

MINUTES  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL

January 24, 1985

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.  
by Mayor Terrigno, at Plummer Park Fiesta Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilmembers Albert, Schulte,  
Viterbi, Heilman and Mayor Terrigno.  
Absent: None.  
Also Present: City Manager Bien and  
City Attorney Jenkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Terrigno

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Terrigno discussed the possibility  
of study sessions. City Manager requested  
an expenditure item be added following item  
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ACTION: To move item No. 3 to item No. 6 on  
the agenda and approve the agenda with additions  
and changes.

Motion: Schulte, second Mayor Terrigno  
There being no objections it was so ordered.

ITEM 1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Traffic Engineer:

Report and Recommendation:

Traffic Engineer Winters gave the report.  
Councilmember Viterbi asked questions re-  
garding locations at 8923 Sunset Boulevard,  
1124 North Sherbourne Drive, and 8860 Sunset  
Boulevard. Mr. Winters recommended reviewing  
commercial loading zones, the removal of some  
existing passenger loading zones and the  
installation of some new zones.

ACTION: To adopt the recommendations of  
Traffic Engineer Winters regarding the loading  
zone at 8923 Sunset Boulevard and to hold the  
questions regarding 1124 North Sherbourne  
Drive and 8860 Sunset Boulevard until a further  
report is received.

Motion: Viterbi, second Heilman.  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 2. NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen Committee Reports:

CITY HALL SEARCH: Ms. Stegman, on behalf of the City Hall Search Committee, recommended that the new City Hall be at 653 North LaPeer, stating that while it is not the most desirable, at this time it is the only location available to suit the City needs. Other options such as leasing office space or rehabilitating an existing building were also discussed. Councilmember Schulte questioned Ms. Stegman on the option of leasing and expressed disapproval of the LaPeer property. Member Viterbi emphasized the need for accessibility to public bus lines, pointing out that the LaPeer property is accessible to two bus lines.

ACTION: Ms. Stegman directed to return at the next City Council meeting with further information on the LaPeer property and two other options for Council consideration.

Ms. Stegman invited the Councilmembers to a meeting on Tuesday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m., where the Committee will have two experts speak on the real meaning of comparable worth and the different options available. Mayor Terrigno requested a written report on the options.

PERSONNEL BENEFITS: Ms. Stegman reported the Committee is actively seeking an insurance company to handle health benefits; discussions are still being held on the types of retirement programs available to the City, and the benefits and pitfalls of these various policies.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH: The City Manager reported that advertisements had been placed in two different publications, and Mr. Freed had made arrangements for the processing and handling of applications.

INSURANCE: Discussion was held between all members of the City Council. The Mayor asked the City Manager to make certain that the chair of the Insurance Committee is aware of the time limit.

ITEM 4. AB-1  
Nondiscrimination  
Resolution 35

Richard LaVoie, Legislative Assistant to Senator Roberti, asked the Council to support AB-1. Councilmember Schulte asked for a brief description of the bill. Mr. LaVoie stated AB-1 would make it illegal to discriminate against anyone because of their sexual orientation with regards to employment. AB-1 would provide a means of recourse that the present law does not.  
Mayor Terrigno read Resolution 35 in full.

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 35, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood in support of Assembly Bill 1".  
Motion: Mayor Terrigno, second Schulte.  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 5  
Domestic Partnership:

The City Attorney described the proposed ordinance on domestic partnership as a device whereby citizens of West Hollywood could file a document indicating that they are domestic partners. The ordinance would provide the same visitation rights for Health Care facilities and jails as would be allowed a spouse. It would establish a legal relationship for the purposes of the City of West Hollywood. The City Attorney explained the legal definition and requirements for qualifying for a domestic partnership. The City Attorney then responded to question by the Council.

PROPOSED ACTION: To adopt the Ordinance with two changes. 1) Remove the requirement that persons must reside at the same address; 2) remove the requirement of a sworn affidavit before a Notary Public.

Motion: Mayor Terrigno, second Schulte.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the Ordinance not be introduced at this time, as he has not had a chance to read or review it.

The Mayor opened up the discussion to the public. Coming forward to speak were:  
Jordan Swartz - who raised questions about sharing costs.  
Sam Weinstein - who asked about the validity of the ordinance outside of West Hollywood.

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ACTION: To table the ordinance at this time.

Motion: Heilman, second Albert  
Ayes: Albert, Heilman, Schulte  
Noes: Viterbi, Mayor Terrigno  
Motion carried.

ACTION: Ordinance to be brought back for first reading at the next scheduled meeting.

Motion: -Schulte, second Mayor Terrigno.  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 6

Procedures and Policies  
re. Acts & Discrimination:

Discussion by Councilmembers regarding a proposed ordinance relating to discrimination in public places, ie. requiring multiple forms of identification or arbitrary dress regulations.

ACTION: City Attorney to prepare an ordinance making such forms of discrimination unlawful.

Motion: Schulte, second Heilman  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 3

Council Sub-Committee  
reports:

FINANCE:

On Wednesday, January 30th, at 5:00 p.m., the Finance Committee will be meeting to review a finance plan for presentation to the City Council.

PLANNING AND  
DEVELOPMENT:

Councilmember Schulte reported the Planning and Development Committee meeting schedules for the months of February and March. A discussion was held on the moratorium and an RFP for a planning consultant.

HOUSING AND  
HUMAN SERVICES:

Councilmember Alvert reported that the committee held a meeting on January 16th, and heard public testimony on issues pertaining to generic exemptions to the present moratorium and rent freeze. The committee recommended that single family dwellings (houses/condos) be exempt from the eviction

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HOUSING AND  
HUMAN SERVICES:  
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moratorium in cases where new owners wish to occupy the unit as their principal place of residence. The committee is aware that tenants evicted as a result of such an exemption could suffer hardships. The Committee therefore recommends that persons claiming this exemption should meet certain conditions such as 100% ownership, be the principle resident and file an exempt form. The failure to meet the conditions set forth would result in penalties. -

ACTION: City Attorney to prepare an appropriate ordinance which would include items one through four on the committee's list of recommendations.

Motion: Heilman, second Albert  
Ayes: Albert, Heilman, Schulte, Viterbi  
Noes: Mayor Terrigno  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Albert asked the City Council to approve airfare to Sacramento for one member of the Housing and Human Services to attend a meeting of concerned cities on rent control.

ACTION: To authorize Councilmember Albert to represent West Hollywood at the rent control meeting in Sacramento and to authorize round trip airfare and expenses.

Motion: Heilman, second Viterbi  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

PERSONNEL AND  
MANAGEMENT:

Councilmember Heilman stated the committee is discussing priorities and working on a report to submit to the Council at the next meeting.

PARKS AND  
PUBLIC SAFETY:

Announced that a public meeting will be held on February 5th, at 6:30 p.m., at Plummer Park to discuss what the people would like to see as improvements to the median strip on Santa Monica Boulevard, if funds were available.

A discussion was held on a traffic study to be conducted by the Sheriff's Department at no cost to the City.

Mayor Terrigno called a recess at 3:22 p.m.

Mayor Terrigno reconvened the meeting at 3:42 p.m..

ITEM 7

Logo Design:

Councilmember Schulte invited the public to submit their ideas and drawings to the Council for a contest. A discussion was held on the contest, participants, judging and time limit. The City Manager was directed to present an outline to the Council at the next meeting.

ITEM 8

Investment Policy:

An investment policy to be developed by the City Manager, City Attorney and the City Treasurer to be presented to the City Council on February 7, 1985 was approved unanimously.

ITEM 9

Rent Control  
Hot Line:

Adam Moos reported on the activities of the rent control hot line from December 19, 1984 through January 4, 1985. Total calls amounted to 765, with an average of 85 calls a day. The majority of calls involved explanation of the rent rollback, rent freeze and general information about Ordinance No. 5.

ACTION: To receive and file.

Motion: Viterbi, second Schulte.  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 10

Traffic Safety  
Evaluation Report:

The City Manager reported that Captain Cook of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station has requested the City to ask the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, to conduct a traffic safety study for the City. The study would be concerned with traffic enforcement and an engineering study of existing safety programs. The purpose of this study would be to identify basic objectives such as reducing traffic accidents and increasing employee and program efficiency. Recommendations would be offered in the report to achieve the stated objectives. This study is offered at no expense to the City and includes a one-year consulting and follow-up service.

ACTION: To request the Institute of Transportation Studies to conduct a traffic safety study for the City.

Motion: Mayor Terrigno, second Heilman  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 11.

Amendment of Demand  
Register No. 4:

The City Manager explained that an error had been made in the preparation of Demand Register No. Four and that Resolution No. 33 was needed to correct that error.

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 33, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood amending Resolution No. 31 and Demand Register No. Four", officially voiding Check No. 1049 in favor of E. F. Bien in the amount of \$81.72, and check No. 1052 in favor of the League of California Cities in the amount of \$525.00.

Motion: Mayor Terrigno, second Viterbi  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 12.

Appropriation for  
Personnel:

The City Manager reported that the Council had approved job specifications for six positions and had set a flat rate salary for each. To complete the employment procedure it was now necessary to appropriate the funds for the balance of the fiscal year.

ACTION: To appropriate \$43,740 for salaries for the balance of the fiscal year.

Motion: Viterbi, second Heilman  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 13.

Execution of  
Maintenance  
Agreement:

The City Manager recommended that the City Manager be authorized to execute maintenance agreements for the city.

ACTION: To approve the City Manager signing maintenance agreements as part of his routine administrative duties, where such maintenance costs have been appropriated in the annual budget.

Motion: Heilman, second Schulte  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 14.

Resolution No. 34  
Demand Register 5

The City Manager presented Demand Register No. Five.



ACTION: To approve Demand Register No. Five and adopt Resolution No. 34, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, allowing and approving for payment, Demands presented on Demand Register No. Five".

ITEM 13B.

Insurance

Discussion between Council and City Manager regarding the City of West Hollywood's insurance coverage.

ACTION: To approve the insurance premium.

Motion: Viterbi, second Heilman  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 15.

Table of Organization

Resolution No. 32: The City Manager recommended that the Council adopt a Table of Organization.

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 32, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, establishing a table of organization for the 1984-1985 fiscal year".

Motion: Schulte, second Mayor Terrigno  
There being no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 16.

Non Agenda Items:

Councilmember Viterbi presented the City with their first gift, a portrait of the City Council.

Councilmember Albert announced the schedule for rent control meetings to be held on February 14, 18 and 24, and clarified the hearing process on rent control.

The City Attorney reported on documentary Tax; Riverside County vs. Cathedral City, ruling in favor of Cathedral City.

Discussion held regarding hiring a rent control consultant.

PROPOSED ACTION: To adjourn to Tuesday, January 29, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. to hire a rent control consultant.



Motion: Albert, second Mayor Terrigno.  
AYES: Albert, Heilman  
NOES: Schulte, Viterbi, Mayor Terrigno  
Motion fails.

At 5:28 p.m. the City Council adjourned to closed session to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

Council reconvened at 6:50. Mayor Terrigno announced they had diseussed matters of litigation and personnel and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION: At 6:55 p.m. the meeting of the City Council was adjourned to Thursday, January 31, 1985 at 12:30 p.m. at Rage.

Motion: Mayor Terrigno, second Schulte.  
AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Mayor Terrigno  
NOES: Heilman  
Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.