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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2006
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION: See attached Closed Session Agenda

6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the City Council on Consent Calendar items, other agenda items if the member of the public cannot be present later in the meeting at the time the item is heard by the Council and items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Although the City Council values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. This comment period shall be limited to 20 minutes, with two minutes assigned for each speaker. Another period has been reserved for general public comment, later in the meeting, for those who could not be heard at this time. Testimony for public hearings will only be taken at the time of the hearing.

- 1.A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 1.B. **PUBLIC COMMENTS, GENERAL INTEREST:**

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: This portion of the meeting is set aside for general comments, announcements, requests of staff, and/or other issues of concern from members of the City Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: This time is set aside for the City Manager to update the Council on important items initiated by staff or previously requested by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The following routine matters can be acted upon by one motion. Individual items may be removed by the Council for separate discussion. Items removed for separate discussion will be heard following New Business Items. The title is deemed to be read and further reading waived of any ordinance listed on the consent calendar for introduction or adoption.

- 2.A. **POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, December 18, 2006 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, December 14, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

- 2.B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of December 4, 2006.

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 568, RESOLUTION NO. 06-3480:

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 568 and adopt Resolution No. 06-3480, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 568."

2.D. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2006:

The City Council will receive the Treasurer's Report for the month ended July, 2006 pursuant to Section 53646 of the Government Code of the State of California.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File.

2.E. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

The City Council is asked to deny Claims filed against the City, as a routine administrative step in claims processing.

RECOMMENDATION: Deny the claims of Suzanne Dietrich and Ciella Gordon-Wall and refer to the City's claims adjuster.

2.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

The City Council will receive reports from various Commissions on actions taken at their recent meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

2.G. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR STORM DRAIN CATCH BASIN TRASH EXCLUDER DEVICES: [S. PERLSTEIN / J. ENGLISH]

The City Council will consider approval of an agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for installation of storm drain trash excluder devices at 52 catch basin locations in the City of West Hollywood.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District concerning grant funded installation of storm drain catch basin trash excluder devices in the City of West Hollywood.

2.H. APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR FY 06-07 SEWER ROOT CONTROL SERVICES: [S. PERLSTEIN / J. ENGLISH]

The City Council will consider approval of a professional service contract with Dukes Root Control, Inc. for sewer root control services.

RECOMMENDATION: 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 06-07.

2.I. APPROVAL OF FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 54191 FOR THE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT LOCATED AT 1146 HACIENDA PLACE: [J. ENGLISH / S. PERLSTEIN]

The City Council will consider the approval of Final Tract Map No. 54191, a condominium project for 10 residential units located on the east side of Hacienda Place, between Fountain Avenue and Holloway Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Make findings for the Final Tract 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, and 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 Tract Map No. 54191; 3) Instruct the City Clerk to endorse on the face of the map of Final Tract Map No. 54191 the certificate, which embodies the approval of said map; and 4) Authorize the Director of Finance to increase the budgeted revenues in the Park Development Fund by \$33,228.72 (account number 210-471001).

2.J. FEASIBILITY OF A GREEN ROOF PROGRAM FOR CITY HALL AND OTHER CITY BUILDINGS: [S. BAILEY / S. HEALY KEENE]

The City Council will receive information regarding the feasibility of installing a green roof on City Hall and other City buildings.

RECOMMENDATION: Direct staff to incorporate green roof designs into future City owned building projects where feasible.

2.K. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE AND JANITORIAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS: [L. LONG / S. BAXTER]

The City Council will consider a recommendation regarding grounds maintenance and janitorial services agreements.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Authorize staff to prepare and issue a Request for Proposal for Grounds Maintenance Services; and 2) Authorize staff to negotiate a one-year extension to the current agreement for janitorial services.

2.L. LA GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER'S TRANSGENDER JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM: [L. LONG / D. GIUGNI]

The City Council will consider a recommendation for a contract with the LA Gay and Lesbian Center for Transgender Job Training and Placement programming.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a contract with the LA Gay and Lesbian Center for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide both MTF and FTM Transgendered persons with case management and job preparation training to help combat homelessness and sex work in the City of West Hollywood and authorize the City Manager to sign.

2.M. LAUREL/ NORTON / HAYWORTH TEST TRAFFIC CALMING: [W. DAVIS / T. SLIMMER / J. ENGLISH]

The City Council will consider a three-month test installation of traffic calming devices at the Laurel/Norton and Hayworth/Norton intersections and medians on the 1200 block of Laurel and Hayworth to deter vehicle short-cutting and reduce the speeding potential.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approves a three-month test installation of traffic calming measures to include the following: 1) Intersection treatments at the intersections of Laurel Avenue and Norton Avenue, and Hayworth Avenue and Norton Avenue, and 2) the installation of medians on the 1200 block of Laurel Avenue and Hayworth Avenue.

2.N. RESIGNATION OF ANN MARIE ISLEIB FROM THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION AND RESIGNATION OF FLOYD SKOLNICK FROM THE PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will accept the resignation of Business License Commissioner Ann Marie Isleib, effective December 5, 2006; and the resignation of Project Advisory Committee Member Floyd Skolnick, effective November 27, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept with regret the resignations of Ann Marie Isleib from the Business License Commission and Floyd Skolnick from the Project Advisory Committee.

2.O. TAXICAB FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: [T. BROWN / T. SLIMMER / J. ENGLISH]

The City Council will receive information on the taxicab franchisees, due process for assessment of penalties to taxicab drivers, consider adopting changes to the City's Taxicab Code of conduct and extend the franchise agreement for the first of three one-year extensions for 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve staff amendment to the Code of Conduct to incorporate the appeal process and taximeter language; 2) Direct staff to inspect and seal for the one year period February 28, 2007 through February 29, 2008 the number of franchises and their corresponding taxicabs approved to operate in the City of West Hollywood; 3) Approve staff recommendation to require all West Hollywood licensed taxicabs to install taximeters that provide printed receipts by April 30, 2007 (contingent upon availability from the manufacturer); and 4) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3481, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE TAXI CAB CODE OF CONDUCT."

2.P. SOCIAL SERVICES URGENT NEEDS PROGRAM FOR 2006-07: [L. LONG / D. DENNIS]

The City Council will consider a recommendation that \$20,000 in contract savings from 2005-06 be re-programmed for support of the urgent needs program.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a contract for \$15,000 with the Comprehensive Services Center of Jewish Family Service and a contract for \$5,000 with Aid for AIDS to continue the urgent needs program and authorize the City Manager to sign.

2.Q. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' HOLLY HILLS STORM DRAIN UNIT 8B PHASE I AND UNIT 8C CONNECTION: [S. PERLSTEIN / J. ENGLISH]

The City Council will consider authorizing the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to proceed with the construction of Holly Hills Storm Drain Unit 8B Phase I and Unit 8C Connection, a portion of the multi-million dollar regional storm drain project to improve flood protection in the cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, and West Hollywood.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 06-3482, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' HOLLY HILLS STORM DRAIN UNIT 8B PHASE I AND UNIT 8C CONNECTION AND AUTHORIZING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT."

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BUDGET: [R. BURNLEY / J. SKORNECK / A. WINDERMAN]

The City Council will solicit comments on a revised fiscal year 2006-2007 budget plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Following the public hearing, the City Council will consider approving the revised budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve the revised 2006-2007 CDBG program budget, and instruct staff to submit the budget for approval to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC); 2) Authorize the Director of Finance to increase total budgeted revenues and expenditures in the CDBG Fund (Fund 215) by \$801,331 and make the other necessary adjustments to the budgets for specific projects when approval for the changes is received from the CDC; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 06-____, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 PROGRAM BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS."

3.B. APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY AND BUDGET: [R. BURNLEY / J. SKORNECK / A. WINDERMAN]

The City Council will solicit comments on the City of West Hollywood's proposed CDBG planning summary and budget for fiscal year 2007-2008. Following the public hearing, the City Council will consider approving the proposed resolution, project plan and budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve the 2007-2008 CDBG program budget, and instruct staff to submit the CDBG Program Planning Summary for approval to the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC); 2) Authorize staff to adjust the 2007-2008 program budget as necessary to take into account the final CDBG allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and any amounts remaining unspent at the close of the current fiscal year; and 3) Adopt Resolution No. 06-____, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE PROGRAM PLANNING SUMMARY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008."

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR THE 2006-2007 ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM: [R. REYNOLDS / J. HUFFER]

The City Council will consider the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission's and Grant Review Panel's recommendations to award Annual Arts and Arts Appreciation Grants to seventeen (17) arts organizations for 2006-2007.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve recommendations of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission to award 2006-2007 Annual Arts Grants totaling \$60,000 to the following arts organizations: Classical Theatre Lab (\$4000), Center for Early Education (\$1000); Gay Men's Chorus (\$5250), Greenway Arts Alliance (\$4600) Highway Performance Space (\$4600), Hollywood Master Chorale (\$3000) Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival (\$3500) Live Arts Group (\$4500) (\$4700), LACMA/Sunday's Live (\$500), LA Doctor's Symphony (\$1600), MACHA Theatre Company/Films (\$4000), Museum of Contemporary Art (\$4500), Outfest (\$4500), Pen Center-USA (\$5000), SASSAS (\$1250), Spirit Series (\$3700), United Arts Academy (\$4500).

4.B. HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL 2006 EVALUATION: [L. LONG / N. BEARD / B. SMITH]

The City Council will receive and file this report on the 2006 Halloween Carnival.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the report.

4.C. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS: [L. LONG / N. BEARD / R. REYNOLDS]

City Council will consider co-sponsoring three events including the APLA and Elton John AIDS Foundation viewing parties and approve road closures at San Vicente Blvd and Robertson Blvd.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of two high profile events in West Hollywood; 2) Approve waiver of all associated fees and in-kind services in support of the APLA Viewing Event \$20,000, and Elton John AIDS Foundation, \$10,000; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to allocate funds from undesignated reserves in the amount of \$24,000 for services including safety and traffic personnel, and barricades; to the Recreation Division account #100-3-05-51-535013 and \$15,000 to the Public Safety account #100-2-04-04-534230.

4.D. RUSSIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL: [L. LONG / N. BEARD / T. RODZINEK]

The City Council will consider co-sponsorship of the Russian Advisory Board's Sixth Annual Russian Cultural Festival.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to appropriate \$20,000 from undesignated reserves in the General Fund, to the Recreation Division special events account 3-05-51-535013 for distribution; 2) Authorize the Director of Finance and Technology to increase the revenue and expenditure budget as needed to properly record sponsorships and donations; 3) Authorize the use of Plummer Park and its facilities at no cost; 4) Approve a beer and wine garden to be operated by and for the benefit of a non profit; and 5) Waive permitted parking on Vista and Fuller Streets from 7pm to Midnight on event day.

4.E. HOUSING SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP DIRECTIVES: [J. HEILMAN / A. LAND]

The City Council will consider directing staff to initiate investigation of items discussed as options at the Housing Summit on December 4, 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Direct staff to return at the January 16, 2007 City Council meeting with a full report summarizing the Housing Summit; 2) Direct staff to further study the following options: a) Place all qualified tenants who have been evicted due to Ellis Act to top of list for available inclusionary units; b) Explore methods of requiring more inclusionary units to be built on-site rather than allowing in-lieu fee payments; c) Explore possible program for City to purchase existing multi-family structures for use as affordable housing; d) Explore homeowners' assistance program to provide loans to first-time purchasers; e) Investigate ways to provide incentives for construction of rental rather than condominium units; f) Investigate opportunities for encouraging smaller units and discouraging larger units; g) Create an information center for residents to learn about housing assistance programs; h) Develop an educational/marketing

program targeting West Hollywood landlords to encourage accepting Section 8 vouchers; and i) Pursue additional funding sources and strategies for affordable housing projects in West Hollywood.

4.F. APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COUNCILMEMBER AS A DELEGATE TO THE CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (CJPIA)

The City Council will consider appointing a new Director to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA).

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint a new Director to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA).

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. PRIORITIZE SENIOR AND DISABLED RENTERS' AND PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SDRPTAP) ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH: [A. LAND / L. BELSANTI / J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON]

The City Council will consider directing the Rent Stabilization and Housing Department to prioritize advocacy on behalf of the City of West Hollywood for the Senior and Disabled Renters' and Property Tax Assistance Program (SDRPTAP) and direct staff to create an outreach program.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Direct the Rent Stabilization and Housing Department to prioritize advocacy on behalf of the City of West Hollywood for the Senior and Disabled Renters' and Property Tax Assistance Program (SDRPTAP); and 2) Direct staffs to develop an aggressive outreach program to help seniors and persons living with a disability apply for the benefit.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: Items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion are considered at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This time is set aside for the public to address the Council on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council that could not be heard under Item 1 at the beginning of the meeting.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: Additional general comments, announcements, requests of staff and/or other issues of concern to Councilmembers are briefly presented at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council will adjourn to their next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE				
Date	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Location
January 16	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
February 5	Monday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
February 20	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
March 5	Monday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.

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**CITY COUNCIL
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CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2006

WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM, STUDIO ROOM

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

The City Council finds, based on advice from the City Attorney, that discussion in open session of the following described matters will prejudice the position of the City in existing and anticipated litigation.

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT:** This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session items.

PENDING LITIGATION.....G.C. 54956.9(a)

City of West Hollywood v. Willdan

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC306587

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR.....G.C. 54956.8

Property: 8950 Sunset Boulevard, James Hotel

Agency Negotiator: Ray Reynolds

Negotiating Parties: James Arnone

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment