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS [A. GANDHY, D. HATCHER, S. BAXTER, D. GIUGNI]:

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

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

5.B. WEST HOLLYWOOD BANKING CONTRACT [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, J. ERICKSON, D. BREMOND]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will direct the City Manager to evaluate feasible options for changing the bank handling the City's bank accounts.

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

5.C. COMMISSION APPOINTMENT [C. SCHAFFER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider making an appointment to the Planning Commission.

ACTION: Councilmember D'Amico made the following direct appointment: *Planning Commission: John Altschul.*

5.D. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE [C. SCHAFFER, Y. QUARKER]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider electing the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

ACTION: City Council made the following appointments as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore, to be installed on April 16, 2012 at the Reorganization Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.: **Jeffrey Prang - Mayor; Abbe Land - Mayor Pro Tempore.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.G. ESTABLISHMENT OF GATEWAY SIGNAGE TASKFORCE [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, J. HARRIS]:

SUBJECT: The City Council will consider establishing a Gateway Signage Taskforce from stakeholders in the three primary districts of Santa Monica Boulevard, The Avenues of Art and Design and the Sunset Strip.

Councilmember D'Amico spoke in support of the opportunity to look at gateway signage in the City, but expressed concerns regarding the current list of organizations to be included on the Task force and asked that the list be broadened to include organizations such as the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Architects. He also spoke in support of including representatives from the Eastside of the City.

Councilmember Heilman stated that the Item calls for the City Manager to include various organizations and spoke in support of including the organizations mentioned by Councilmember D'Amico. He spoke regarding the intention of the signage to mark boundaries, welcome visitors into the community, and celebrate the unique aspects of West Hollywood including the LGBT and Russian Communities.

SHAWN MIMBS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item, but asked that Council ensure the inclusion of a marker for the LGBT Community.

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

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding the creativity of the Item and stated that having a larger Task Force would garner different demarcations. He spoke regarding soliciting input from each of the Council offices as the Item moves forward.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke in support of the Item but expressed concerns over past gateway signage ideas. He spoke regarding current visual aesthetics as a way of knowing you have entered West Hollywood.

He spoke regarding signage in Tempe, Arizona, and spoke in support of signage throughout the City having a specific branding and identity.

ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to identify community stakeholders to serve on the taskforce. **Motion by Councilmember D'Amico, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang and approved.**

2.I. CANDIDATES' FORUM ON WOMEN'S ISSUES [V. LOVE, L. FOOKS]:
SUBJECT: The City Council will consider a request from the West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board to sponsor a candidates' forum on women's issues.

Mayor Duran expressed concern regarding having a Candidates' forum before the primary. He expressed concern over it being limited to women's issues and suggested the possibility of including issues such as the economy, Israel and Iran. He expressed concerns regarding the City inserting themselves into political races and spoke in support of allowing political clubs and organizations to hold these types of forums.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang expressed concerns regarding allowing one particular advisory board or commission to host political forums. He spoke in support of allowing political clubs and organizations to hold these types of forums.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of the forum occurring after the Primary Election. He spoke in support of a forum that is specifically designed to address women's issues. He spoke in support of the Women's Advisory Board reaching out to other organizations such as the League of Women Voters, if the Item moves forward.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang spoke in support of remanding the Item back to the Women's Advisory Board for further discussion and possible restructuring of the event.

ACTION: 1) Remand the Item back to the Women's Advisory Board for further discussion and possible restructuring of the event based upon Council input and discussion. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, seconded by Mayor Duran and approved.**

6. LEGISLATIVE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:31 p.m. in memory Bernard David Smith, Merle R. Burge, Annie Chavez Martinez, and all the soldiers who died in Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting. The City Council adjourned to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 19, 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 19th day of March, 2012 by the following vote:

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| 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