

MINUTES
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 1985

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at West Hollywood Park at 5:55 p.m. by Mayor Terrigno.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: City Manager Bien.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Terrigno noted that the public hearing on rent control would start at 7:00 p.m. The City Manager requested that item 14 be deleted from the agenda, as the Council had already acted on the item.

Councilmember Schulte noted that under 9b, Planning and Zoning sub-committee report would contain a brief discussion on the planning consultant interviews.

Councilmember Heilman added, after 9b, a discussion of the interim assistant City Manager.

ACTION: To adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion: Viterbi, seconded by Heilman
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

MINUTES: ACTION: To approve the minutes of January 24, 1985.
January 24, 1985

Motion: Heilman, seconded by Schulte
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 3: ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Heilman, Council Meeting this item was tabled to the meeting of April 4 Time and Place: for further information.

ITEM 4: ACTION: On a motion by Mayor Terrigno this Ordinance No. 40 item was tabled to the meeting of April 4. Prohibiting Harassment:

ITEM 5: The City Manager reported that the City Treasurer Ordinance No. 36 foresees no difficulty with the proposed ordinance, Investment of but his recommendation would be that the Council City Funds: adopt a resolution as a means of expressing its investment policy in lieu of an ordinance.

Councilmember Schulte questioned the City Manager on the number of financial institutions that had replied to the questionnaire and was informed that all but one had replied. He felt that substituting a resolution would substantively weaken the intent of the Council, which was to put restrictions on the investment of funds, not allowing them to be invested in South Africa.

Council discussion ensued over the difference between passing a resolution and an ordinance, with Councilmember Albert stating she felt an ordinance would be more permanent, as an ordinance is harder to pass and harder to repeal.

ACTION: To waive further reading.

Motion: Schulte, seconded by Viterbi
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ACTION: To adopt Ordinance No. 36, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REGULATING THE INVESTMENT OF CITY FUNDS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE".

Motion: Schulte, seconded by Viterbi
AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman, Mayor Terrigno
NOES: None
Motion carried.

ITEM 6: The City Manager reported that the City Council
Hearing Board had decided at the March 7 meeting to act as
Action Dates: the business license hearing board for renewal
Business Licenses: applications, however they did not set a date.

ACTION: To devote the first part of the last meeting of each month beginning in April, to hearing business license applications (Try to limit to one hour).

Motion: Viterbi, seconded by Albert.
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

CONSENT CALENDAR: ACTION: That the Mayor and City Clerk be
ITEM 7a authorized to execute the Joint Powers Agreement
SCAG Membership: with SCAG.

ITEM 7b: ACTION: To approve attendance at the National
NLC Conference: League of Cities Conference.

ITEM 8: ACTION: To receive and file.
Hotline Report:

Motion: Heilman, seconded by Schulte.
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 9: Jeff Vopal, chair of the Insurance Committee
Citizen Committee reported that Chicago Insurance Company had
Reports: reinstated the City's policy (comprehensive
INSURANCE liability) for the remainder of the term. The
Committee is still soliciting bids. The next
meeting of the Committee will be April 1, 1985
at 3:30 p.m., with recommendations to the Council
at the meeting of April 4.

CITY HALL Ms. Dori Stegman gave the staff report, outlining
SEARCH: the options available to the City.

ACTION: To have staff move in the direction of
Option 3: the Rogers Complex at 8730 Sunset
Boulevard.

Motion: Heilman seconded by Viterbi.
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

COMPARABLE Ms. Stegman reported that Dr. Treiman will be
WORTH: on board on April 1 and the report should be
available by the end of April.

PERSONNEL Ms. Stegman stated the committee will meet on
BENEFITS: March 22 at 5:00 p.m. and the report should be
available at that time.

CITY MANAGER Peter Freed stated the ad hoc committee report
SEARCH: was being typed and would be on the Council's
desks Monday morning.

ITEM 9b Councilmember Viterbi reported that the Finance Council Committee met yesterday. Will be holding a Reports: preliminary review of the budget and when it is in form will be sending it to the Council and the Finance Committee City Manager.

Housing and Human Services: Councilmember Albert reported that Housing and Human Services Committee met on Saturday and reviewed the goals study.

Planning: Councilmember Schulte reported that the Planning minutes were included with the agenda materials. The Committee had received 9 proposals from planning consultants and have 4 recommendations for review by the full Council, and hope the interviews and selection can occur in the next 3 weeks. He questioned Don Cain on the urgency of an estate sale on a lot.

Mr. Cain, Building and Safety reported that there would be an auction next Wednesday on an empty lot that the City might be interested in purchasing for green space.

Councilmember Schulte drew the Council's attention to a memo for discussion regarding 2 considerations for exemptions to the building moratorium; i.e. new rental housing and 1-2 story new commercial buildings. Would like to discuss at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Viterbi requested that the City Attorney look at the proposals to be ready for discussion at the next meeting. Prepare language, for discussion only.

Personnel and Management: Councilmember Heilman reported that the Personnel and Management Committee met and considered both short term and long term goals. The Council Committees and Council systems were also discussed and the Committee will be coming back to the Council with recommendations on how to handle those items in the future, so they are more clearly defined.

Parks and Public Safety: Mayor Terrigno reported that the Parks and Public Safety Committee had not met due to illness but will be meeting on Sanitation and Sewer lines and the Sheriff's budget.

ITEM 10: Logo Contest: Laurie Shane of Communication Works reported that it would take 6 weeks at least, but would be better if they advertised two times and the contest went a little longer.

The City Manager stressed that the Council would be seeking design concepts.

ACTION: To direct the City Manager to work with Communication Works and begin the process of establishing competition for a design of a logo for the City of West Hollywood.

Motion: Schulte, seconded by Viterbi Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

- ITEM 11a: Councilmember Viterbi asked that this item be removed from the Agenda, for further study.
Proposal from L.A. City Fire Department:
- ITEM 11b: Councilmember Heilman reported that there were 6 or 7 interested parties from whom he had resumes, Assistant Interim City Manager:
ACTION: To direct the City Manager to review the resumes and reach a decision early next week.
Motion: Heilman, seconded by Schulte.
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.
- ITEM 12: The City Manager reported that 3 lots at the intersection of Kings Road and Waring Avenue had been omitted from the boundaries of the Consolidated Fire Protection District. In order to provide these lots with fire protection, the City must take action to annex the properties to the Fire Protection District.
Fire Protection District:
ACTION: Move to waive further reading.
Motion: Viterbi, seconded by Schulte.
Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.
ACTION: To introduce Ordinance No. 39, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - WEST HOLLYWOOD 1-84".
Motion: Viterbi, seconded by Schulte.
AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman, Mayor Terrigno
NOES: None
Ordinance No. 39 passed first reading.
- ITEM 13: Councilmember Viterbi requested that this item be held for the next Council meeting of April 4, 1985. There being no objection it was so ordered.
Public Information Officer:
- ITEM 15: The City Manager stated that the Council had approved Councilmember Albert as a third signature for City checks, in the absence of either the Mayor or the City Manager.
Resolution No. 49:
Third Signature on City Checks:
ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 49, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGNATING THE PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW CHECKS UPON THE CITY DEPOSIT ACCOUNT".
Motion: Heilman, seconded by Schulte.
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.
Mayor Terrigno requested the City Council take items 16, 18 and 22 - then take a break before the Public Hearing, and return to the remainder of the Agenda after the Public Hearing.
- ITEM 16: The City Attorney reported that at the meeting of March 14, 1985, the Council had placed Ordinance No. 38 on first reading and it is now before them for adoption.
Transient Occupancy Tax:
Ordinance No. 38:
ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 38, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING A TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE".
Motion: Schulte, seconded by Heilman
AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman, Mayor Terrigno
NOES: None
The motion carried and Ordinance No. 38 is adopted.

ITEM 18: The City Attorney reported that Ordinance No. 35
 Southern Cali- was in front of the Council for second reading
 fornia Gas Co. and adoption after a public hearing and first
 Franchise: reading held on March 7, 1985.
 Ordinance No. 35:

ACTION: To waive further reading and adopt
 Ordinance No. 35, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
 WEST HOLLYWOOD GRANTING TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 GAS COMPANY, A CORPORATION, THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE
 AND FRANCHISE TO LAY AND USE PIPES AND APPURTENANCES
 FOR TRANSMITTING AND DISTRIBUTING GAS FOR ANY AND
 ALL PURPOSES UNDER, ALONG, ACROSS OR UPON THE
 PUBLIC STREETS, WAYS ALLEYS AND PLACES, AS THE
 SAME NOW OR MAY HEREAFTER EXIST, WITHIN SAID
 MUNICIPALITY".

Motion: Viterbi, seconded by Schulte.
 AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman
 Mayor Terrigno.
 NOES: None
 The motion carried and Ordinance No. 35 was
 adopted.

ITEM 22: The City Manager read the Title.
 Demand Register
 No. 9:

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 50, "A
 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING FOR PAYMENT,
 DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. NINE".

Motion: Heilman, seconded by Albert.
 Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

Mayor Terrigno called a recess at 6:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

ITEM 1: Mayor Terrigno stated that the Council was here
 PUBLIC HEARING: to collect information and wanted to hear from
 Rent Control: everyone, and requested that if possible they
 be specific about what they want or do not want
 in a rent control law. Each person would be
 limited to 3 minutes; first ½ hour, those in
 favor of rent control; second ½ hour, those
 opposed, then a short break. Then a repeat of
 the same process until everyone is heard, but
 would hope that the hearing would end at 11:30.
 If everyone has not had a chance to speak, the
 hearing could be continued to next week.

Councilmember Schulte reminded the Council that
 he would have to leave the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open. The
 City Clerk reported that notice of this hearing
 was published in the Post of Thursday, March 17th,
 and was also published in the Frontier and posted
 in three public places, and fliers were also
 distributed announcing the hearing.

Coming forward to speak in favor were:

Babette Lang, 8440 DeLongpre, CES recommendations
 in ordinance.
 Mrs. Kendis Moss, 848 N. Kings Road, #112,
 Maintenance Standards.
 Nancy Taylor, 1047 N. Crescent Heights Blvd.,
 Appointed Rent Control Board.
 Doug Routh, 1264 N. Harper Ave., #4, strong law.
 Warren Miller, 1241½ Havenhurst Dr., Roll back
 annual increases.
 Larry Gross, 5520 West Pico, No vacancy decontrol
 CES
 Lou Barish, 520 N. Kings Road, Roll back - 1981

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in favor, cont.

David Blair, 8576 Holloway Dr., #7, CES
Frances Eisenberg, 1265 No. Harper Ave., #2
Sr./CES
David Harlin, 1020 N. Alfred, #2, Security
deposits pay interest.
Abbe Land, 1301 N. Havenhurst, CES
Karen Ocamb, 1265 N. Harper
Ann Polsky, 921 N. Sweetzer Ave.

The majority spoke in favor of CES recommendations;
also Maintenance Standards, roll back of rents,
no vacancy decontrol and interest on security
deposits.

Coming forward to speak in opposition were:

Al Korngute, 850 N. Kings Road
George Fergenham, 8440 DeLongpre Ave.
Elizabeth Stiles, 8585 Larkdale Road
Harald R. Hahn, 8731 Rosewood Ave., Vacancy
decontrol, tenant responsibility
Ed Meripol, 1328 N. Havenhurst Dr., conversions
David Langer, 1231 N. Ogden Dr., L.A.
John Devlin, 837 Westbourne Dr.
Grafton Tanquary, 1287 N. Crescent Heights
Max Leemon, 5266 Los Caballeros
Richard Garst, 2155 Outpost Dr.
Elizabeth Coleman, 837 Westmount

The major concerns expressed were for rent
increases tied to CPI or some other index, for
vacancy decontrol and for added stress on tenant
responsibility.

Coming forward to speak in favor were:

Glenda Tusher, 1020 N. Stanley Avenue
Ruth Rothschild, 919 N. Harper
Morris D. Newman, 537 N. Orlando Ave.
Mario Tamayo, 1215 N. Sweetzer Ave.
Allen Keleman, 1417½ N. Hayworth Ave.
Janice Martens, 1046 N. Sierra Bonita #7
Tony Melia (Chamber of Commerce)
Stanley Hanreck, 909 N. Palm Ave.
Miki Rand, 940 Hancock Ave.
David Sendowski, 6343 Colgate Ave.
Robert Stojkovic, 1146 N. Ogden Dr.

Speaking in opposition were:

Agatha Szatmary, 1236 N. Ogden Dr.
Ely Dromy, 1940 Linda Flora Dr., L.A.
Ed Pape, 2001 N. Valley St., Burbank
Maragret Sward, 1124 N. Clark
William Margold, 8231 DeLongpre Ave. #1
Cylo Tenenbaum, 1312 N. Laurel Ave.
Steve Glass, 444 N. Edinburgh, L.A.
Jack Emrek, 24115 Long Valley Road
Arnold Mydew, 5420 Lindley Ave.
John Parks, 2500 Jupiter Dr.
Ruth Komer, 8755 Shareham Dr.
Steve Talley, 1000 Palm
Abraham Stein, 1275 Havenhurst
Eva Amiel, 6372 W. 6th Street

ITEM 1: Public Hearing, cont.

The Mayor called a recess at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05.

Coming forward to speak in favor were:

- Leah Rensky, 940 N. Hancock Ave., #16
- Damian London, 659¼ N. Huntley Dr.
- Jacqueline Balogh, 8324 Fountain
- Stephanie Bach, 1403 N. Laurel Ave.
- Hal Guyer, 1032 N. Sweetzer
- Elliot Engber, 7751 Santa Monica Blvd.
- C. Yerys, 8011 Romaine Ct.
- Goldie Kahn, 7635 Hampton Ave.
- Michael Sherman, 1005 N. Spaulding

Speaking in opposition:

- Estelle Klipp, 939 N. Ogden Dr.
- Herman Bachofer, 335 S. Almont
- Letizia Gelles, 9899 Santa Monica Blvd.
- John Sward, 1124 W. Clark
- Shilo Howard, 936 N. Sierra Bonita
- Clifford Lord, 9301 Wilshire Blvd., Bev. Hills
- Richard Klug, 440 Westbourne
- Gordon Hessler, 8910 Hilly Place, L.A.
- Joel Silverman, 8888 Olympic Blvd.
- Joel Weissman, 11514 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 49
- Danielle Nelson, 930 Westbourne Drive
- Frank Pennino, 1400 N. Crescent Heights
- Michael Becker, 5816 Libby Way

The audience portion of the hearing was closed by the Mayor at 11:10 p.m..

The Council thanked everyone for their testimony and concern.

ITEM 17: City Manager Expenditures: Ordinance No. 34:

The City Attorney read the title and reported that Ordinance 34 was before the Council for second reading.

ACTION: To waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 34, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RELATING TO EXPENDITURES AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE".

Motion: Heilman, seconded by Albert.
 AYES: Albert, Viterbi, Heilman, Mayor Terrigno
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Schulte

ITEM 19: Resolution No. 51: Amending Demand Register No. 5:

The City Manager reported that this resolution was necessary to correct Demand Register No. 5.

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 51, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 34 AND DEMAND REGISTER NO. FIVE".

Motion: Viterbi, seconded by Heilman
Hearing no objection it was so ordered, noting the absence of Schulte.

ITEM 20: Resolution No. 52: Amending Demand Register No. 7:

The City Manager reported that this resolution was necessary to correct Demand Register No. 7.

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 52, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 41 AND DEMAND REGISTER NO. SEVEN".

ITEM 20, cont. Motion: Viterbi, seconded by Heilman
Hearing no objection it was so ordered, noting the
absence of Schulte.

ITEM 21: The City Manager reported that this resolution was
Resolution No. 53:necessary to correct Demand Register No. 8.

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 53, "A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 45 AND DEMAND REGISTER
NO. EIGHT".

Motion: Heilman, seconded by Viterbi.
Hearing no objection it was so ordered, noting
the absence of member Schulte.

ITEM 24: Mayor Terrigno questioned the City Manager about
Non-Agenda Items: the date the City Council needs to make a decision
about the City Liability Insurance.

The City Manager stated that the coverage was
written for a year, with the understanding that
the check could be written for a quarter of the
year; i.e., if the City cancelled anytime within
that first quarter, the company would refund the
remaining 3/4. That date is March 28.

The Mayor stated that the Council would need to
meet before next Thursday, with further information
on the bids and length of contract if they choose
to change the insurance.

ACTION: To adjourn this meeting to a meeting at
Plummer Park on Wednesday, March 27, 1985 at
10:30 a.m., to be followed by a meeting on
Thursday at 12:00 noon.

Motion: Heilman, seconded by Viterbi

A short discussion ensued about the auction of
the property on N. Orange Grove discussed earlier
in the meeting. The date of the auction will be
Wednesday, March 27th at 11:30 a.m..

The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 11:30 p.m.
to Plummer Park, March 27th, 1985 at 10:30 a.m.