

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:41 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ray Sylvester led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Councilmember Duran, Guarriello, Prang, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Mayor Land.
ABSENT:	None.
ALSO PRESENT:	City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Attorney Michael Jenkins, City Clerk Tom West and Assistant City Clerk Corey Schaffer.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins stated that the Closed Session convened at 6:00 P.M. He stated that there was one (1) public speaker and that one (1) item of pending litigation, CVMA v. West Hollywood, was added to the agenda. He stated that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:35 P.M. with no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Land requested that Item 2.L. be TABLED indefinitely, due to a change in policy by the Ford Motor Company. She requested that Item 4.E. be TABLED to the January 17, 2006 meeting. She requested that Item 5.E. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.O.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman requested that Item 5.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.N.

Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman to approve the December 19, 2005 agenda as amended and unanimously approved.

Mayor Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of John Pace, a West Hollywood resident; John Spencer, an actor and AIDS activist; and Fuoko Kurasaki, a West Hollywood resident who was recently murdered in her apartment.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sally Rochman, a West Hollywood resident.

Councilmember Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Candice Levinson, the daughter-in-law of former Women's Advisory Board Member Jerry Heslov; and in memory of actor Richard Pryor.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Prang presented a proclamation to West Hollywood resident Samuil Nev in honor of his 100th birthday.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman presented a proclamation to Laura Frakes, a longtime West Hollywood Librarian.

Mayor Land presented a proclamation in honor of "No Name Calling Week", a program to heighten awareness in public schools about discrimination and harassment.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

LEO GARCIA, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of Item 2.I. and thanked the City for their support.

RICHARD STRAUSS, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of Item 2.I. and thanked the City for their support.

DAN BERKOWITZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.I. and thanked the City for their support.

JOEL ROBERTS, SANTA MONICA, spoke regarding a recent event called Project YIMBY and thanked the City Council for their support.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various local and national issues.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her resignation as President of West Hollywood West Residents Association.

RAYMOND SYLVESTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked City Council for their support of him and his former partner.

VIRGINIA CASE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.I. and thanked the City for their support.

ALAN ROCHELLE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.I. and thanked the City for their support.

KIMBERLY MEYER, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.I. and thanked the City for their support.

WILLIAM NEISH, NO CITY OF RESIDENCE, spoke regarding an upcoming magazine article about 1248 N. Laurel Avenue (Carlton Manor).

ROY OLDENKAMP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the appointment of George Credle to the WEHONA organization and spoke regarding development in the City.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Duran thanked Lauren Meister for her years of service to the West Hollywood West Residents Association.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding the recent Veterans' Day celebration in the City and thanked everyone who helped organize the events. He spoke regarding the 9th Annual "Don't Drink and Drive" napkin distribution and thanked staff for their help in executing the program. He spoke regarding concerns about the House of Blues refusal to allow him entry with the napkins. He spoke regarding the recent Sanitation Board District meeting and the Board's ability to keep residents' fees low. He wished a happy holidays to residents of the City and reminded people not to drink and drive. He announced a free program of the Auto Club to tow residents and their cars to their homes if they are unable to drive during the holidays.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked Lauren Meister for her years of service to the West Hollywood West Residents Association. He wished everyone a happy holiday season and a great new year.

Councilmember Prang wished residents a happy holiday season. He thanked Lauren Meister for her service to the West Hollywood West Residents Association. He congratulated Councilmember Guarriello on his "Don't Drink and Drive" napkin campaign. He spoke regarding the West Hollywood Community Response Team, which teaches disaster preparedness to residents. He spoke regarding a recent meeting with Mayor Villaraigosa's office regarding the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Mayor Land thanked Lauren Meister for her service to the West Hollywood West Residents Association. She spoke regarding a toy collection by the Center for Early Education. She spoke regarding a letter from Habitat for the Humanities thanking the City for contributions to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. She spoke regarding a letter from the California Teachers' Association regarding the City's support of defeating recent State legislation that would have impacted California teachers. She requested that members of the arts commissions in the City push to create an art events calendar for the City. She announced an upcoming art exhibit of resident Tom DeMille. She wished residents a happy holidays.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

He congratulated all the staff members of Team Weho for completing the AIDS Marathon in Honolulu last week and announced that Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman completed his ninth AIDS marathon.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$182,500.00 in expenditures and \$21,520.00 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.,L.,M.,N.,O. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously approved with Item 2.L. TABLED indefinitely.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 5, 2005. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 545, RESOLUTION NO. 05-3335:

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 545 and adopt Resolution No. 05-3335, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 545." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 05-722 (2ND READING), A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADJUSTING COUNCIL COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 05-722, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADJUSTING COUNCIL COMPENSATION FOR CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 05-724 (2ND READING), A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 7.24. OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING VACANT, ABANDONED, OR UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 05-724, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 7.24. OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING VACANT, ABANDONED, OR UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 05-725 (2ND READING), A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 5.104.020 & 5.104.030 TO THE WEST

HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE – PUBLIC EATING AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 05-725, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING SECTIONS 5.104.020 & 5.104.030 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE – PUBLIC EATING AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH MILLER BROOKS ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. TO SERVE AS ENVIRONMENTAL SITE MANAGER FOR THE BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM:

ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Miller Brooks Environmental in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to serve as environmental site manager for the U.S. EPA-funded Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR FY 05-06 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 \$50,000 to provide sewer root control services for the City of West Hollywood for FY 05-06. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. 2005-2006 ARTS GRANTS, RECOMMENDED BY ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION:

ACTION: 1) Approve the recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs to award 2005-2006 Arts Grants to the following organizations: Celebration Theatre (\$5100), Gay Men’s Chorus (\$7000), Highway Performance Space (\$6000), Hollywood Master Chorale (\$4700), LACMA-Sunday’s Live (\$3400), LA Doctor’s Symphony (\$1400), MAK Center (\$6500), SASSAS (\$4500), Spirit Series (\$6000), Tom of Finland Foundation (\$6750), and United Arts Academy (\$5650); and 2) Approve the recommendations of the Grants Panel to award 2005-2006 Arts Participation Grants to PEN Center USA (\$1000), Center for Early Education (\$1,000) and Rosewood Avenue Elementary School (\$1000). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION AND STRIPING PLANS AND INSTALLATION OF A WESTBOUND LEFT TURN POCKET AT SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND POINSETTIA PLACE:

ACTION: 1) Authorize the preparation of construction and striping plans for the installation of a westbound left turn pocket on Santa Monica Boulevard at Poinsettia Place; and 2) Removal of two metered parking spaces on the south side of Santa Monica Boulevard just east of

Poinsettia Place to accommodate the westbound left turn pocket.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.K. APPROVAL OF FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 061515 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 547 KINGS ROAD:

ACTION: 1) Make findings for the Final Parcel Map as follows: a) That this project will not violate any of the provisions of Sections 66474, 66474.1, and 66474.6 of the Subdivision Map Act; b) That the proposed subdivision, together with the provisions for its design and improvement, is consistent with the General Plan required by Article 5 (commencing with Section 65300) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code or any specific plan adopted pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 65450) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Government Code; c) That the development of the property in the manner set forth on the subject division of land will not unreasonably interfere with the free and complete exercise of any public entity and/or public utility rights of way and/or easements within the subject division of land, pursuant to Section 66436(a)3A(i-viii) of the Subdivision Map Act; 2) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 061515; 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Parcel Map No. 061515 the certificate, which embodies the approval of said map; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology Services to increase budgeted revenues in the Park Development Fund by \$21,519.55 (Account 210-471001). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT FROM THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN RESPONSE TO BOYCOTT THREATS FROM ANTI-GAY EXTREMISTS:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 05-3336, "A RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S WITHDRAWAL OF SUPPORT FROM THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN RESPONSE TO BOYCOTT THREATS FROM ANTI-GAY EXTREMISTS"; 2) Examine the use of Ford Motor Company products by the City of West Hollywood; 3) Consider an information campaign in conjunction with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to inform the public and the business community of Ford's Motor Company's refusal to distance itself from anti-gay extremists; and 4) Direct staff to send copies of signed resolution to the Ford Motor Company and various LGBT advocacy organizations. **TABLED INDEFINITELY.**

2.M. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PERMANENT CALIFORNIA OSHA HEAT STRESS REGULATION TO PROTECT FARM WORKERS:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 05-3337, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A PERMANENT CALIFORNIA OSHA HEAT STRESS REGULATION TO PROTECT FARM WORKERS"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of signed resolution to State Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assemblymember Paul Koretz, the Director of the OSHA Board,

the United Farm Workers Union, and the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. (5.A.) PUBLIC SAFETY PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, “BE SAFE, NOT SORRY”:

ACTION: 1) Approve the “Be Safe, Not Sorry” Public Education Campaign and authorize staff to proceed with the project; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to increase budgeted expenditures in Public Safety Division account 100-1-01-18-522009 by \$20,000 for the initial funding for the project and to allocate funds from undesignated reserves in General Fund for \$20,000. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. (5.E.) CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE RAPE TREATMENT CENTER’S 4TH ANNUAL JOHN VARVATOS EVENT BENEFITING STUART HOUSE:

ACTION: 1) Approve the City co-sponsorship of the March 19th 4th Annual John Varvatos event to benefit Stuart House; 2) Direct Public Information staff to work with the Rape Treatment Center and the event promoters to promote the event; and 3) Waive special event permit fees associated with the event, approximately \$2,500. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:30 P.M.

The Community Development Commission approved the minutes from the October 17, 2005 meeting and approved the Fifth Amendment to the Disposition and Development Agreement for the La Brea Gateway Project. The actions are more fully described in the West Hollywood Community Development Commission minutes.

THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE CITY COUNCIL: 7:31 P.M.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. DIRECTION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

Francie Stefan, Senior Planner, presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2005.

Mayor Land requested that staff take into consideration the ability to update educational materials as the program is developed.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to develop a Green Building Program to: a) amend the Zoning Ordinance to add a Green Building section that is regularly updated as technology changes, b) Require public buildings to achieve a "Certified" rating with the LEED Green Building Rating System, c) Create a mandatory Green Building point system scaled to project size, urban infill development and locally-available materials. Incentives could be provided for exceeding minimum requirements; 2) Approve funding request for \$35,000 for staff training, production of outreach materials, and a contract with Global Green USA for the Scope of Work; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate \$35,000 from the unallocated General Fund Reserve to account number 100-3-07-71-531005 (contract services); and 4) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Global Green USA. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously approved.**

4.B. AMEND AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH CIVIC SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES RELATED TO THE WESTSIDE SPECIFIC PLAN:

John Keho, Planning Manager, presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2005.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the idea of a community survey during the development of the plan.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke regarding the inclusion of the public in the process of developing the plan. He requested staff to return to Council with a more detailed outline for development of the plan.

Mayor Land requested staff return to Council with a more detailed timeline for development of the plan.

ACTION: 1) Approve the Amended Agreement for Professional Planning Services with Civic Solutions, Inc. increasing the \$250,000 amount by an additional amount not-to-exceed eighty-eight thousand, four hundred dollars (\$88,400) for planning services in the Planning Division. New Total Contract = \$338,400; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate \$88,400 from the unallocated General Fund Reserve to account number 100-3-07-71-531005 (contract services); and 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Duran and unanimously approved.**

4.C. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH GODBE RESEARCH TO PROVIDE DATA RESEARCH, MARKET COMPARISONS, INDUSTRY TRENDS ANALYSIS AND PUBLIC OPINION POLLING IN

ASSOCIATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WESTSIDE SPECIFIC PLAN:

Jeffrey Huffer, Economic Development Project Administrator, presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2005.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the need to include the public in the process of developing the study.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the need to analyze walking habits and walking paths as well as parking trends. He also requested that staff include demographic information about sexual orientation and evening vs. daytime population. He requested that Zip Code demographic information for evening shoppers in the area be included in the study. He requested staff look at the Halstead neighborhood in Chicago as a model.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke regarding the limitations of general survey methods and their effectiveness and usefulness. He spoke regarding the possibility of scaling down the scope of the survey. He spoke regarding the need to clarify the baseline data being compared in the study.

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding the rising cost-of-living in the City and the need to gather information to effectively plan to maintain and attract visitors and residents to the City.

Mayor Land spoke regarding coordinating the survey with the City's ongoing Economic Strategic Plan. She spoke regarding the possibility of creating a timeline and vision for the specific plan prior to completing the market trends survey.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding the need to investigate any declines in business and activity in the Westside.

ACTION: TABLE to the January 17, 2006 meeting. **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously approved.**

4.D. PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION UPDATE – DECEMBER 2005:

Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager; Captain Dave Long; and Assistant Chief Reginald Lee presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2005.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke various public safety concerns in the City.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding an excess of alcohol licenses on the Westside of the City.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding homeless issues at the corner of Fairfax and Santa Monica Blvd.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding tracking arrest statistics related to crystal meth use. He spoke regarding the absence of fatal traffic collisions in the last six-months and the decline in DUI citations. He spoke regarding the disparity of public safety issues between West Hollywood Park and Plummer Park. He requested that staff return to Council in the future with a more in-depth analysis of the crime statistics in the City. He spoke regarding the emergency exits at Here and the Abbey and asked staff to investigate alternatives to provide safer emergency exit access. He spoke regarding the demographics and locations of the hate crimes and domestic violence incidents in the City.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke regarding the need to provide more in-depth analysis of the crime statistics and using the data to analyze trends in order to improve public safety in the City. He spoke regarding alternatives to improving public safety on Robertson Boulevard and the potential of staggering the closure time of nightclubs.

Mayor Land spoke regarding the need to use the statistical information to analyze the City's goals in improving public safety in the future. She thanked public safety staff for the recent Project YIMBY meeting and their work on homeless issues. She spoke regarding the need to gather more trend information on the Neighborhood Watch Program. She spoke regarding the need to increase advertising for the CERT program in the City. She thanked the Sheriff's Department and Fire Department staff for all their hard work throughout the City.

ACTION: 1) Confirm the following critical issues identified by the Public Safety Division as primary focus for its work program for 2006: a) public safety concerns regarding homelessness, b) public education regarding the prevention of vehicle burglaries and robberies as well as emergency preparedness, c) public safety concerns on Robertson Boulevard (traffic, pedestrian safety, noise, and criminal activity), and d) public safety concerns regarding major special events; 2) Approve the following priorities identified by the Public Safety Commission: a) public awareness and outreach regarding key public safety issues (including neighborhood and individual preparedness, human trafficking, and identity theft), b) enhanced neighborhood watch and crime prevention activities, c) senior safety, and d) increased collaboration with businesses; and 3) Give additional direction to staff as necessary. **Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously approved.**

4.E. PERFORMANCE UPDATE OF SIX-MONTH NOTICE TO CURE FOR CONTINUATION OF TAXICAB FRANCHISEES:

ACTION: TABLE to the January 17, 2006 meeting. **Carried by Consensus of the Council.**

4.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

ACTION:

1) Make one (1) at-large appointment to the Disabilities Advisory Board;
TABLED to the January 17, 2005 meeting.

2) Make one (1) at-large appointment to the Women's Advisory Board;
STEPHANIE MIDDLEL

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. PUBLIC SAFETY PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, "BE SAFE, NOT SORRY":

ACTION: Moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.N.

5.B. TASTE OF WEST HOLLYWOOD:

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2005.

RITA NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

MARCY NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item.

MINDY BRADISH, BURBANK, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Land spoke regarding the need to include someone with event planning experience on the Formation Committee. She spoke regarding the possibility of coordinating this event with other activities already taking place in the City.

ACTION: 1) Direct the Economic Development & Special Projects Department to develop a proposal for the event and release a request for proposals; 2) Direct that a "Taste of West Hollywood" Formation Committee be created with representatives of restaurants, kitchen design showrooms, Pacific Design Center, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and West Hollywood Convention and Visitors Bureau; and 3) Report back to the City Council in 120 days. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously approved.**

5.C. DIRECTION TO STAFF TO INVESTIGATE THE CREATION OF A MELLO ROOS DISTRICT FOR NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOUSING:

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2005.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding existing Mello Roos funds and the need to increase affordable housing in the City.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding the possibility of discouraging housing developers in the City by assessing additional fees.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding concerns about imposing assessments on new residents and not including existing residents.

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding concerns about whether a Mello Roos District will help the City accomplish its affordable housing goals.

ACTION: Give staff direction to investigate the feasibility of creating a Mello Roos district or districts in conjunction with redevelopment, housing, and mixed use activities and return to Council in 90 days with an analysis on how to proceed. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Mayor Land and approved with Councilmember Guarriello voting NO.**

5.D. CONSIDERATION AND SCHEDULING FOR CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ON PROPOSED MIXED-USE OVERLAY ZONE:

Susan Healy Keene, Community Development Director, presented background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 19, 2005.

Mayor Land spoke regarding the need to include housing issues in the study session and including the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding the possibility of including the Planning Commission in the study session.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman requested staff to prepare a housing presentation update during the study session.

ACTION: Direct staff to notice and organize a Council study session on the Mixed Use Overlay Zone for Saturday January 21, 2006 from 10:00A.M. to 2:00P.M. **Carried by Consensus of the Council.**

5.E. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE RAPE TREATMENT CENTER'S 4TH ANNUAL JOHN VARVATOS EVENT BENEFITING STUART HOUSE:

ACTION: Moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.O.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MARCY NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding condominium associations in the City and thanked Council for a recent condo-owners seminar.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding her previous City Council public comments and spoke regarding various home-owner association issues in the City.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.64.090 OF TITLE 2 CHAPTER 2.64 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE DUTIES OF THE RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION:

ACTION: Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 05-726, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MODIFYING THE DUTIES OF THE RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Duran and unanimously approved.**

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Prang wished everyone happy holidays.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:22 P.M. in memory of John Pace, John Spencer, Fuoko Kurasaki, Sally Rochman, Candice Levinson, and Richard Pryor to their next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 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 this 17th day of January, 2006 by the following vote:

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

ABBE LAND, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK