

MINUTES

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 12, 1985

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. at Plummer Park, Hall A, by Mayor Heilman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Brotzman

MEETING WITH RTD REPRESENTATIVE GORDANA SWANSON

Gordana Swanson, RTD Director and Vice President of RTD Board, was present for a meeting with the City Council. Ms. Swanson represents Corridor B, the transportation corridor from Palos Verdes to Santa Monica, which includes 18 cities, and in which West Hollywood is located. Councilmember Heilman stated that the biggest concern of City Council is fare increases and how they affect seniors. Ms. Swanson replied that RTD had no choice, because they were facing a large budget cut. The 85 cent fare was intended for occasional riders, and transit-dependent people were expected to apply for a monthly pass. The LACTC is more concerned with dollars than RTD is. Some other issues mentioned were: having an employee lot on Santa Monica opened up at night for parking; rumors that RTD is pulling out of West Hollywood; complaints from people near RTD lot; increase in ridership. Ms. Swanson also requested political help in making feelings known to the Transportation Commission about the reducing of service.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Heilman requested the addition of a Consent Calendar: 1a. Basin Street Blues Runners; 1b. Ordinance 84u; 1c. Public Relations Agency for Aids Awareness Month.

Councilmember Schulte requested to add an item at the end of the meeting on business license hearing.

Councilmember Terrigno requested a five-minute closed session on potential litigation before Item No. 1. Mayor Heilman objected.

Approval of  
Agenda (cont'd)

Mayor Heilman requested the addition of directions re affordable housing. Mayor Heilman stated that there would be appointments to the Rent Control Board at the beginning of Item 2.

ACTION: To approve agenda as amended. Motion by Viterbi seconded by Schulte. Noting the objection of Mayor Heilman regarding the closed session, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: To approve the minutes of December 6, 1984. Motion by Heilman seconded by Terrigno. Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ACTION: To approve the minutes of September 5, 1985. Motion by Albert seconded by Schulte. Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 7:25 there was a recess and Council went into a closed session to discuss an item of potential litigation.

At 7:33 Council reconvened, and the City Manager announced that the issue discussed was whether the problems the residents of Huntley Drive had with RTD had risen to a significant enough level for litigation. The decision was that they had not. RTD has a task force, and is meeting and will continue to meet with residents. If the problems are not resolved then the City may take further action.

ITEM 1. LOCATION  
OF BARRICADES ON  
HUNTLEY AND WEST-  
BOURNE:

There was a report by Lynn Nicholson of the Department of Public Works, and Gary Nelson, Battalion Commander of the County Fire Department. Mr. Nicholson stated that moving the closures north will result in a loss of some parking spaces and will move the commercial area closer. Fire Chief Nelson made four recommendations:

- 1) That the closures have gates for fire department access.
- 2) That the closures do not divide a single occupancy (Sephardic School).
- 3) The Sephardic Hebrew School should have a Beverly Place address to avoid any response delay or confusion.
- 4) A fire hydrant should be installed midway on Huntley.

The following people spoke:

Richard Harvey: Would like cul-de-sac to stay where it is, but will defer to the fire department.

ITEM 1. (continued) The following persons spoke against moving the cul-de-sacs north:  
Edward Berman, 317 Huntley.  
George Humerick.  
Sol Kippnus, 358 Huntley.  
Ethel Shapiro, 328 Westbourne.

Rabbi Kupfer: Stated the major issue is safety of the children, having emergency vehicles have access.

After public testimony, there was Council discussion.

ACTION: To approve placing the cul-de-sacs approximately 40 feet north, and to have planning consultant bring back a report on the rezoning from commercial to residential of the Sephardic Academy property.

Motion by Viterbi seconded by Schulte.

(There was a motion by Councilmember Albert to sever the motion, but no second.)

AYES: Terrigno, Viterbi, Schulte

NOES: Albert, Heilman

Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The following items were on the consent calendar:

- 1a. A request from Basin Street Blues Runners to close part of Melrose for a 5-10K run on September 15, and overtime contract with Sheriff's Department.
- 2a. Status Report on Conversion of Rental Housing - Ordinance 84u; to receive and file; to set a public hearing for September 26 to extend the moratorium.
- 3a. Approval of Aids Awareness Month Public Relations Agency - The Firmature Group.

ACTION: To approve Consent Calendar.

Motion by Schulte seconded by Albert.

Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 2. CITIZEN  
COMMISSIONS AND TASK  
FORCES

The persons appointed by the Councilmembers to the Rent Stabilization Commission were named and introduced:

- 1) Babette Lang, 3440 De Longpre Avenue - appointed by Helen Albert.
- 2) Ruth Williams, 7548 Lexington Avenue - appointed by Valerie Terrigno.
- 3) Trudi Lesser, 1021 N. Harper #3 - appointed by Alan Viterbi.
- 4) Gerda Speigler, 1025 N. Kings Road - appointed by Steve Schulte.
- 5) Doug Routh, 1264 N. Harper - appointed by Mayor Heilman.

Mayor Heilman announced that the first meeting of the Commission would be September 30 at 7:00 P.M., at Hall A, Plummer Park, and would be open to the public.

There was a recess at 8:35.  
Council reconvened at 8:54.

ITEM 2.(continued)

The City Manager presented a report. He recommended that at this time, Council limit the number of commissions, boards, and task forces to five commissions and two task forces. A commission would be both advisory and decision-making; boards would be purely advisory; and a task force would be an advisory body to exist for a specific term for a specific issue or issues. The City Manager also recommended seven members for each board or commission, to be appointed by the entire Council, either nominated by the entire Council, or each member nominated by a Councilmember and then approved by the entire Council. The five commissions and boards would be: 1) Planning Commission; 2) Rent Stabilization Commission; 3) Human Services Commission; 4) Transportation Commission; 5) Public Facilities Board. The two task forces would be: 1) Affordable Housing, and 2) Cable TV or Telecommunication. At a later date Council may wish to establish separate commissions within these categories.

ACTION: To approve the City Manager's recommendation on commissions, boards, and task forces; and also to direct the City Manager to report back on October 17th with recommendations on establishing a Business License Commission.

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

ACTION: To approve the City Manager's definitions of commissions, boards, and task forces.  
Motion by Schulte seconded by Heilman.  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

There was a discussion regarding the method of choosing the seven members for commissions.

ACTION: To approve seven-member boards and commissions, each of five to be appointed by an individual Councilmember, with two to be selected by the Council as a whole.  
Motion by Schulte seconded by Viterbi.  
Noting the objection of Councilmember Albert, it was so ordered.

The City Manager reported on additional staff recommendations, as follows:

- 1) Four 2-year terms and three 4-year terms for boards and commissions.
- 2) Payment to commissioners of \$50 per meeting with a maximum of \$100 per month;

- payment to board members of \$50 per meeting with a maximum of \$50 per month; and no compensation for task forces.
- 3) To budget for appropriate conferences for members of boards and commissions.
  - 4) To authorize staff to prepare enabling ordinances.
  - 5) To change the name of the Rent Adjustment Board to the Rent Stabilization Commission.

ACTION: To approve the above staff recommendations, except for length of terms, and for staff to come back with recommendations on when term ends and how to fill vacancies.

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

It was decided to hold on the method of selecting chairpersons.

The City Manager stated there would be an ordinance prepared for the October 17th meeting. At the first meeting in November members could be appointed.

ACTION: To direct the City Manager to begin the process of noticing and encourage people to apply for the boards and commissions, to be appointed at the first meeting in November.  
Motion by Schulte seconded by Heilman.  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ACTION: To require members of boards and commissions to be required to file statements of economic interest on taking and leaving office.  
Motion by Viterbi seconded by Schulte.  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

There was a motion by Councilmember Viterbi that members of commissions and boards be residents, but not necessarily members of task forces. Motion not seconded.

Motion: As much as possible boards and commission members be residents of the City.

Motion by Councilmember Albert.

AYES: Albert, Schulte  
NOES: Viterbi, Heilman  
ABSTAIN: Terrigno  
Motion failed.

ACTION: To table.

Motion by Terrigno seconded by Schulte.

AYES: Albert, Terrigno, Viterbi, Schulte,  
Mayor Heilman

NOES: None

Motion carried.

ITEM 3. REDEVELOPMENT

At 10:20 p.m. there was a recess. It had been planned to show a video film on redevelopment, however, due to some technical problems, the video was not shown.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

There was a discussion of future meetings. The City Manager announced that the agenda for September 26th will include a workshop on Code enforcement, rent control enforcement, and signage. The City Manager's recommendation on the sign ordinance was to first have a workshop, then hold a workshop for the business community, and then schedule a public hearing.

The agenda for October 10th will be a discussion of large scale development and redevelopment.

It was decided by consensus to hold a meeting on October 3rd instead of October 1st, for business license hearings and a zoning workshop. Councilmember Albert will be absent, however the meeting will be tape-recorded by the City Clerk. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park.

Mayor Heilman also stated that one of the aides is preparing a report of the affordable housing meeting, and the community may wish the creation of a task force.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 1:00 p.m., September 19th, at West Hollywood Park.