

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Land called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tom Demille led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, Acting City Attorney Mark Hensley, City Clerk West, and Assistant City Clerk Schaffer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman to approve the May 6, 2009 agenda, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of actor Dom Deluise.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: None.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$0 in expenditures and \$0 in potential revenue.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A. **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously approved.**

1.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, May 6, 2009 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Friday, May 1, 2009.

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

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

3.A. FILLING CITY COUNCIL VACANCY [M. JENKINS, V. LOVE, T. WEST]:

Applicants for the vacant City Council position will make three- to five minute presentations to the City Council, the exact duration of each to be determined by the Council based on the number of applicants who wish to present. The presentations will be followed by public comment. Council may then elect from the following alternatives: 1) make an appointment to fill the vacant Council position and direct the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office; 2) select from among the applicants a group of finalists and defer making an appointment until Council members have had a further opportunity should they wish to interview the finalists one-on-one; or 3) defer making an appointment until Council members have had a further opportunity should they wish to interview any or all of the applicants one-on-one. If the Council selects alternatives 2 or 3, this meeting should be adjourned to May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Council will consider making an appointment.

Mayor Land thanked all the applicants, and introduced former City Councilmember Sal Guarriello's deputy, Donna Saur.

The following applicants made presentations to the City Council: Scott Schmidt, John Altschul, Kate Bartolo, Chad Blouin, Roberta Sue Buckner, Norman Chramoff, Joseph Clapsaddle, Conrad Corral, Steven Davis, Donald DeLuccio, Steven Golightly, Judson Greene, Joseph Guardarrama, Lindsey Horvath, Thomas Jones, Benjamin Katz, Bruce Kaye, Steven Koller, Pamela Komac, Josh Kurpies, Robert Leighton, Stuart Leviton, Steven Malone, Scott Mann, Rodney McDonald, Michael Murphy, Andrew Rakos, Ric Rickles, Josh Rothstein, Ronald Shore, Desiree Sol, Anna Swett, Agassi Topchian, Joseph Umbrino, Gregory Woodell, Sybil Zaden.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of filling the vacant City Council seat by holding a special election.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the experience and educational background of the applicants for the vacant City Council seat.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City Council appointing Ric Rickles to the vacant City Council seat.

RIVKA DAYAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City Council appointing Pamela Komac to the vacant City Council seat.

JACK SPIEGEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City Council appointing Bruce Kaye to the vacant City Council seat.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the experience and educational background of the applicants for the vacant City Council seat.

RAE MITCHELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City Council appointing Ric Rickles to the vacant City Council seat.

JOHN VON KERCZEK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the City Council appointing Bruce Kaye to the vacant City Council seat.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Land stated that Gregory Woodell withdrew his application for the vacant City Council seat. She thanked all the applicants and the members of the public in attendance.

Councilmember Duran thanked all the applicants, the members of the public in attendance, and the members of the public who have contacted his office over the past week. He spoke regarding the City Council's legal ability to appoint someone to the vacant City Council seat, and spoke in support of making an appointment. He spoke in support of the application procedure and the broad diversity of residents who applied. He spoke regarding the Council being governed by the Brown Act and the need for the process to be public. He spoke regarding the broad demographics of the applicants. He spoke in support of the Council identifying the candidates they are most interested in considering for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked all the applicants and the members of the public in attendance. He thanked the applicants for supporting the Council in their choice for filling the vacant City Council seat. He spoke regarding the Council being governed by the Brown Act and the need for the process to be public. He spoke in support of the Council identifying the candidates they are most interested in considering for further discussion.

Mayor Land spoke in support of the Council identifying the candidates they are most interested in considering for further discussion.

Councilmember Duran identified the following applicants for further consideration: Kate Bartolo, Roberta Sue Buckner, Joseph Guardarrama, Lindsey Horvath, Josh Kurpies, Stuart Leviton, Andrew Rakos, and Agassi Topchian.

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding the need for the process to be a group decision. He spoke in support of the applicants suggested for further discussion by Councilmember Duran, and requested the following names to be added: Donald DeLuccio, Ric Rickles, and Josh Rothstein.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in support of the applicants suggested for further discussion by Councilmember Duran and Councilmember Prang, and requested the following name to be added: Steven Golightly.

The City Council discussed the possibilities for narrowing the list of potential applicants, and discussed the attributes that the different applicants possess.

Mayor Land identified the following five applicants for further discussion: Steven Golightly, Lindsey Horvath, Agassi Topchian, Ric Rickles, and Andrew Rakos.

Councilmember Prang identified the following five applicants for further discussion: Josh Kurpies, Joseph Guardarrama, Steven Golightly, Lindsey Horvath, and Roberta Sue Buckner.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman identified the following five applicants for further discussion: Agassi Topchian, Ric Rickles, Joseph Guardarrama, Kate Bartolo, and Lindsey Horvath.

Councilmember Duran identified the following five applicants for further discussion: Kate Bartolo, Roberta Sue Buckner, Joseph Guardarrama, Lindsey Horvath, and Josh Kurpies.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman identified the following three applicants for further discussion: Ric Rickles, Lindsey Horvath, and Agassi Topchian.

Councilmember Duran identified the following three applicants for further discussion: Roberta Sue Buckner, Kate Bartolo, and Joseph Guardarrama.

Councilmember Prang identified the following three applicants for further discussion: Joseph Guardarrama, Lindsey Horvath, and Josh Kurpies.

Mayor Land identified the following three applicants for further discussion: Lindsey Horvath, Agassi Topchian, and Ric Rickles.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman identified the following two applicants for further discussion: Agassi Topchian and Lindsey Horvath.

Councilmember Prang identified the following two applicants for further discussion: Joseph Guardarrama and Lindsey Horvath.

Councilmember Duran identified the following two applicants for further discussion: Lindsey Horvath and Joseph Guardarrama.

Mayor Land identified the following two applicants for further discussion: Lindsey Horvath and Agassi Topchian.

The City Council discussed the attributes and qualifications of the three applicants identified by the Council for further discussion.

Mayor Land thanked the community and her fellow colleagues for their hard work and dedication during the process.

ACTION: 1) The City Council appointed Lindsey Horvath to the office of Member of the City Council; and 2) the City Council adjourned to a special meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. to administer to Oath of Office to the newly appointed City Councilmember. **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously approved.**

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:00 P.M. in memory of Dom Deluise. They adjourned to a special meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 18th day of May, 2009 by the following vote:

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

ABBE LAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK