

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dan Levy led the pledge.

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

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Paul Arevalo, City Attorney Mike Jenkins, Assistant City Clerk Todd Taylor and Administrative Assistant Gwen Peirce.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins announced that the Closed Session convened at 6:00 PM. He stated that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:35 PM with no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Assistant City Clerk Taylor stated that staff has requested that Items 3.C. and 3.D. be continued to a date not certain. He also stated that staff has requested that Items 5.A. and 6.B. be moved to the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Prang requested that Item 2.Q. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Mayor Guarriello requested that Item 2.R. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Mayor Guarriello requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Helene Zaslavsky, mother of Neal Zaslavsky.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Jerry Guarriello, brother of Mayor Guarriello.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Duran and seconded by Councilmember Heilman to approve the February 18, 2003 agenda as amended and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin presented a commendation to Donna and Cary Burns, West Hollywood residents, who adopted two HIV Positive/drug-addicted babies.

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin presented a proclamation to representatives of the Gay & Lesbian Wedding Expo.

Councilmember Heilman presented a proclamation to Club 7969 for their effort in working with the community.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

HILARY SELVIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 6.A., temporary parking regulations in preferential parking districts.

ANN MARIE WALLACE, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the grassroots effort of the League of California Cities, specifically on the State Budget.

CHRIS HAISS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.H., the grants for schools.

DONNA FEINSTEIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.H., specifically the grant for Rosewood Avenue School.

JANET CHAPMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.H., specifically the grant for Rosewood Avenue School.

JOE VANDENBUSSCHE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of Item 2.H., specifically the grant for West Hollywood Elementary.

MARIA FLORES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.H., specifically the grant for Laurel Elementary.

JEROME CLEARY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Council debates and the upcoming election.

JAMES FUHRMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a landlord who is in litigation with the City of West Hollywood.

ROSLYN KRAUSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Councilmember Martin's campaign.

HOWARD ARMISTEAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding AIDS cure research.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding issues revolving around the West Hollywood Municipal Election.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various issues revolving around the West Hollywood Municipal Election.

DONNY CASY, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the West Hollywood Democratic Club and their endorsements for the West Hollywood Municipal Election.

STAN LOTHDRIDGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding issues related to the West Hollywood Municipal Election.

JW MOORE IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Items 6.A., 5.A., 2.T., 2.S., 2.H., and 2.L.

ABBE LAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to the tall wall on Beverly Blvd, and spoke in support of Items 2.N. and 2.T.

NELYA PERELMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.T., calling on Governor Gray Davis to reconsider California Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cutbacks in fiscal year 2003-2004.

DAN SIEGEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.M., which amends the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance regarding the Sherbourne triangle.

TERRY LEFTGOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to tall walls on Beverly Boulevard, and spoke in support of the test for parking in Item 6.A. and requested that staff follow through with all of the recommendations.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Guarriello announced changed hours of broadcast of the Council meeting for the current week due to the broadcast of the General Plan Meeting.

Councilmember Duran announced that the City of Los Angeles is considering adopting an anti-war resolution, as modeled by the City of West Hollywood.

Councilmember Prang requested that staff research whether or not the fountain at the West Knoll traffic circle is producing too much mist and is possibly causing a visual driving hazard. He also stated that there is a private animal shelter being built in the City of Beverly Hills and requested that staff monitor that shelter and consider how the City of West Hollywood could possibly work with that shelter in the future.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding an issued raised during public comment, which revolved around his campaign and the return of Absentee Applications in a timely manner to the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin spoke regarding his support for Item 2.T. He requested that staff look into whether the Cable TV station can replay the candidate debates at least twice a day for the next two weeks. He stated that there is a marked increase in street prostitution on the Eastside and requested that Captain Castro be notified. He also

stated he would like staff to find out how they can assist residents of a small pocket of Harper acquire preferential parking.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: BUDGET & TAX MEASURES

City Manager Arevalo introduced Anil Gandhi, Director of Finance, who presented information on the State Budget deficit and the two Measures that will be appearing on the March 4, 2003 Municipal Election Ballot.

City Manager Arevalo also introduced Oscar Delgado, Parking Manager, who presented an updated parking opportunities.

Councilmember Heilman requested that staff present a parking update every six months. He also requested that staff look into the feasibility of using the La Jolla lot, which had previously been considered.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Taylor stated that the fiscal impact for the Consent Calendar as amended is \$457,903 in expenditures and \$363,500 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H.,I.,J.,K.,L.,M., N.,O.,P.,S.,T.,U.,V.(Item 5.A.), W.(Item 6.A.), X.(Item 6.B.) **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Guarriello 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 February 3, 2003. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 478, RESOLUTION NO. 03-2838:

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 478 and adopt Resolution No. 03-2838, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 478." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

ACTION: Deny the claims of Moris Kohan, John Boucher, Merita Ilmer and Betty Garber and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. SETTING THE DATE OF APRIL 14, 2003 FOR A STUDY SESSION ON THE CITYWIDE FRANCHISE FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES AND A STUDY SESSION ON PROJECT STREAMLINING OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

ACTION: Set the date and time for a City Council study session on (1) the citywide franchise for solid waste and recycling services and (2) project streamlining of development projects, for Monday, April 14, 2003 at 6:30PM. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. STATE GRANT RESOLUTION:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2839, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000;" and 2) Appoint the City Manager as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, applications and agreements necessary for completion of grant funded project(s). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. REQUEST TO PURSUE GRANT FUNDING FOR PLASTIC BOTTLE RECYCLING PROGRAM:

ACTION: Approve a request to pursue grant funding for a plastic water bottle recycling program; and authorize the City Manager to sign the grant proposal. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. GRANTS IN THE SCHOOLS – 2002-2003:

ACTION: Approve grants as follows: \$1,000 to Laurel Elementary; \$1,000 for Melrose Elementary; \$128 to Oasis; \$2,000 for Friends of Rosewood; \$1,000 for West Hollywood Elementary; and, \$1,000 for the West Hollywood Opportunity Center as further described in the staff report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the amended name of Rosewood Elementary to the "Friends of Rosewood Elementary."**

2.I. BID AWARD, PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT RENOVATION PROJECT, C.I.P. # 5050-02-03:

ACTION: 1) Accept the bid in the amount of \$43,925.00, submitted by E.C. Construction Co. of South El Monte, California for the Plummer Park Community Center Parking Lot Renovation Project; 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with E.C. Construction Co., in an amount of \$43,925.00; 3) Authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for contingencies as approved by the Director of the Human Services Department; and 4) Reject all other bids and return associated Bid Bonds. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.J. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH PANDEMIC MEDIA TO PROVIDE WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT:**
ACTIONS: 1) Approve the agreement with Pandemic Media for services in an amount not to exceed \$40,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. EXTENSION OF VIACOM/OUTDOOR BUS SHELTER CONTRACT MONTH TO MONTH FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2003 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2004:**
ACTION: 1) Approval of an amendment extending the License Agreement with Outdoor/Viacom, on a month to month basis, for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months, for the period from February 1, 2003 through February 28, 2004 for transit shelters; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment with Outdoor/Viacom. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT 8 PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS ON NORTON AVENUE, BETWEEN SPAULDING AND CURSON AVENUES:**
ACTION: Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 03-646, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.08.230 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE IMPLEMENTING DISTRICT 8 PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS ON NORTON AVENUE, BETWEEN SPAULDING AND CURSON AVENUES AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.M. A RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE HOTELS, HOTEL RETAIL USES, BED AND BREAKFAST INNS AND URBAN INNS IN THE AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE SHERBOURNE TRIANGLE, BOUNDED BY BEVERLY BLVD., SAN VICENTE BLVD., AND SHERBOURNE DRIVE, PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 19.78.020:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2840, "A RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE HOTELS, HOTEL RETAIL USES, BED AND BREAKFAST INNS AND URBAN INNS IN THE AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE SHERBOURNE TRIANGLE, BOUNDED BY BEVERLY BLVD., SAN VICENTE BLVD., AND SHERBOURNE DRIVE, PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 19.78.020;" 2) Direct Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing on the potential removal of references to hotels, hotel retail and urban inns in the zoning ordinance and general plan within the area described above; and 3) Direct the Community Development Department to complete an environmental review before the

Planning Commission's public hearing. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2003:

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to create a proclamation for Women's History Month in March; and 2) Direct the appropriate City staff to work with the Women's Advisory Board to assist with the production and promotion of Women's History Month. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.O. INSTALLATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BANNERS ALONG SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

ACTION: Direct staff to approve the installation of 29 pole banners on the north and south sides of Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega and Kings Road from March 1, 2003 – March 31, 2003. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST 33rd AND 34th ANNUAL LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE CELEBRATION AND PARADE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD:

ACTION: Approve the dates as presented. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. DIRECTION TO STAFF TO DEVELOP A RUSSIAN BUSINESS ORGANIZATION:

ACTION: Moved to Excluded Consent.

2.R. DIRECTION TO REVIEW THE 1,200 SQ. FOOT RULE THAT ALLOWS RESTAURANTS TO OPEN WITH MINIMAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

ACTION: Moved to Excluded Consent.

2.S. A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO COMMEND AND THANK HOWARD JACOBS, COUNCIL DEPUTY TO COUNCILMEMBER JEFFREY PRANG, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2841, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMENDING AND THANKING HOWARD JACOBS, COUNCIL DEPUTY 1998-2003, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE CITY;" and 2) Send a signed copy of the resolution to Howard Jacobs. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.T. A RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS TO RECONSIDER CALIFORNIA SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) CUTBACKS IN FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2842, "A RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS TO RECONSIDER CALIFORNIA SOCIAL SECURITY CUTBACKS IN FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004;" and 2) Direct staff to send signed copies of resolution to Governor Gray Davis, the Department of Finance, and the Department of Social Services. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.U. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFUGIO PARA NIÑOS' EFFORTS TO SUPPORT GAY AND LESBIAN FOSTER PARENTS:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2843, "A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REFUGIO PARA NIÑOS' EFFORTS TO SUPPORT GAY AND LESBIAN FOSTER PARENTS;" and 2) Send copies of the resolution to Refugio Para Niños, the Los Angeles Office of Children and Family Services, and Assembly member Judy Chu. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.V. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF PARKING OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE PARKING IN THE CITY:**
ACTION: 1) Authorize the City to negotiate a lease agreement with Tower Records, Inc. for the use of the property at 8757 Sunset Boulevard, to provide off-street parking daily from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.; including the waiver of City Administrative fees applicable to the operation of 8757 Sunset Boulevard surface parking lot; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Tower Records, Inc.; and 3) Receive and file the updated parking report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.W. TEMPORARY PARKING REGULATIONS IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS:**
ACTION: 1) Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 03-647, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE INTERIM CHANGES TO PARKING REGULATIONS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS WHILE THE IMPACTS OF IMPLEMENTING THE CHANGES PERMANENTLY ARE STUDIED, AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES PROGRAM:

ACTION: Introduce for first reading Ordinance 03-648, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2002-04 REGARDING DENSITY BONUSES AND PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS REGARDING IN-LIEU FEES FOR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING:

Assistant City Clerk Taylor stated that the item was noticed as required by law.

Paula Kelly, Senior Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 18, 2003.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2844, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2002-04 REGARDING DENSITY BONUSES FOR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; and 2) Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 03-649, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 02-04 AND APPROVING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 02-04 REGARDING DENSITY BONUSES FOR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

3.B. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 02-03 AND TALL WALL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 02-01, ALLOWING TALL WALLS ON THE EAST AND WEST ELEVATIONS OF THE EXISTING BUILDING AT 8899 BEVERLY BOULEVARD:

Assistant City Clerk Taylor stated that the item was noticed as required by law.

CJ Amstrup, Senior Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 18, 2003.

Mayor Guarriello opened the public hearing and the following speakers came forward:

GARY S. MOBLEY, HUNTINGTON BEACH, APPLICANT, spoke regarding the background of the application, specifically that there won't be any new tall walls, but rather there will be new designs on already existing murals. He spoke regarding the difference being drawn between commercial vs. non-commercial signs.

LAUREN MEISTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Planning Commission's denial of the appeal and spoke in opposition to granting the application.

JOHN RAMIREZ, COSTA MESA, spoke in opposition of granting the application.

JOEL RING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of granting the application.

ALEX STETTINSKI, BEVERLY HILLS, stated that the City should consider the Avenues of Arts & Design in their deliberation of the application.

LAYNE LAWSON, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Planning Commission's denial of the application and in opposition to granting the application.

BRIAN KENNEDY, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of granting the application and spoke regarding the need for consistency in following the General Plan.

DAVID SEYDE, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of granting the application.

JOHN CARPINO, SANTA MONICA, spoke in opposition of granting the application.

JEFF JOAQUIM, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of granting the application.

DOMINICK RUBALCAVA, SANTA MONICA, spoke in support of the Planning Commission's denial of the application and in opposition to granting the application.

DOUG BERNARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of granting the application.

NORMAN CHRAMOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to granting the application.

DAN SIEGEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Planning Commission's denial and in opposition to granting the application.

GARY S. MOBLEY, HUNTINGTON BEACH, APPLICANT, stated that the one local business owner who spoke was in support of the tall walls, and that there wasn't much resident opposition. He stated that his opinion is that there is not much impact on the local area or businesses.

The public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Duran stated that the issues must center on land use. He stated that the City's processes have been ignored, however approving the application might be in the best interest for the City due to the upcoming budget crisis. He stated that if the Council denies the application, then perhaps the issue of increasing the amount of tall walls can be revisited in the General Plan discussions. He stated that overall he supports denying the application.

Councilmember Prang spoke in support of the Planning Commission's denial of the application. He spoke in opposition to altering the General Plan with the threat of litigation and stated that this settlement would set a bad precedent. He spoke in support of looking into the possibility of changing processes of accepting tall walls with the General Plan discussions.

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin stated that the City broke the precedent with the installation of the Jumbotron for the Millennium project. He stated that there are numerous tall walls on Beverly in the City of Los Angeles. He also stated that he does not think that it would compromise the City by accepting the settlement.

Councilmember Heilman spoke regarding the history of the tall wall, specifically Code Enforcement citing the property and the fact that the City is in current litigation with this property. He stated that there was a change in the ordinance as it existed in response to this situation and that the Council has entered into a settlement agreement. He stated that the Council is now asked to evaluate the land use impacts. He indicated that a high concern is the negative impact on the neighbors, and stated that he doesn't see how a mural would impact the neighborhood any less than a sign. Councilmember Heilman indicated that if the Council approved the application, it would settle the litigation. He stated that he does not believe that it is inconsistent with the surrounding area and if the City loses the litigation, then they will be allowed to have the signs and the City would not have the opportunity to receive money. He spoke in support of granting the application.

Mayor Guarriello spoke in support of approving the Planning Commission's denial of the application.

ACTION: Approve the PLANNING COMMISSION recommendation: Deny the proposed Zone Text Amendment and Conditional Use Permit and Adopt Resolution No. 03-2845, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, DENYING ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 02-03, AMENDING SECTION 19.43.080 (I) TALL WALL SIGNS TO PERMIT TALL WALL SIGNS ON BUILDINGS FRONTING BEVERLY BOULEVARD, AND ALSO DENYING TALL WALL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 02-01." **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Guarriello to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation with additional direction to the Community Development Department and the Planning Commission to re-visit the overall Tall Wall policy and to have a in depth policy discussion with the possibility of repealing the Tall Wall Ordinance and carried on a ROLL CALL VOTE with Councilmember Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Martin voting NO.**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Councilmember Duran, Prang and Mayor Guarriello.

NOES: Councilmember Heilman and Mayor Pro Tempore Martin.

3.C. ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 02-05 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT CITY PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND SPECIFIC PLANS:

ACTION: Continue this item until the Planning Commission is able to review and provide a recommendation to the City Council. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.**

3.D. ELIMINATION OF GENERAL PLAN POLICIES AND ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS ALLOWING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HOTELS, HOTEL RETAIL USES, BED AND BREAKFAST INNS, AND URBAN INNS WITHIN THE SAN VICENTE-BEVERLY-SHERBOURNE TRIANGLE SITE AND TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR THE SHERBOURNE TRIANGLE SITE. (GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2003-01 AND ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2003-06):

ACTION: Continue the public hearing to a date not specified. **Motion by Councilmember Duran, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.**

Council recessed at 9:40 PM and reconvened at 9:55 PM.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY BOND ACT OF 2000 APPLICATION AND DRAFT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGREEMENTS RELATING TO LIBRARY OPERATION AND WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK MASTER PLAN:

Ray Reynolds, Director of Economic Development Department provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 18, 2003.

CATHERINE HAHN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

ACTION: 1) Receive and File Library Background and Program Summary; 2) Receive and File Design Concepts; 3) Approve the application to the California State Bond Act and review: a) Contract with the County of Los Angeles Public Library for library operations; b) Local matching funds; c) Supplemental operating funds; and d) Dedication of the facility for public library use for 40 years; 4) Review the land transfer concepts with LA County for the Ron Stone Clinic; El Tovar Maintenance Yard; and, Existing West Hollywood Library site; and 5) Authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary application materials. **Motion by Mayor Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried with additional direction to appoint Councilmember Heilman as a representative of the Council to speak with the County of Los Angeles regarding the property agreements.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF PARKING OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE PARKING IN THE CITY:

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

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.Q. DIRECTION TO STAFF TO DEVELOP A RUSSIAN BUSINESS ORGANIZATION:

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 18, 2003.

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding his concern that there is not concrete direction on how to conduct the outreach and create the organization.

Councilmember Heilman suggested involving the Russian Advisory Board and incorporating Russian businesses in the upcoming Russian Festival.

ACTION: Direct Economic Development to conduct outreach and provide the foundation for the creation of a Russian business organization. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Martin and unanimously carried with additional direction to come back to Council with an item that outlines a specific outreach plan.**

2.R. DIRECTION TO REVIEW THE 1,200 SQ. FOOT RULE THAT ALLOWS RESTAURANTS TO OPEN WITH MINIMAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 18, 2003.

KEN DI GREGORIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding his concerns with the parking for a restaurant proposed at 9045 Nemo Street.

Mayor Guarriello expressed his concern that most of the businesses considered are very small restaurants and that it would have a negative impact on the Eastside.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support in the possibility of retaining this rule on the Eastside to encourage the re-use of existing buildings.

Mayor Pro Tempore Martin stated that this could be reviewed for just certain areas.

ACTION: Staff and the Planning Commission shall conduct a review of the 1,200 square foot policy that allows small restaurants to open without parking. **Moved by consensus of the Council.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. TEMPORARY PARKING REGULATIONS IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICTS:

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


6.B. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES PROGRAM:

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

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:30 PM in memory of Helene Zaslavsky and Jerry Guarriello. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 6:30 PM at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH, 2003.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


VIVIAN M. LOVE, INTERIM CITY CLERK