

MINUTES  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL

April 25, 1985

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m. by Mayor Terrigno in Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park.

ROLL CALL: Present: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman, Mayor Terrigno

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Bien  
City Attorney Jenkins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Terrigno.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ACTION: To limit the meeting to 4:30 p.m. Motion Viterbi seconded by Schulte Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

Councilmember Albert stated that Item 4 should read "oppose the Costa Bill".

Mayor Terrigno requested that the Council receive the proposed harassment ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

Councilmember Schulte asked for a report and discussion on the median strip and the status of the disrepair and what is being done. Mayor Terrigno stated the City Attorney was requesting a closed session regarding litigation and wanted it set before Item 10, and the Median Strip discussion could then be Item 10a.

Councilmember Viterbi requested no study session on the budget at this time as there is no documentation. Councilmember Heilman stated that the discussion would only be on setting the date for the study session.

ACTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Motion Albert seconded by Schulte Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 1:  
5K/10K MARATHON:

Councilmember Schulte reported that the run was scheduled for September 8, 1985, with the AIDS groups to be the recipients of the money this year. This is to be an annual city event. Would like council appointees to a committee to oversee and run this event.

PROPOSED ACTION: To establish a \$2500 matching fund for the annual promotion of the 5K/10K Marathon event to be held September 8th. Motion Schulte seconded by Viterbi

Discussion followed on who would manage and utilize the funds, city liability, a committee to run the event and the cost. The City Manager suggested that the Council approve the concept of matching funds of \$2500 subject to further details and agreement between the parties.

ACTION: To amend the motion to read: To approve the concept of the 10K race and the expenditure of up to \$2500 of city funds to help the promotion of the race subject to the City

- ITEM 1: (Cont'd.)  
5K/10K MARATHON: staff negotiating an acceptable agreement between the parties and the city. Council also to approve the establishment of a 5 member committee to be responsible for the event. These appointments to be returned to the Council for approval at the meeting of May 9, 1985. The amendment being acceptable to the maker and second of the motion, and hearing no objection it was so ordered.
- ITEM 2:  
Tree Trimming &  
Removal Contract: The City Manager reported that the County Public Works Department had delivered the contract documents and forms for the tree trimming and removal contract. The documents require the City's approval and execution of the same.
- ACTION: To authorize the City Manager to execute the tree trimming and removal contract with the County of Los Angeles.  
Motion by Mayor Terrigno seconded by Heilman.  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.
- ITEM 3:  
Ordinance No. 49: Councilmember Albert reported that the City Attorney was preparing an ordinance that would prohibit discrimination in student housing rentals as requested by the College Council of Students.
- The City Attorney read the title for 1st reading.
- ACTION: To waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 49, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PROHIBITING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST STUDENTS BASED ON THEIR STATUS AS STUDENTS".  
Motion: Mayor Terrigno seconded by Schulte.
- Councilmember Heilman noted that on Page 4, Section 6 there is a typo - should read "limitation on actions". Mayor Terrigno asked what the fine would be. Hadn't the fine been increased to \$1000? The City Attorney stated that this should be an amendment to the Municipal Code and yes, the fine should read \$1000. He requested that this item be tabled to the end of the meeting so he could make the required revisions.
- ACTION: To table to the end of the meeting.  
Motion by Heilman seconded by Mayor Terrigno.  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.
- ITEM 4:  
Costa Bill: Councilmember Albert recommended that the City send two members to Sacramento on May 6, 1985, due to the fact that the City has not yet retained a lobbyist to fight the Costa Bill. Mayor Terrigno stated that the Council had already authorized councilmembers attendance in Sacramento to lobby this issue. Councilmember Viterbi requested that the City Manager bring back an RFQ for a lobbyist at the next council meeting.
- ITEM 5:  
Extension of  
Moratorium, Rent  
Control and Condo.  
Conversions: The City Attorney reported that on November 29, 1984, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 5, establishing a moratorium on rents and evictions, and Ordinance No. 6, establishing a moratorium on rental apartment unit conversion to condominiums and any other kind of use. Both are scheduled to expire on May 1, 1985. Since the ordinances are not yet ready for adoption, it is necessary to extend these ordinances in order that the preparation process can be completed.

ITEM 5: (Cont'd)      ACTION: To adopt Ordinance 47U, "AN ORDINANCE  
Extension of      OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EXTENDING THE  
Moratorium, Rent MORATORIUM REGULATING RENTS, EVICTIONS AND  
Control and Condo. DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF", with the  
Conversions:      insertion in Section 1 of July 1, 1985.  
Motion Heilman seconded by Mayor Terrigno.  
AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman,  
Mayor Terrigno.  
NOES: None

ACTION: To adopt Ordinance 48U, "AN ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EXTENDING THE  
MORATORIUM ON THE CONVERSION OF RENTAL HOUSING  
AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF", with the  
insertion in Section 1 of October 1, 1985.  
Motion Viterbi seconded by Mayor Terrigno  
AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman,  
Mayor Terrigno  
NOES: None

ITEM 6:      Councilmember Albert stated that this is a  
Resolution No.      Resolution supporting survivorship rights and  
60:      health coverage. AB1250 was introduced at  
Survivorship      the legislature to provide continuation  
rights:      coverage for health benefits for widows, widowers,  
divorced spouses and their dependants following  
termination of insurance group coverage.

ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 60, "A RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
SUPPORTING AB1250(McCalister), A BILL FOR HEALTH  
BENEFIT SURVIVORSHIP RIGHTS", and transmit a copy  
to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Chairman.  
Motion Albert seconded by Heilman.  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 7:      Councilmember Heilman advised the Council that  
Relocation      over the past several months he has received  
Charges due to      numerous letters and inquiries from property  
Conversions:      owners and tenants regarding the kind of re-  
location benefits that would be considered fair  
and appropriate in a conversion situation. He  
would like a brief discussion on the possibility  
of bringing representation from both sides of  
the issue before the City Council to express  
their views and assist the Council in putting  
together an ordinance on this subject.

The City Attorney advised the Council that he  
saw this as a very integral part of the rent  
control ordinance. At the present time and  
in discussions on just cause evictions, this  
is not considered a cause for eviction. If the  
Council is going to allow evictions for conversion  
purposes this needs to be discussed now.

By consensus the Council agreed to hold a public  
hearing on relocation charges due to conversions  
the first hour of their meeting on May 2, 1985.

ITEM 8:      The City Manager has prepared and distributed  
Manual of      a draft of a proposed manual for Council pro-  
Procedure:      cedure. The manual is a draft and Council  
should review and suggest revisions or changes.

Mayor Terrigno suggested that all Councilmembers  
review the document and submit their suggestions  
in writing to the City Manager and the other  
Councilmembers.

ACTION: To accept the manual and take it  
under submission.  
By consensus of the Council.

ITEM 9:  
Selection of  
Planning  
Consultant:

Councilmember Schulte reported that in response to a proposal request, nine planning firms had submitted proposals to the City. The City Council met with four of the firms for a more in-depth presentation on the firms' proposals for preparing a General Plan for the City. It is now in order to select the planning consultant. The four organizations interviewed by the City Council were: Quad, Mixner-Scott Joint Venture, Phillips Brandt Reddick and Envicom.

Each Councilmember stated their preference of the firms interviewed. Councilmembers Schulte and Viterbi both stated that there should be further attention to the citizen input model.

ACTION: To agree in principle to hire Envicom and authorize the Planning Committee to meet with Envicom and discuss an expansion of the citizen participation model and have them come back with an amendment to the contract in 2 weeks.  
Motion: Viterbi seconded by Schulte

After extensive discussion between the Councilmembers concerning the citizen participation portion of the proposals, with members Viterbi, Schulte and Mayor Terrigno voicing the opinion that they were impressed by the model presented by Joint Venture and members Albert and Heilman disagreeing, Mayor Terrigno called for the vote on the motion.

Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

Mayor Terrigno requested that the City Manager report to the Council in two weeks on the budget projections for the planning consultant. The City Manager asked that in addition to the concepts on citizen participation, that the Council work out a fairly definite program of what they want the consultant to do.

At the hour of 2:50 p.m., Mayor Terrigno adjourned the meeting to a closed session to discuss personnel matters and litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 4:09 p.m. Mayor Terrigno announced that Paul Brotzman had been signed as City Manager.

ITEM 10:  
Budget Study  
Session:

Councilmember Heilman stated that the City Manager felt a need to hold some preliminary meetings on the budget so he would have a better sense of direction.

The City Manager stated that the Ordinance called for the City Manager to present a preliminary budget to the City Council by May 15th. This preliminary budget is ready to be typed on Monday. Captain Cook has submitted a proposal to the City Council for law enforcement and traffic enforcement for fiscal year 85-86. Held off until there was some idea what the budget package was going to look like. He is now in a position to convey a very close estimate of the entire budget package. He is now prepared to discuss numbers with the Council.

Councilmember Viterbi stated that the Finance Committee would be meeting Monday at 5:30 and would like to do a first review of the numbers. He felt the Finance Committee should review the preliminary budget, bring to the Council in a few weeks for informational purposes, and then return to the Committee for Public Information

ITEM 10 (Cont'd): hearings to receive some community input.

The City Manager stated that the code calls for the adoption of a formal budget at the first meeting in July.

Mayor Terrigno felt that the Finance Committee should review the budget, but the entire Council should conduct any public hearings, not the subcommittees. Some budget items may need decisions before June.

Councilmember Schulte felt the schedule should be moved up because of the urgency of some of the budget items (i.e. Sheriff's).

Councilmember Heilman stated he would like to have the budget in front of the Council by May 15th, as required, but that he had no objection to the Finance Committee reviewing and holding hearings prior to that date.

The consensus of the Council was that they did not object to the committee conducting public information gathering meetings, but the committee would have to speed up the time frame.

The City Manager stated that he had placed this item on the agenda because of the urgency of some resolution of the Sheriff's proposal, which is a very substantial item in the budget.

ITEM 10a:

Median Strip:

Mayor Terrigno stated a brief discussion is needed on the matter of the condition of the median strip.

The City Manager reported that he had requested the road department to provide maintenance on the median strip and also to accelerate the process. The road department advised him that there are 2 segments of the strip; one of which they have sufficient jurisdiction over that they can go in and clean without charge to the city, and the 2nd portion of the median strip where the County has no responsibility to provide maintenance, but they could go on and clean this portion up also at a cost of \$3,000.

Councilmember Schulte requested that the City Manager issue a press release to advise the community of the steps being taken to "clean up this mess".

ITEM 11:

City Hall:

Ms. Stegman reported on the options available for office space and a decision needs to be made immediately as the City is expected to vacate Plummer Park by next Tuesday. The Council felt that these options were totally unacceptable.

ACTION: To extend the time of the meeting to 4:40 (10 minutes).

Motion Mayor Terrigno seconded by Heilman  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

Mayor Terrigno stated that she would contact the Supervisors office for an extension of the lease at Plummer Park. If an extension is not granted they will call an emergency meeting if necessary.

ACTION: To table this item to next week  
consensus of the Council.

ITEM 12: Ms. Stegman reported that the Council neglected  
Health Benefits: to state the probationary period for benefits.

ACTION: That the City adopt a 30 day proba-  
tionary period for health benefits for employees.  
Motion Mayor Terrigno, seconded by Viterbi.  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 3:  
Student Housing  
Discrimination:  
Cont'd from  
earlier in the  
meeting:

The City Attorney briefly read the amendments  
or changes to Ordinance No. 49.  
"Article 4, Chapter 2 of the West Hollywood  
Municipal Code is amended by adding a new  
Part D to read as follows:  
Section 1 through 7 will now be sections 4260  
through 4267; in addition section 5b under  
violation will be changed to section 2 of the ordi-  
nance and will not appear in the code, because  
the normal misdemeanor provision in the code will  
rule, just as with the other ordinances, and  
section 8 will be section 3.

ACTION: To waive further reading and introduce.  
AYES: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman, Mayor  
Terrigno  
NOES: None  
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Shipton inquired about what was wrong with  
the property on LaPeer that had been considered  
for the location of City Hall.  
Mayor Terrigno stated that the terms of the lease  
would have been 5 years and that there was not  
enough space for the offices after the first year.  
Glenda Tusher asked about an office building on  
Highland and Santa Monica and was informed that  
that was just outside the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

At the hour of 4:37 P.M. the meeting was adjourned  
to a meeting at West Hollywood Park on May 2, 1985  
at 7:00 P.M.