

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Kathryn Krietzman led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Horvath.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins requested that the Council add a Closed Session meeting to the agenda, following the regular meeting, to discuss the possible filing of an Amicus Brief in the case of Urban Wild Life v. the City of Los Angeles. **Approved by Consensus of the Council.**

Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Prang to add an urgency item as Item 2.N. and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT and Mayor Pro Tempore Duran ABSTAINING.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran requested that Items 2.G. and 2.H. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar. He also requested that Item 2.N. be moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Land to approve the December 20, 2010 agenda as amended, and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS:

Councilmember Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Human Services Commissioner Shirley Roberts. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Elizabeth Edwards. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Portantino, the former publisher of the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Times. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Adell Star, the founder of the Los Angeles Chapter of PFLAG.

Councilmember Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Maryann Gibbons, the co-founder of the Hollywood Heritage Museum.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Adell Star, the founder of the Los Angeles Chapter of PFLAG. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michael Portantino, the former publisher of the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Times. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting: Cpl. Chad Stafford Wade, Sgt. Matthew Thomas Abbate, Sgt. 1st Class James Earl Thode, Lance Cpl. Lucas Christopher Scott, Staff Sgt. Vincent Wayne Ashlock, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Jose Aleman, Staff Sgt. Jason Allen Reeves, Cpl. Derek A. Wyatt, Pfc. Colton Wesley Rusk, Sgt. Jason Darren Peto, Sgt. James Anthony Ayube II, Spc. Kelly Joseph Mixon, Lance Cpl. Michael Erick Geary, Pfc. David Dustin Finch, Staff Sgt. Stacy A. Green, Spc. Ethan Louis Goncalo, Cpl. Willie A. McLawhorn Jr., Spc. Jorge E. Villacis, Spc. Kenneth E. Necochea Jr., Spc. Patrick D. Deans, Cpl. Sean M. Collins, Spc. Derek T. Simonetta, Lance Cpl. Jose A. Hernandez, Staff Sgt. Justin E. Schmalstieg, Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, Lance Cpl. Jose L. Maldonado.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Land presented a proclamation to the Big Green Bus Team, a group who traveled the country to promote environmental sustainability.

Councilmember Land presented a proclamation to Unity in Diversity Arts Foundation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran presented a commendation to the Cornerstone Theatre in recognition of their 25th anniversary.

Mayor Heilman presented a proclamation in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Capitol Drugs, and in recognition of their contributions to the City.

Councilmember Land presented commendations to C.I.T.Y.x1 holiday event volunteers, who provide services to homeless youths in the Los Angeles area.

Mayor Heilman presented a plaque to City Council Intern James Katalbas, and thanked him for his service to the City.

Mayor Heilman and the City Council presented a proclamation to City staff member Kathryn Krietzman in recognition of her retirement and to thank her for all her years of service and dedication to the City.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ANDY HARLAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for their lobbying efforts to the Federal government to repeal "Don't Ask Don't Tell."

LEV VOLOVIK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding an upcoming music concert series in the City.

DESIREE JADE SOL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for their ongoing support of Cornerstone Theatre in the City.

FRANCIS AQUINO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for their support of the non-profit group Layers of Love.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Land reminded residents not to drink and drive, and spoke regarding a recent "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign in the City. She spoke regarding her recent attendance at the Sheriff's Youth Activities League event in the City. She spoke regarding the City's creation of the Domestic Violence Community Response Team. She spoke regarding the first upcoming meeting of the Bicycle Task Force.

Mayor Heilman wished everyone a happy holiday. He reminded residents to drive safely during the rainy season, and encouraged residents to report issues in the City related to the rain to City Hall. He spoke regarding his recent participation in the Honolulu AIDS Marathon and congratulated Team Weho for participating.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$80,200.00 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., I.,J.,K.,L.,M. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Prang and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT, and Items 2.G., 2.H., and 2.N. being moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 20, 2010 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, December 16, 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 December 6, 2010 and December 10, 2010. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 664, RESOLUTION NO. 10-4112:

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

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 664 and adopt Resolution No. 10-4112 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 664." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 10-861 (2ND READING), 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 [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]:

The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 10-861, a proposed 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.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt 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." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

The City Council will receive reports from the Disabilities Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meetings.

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

2.F. RESIGNATIONS FROM CITY COMMISSIONS, ADVISORY BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]:

The City Council will accept the resignation of Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Member Bryeon Earle, effective November 4, 2010.

ACTION: Accept with regret the resignation of Bryeon Earle from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. MONITORING AND ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION; ADVOCACY SERVICES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL [P. AREVALO, J. ENGLISH, H. MOLINA, L. BELSANTI]:

The City Council will consider different options for monitoring of legislation and advocacy efforts at the federal level.

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

- 2.H. 25TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECT - SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO CITY CONTRACTING POLICY FOR ALL PURCHASES RELATED TO THE FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN AND NEW WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY [P. AREVALO, J. ENGLISH, J. HUFFER, A. GANDHY]:**
The City Council will review and consider authorizing staff to enter and expressly authorize the City Manager to execute agreements and contracts over \$25,000 for all the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) needs directly related to the West Hollywood Park Phase 1 Implementation and New West Hollywood Library Project.
ACTION: This Item was moved to the Excluded Consent Calendar.
- 2.I. CONTRACT FOR FY 10-11 SEWER ROOT CONTROL SERVICES [O. DELGADO, S. PERLSTEIN]:**
The City Council will consider approval of a professional service contract with Dukes Root Control, Inc. for sewer root control services.
ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional service contract with Dukes Root Control, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to provide sewer root control services for the City of West Hollywood for FY 10-11. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE MAPLE COUNSELING CENTER FOR CRISIS COUNSELING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD [K. COOK, B. SMITH]:**
The City Council will consider an amendment to the contract with The Maple Counseling Center which provides crisis counseling services for the West Hollywood community.
ACTION: 1) Authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with The Maple Counseling Center for counseling services for the City of West Hollywood; and 2) Approve the modified scope of services and the budget with no additional expenditures requested. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. UPDATE ON ANTI-SCAVANGING PROGRAM [A. WINDERMAN, J. SKORNECK, O. DELGADO, S. TURNEY, J. AUBEL, K. COOK]:**
The City Council will receive an update on staff review of the current law governing scavenging and plans to implement a program to discourage scavenging of recyclables from waste bins.
ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. AUTHORIZATION TO TELEVISION WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM [H. GOSS, K. EGENBERGER]:**

The City Council will consider authorizing West Hollywood Citychannel 10 to televise the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's Candidate Forum as part of the March, 2011 City Council election.

ACTION: Authorize the CATV Division of the Public Information and Prosecution Services Department to provide live and replay coverage of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's Candidate Forum, including use of Citychannel 10 personnel, facilities and broadcast time. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE "CYBER-BULLYING 101: WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO PREVENT THE VICTIMIZATION OF CHILDREN IN TODAY'S DIGITAL WORLD" FORUM [J. DURAN, H. MOLINA, E. BARRATT]:

The City Council will consider approving a co-sponsorship of the "Cyber-Bullying 101: What Parents Can Do to Prevent the Victimization of Children in Today's Digital World" workshop to be held on February 5, 2011 at Plummer Park.

ACTION: 1) Approve the City of West Hollywood's co-sponsorship of the "Cyber-Bullying 101: What Parents Can Do to Prevent the Victimization of Children in Today's Digital World" workshop; 2) Approve use of the City's name and logo on printed materials advertising the event; 3) Approve the use of Plummer Park by the Pop Luck Club on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and waive all fees associated with the booking of the room at Plummer Park; and 4) Direct staff to assist with the coordination and promotion of the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. COMMENDING U.S. SENATORS BOXER AND FEINSTEIN AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HENRY WAXMAN FOR SUPPORT OF SUCCESSFUL REPEAL OF 'DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL, DON'T PURSUE' POLICY: [A. LAND, J. PRANG, C. PLANCK, M. HAIBACH]

The City Council will consider commending our Congressional representatives for their support of the successful repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, and urge President Obama to sign the legislation and direct the Department of Defense to immediately and effectively implement the repeal.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:22 P.M.

The Community Development Commission approved the minutes from the November 15, 2010 meeting, and authorized the subordination of the Commission Housing Loan for the Sierra Bonita Apartments to the deed of trust securing the HCD MHP Loan. The actions are more fully described in the West Hollywood Community Development Commission minutes.

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE CITY COUNCIL: 7:23 P.M.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLES 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 AND 32 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODES INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA STATE BUILDING STANDARDS CODES [A. MCINTOSH, S. BAILEY]:

The City Council will consider approving an Ordinance amending Chapters 13.04 (Building Code), 13.08 (Electrical Code), 13.12 (Plumbing Code), and 13.16 (Mechanical Code) of Title 13 and Chapters 14.04 (Fire Code Adoption) and 14.08 (High-Rise Building Requirements) of Title 14 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code. Adding Chapters 13.20 and 13.24 to Title 13 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

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

Steve Bailey, Building and Safety Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2010.

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

Mayor Heilman closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 10-862U, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING BY REFERENCE TITLE 26 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2010 EDITION; TITLE 27 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE, 2010 EDITION; TITLE 28 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, 2010 EDITION; TITLE 29 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE, 2010 EDITION; TITLE 30 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE, 2010 EDITION; TITLE 31 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, 2010 EDITION; AND TITLE 32 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, INCORPORATING THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2010 EDITION; ADDING CHAPTERS 13.20 AND 13.24 TO TITLE 13 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; MAKING AMENDMENTS TO SAID CODES; AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.04, 13.08, 13.12 AND 13.16 OF TITLE 13 AND CHAPTERS 14.04 AND 14.08 OF TITLE 14 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF". **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded**

by Councilmember Prang and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT.

3.B. IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL POLICY ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT [A. MCINTOSH, J. KEHO, B. SIEGL, C. CORRAO]:

The City Council will identify policy items for future discussion as part of the 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, Senior Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2010.

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

Councilmember Land spoke in support of detailed discussion regarding the implementation of the Draft Climate Action Plan when it returns to Council. She spoke in support of discussing findings of the Bicycle Task Force during the transportation discussions of the revised General Plan. She spoke in support of a discussion to better define the term neighborhood-serving business during the General Plan revision. She spoke in support of additional discussion of green space and parks in the General Plan discussions.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in support of discussion regarding historic preservation in the City during the General Plan discussions, particularly the exploration of alternative incentives for owners to seek historic designations. He spoke in support of discussion regarding the ongoing delivery of human services, particularly in regards to social services agencies that are being forced to move outside of West Hollywood.

Mayor Heilman spoke in support of discussion regarding zoning that allows second story retail development that faces residential neighborhoods. He spoke in support of discussion regarding replacement of existing buildings with new buildings which have the same parking requirements. He spoke in support of discussion regarding ensuring that grocery stores and food vendors are accessible to all areas of the City. He spoke in support of further discussion regarding economic development in relation to the General Plan revision. He spoke in support of discussion regarding the concept of unbundling parking. He spoke in

support of further discussion regarding the possible requirement of a public safety plan in relation to new development projects in the City.

City Manager Arevalo spoke on behalf of Councilmember Horvath and stated that the Councilmember wishes to express her support of further discussion regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, transportation and transit discussions, and the impact of the senior community in relation to the revised General Plan.

ACTION: 1) Staff recommends that City Council identify specific additional policy areas in the Draft General Plan, Draft Climate Action Plan and/or Final Environmental Impact Report for further discussion and direct staff to schedule these topics at upcoming meetings as needed; and 2) Continue the public hearing to a date certain of January 18, 2011.
Carried by Consensus of the Council.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. SUBCOMMITTEE FORMATION TO PREPARE ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE BALLOT MEASURE FOR THE MARCH 8, 2011 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]:

The City Council will consider forming a subcommittee to prepare a written argument, and a written rebuttal if applicable, to appear in the sample ballot for the March 8, 2011 General Municipal Election. The written argument will be in response to a measure on the ballot regarding a proposed ordinance imposing a tax on revenues from the lease/rental/sale of off-site advertising signs and allowing tall wall advertising signs to be placed on buildings on Santa Monica and Beverly Boulevards.

Tom West, City Clerk, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2010.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local agency and special tax and bond legislation which may have impact on the proposed initiative.

ACTION: Appoint Mayor Heilman and Councilmember Prang to a subcommittee to prepare a written argument, and written rebuttal if applicable, in response to the measure appearing on the ballot for the March 8, 2011 General Municipal Election **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. STUDY OF CROSSWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS ON BEVERLY BOULEVARD [J. HEILMAN, F. SOLOMON]:

The City Council will initiate a study to examine pedestrian mobility along Beverly Boulevard between North Doheny Drive and Westbourne Drive.

Mayor Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 20, 2010.

JASON ILLOULIAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding pedestrian safety issues at the intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Swall Drive. He spoke regarding potholes at the corner of Beverly Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard. He spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Prang spoke in support of the Item. He requested clarification regarding the status of street improvements on Beverly Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in support of receiving a report on traffic impacts on Beverly Boulevard in relation to the City's efforts to create a more walk-able community in the area.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of the Item. She spoke in support of using information obtained in the study in other areas of the City.

ACTION: 1) Approve staff recommendations for the scope and timeline of the study; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to allocate \$25,000 from the undesignated reserves in General Fund and to increase budgeted expenditures in account 100-4-07-83-705013 by \$25,000. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Prang and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.G. MONITORING AND ANALYSIS OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION; ADVOCACY SERVICES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL [P. AREVALO, J. ENGLISH, H. MOLINA, L. BELSANTI]:

The City Council will consider different options for monitoring of legislation and advocacy efforts at the federal level.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran expressed concerns regarding the staff recommendation to amend the contract with Helyne Meshar to include monitoring services of federal legislation, particularly because she is located in Sacramento as opposed to Washington, D.C. He spoke in support of the possibility of retaining a consulting firm in Washington, D.C. to retain access to the federal government.

Councilmember Prang expressed concerns regarding the staff recommendation to amend the contract with Helyne Meshar to include

monitoring services of federal legislation, particularly because she is located in Sacramento as opposed to Washington, D.C. He spoke in support of using City staff to provide monitoring services of federal legislation.

Councilmember Land requested staff to return to Council with additional information regarding the possibility of City staff providing monitoring services of federal legislation.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to not renew retainer contract with Holland & Knight (H&K) for federal consulting and advocacy services. **Motion by Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT.**

2.H. 25TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROJECT - SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO CITY CONTRACTING POLICY FOR ALL PURCHASES RELATED TO THE FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN AND NEW WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY [P. AREVALO, J. ENGLISH, J. HUFFER, A. GANDHY]:

The City Council will review and consider authorizing staff to enter and expressly authorize the City Manager to execute agreements and contracts over \$25,000 for all the Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) needs directly related to the West Hollywood Park Phase 1 Implementation and New West Hollywood Library Project.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran requested clarification from staff regarding the possibility of placing a maximum dollar amount for contracts related to the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the West Hollywood Library Project.

Mayor Heilman requested clarification from staff regarding the bid process for all contracts related to the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the West Hollywood Library Project.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of the Council receiving a budget from staff regarding the estimated costs related to the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the West Hollywood Library Project.

Mayor Heilman spoke in support of moving the Item forward and requesting staff to return to Council with a budget regarding the estimated costs related to the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the West Hollywood Library Project.

ACTION: 1) Approve special exception as allowed by the West Hollywood Municipal Code related to City contracting policy related to the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment to facilitate construction time schedule

of the West Hollywood Library Project – limited to the contracts for the purchase of book stacks, seating for the Council Chambers, and wooden furniture; 2) Authorize agreements with Contractors and Vendors for the specific purchases listed above that exceed the \$25,000 dollar limit with advance approval by the Director of Finance with cumulative sum of purchases not to exceed Council-approved Project Budget adopted May 4, 2009; 3) Authorize City Manager to sign and execute all agreements per Section 3.08.010(e) of West Hollywood Municipal Code; and 4) Request staff to return to Council with a budget regarding the estimated costs related to the purchase of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment for the West Hollywood Library Project. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT and with Councilmember Prang voting NO.**

2.N. COMMENDING U.S. SENATORS BOXER AND FEINSTEIN AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE HENRY WAXMAN FOR SUPPORT OF SUCCESSFUL REPEAL OF ‘DON’T ASK, DON’T TELL, DON’T PURSUE’ POLICY: [A. LAND, J. PRANG, C. PLANCK, M. HAIBACH]

The City Council will consider commending our Congressional representatives for their support of the successful repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, and urge President Obama to sign the legislation and direct the Department of Defense to immediately and effectively implement the repeal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in support of including commendations for the Service Members Legal Defense Network, Lt. Dan Choi, Robin McGehee, and other groups and individuals who have worked over the past years to lobby the federal government to repeal “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell.”

Mayor Heilman spoke in support of the Item as proposed.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of recognizing community members and other leaders who have worked to repeal “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell,” but spoke in support of approving the Item as proposed and returning with an Item to investigate a way to recognize a larger group of people.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to send commendation letters to U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein and to U.S. Representative Henry Waxman thanking them for their support of the successful repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy; and 2) Direct staff to send a letter to President Obama, urging a quick signature, as he has promised, and full White House support of the repeal, including an immediate and thorough implementation of the repeal by the Department of Defense and all branches of the United States military. **Motion by Councilmember Land,**

seconded by Councilmember Prang and approved with Councilmember Horvath being ABSENT.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:12 P.M. in memory of Shirley Roberts, Elizabeth Edwards, Michael Portantino, Adell Star, Maryann Gibbons, and all the soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting. They adjourned immediately to a Closed Session meeting. Their next regular public meeting, will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 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 18th day of January, 2011 by the following vote:

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

JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK