

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Nancy Beard led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk West and Assistant City Clerk Schaffer.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins reported that the closed session was called to order at 6:00 P.M. He stated that there was one (1) public speaker. He stated that the closed session adjourned at 6:30 P.M. with no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Horvath, to add an Urgency Item to the agenda as Item 5.B. and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Land requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.O.

Councilmember Horvath requested that Item 2.L. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Mayor Heilman requested that Item 2.M. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Prang noted his RECUSAL on Item 2.K. and his NO vote on Item 2. J.

Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Prang to approve the December 6, 2010 agenda as amended, and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Virginia Knight, the grandmother of Jonathan Weedman. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joe Cerrell, a long-time activist in the Democratic Party. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of William Satt, the husband of

City employee Joan Satt. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jack Kaiser. She expressed condolences regarding Human Services Commissioner Shirley Roberts, who was diagnosed with a terminal illness and is being removed from life support.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting: Pvt. Devon J. Harris, 1st Lt. William J. Donnelly IV, Lance Cpl. Arden Joseph A. Buenagua, Staff Sgt. Sean Michael Flannery, Spc. William Kyle Middleton, Sgt. David J. Luff Jr., Sgt. David S. Robinson, Sgt. Jason T. Smith, Staff Sgt. Lolani W. Gandy, Spc. Justin Eric Culbreth, Pfc. Kyle M. Holder, Staff Sgt. Kevin Matthew Pape, Staff Sgt. Javier O. Ortiz Rivera, Staff Sgt. David P. Senft.

Councilmember Horvath requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Elizabeth Seeburg, a college student who recently committed suicide. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of a 26-year-old AIDS activist who was killed in Jamaica, and whose name has yet to be disclosed.

Councilmember Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joe Cerrell, a long-time activist in the Democratic Party. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Peter J. Corpus, a long-time LGBT activist. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Peggy Kennedy, a long-time resident and a casting director. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jose "Pepe" Rodriguez, a long-time political activist.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Heilman presented commendations to the recipients of the Paul Starke Warrior Award winners.

Mayor Heilman presented a proclamation to Nancy Beard, who is retiring as the City's Parks and Recreation Manager, and declared it Nancy Beard Day in the City of West Hollywood. Pilar Alcivar McCoy, from the California Park and Recreation Society, presented a resolution to Nancy Beard. The Honorable Ellen Ward, Councilmember of the City of Signal Hill, presented a certificate to Nancy Beard on behalf of her involvement with Women in Leisure Services.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.G.

IRADJ KAYVAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 3.C.

TOM MADIGAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a complete ban on smoking in public areas in the City of West Hollywood.

DARIN WEEKS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.M.

STEVE PARGAMANIK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding banking fees charged to West Hollywood residents.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 2.O. (5.A.) and requested the City Council to do a cost analysis between the Dial-a-Ride Program and Taxi Voucher Program, and spoke regarding the possibility of restoring the Metro's West Hollywood DASH line.

TOBY MADIGAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a proposed ordinance to prohibit smoking in outdoor dining and other public areas, and spoke in support of including bars in the ordinance.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Jim Morrison and the Sunset Strip.

BEN SOLEIMANI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Item 3.C. and spoke in support of limiting the height of buildings on Melrose Avenue to three stories.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Prang announced his attendance at the recent Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference with Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Duran.

Councilmember Horvath informed residents to use 911 to reach the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department and provided information on how to reach the Sheriff's Station when using a cell phone. She thanked everyone who participated in the recent Hanukah celebration at Plummer Park. She congratulated the National Council of Jewish Women on their recent clothing giveaway event. She spoke regarding the upcoming Holiday Walk on the Avenues event in the City. She spoke regarding the upcoming open house at the West Hollywood Recovery Center.

Councilmember Land congratulated the National Council of Jewish Women on their recent clothing giveaway event. She spoke regarding the upcoming "Rock the Holidays" musical in the City. She requested that the Senior Advisory Board investigate the issue of banking fees being charged to residents, particularly seniors. She spoke regarding her recent attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments annual conference. She thanked City Clerk Tom West for organizing the recent Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards. She wished everyone a Happy Hanukah.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding his recent attendance at the funeral of Joe Cerrell. He announced his attendance at the recent Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference with Mayor Heilman and Councilmember Prang. He spoke regarding LGBT rights issues in India. He spoke regarding the recent passing of Phil Reid, a New York City Councilmember who was HIV positive. He spoke regarding an upcoming holiday concert of the Los Angeles Gay Men's Chorus with Leann Rimes. He thanked

Councilmember Horvath and Councilmember Land for requesting the City to broadcast at City Hall the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal hearing regarding Proposition 8.

Mayor Heilman announced his attendance at the recent Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference with Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and Councilmember Prang. He spoke regarding the upcoming "Don't Drink and Drive" napkin campaign in the City. He spoke regarding Item 2.O. (5.A.), an evaluation of the City's transportation programs, and provided further clarification. He spoke regarding his upcoming participation at the AIDS Marathon with City Manager Arevalo and other City staff members.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding his upcoming participation at the AIDS Marathon.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$93,200.74 in expenditures and \$0.00 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,N.,O. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Horvath and unanimously approved with Councilmember Prang ABSTAINING on Item 2.K., and Councilmember Prang voting NO on Item 2.J.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 6, 2010 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, December 2, 2010.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of prior Council meetings.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of November 15, 2010. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 663, RESOLUTION NO. 10-4105:

The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 663 and adopt Resolution No. 10-4105, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 663." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

The City Council will receive reports from the Public Facilities Commission, Public Safety Commission, Russian Advisory Board, Senior Advisory Board and Transportation Commission on actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.E. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2011-2012 [V. LOVE, K. KRIETZMAN]:

The Council will consider approving the City of West Hollywood's draft Priority Issues for legislative focus in the 2011-2012 State legislative session.

ACTION: 1) Review and approve the draft Legislative Priorities; and 2) Direct staff to submit the Legislative Priorities to the City's State Lobbyist, Helyne Meshar, California Assembly and Senate representatives, and the Governor of the State of California. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. HYBRID VEHICLE PURCHASE [S. BAXTER, S. CAMPBELL. H. COLLINS]:

The City Council will consider authorizing the purchase of two hybrid vehicles.

ACTION: Authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to Theodore Robbins Ford, Costa Mesa, California in the amount of \$60,760.74 for the purchase of two 2011 Ford Escape Hybrid Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. APPROVAL TO AMEND THE CONTRACT FOR CLOSED CAPTIONING OF LIVE MEETING COVERAGE ON CITYCHANNEL 10 [H. GOSS, K. EGENBERGER]:

The City Council will consider approving an amendment to the contract with Total Recall Captioning, Inc. to change the original "Not to exceed" amount of \$10,000 to \$25,000 for closed captioning of live TV broadcasts of City meetings.

ACTION: 1) Approve an amendment to the contract with Total Recall Captions, Inc. for Closed Captioning of City meetings; 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to allocate \$15,000 from unobligated General Fund reserves to account 100-1-09-09-531004. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. 25TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECT – CITY HALL PARKING STRUCTURE: PUBLIC ART CONSULTANT CONTRACT APPROVAL [O. DELGADO, J. HUFFER, A. CAMPBELL]:

The City Council will consider approving the contract for a public art consultant to provide services in conjunction with the City Hall Parking Structure project.

ACTION: Approve Rebecca Ansert of Green Public Art to provide public art consulting services on behalf of the City per the established civic art guidelines. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. ADVANCEMENT OF THE ART AND ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE CIVIC ART COMPONENT OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECT – PLUMMER PARK MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PHASE I [S. BAXTER, J. HUFFER, A. CAMPBELL]:

The City Council will review recommendations of the Art Process Team and provide comments on a draft art case statement reviewing the goals and parameters of the public art; recommended locations for the artwork(s); and the use of the “single artist” selection process

ACTION: 1) Approve Civic Art Case Statement outlining the goals and parameters of the civic art; 2) Approve recommended location(s) for placement of the civic art on the project site; and 3) Approve recommendation for the Art Process Team to select an artist or artists to begin design concept development in conjunction with project architect and design team, public art consultant, Urban Art Subcommittee and City staff. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. DENIAL OF CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 NORTH CLARK STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, A. CASTILLO]:

The City Council will consider denying the cultural resource designation of a single-family dwelling constructed in 1913 and located at 1201 N. Clark Street in West Hollywood.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 10-4106: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 NORTH CLARK STREET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE (CRD 009-003).” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar with Councilmember Prang voting NO.**

2.K. DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1275-1285 NORTH SWEETZER AVENUE AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, A. CASTILLO]:

The City Council will consider designating the property located at 1275-1285 North Sweetzer Avenue as a local cultural resource.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 10-4107: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1275-1285 NORTH SWEETZER AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, AS A LOCAL CULTURAL RESOURCE (CRD 010-004).” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar with Councilmember Prang ABSTAINING.**

2.L. PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPLOYMENT [L. HORVATH, I. PINE, J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

The City Council will receive an update on public safety holiday deployment provided by Captain Kelley Fraser and reinforce the public safety education campaign.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.M. RESTRICTIONS ON SUPERSIZE LIMOUSINES [L. HORVATH, I. PINE, J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

The City Council will consider directing Transportation Staff to work with Public Safety, Parking Services and the Office of the City Attorney to investigate restrictions on supersize limousines.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

2.N. CREATION OF A FREE BUSINESS E-WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM THROUGH CALIFORNIA RECYCLES, INC. [A. LAND, C. PLANCK, P. KOEHLER]:

The City Council will consider directing staff to initiate a program with California Recycles, Inc. that would provide businesses within West Hollywood a free opportunity to recycle their electronic waste.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff in the Department of Public Works to initiate an electronic waste recycling program with California Recycles, Inc. for businesses within West Hollywood; and 2) Direct staff to outreach to the business community, including the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the Business Improvement Districts in order to facilitate their participation. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. (5.A.) EVALUATION STUDY OF CITY-SUBSIDIZED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, L. HORVATH, I. PINE, S. BAXTER, D. DENNIS, D. GIUGNI]:

The City Council will authorize staff to conduct an evaluation study of the City's subsidized transportation programs for Seniors and people living with disabilities.

ACTION: Approve staff recommendations for the scope and timeline of the study. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. REVISIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BUDGET [A. WINDERMAN, R. BURNLEY]:

The City Council will consider adopting a resolution approving revisions to the fiscal year 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget.

City Clerk West stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

Mayor Heilman opened the public hearing and no speakers came forward.

Mayor Heilman closed the public hearing.

ACTION: 1) Approve revisions to the 2010-2011 CDBG Budget, and instruct staff to submit the revised budget for approval to the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles; 2) Authorize the Finance Director to increase the CDBG Fund Revenue and Expenditures budgets by \$965,132; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 10-4108, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET." **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously approved.**

3.B. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CLARIFYING GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, SOLAR ACCESS AND SOLAR EQUIPMENT STANDARDS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES, IRRIGATION AND WATER CONSERVATION STANDARDS, AND PERMIT TIME LIMITS AND EXTENSIONS CITY WIDE [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, D. DEGRAZIA]:

The Council will consider amendments of the City of West Hollywood Zoning Ordinance clarifying green building standards, solar access and solar equipment standards, affordable housing incentives, irrigation and water conservation standards, and permit time limits and extensions city wide.

City Clerk West stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

David DeGrazia, Senior Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 6, 2010.

Mayor Heilman opened the public hearing and no speakers came forward.

Mayor Heilman closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Hold a public hearing, consider all pertinent testimony and introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 10-861, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2010-002 CLARIFYING GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, SOLAR ACCESS AND SOLAR EQUIPMENT STANDARDS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES, IRRIGATION AND WATER CONSERVATION STANDARDS, AND PERMIT TIME LIMITS AND EXTENSIONS CITY WIDE." (EXHIBIT A) **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and unanimously approved.**

3.C. COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, C. CORRAO]:

The City Council will hold a continued public hearing regarding the Draft West Hollywood General Plan 2035; Draft Climate Action Plan; and Final Environmental Impact Report, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

City Clerk West stated that the Item was noticed as required by law.

Bianca Siegl, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 6, 2010.

Mayor Heilman opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward:

KATHERINE BARRESE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the proximity of a proposed project on Melrose Avenue to her residence.

BILL CROWLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

RUTH CISLOWSKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

ARMEN OVSEPIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

ALI KARIMPOUR, MARINA DEL REY, spoke in support of the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

VICTOR MARTIN, GLENDALE, spoke in support of the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

KIMBERLY WINICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

DARREN GOLD, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

LAWRENCE W. CHAMBLEE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

CARL CRONIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

RICHARD GIESBRET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

CHRIS BONBRIGHT, BEVERLY HILLS, spoke regarding his position on the General Plan Advisory Committee. He spoke in support of the proposed land use changes in the General Plan revision.

IRA HANDELMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed land use changes in the General Plan revision.

RICHARD DAVIDOFF, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed height increases on Melrose Avenue in the General Plan revision.

Mayor Heilman requested clarification from staff regarding the height limits of the residential areas north and south of Melrose Avenue.

Councilmember Land requested clarification from staff regarding a proposed project at the Doheny Triangle and whether it would be impacted by the proposed General Plan revision. She requested clarification from staff regarding a proposed option to prohibit housing in the CN2 zone along Melrose Avenue. She requested clarification regarding the Planning Commission recommendation regarding height limits on Melrose Avenue.

Councilmember Horvath requested clarification from staff regarding the possible maximum heights along Melrose Avenue in the proposed General Plan.

Mayor Heilman, Councilmember Horvath, Councilmember Prang, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Councilmember Land spoke in support of prohibiting housing in the CN2 zone along Melrose Avenue. Councilmember Land spoke in support of trying to find opportunities to allow for live-work spaces along Melrose Avenue.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding the changes along Melrose Avenue over the years. He spoke regarding development challenges in the Melrose Area, and spoke in support of allowing appropriate heights for showrooms in the area. He spoke in support of the CN2 designation for Melrose Avenue, with the prohibition of housing in the CN2 zone.

Councilmember Horvath spoke in support of including design requirements, including set-backs, in commercial projects to protect residential properties that are immediately adjacent.

Councilmember Prang spoke in support of creating a specific plan for the Melrose Area, rather than an across the board height allowance of 35'.

Mayor Heilman spoke regarding the possibility of retaining the current height limit of 25' with exceptions for increases for particular businesses.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of containing the height limits in the Melrose Area and limit the number of bonuses allowed for development projects.

The City Council spoke in support of prohibiting housing in the CC1 zone on the north side of Melrose Avenue adjacent to the West Hollywood Park.

Mayor Heilman and Councilmember Land spoke in support of allowing additional height up to 35' in the CC1 zone on the north side of Melrose Avenue adjacent to the West Hollywood Park.

Councilmember Horvath spoke in support of allowing additional height up to 35' in the CC1 zone on the north side of Melrose Avenue adjacent to the West Hollywood Park with exceptions for increases for particular businesses.

Councilmember Prang and Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in support of allowing additional height up to 35' in the CC1 zone on the north side of Melrose Avenue adjacent to the West Hollywood Park, but spoke in opposition to any bonuses beyond 35'.

Mayor Heilman, Councilmember Land, Councilmember Horvath spoke in opposition to a 60' height limit across the entire parcel at the corner of

Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue, but spoke in support of mixed-use development at the location.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the parcel at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue, and in support of creating a gateway to the City at the location.

Councilmember Prang spoke in support of a maximum of 60' height, including bonuses at the parcel at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue.

ACTION: 1) Staff recommends that City Council hold a discussion of specific issues and information presented in the Land Use and Urban Form chapter of the Draft General Plan and provide direction to staff regarding these policies; 2) defer any discussion regarding signage issues to a meeting in January, 2011; and 3) Continue the public hearing to a date certain of December 20, 2010. **Carried by Consensus of the Council.**

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. **ADVANCEMENT OF THE ART AND ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE CIVIC ART COMPONENT OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECT - WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AND NEW LIBRARY [J. HUFFER, A. CAMPBELL]:**

The City Council will review recommendations of the Art Process Team and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission for the selection of artists to design, fabricate and install public art works for the new West Hollywood Library.

Andrew Campbell, Cultural Affairs Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 6, 2010.

JON BAILEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

BEVERLY DENENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the selection of artists for the West Hollywood Park and New Library.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran thanked staff and the Arts Team for their work on the Item. He spoke in support of continuing to look for creative selections for art work for public projects. He requested staff to include information to Council regarding the longevity of outdoor murals when they return with the final location for the artwork by Shepard Fairey. He spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Horvath spoke in support of increasing the funding for the art work by Shepard Fairey to match the funding for David Wiseman.

Councilmember Prang spoke in support of the Item. He spoke regarding public comment surrounding the selection of artist Shepard Fairey, and spoke in support of the selection of Mr. Fairey.

Councilmember Land thanked staff and the Arts Team for their work on the Item. She spoke in support of the art work selection from artist David Wiseman. She spoke in support of having additional discussion regarding the location and design of the artwork by Shepard Fairey.

Mayor Heilman spoke in support of additional discussion regarding the design of the artwork by Shepard Fairey and the need for the artwork to stand the test of time. He thanked staff and the Arts Team for their work on the Item.

ACTION: 1) Approve David Wiseman as public artist to design, fabricate and install a public art work in the interior stairway and airspace above the interior stairway of the new West Hollywood Library in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 including fees and reimbursables; 2) Approve Shepard Fairey as public artist to design, fabricate and install a public art work at a location to be determined in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 including fees and reimbursables; 3) Direct staff to work with Shepard Fairey, the art consultant, the project design team and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to initiate concepts and locations for the art and return to Council for review and approval of location; and 4) Authorize City Manager to negotiate, sign and execute the agreements for services for the two artists, and any documents or forms necessary for the successful implementation of this process and approve any minor modifications.

Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Heilman and unanimously approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A EVALUATION STUDY OF CITY-SUBSIDIZED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON, L. HORVATH, I. PINE, S. BAXTER, D. DENNIS, D. GIUGNI]:

The City Council will authorize staff to conduct an evaluation study of the City's subsidized transportation programs for Seniors and people living with disabilities.

ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.O.

5.B. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE LAYERS OF LOVE HOLIDAY EVENT [L. HORVATH, I. PINE, J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the December 19, 2010, Layers of Love holiday gift-giving event.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding the small number of children in Los Angeles County living with HIV and AIDS, and requested clarification regarding whether the charity is providing services only to children who are infected with HIV and AIDS, or whether it is open to children whose lives are impacted by HIV and AIDS.

Mayor Heilman spoke in support of requesting staff to investigate the charitable organization to determine more clearly what charity work they are doing.

ACTION: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the Layers of Love Holiday Gift-Giving event to be held at Plummer Park's Great Hall on Sunday, December 19, 2010; 2) Waive venue fees; and 3) Authorize event organizers to utilize City's name and logo on printed materials advertising the event and ask Public Information Office to assist with community outreach; and 4) direct staff to more carefully investigate the charitable organization. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Horvath and approved with Mayor Pro Tempore Duran ABSTAINING.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.L. PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPLOYMENT [L. HORVATH, I. PINE, J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

The City Council will receive an update on public safety holiday deployment provided by Captain Kelley Fraser and reinforce the public safety education campaign.

Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager, and Lieutenant Honig from the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 6, 2010.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department for their work to keep the City safe. She spoke regarding after-hours businesses in the City.

DARIN WEEKS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a recent article in the Weho Daily regarding a possible surge in robberies in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to continue to work with local businesses, residents, and neighboring jurisdictions to promote crime prevention and neighborhood livability; 2) Continue to educate the community through

Neighborhood Watch and the Public Safety Commission's "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" campaign on robbery prevention and theft prevention; and 3) Give additional direction to staff as necessary. **Carried by Consensus of the Council.**

2.M. RESTRICTIONS ON SUPERSIZE LIMOUSINES [L. HORVATH, I. PINE, J. PRANG, M. HAIBACH]:

The City Council will consider directing Transportation Staff to work with Public Safety, Parking Services and the Office of the City Attorney to investigate restrictions on supersize limousines.

Mayor Heilman spoke regarding traffic and parking issues associated with supersize limousines, but spoke regarding the need to handle the Item sensitively to continue to promote events where people arrive in normal size limousines in the City. He spoke in support of lobbying the state to create legislation to ban supersize limousines statewide.

ACTION: 1) Direct Transportation Staff to work with Public Safety, Parking Services and the Office of the City Attorney to investigate restrictions against supersize limousines; and 2) Report findings and potential solutions to Council. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Prang and approved with Mayor Pro Tempore Duran voting NO.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MICHAEL SIDLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her attendance and public comment at a City Council meeting in August of 2010.

ELYSE SHORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding civil rights issues and a recent incident with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Horvath spoke regarding her upcoming visit to Columbus, Ohio and her visit to the Columbus, Ohio City Council to congratulate them on their recent approval of Domestic Partner benefits.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:24 P.M. in memory of Virginia Knight, Joe Cerrell, William Satt, Jack Kaiser, Elizabeth Seeburg, a 26-year old AIDS activist in Jamaica, Peter J. Corpus, Peggy Kennedy, Jose “Pepe” Rodriguez, and all the soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting. They adjourned to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:30 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 20th day of December, 2010 by the following vote:

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

JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK