

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION & INSTALLATION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:43 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Efim Kutz and World War II Veterans led the pledge.

PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CHORALE: Incoming Mayor Land introduced West Hollywood Chorale members Glen Carlos and Maureen Costa.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Attorney Michael Jenkins, City Clerk Tom West.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Guarriello and seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried to approve the April 18, 2005 agenda.

Mayor Pro Tempore Land introduced the Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky.

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INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Land introduced Charles Taylor from John Chung's Office, Rebecca Wayne and Nicole Kern from Assemblymember Paul Koretz's Office, Trevor Daly from Senator Dianne Feinstein's Office and Emily Gold from Sen. Sheila Kuehl's Office. She introduced Assemblymember Paul Koretz upon his arrival.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR DURAN:

Mayor Land presented a gift in appreciation to the outgoing Mayor, Councilmember Duran.

Councilmember Duran expressed his gratitude to the community, businesses, residents, Councilmembers, City Manager, City Attorney, City Employees, Commissioners and his

Deputy, Hernan Molina, for their work and support over the past year. He spoke regarding the diversity of the people of West Hollywood. He spoke regarding issues and events that occurred over the past year, such as increased parking, land use projects, landmark animal welfare legislation, increased work on the overlay of the AIDS epidemic with the crystal methamphetamine epidemic, and support of the fine arts.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky for all of the work he does in the County. He thanked Councilmember Duran for the work he had done over the past year, especially his work on the overlay of the AIDS epidemic with the crystal methamphetamine epidemic. He spoke regarding Councilmember Duran's work on several State and County boards. He thanked City Staff, City Manager, City Attorney, his Deputy, Fran Solomon, his Commissioners and fellow Councilmembers for their work. He congratulated Mayor Land.

Councilmember Guarriello acknowledged Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and thanked Councilmember Duran for his work and poise through a rough year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Land.

Councilmember Prang thanked Councilmember Duran for his work and leadership as Mayor and spoke regarding the issues that the Council faced during the year, such as difficult land use decisions and budget constraints. He congratulated Mayor Land and thanked and welcomed dignitaries in attendance.

Mayor Land thanked Councilmember Duran for his work. She introduced her family members, business associates and friends at the Los Angeles Free Clinic, who were in attendance. She acknowledged City Staff for their work, especially Larissa Fooks, Mikel Gerle and Paul Arevalo for their coordination of the event and her Deputy, Lisa Belsanti. She acknowledged her husband for his support. She thanked her Commissioners all of the members of the Commissions and Advisory Boards for their service. She spoke regarding issues that have been important to the City over 20 years and spoke regarding the City focusing on sustainability for the future. She spoke regarding goals for the City Council and the dedication of each of the Councilmembers to the community. She spoke regarding goals for the upcoming year, such as the adopting an economic development strategic plan, adopting strategies for increasing mixed-use development, adopting a "green" building initiative, increasing parking opportunities, sustaining affordable housing, updating historic resources survey, installing high technology opportunities throughout the City, unveiling "Well West Hollywood" health initiatives, providing more resources for children and teenagers in the City, and advocating at the State and National level in support of same-sex marriage, women's right for reproductive choice and protecting senior citizens by opposing all attempts at the privatization of social security. She encouraged everyone in the City to participate in the process and work together on issues facing West Hollywood. She acknowledged City lobbyist, Helyne Meshar, for her work in Sacramento on behalf of the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

CHARLES TAYLOR, LOS ANGELES, representing John Chung, presented a proclamation to Councilmember Duran for his work as Mayor.

TREVOR DALY, representing Sen. Dianne Feinstein, presented proclamations to Councilmember Duran, Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

ERIK SANJURJO, LOS ANGELES, representing Los Angeles City Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Eric Garcetti, presented a proclamation to Mayor Land.

RITA NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended Councilmember Duran on his year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Land.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Land and spoke regarding national politics and the Mayoral election for the City of Los Angeles.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended Councilmember Duran on his year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Land. He commended the entire Council and City Hall staff.

ROB BERGSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended and congratulated Mayor Land.

JOSEPH CLAPSADDLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the citizens of West Hollywood working together with the City on various issues.

DAVID EICHMAN, LOS ANGELES, President of West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and spoke in support of the entire community and businesses working together with the City.

JOYCE ROONEY, representing WEHOME, Municipal Employees Union, congratulated Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and commended Councilmember Duran on his year as Mayor.

ASSEMBLYMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended Councilmember Duran on his year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Palmview resident advisory board and residents of Palmview who have passed away. He commended Mayor Land for her support for people living with HIV/AIDS.

ROXANNE, REAVER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman for their support of lesbians and the lesbian visibility project.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended Mayor Land for her scrutiny of the EIR for the Sunset Millennium project. She spoke in support of the City constructing larger Council chambers than is proposed to be built with the library.

MINDY BRADISH, BURBANK, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, commended Councilmember Duran on his year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

RICHARD EASTMAN, HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding medical marijuana and a possible cure for HIV/AIDS.

EFIM KUTZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Land. He spoke regarding the dedication of the Russian Veterans Memorial in Plummer Park and commended the Council for their support of veterans.

MADELEINE RACKLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, on behalf of the Women's Advisory Board, commended Councilmember Duran on his year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

ALEXANDER STETTINSKI, BEVERLY HILLS, on behalf of the Avenues of Art & Design, thanked the City Council for their support and congratulated Mayor Land.

AMANDA HENDON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Land and thanked the Council for their support of Rosewood Elementary.

JIMMY PALMIERI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended Councilmember Duran on his year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.

JOHN ANGELO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Mayor Land for an award she gave him 20 years ago for teaching drama. He commended the entire Council for their support and congratulated Mayor Land.

LANCE WEBSTER, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding West Hollywood business member, Rev. Troy Perry, being commended by the Los Angeles Business Alliance.

Mayor Land thanked all of the organizers and participants of the Installation.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:16 P.M. to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 6:30 PM at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY, 2005.

ABBE LAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK