

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION & INSTALLATION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 6:16 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Richard Settle 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, Assistant City Clerk Corey Schaffer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello to approve the April 17, 2006 agenda and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Prang requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Roberta Gillis, an active member of the San Fernando Valley Democratic Party. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of resident John Rudy Haden. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputies who were killed in the line of duty: Pierre Bain, Maria Cecilia Rosa, Paul Wilms; and in memory of Edda Berruz, the mother of Rosa Araujo, a LA County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Technician.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman introduced Santa Monica Community College Board of Trustee Dr. Nancy Greenstein.

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEE DR. NANCY GREENSTEIN ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR JOHN HEILMAN.

Councilmember Guarriello introduced West Hollywood City Clerk Tom West.

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY CLERK TOM WEST ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE SAL GUARRIELLO.

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Heilman introduced Councilmember Pam O'Conner from the City of Santa Monica.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR LAND:

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

Councilmember Land spoke regarding events and issues that occurred over the past year. She thanked Mayor Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello and her other fellow Councilmembers for their support over the past year. She spoke regarding positive comments received from residents in the recent Community Needs Assessment. She spoke regarding efforts made during the past year to focus on sustainability in the community, including the Well West Hollywood program, environmental issues, green buildings, the proposed West Hollywood Library. She spoke regarding improvements in parking in the City during the last year. She spoke regarding sustaining and increasing arts groups in the City. She spoke regarding public safety improvements and the neighborhood watch program in the City. She spoke regarding the City's new website and the finalization of the Westside Council of Governments with neighboring communities. She thanked City Staff, the City Manager, the City Attorney, and her Deputy Lisa Belsanti, for all their support during the past year.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Prang congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello for a recent Annual Older Americans Recognition award. He congratulated Councilmember Land for her recent year as Mayor. He congratulated the new Mayor John Heilman and wished him well during the upcoming year.

Councilmember Duran expressed his support for incoming Mayor Heilman and wished him well during the upcoming year. He congratulated incoming Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello. He thanked Councilmember Land for her past year as Mayor and congratulated her for her hard work during a difficult year. He spoke regarding upcoming issues facing the City during the next year, including the 25th anniversary of the AIDS crisis, the possibility of adding a Subway line in the City, and immigration issues facing the community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello spoke regarding his early days in California and the City of West Hollywood. He thanked Councilmember Land for serving as Mayor during a difficult year and congratulated her for all her hard work. He congratulated incoming Mayor Heilman and wished him well during the upcoming year.

Mayor Heilman thanked the residents, staff, and his fellow Councilmembers for all their hard work and support. He spoke regarding the need for everyone to continue working together as a team. He thanked Councilmember Land for her previous year as Mayor, and for her past years of service to the City and the community. He wished her well in her campaign for State Assembly. He thanked the residents of West Hollywood for allowing him to serve as Councilmember throughout the years. He thanked his students and colleagues from Whittier Law School and University of Southern California Law School for their support. He spoke regarding his appreciation for the idealism of the West Hollywood community and the need to find ways to turn that idealism into action.

He spoke regarding improvements and changes in the community throughout the years, and spoke regarding the need to continue to move forward. He spoke regarding parking concerns in the City and the need to continue to look for creative solutions. He thanked the Pacific Design Center for their generosity in hosting the installation meeting and all their other support to the community. He spoke regarding social service programs, senior housing programs, and programs to reach out to the immigrant community in the City. He spoke regarding the need to continue to look for ways to improve social services programs. He spoke regarding development in the City, particularly redevelopment of the Eastside, including improvements that have already been made and the need to continue improvement. He spoke regarding strengthening the relationships between the public safety department and the Sheriff's Department to increase safety in our community. He spoke regarding affordable housing issues in the City and the need to find ways to protect and increase affordable housing. He outlined the following priorities for the upcoming year: fundraising for the new proposed West Hollywood Library; ending hunger in West Hollywood; improving the environment; creating scholarships for West Hollywood students; joining the global fight against AIDS; and developing learning partnerships with local community colleges. He thanked the West Hollywood business community for their contributions to the community. He thanked the City Manager, his fellow Councilmembers, City Directors and Managers, the City Attorney, City Advisory Board Members and Commissioners, City Staff, the Council Deputies, Larissa Fooks, and the residents for all their hard work and dedication to the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ARELIA FREEMAN spoke in opposition to Item 2.J.

PAUL NEWMAN, ON BEHALF OF ASSEMBLYMEMBER PAUL KORETZ, presented certificates to Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the West Hollywood Book Fair next September. He spoke regarding various local and national issues. He wished Councilmember Land well in her State Assembly campaign. He congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello.

HARRISON KLEIN AGUADO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor. He spoke regarding disabled housing concerns in the City.

PARKER WILCHEE congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

ERIC SHOCKMAN spoke regarding hunger issues in the City of West Hollywood, and spoke regarding the global fight against AIDS.

EFIM KUTZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked all the Councilmembers.

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember Land's campaign fund raising for her State Assembly race.

JIM BALLEQUETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor. He spoke regarding issues surrounding the HIV and AIDS community in the City.

DENNIS PALMIERI congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

RICHARD WALDEN, ON BEHALF OF OPERATION USA, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

WILLIAM NEISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember Land's campaign fund raising for her State Assembly race.

MINDY BRADISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

BONNIE ABOUNZA, ON BEHALF OF ARTISTS FOR AMNESTY, congratulated Mayor Heilman and thanked him for his continued support of Amnesty International.

GREG ALEXANIAN, ON BEHALF OF THE GAY AND LESBIAN ARMENIAN SOCIETY, thanked the City Council for their support of the Armenian community and spoke in support of Item 2.L.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

MARCY NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

RICHARD EASTMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding medical marijuana dispensaries in the City and the loss of federal funding for people living with HIV and AIDS.

HYWELL SIMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

J.W. MOORE, IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

JIMMY PALMIERI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated Mayor Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and thanked Councilmember Land for per past year as Mayor.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$0.00 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.,G.,H., I.,J.,K.,L. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello and unanimously approved.**

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 April 3, 2006. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 552, RESOLUTION NO. 06-3377:

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 552 and adopt Resolution No. 06-3377, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 552." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

ACTION: Deny the claim of Vanessa Costell and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 06-733 (2ND READING), A PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 15 AND TO CHAPTER 19.20 OF TITLE 19 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING GREEN BUILDING:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 06-733, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 3 OF TITLE 15 AND TO CHAPTER 19.20 OF TITLE 19 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING GREEN BUILDING." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 06-734 (2ND READING), A PROPOSED ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2005-009 REPLACING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING STATIONS WITH A REQUIREMENT FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING SPACES FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 06-734, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2005-009 REPLACING REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING STATIONS WITH A REQUIREMENT FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING SPACES FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE 2006 CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE ON HIV/AIDS:

ACTION: 1) Approve co-sponsorship of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence 2006 California Conference on HIV/AIDS issues; and 2) Authorize conference co-sponsors to utilize City's name and logo on their conference brochures. Conference organizers shall receive authorization from City staff prior to releasing any printed materials to the public to ensure the proper use of the City's name and logo. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR VARIOUS WEHOME/AFSCME POSITIONS:

ACTION: Adopt the revised job descriptions for the WEHOME/AFSCME positions of Digital Media Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Building & Safety Permit Technician, Combination Building Inspector, Senior Combination Building Inspector, Plan Check Engineer, and Senior Plan Check Engineer. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIDDEN HILLS AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN FUNDS:

ACTION: 1) Approve a Prop A fund trade agreement with the City of Hidden Hills for \$65,940.70 West Hollywood General Funds in exchange for \$94,201 City of Hidden Hills Prop A Funds; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO ASSEMBLY BILL 2987, THE “DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND VIDEO COMPETITON ACT OF 2006” (NUNEZ):

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3378, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITON TO AB 2987 (NUNEZ), WHICH WOULD CREATE A STATEWIDE CABLE FRANCHISING PROCESS AND ELIMINATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATORY AUTHORITY IN CABLE FRANCHISING"; and 2) Send copies of the resolution to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, Assemblyman Paul Koretz and Assemblyman Lloyd Levine. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 777 (NUNEZ), A BILL RELATING TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION INCENTIVES:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3379, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB 777 (NUNEZ), A BILL RELATED TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION INCENTIVES"; and 2) Send copies of resolution to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Speaker Fabian Nunez, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assemblymember Paul Koretz, the League of California Cities, and the California Film Commission. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. RESOLUTION HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE OF ARMENIANS AND CONDEMNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 06-3380, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE OF ARMENIANS AND CONDEMNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT"; and 2) Direct Public Information office to publicize the City Council's action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Heilman adjourned the meeting at 8:14 P.M. in memory of Roberta Gillis, John Rudy Haden, Pierre Bain, Maria Cecilia Rosa, Paul Wilms, and Edda Berruz to the next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 6:30 PM at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.