

**CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2004  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** City Attorney Jenkins led the pledge.

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

**ABSENT:** NONE.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Attorney Mike Jenkins, City Clerk Tom West and Assistant City Clerk Gwen Peirce.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

City Attorney Jenkins stated that Closed Session convened at 6:00 PM. He stated that there was one speaker. He stated that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:20 PM with no reportable action taken.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Staff requested that Item 2.H. be TABLED.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Andy Kuehn.

Mayor Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Darlyn Spickard, mother of John Paul Spickard.

Councilmember Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of former City Hall employee, Jodi Curlee.

**ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Guarriello and seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried to approve the February 2, 2004 agenda as amended.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Heilman presented a proclamation to Tom Demille and David Nash and Cure 2004 for their organization of the "Day of Love and Compassion" on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Prang presented a proclamation to Sabin Gray, long-time member of the Cultural Heritage Commission.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JOANNE PALMER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of forming an after-school program at West Hollywood Elementary.

SARA RANDALL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of forming an after-school program at West Hollywood Elementary, which specifically includes enrichment programs.

ANDREA ZUCKERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of forming an after-school program at West Hollywood Elementary.

AMANDA HENDON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.N., the organization of V Day.

DONNA FEINSTEIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.N., the organization of V Day.

ALLEGRA ALLISON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed rehabilitation of 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

JACK MERRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed rehabilitation of 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

DANIEL WATSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed rehabilitation of 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

PETER MACKLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the important contributions that were made by Jodi Curlee.

TANYA MAYEUX, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed rehabilitation of 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

HILARY SELVIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.O. regarding workers' compensation reform.

MARK LEHMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.O. regarding workers' compensation reform.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the West Hollywood Democratic Club's endorsement of Democratic Presidential candidate, John Kerry.

ELIZABETH BAKULYKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed rehabilitation of 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

PAT ROGERS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.O. regarding worker's compensation reform.

BOB KNOTEK, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.J., regarding the Homeland Security Tax Initiative.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding the improvements that have been made in the Hollywood area.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the public speakers who spoke regarding after-school care at West Hollywood Elementary. She also spoke regarding the delegation that she's helping to organize for the March for Women's Lives.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding assisting parents in organizing an after-school care program at West Hollywood Elementary.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran expressed concern over certain aspects of Item 6.A. He also spoke regarding the proposed project at 1343 N. Laurel Avenue.

Mayor Prang provided an update on the Los Angeles Business License Commission's revocation of the license for U-Wash Doggie. He also spoke regarding the property tax seminar for registered domestic partners being presented by John Chiang. He also stated that the Christopher Street West organization is taking nominations for awards to be presented during the Pride Celebration in June. He requested an assessment concerning information that is being communicated regarding the proposed project at 1343 N. Laurel Avenue. He also spoke regarding staff looking closely at the concerns of the community regarding the new traffic circles being tested. He reminded residents about the City service that provides pickup for large items being discarded.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding many high-profile events and parties that will be hosted in the City over the next few weekends. He also stated that new recycling containers have been installed on Santa Monica Boulevard.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact for the Consent Calendar is \$65,000 in expenditures and \$0 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.,P.,Q. **Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**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 January 20, 2004. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 501, RESOLUTION NO. 04-3017:**  
**ACTION:** Approve Demand Register No. 501 and adopt Resolution No. 04-3017, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 501." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 04-675 (2<sup>ND</sup> READING) AMENDING THE TAXICAB REGULATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 5.108:**  
**ACTION:** Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No 04-675, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REGARDING TAXICAB REGULATION AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:**  
**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.F. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003:**  
**ACTION:** Receive and File. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.G. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FY 03-04 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 \$60,000 to provide sewer root control services for the City of West Hollywood for FY 03-04. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.H. AGREEMENT WITH AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES FOR EVALUATION SERVICES:**  
**ACTION:** Approve an agreement for professional services with APLA in an amount not to exceed \$30,586 in County HIV Prevention grant funds and authorize the City Manager to sign. **This Item was TABLED.**
- 2.I. PRODUCTION OF A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO PROMOTE ANIMAL ADOPTION FAIRS WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD:**  
**ACTION:** Direct PIO staff to produce a public service announcement to be aired on City Cable TV Channel and to promote available adoption

sites through other venues, such as City's website, newsletter, etc.  
**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.J. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY SALES TAX INITIATIVE AS PROPOSED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF LEE BACA:**  
**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 04-3018, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY SALES TAX INITIATIVE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar with Mayor Prang noting his ABSTENTION.**
- 2.K. PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO MODIFY THE BASIS AND METHOD OF LEVYING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE:**  
**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 04-3019, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO MODIFY THE BASIS AND METHOD OF LEVYING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SUNSET STRIP BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. INSTALLATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BANNERS ALONG SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**  
**ACTION:** Approve the installation of 30 pole banners on the north and south sides of Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega and Kings Road from March 1, 2004 – March 31, 2004. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.M. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DELEGATION TO THE MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES:**  
**ACTION:** Approve the City of West Hollywood Delegation to the March for Women's Lives in Washington, DC and authorize the expenditure of funds for travel expenses. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.N. RECOMMENDATION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD, LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD AND PARTNER ABUSE EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO CO-SPONSOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD V-DAY PROGRAM:**  
**ACTION:** 1) Approve the co-sponsorship of V-Day West Hollywood 2004, a local production of "The Vagina Monologues," and associated programming; and 2) Direct appropriate staff to assist in the promotion of the V-Day programming. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING "TRUE" REFORM FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE IN CALIFORNIA:**

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution 04-3020, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING TRUE REFORM OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE IN CALIFORNIA"; and 2) Send copies of resolution to appropriate Legislators, Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi and Governor Schwarzenegger. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. CITY CO-SPONSORSHIP AND VIDEO TAPING OF THE PROPERTY TAX SEMINAR FOR REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERS & NON-SPOUSES:**

**ACTION:** 1) Authorize the City co-sponsorship of the Property Tax Seminar for Registered Domestic Partners and Non-Spouses; and 2) Direct staff to publicize the City of West Hollywood's co-sponsorship of the event and direct resources to fund the taping of the seminar for airing on local cable access. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. STREET LIGHT ISSUES AT THE INTERSECTION OF MELROSE AVENUE AND LA CIENEGA BOULEVARD:**

**ACTION:** Direct staff to investigate the street light issues at the intersection of Melrose Avenue and La Cienega Boulevard and report back with recommendations to either replace the lights or fix them within 60 days. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:35 PM.**

The West Hollywood Community Development Commission adopted the minutes of December 22, 2003, and received the Annual Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2003. 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: 7:37 PM.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. INSTALLATION OF THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND CONSIDERATION OF REVISED APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE:**

City Clerk West provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2004.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

Mayor Prang requested that staff report back for the possibility of rescheduling the first meeting of April.

Councilmember Heilman requested that staff consider re-scheduling the July 6, 2004 City Council meeting.

**ACTION:** 1) Select a date for a Special Meeting for the installation activities; and 2) Consider rescheduling the first meeting in April due to the Passover Holiday. **Schedule the Installation activities for April 26, 2004 at 6:00 PM. Cancel the April 5, 2004 Council meeting. Carried by Concurrence of the Council with the direction that staff will return to Council at the second meeting in March to discuss scheduling a second meeting in April and canceling the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.**

**6. LEGISLATIVE:**

**6.A. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE, REQUIRING LANDLORDS TO BOTH POST AND DELIVER TO TENANTS INDIVIDUAL NOTICE OF TENANTS' RIGHTS:** Allyne Winderman, Director of Rent Stabilization and Housing, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 2, 2004.

DONALD ELMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed change to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

JACK LEBOUF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed change to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

MARK KRAJEWSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the proposed change to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

JIMMY PALMIERI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the proposed change to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.

**ACTION:** Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 04-676, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE §17.28.060, DESCRIBING THE MEANS BY WHICH LANDLORDS MUST INFORM TENANTS THAT THEY HAVE RIGHTS UNDER THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE." **Motion by**

**Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and  
unanimously carried.**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding the residents' concerns over Madison Car Wash.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 7:55 PM in memory of Andy Kuehn, Daryl Spickard and Jodi Curlee to their next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004.

  
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JEFFREY PRANG, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK