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**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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, October 16, 2006 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, October 12, 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 October 3, 2006.

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 564, RESOLUTION NO. 06-3468:

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 564 and adopt Resolution No. 06-3468, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 564."

2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 06-739 (2ND READING), AMENDING PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX ORDINANCE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.32 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 06-739, a proposed ordinance amending procedural provisions of the West Hollywood Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance and amending Chapter 3.32 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code.

RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 06-739, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX ORDINANCE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.32 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE."

2.E. 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.F. APPROVAL OF JOB SPECIFICATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR (WEHOME/AFSCME): [V. LOVE / L. BOCK / S. SCHUMACHER]

The City Council will consider approval of the job description for the new, budgeted WEHOME/AFSCME position of Economic Development Coordinator in the Economic Development Department. The Economic Development Coordinator is a new budgeted position.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the job description for the new WEHOME/AFSCME position of Economic Development Coordinator in the Economic Development Department with a salary range at grade 5270N (Non-exempt) with a salary range of \$62,447 to \$79,832 annually.

2.G. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH VCA CODE GROUP FOR PLAN CHECK SERVICES FOR THE BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION: [S. BAILEY / S. HEALY KEENE]

The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with VCA Code Group to provide ongoing Plan Check services for the Community Development Department, Building and Safety Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve Contract Agreement with VCA Code Group for professional Plan Check services in the Building and Safety

Division for temporary staffing vacancies and/or temporary staffing as needed for special projects or high volume case load in the amount not to exceed \$205,000.00 (two hundred five thousand dollars and no/cents); and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

2.H. AUTHORIZATION TO CO-SPONSOR THE 2006 AIDSWATCH: [H. GOSS / B. ABRAHAMS]

The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the 2006 AidsWatch and providing television production, public information support and social service information to this year's Citychannel 10 broadcast.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve the City of West Hollywood as co-sponsor of the 2006 AidsWatch presentations on Friday, December 1, 2006; and 2) Authorize the Public Information and Prosecution Services Department to provide support for this project, including use of Citychannel facilities, broadcast time on Channel 10, public information support and social services support.

2.I. APPROVAL OF A CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KAKU ASSOCIATES FOR TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND MTA REDLINE EXTENSION STUDIES: [T. SLIMMER / J. ENGLISH]

The City Council will consider approving an agreement to hire the traffic consultant firm of Kaku Associates to assist in the preparation of feasibility studies and/or to make recommendations on MTA Redline Extension and city-wide traffic circulation enhancements on an as-needed basis.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a consultant services agreement with Kaku Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for preparation of feasibility studies and/or to make recommendations on MTA Redline Extension and city-wide traffic circulation enhancements for the period October 31, 2006 through December 31, 2008 on an as-needed basis.

2.J. EXTEND TERM EXPIRATION DATE OF CURRENT PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will consider extending the term expiration date of the current members of the Project Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Extend the term expiration date of the current members of the Project Advisory Committee to May 31, 2007; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3469, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REGARDING THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE OF PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS."

2.K. REINSTATEMENT OF THE CITY'S ASSOCIATION WITH F&A FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: [V. LOVE / L. BOCK / C. RHEA]

The City Council will consider reinstatement of the City's association with F & A Federal Credit Union.

RECOMMENDATION: Reinstatement of the City's association with F & A Federal Credit Union and once again offer optional F & A membership to new and current employees.

2.L. REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE THE PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 6, 2007: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will consider adopting a resolution consenting to the consolidation of the Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election with the City of West Hollywood's General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3470, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONSENTING TO AN ELECTION CONSOLIDATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND ORDERING THAT THE FOUR (4) SEATS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007"; 2) Direct the City Clerk to take any and all steps necessary to hold the consolidated election; and 3) Authorize the Director of Finance and Information Technology to increase budgeted expenditures in Election Account No. 100-1-02-26-531015 by \$15,000 and increase budgeted revenues in the General Fund by \$24,500 for miscellaneous revenues.

2.M. RESIGNATION OF RONYA FAYBISOVICH FROM THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will accept the resignation of Russian Advisory Board Member Ronya Faybisovich, effective September 20, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept with regret the resignation of Ronya Faybisovich from the Russian Advisory Board.

2.N. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH LINN AND ASSOCIATES FOR ONGOING PLANNING DIVISION SERVICES: [J . KEHO / S. HEALY KEENE]

The City Council will consider approving an Agreement for Services with Linn and Associates to provide continued planning services for the Planning Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve an Agreement for Professional Planning Services with Linn and Associates in an amount not-to-exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for planning project review; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.

2.O. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY'S SYMPOSIUM ON "THE MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAY IN IRAQ: HEALTH CHALLENGES BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELD": [J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON / N. TESKE]

The City Council will consider co-sponsoring a symposium on "The Medical Consequences of the War in Iraq: Health Challenges Beyond the Battlefield," organized by Physicians for Social Responsibility.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve the City's Co-Sponsorship of the Physicians for Social Responsibility's symposium on "The Medical Consequences of the War in Iraq: Health Challenges Beyond the Battlefield"; and 2) Direct staff to assist with event promotion.

2.P. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE HARRISON ON THE EDGE PARADE FOR WORLD PEACE: [J. HEILMAN / F. SOLOMON]

The City Council will consider co-sponsoring the Harrison on the Edge Parade for World Peace.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve the City's co-sponsorship of the Harrison on the Edge Parade for Peace; 2) Direct staff to assist with the promotion of the *Parade for Peace* and provide support for the VIP Reception; and 3) Direct the Department of Public Information and Prosecution Services to assist with the simulcast or re-broadcast of the peace talk panel discussion in West Hollywood as well as cable coverage of the march.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PERMITS FOR THE LAUREL PLACE PROJECT LOCATED AT 1343 LAUREL AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD: [S. HEALY KEENE / J. KEHO / F. STEFAN]

The Council will hold a public hearing on an appeal by Katherine Trisolini of Chatten-Brown & Carstens, representative of Save Tara, of the Planning Commission's certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Certificate of Appropriateness and other entitlements and findings necessary to support the development of the Laurel Place Project at 1343 Laurel Avenue. The Laurel Place Project proposes renovation and rehabilitation of the existing main house and chauffeur's cottage, creation of 27 affordable senior housing units and one manager's unit, and a 9,900 square-foot public neighborhood park. The appeal disputes the adequacy of the environmental review, and the findings for the Certificate of Appropriateness.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Uphold the Planning Commission's action and deny the appeal by Katherine Trisolini of Chatten-Brown & Carstens, representative of Save Tara; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 06-____, "A

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO DENY THE APPEAL OF CHATTEN-BROWN & CARSTENS, REPRESENTATIVE OF SAVE TARA, AND UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTION TO CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPT A MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM AND ADOPT A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PERMITS: DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 2004-026, DEMOLITION PERMIT 2004-020, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2004-012, CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 2004-017, GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY FINDING 2006-001, VARIANCES 2004-006, 2004-007, AND 2006-002, AND MODIFICATION 2006-006 FOR THE LAUREL PLACE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT AT 1343 LAUREL AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." (ATTACHMENT A)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. FIRST AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT AND UPDATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE LAUREL PLACE AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT 1343 LAUREL AVENUE: [A. WINDERMAN / J. SKORNECK]

The City Council will consider approving a First Amendment to the Conditional Agreement for Conveyance and Development of Property ("Conditional Agreement") and will consider directing staff to prepare appropriate documents to conform the Laurel Place development to the project approved by the Planning Commission on August 3, 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1) Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Conditional Agreement between the City and the Developer, Laurel Place West Hollywood, Inc., revising disbursement of predevelopment funds to allow the expenditure of up to \$950,000 of previously committed funds to cover additional predevelopment costs associated with extension of the predevelopment period over three years, environmental review, architectural revisions, arborist services, historic preservation consultants, and legal expenses; and 2) Direct staff to prepare appropriate documents to conform with the project approved by Planning Commission on August 3, 2006, with a reduction in unit count from 35 to 28, retention of the chauffeur's cottage, and enlargement of the public park from 2,400 square feet to 9,900 square feet; to update the project schedule and budget; and to return to City Council with such updated documentation within 180 days.

4.B. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will consider making at-large appointments to City Advisory Boards and Committees.

RECOMMENDATION: Call for nominations for an at-large appointment for the following Advisory Boards and Committees: a. Disabilities Advisory Board - 3 at-large appointments; and b. Project Advisory Committee - 4 at-large appointments.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. None.

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 Monday, November 6, 2006 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE				
Date	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Location
November 6	Monday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
November 20	Monday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
December 4	Monday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.
December 18	Monday	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting	W.H. Park Aud.

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CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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)

MTS, Inc. v. City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles Superior Court

Case No. BS097319

INITIATION OF LITIGATION.....G.C. 54956.9(c)

Two cases.
