CITY COUNCIL MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2003 WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 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 four items were added to the Closed Session agenda, which were one item of initiation of litigation, one item of personnel disciplinary action, one item of pending litigation, U.S. vs. City of West Hollywood, and one item of real estate negotiations. He stated that the Closed Session recessed at 6:45 PM with no reportable action taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff requested that Item 2.W. be Tabled.

Staff requested that Item 4.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X.

Staff requested that Item 6.A. and 6.B. on the Community Development Commission be Tabled to January 2004.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 2.L. be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember Heilman requested that additional direction be added to Item 2.V., that staff work with the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission on the Book Fair.

Mayor Prang requested that language be added to Item 2.I. which would address a US Constitutional Amendment prohibiting same gender marriage.

Mayor Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joseph Lawrence Nunley, brother of City employee Carmen Nunley, Jaime Ramirez, a West Hollywood resident and friend of City employee Joel Hecht, and Gene Anthony Ray, a prior resident of Palmview Apartments.

Councilmember Heilman requested that meeting be adjourned in memory of Jerry Levine.

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ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Land and seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried to approve the December 1, 2003 agenda as amended.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Prang presented a commendation to individuals for their extensive work in the HIV/AIDS community in commemoration of World AIDS Day.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding \$4.2 million that U.S. Housing & Urban Development Department has granted the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent funding granted to the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

ANSON SNYDER, SAN FRANCISCO, spoke regarding the work being done by the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

RON HROZIENCIK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding problems that are arising from the Gateway Church and bussing program.

RICHARD SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented photographs to the Council that were taken at the Veteran's Memorial Dedication.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding World AIDS Day. He also spoke regarding Item 2.W. and in support of the Council's work on the Eastside of the City.

NORMA KEMPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding 2.W. and requested that the City place a deterrent to increased traffic in the neighborhood. She spoke in support of the Task Force's recommendation.

STEPHEN CUTLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding 2.W. and requested that the City place deterrents to traffic and illegal activity in the area.

ALAN WEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the recent funding granted to the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

DON ELMBLAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.K. due to recent budget problems.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, requested that staff adjourn in memory of Gene Ray, a resident of Palmview Apartments. He also spoke in problems with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello spoke regarding his "Don't Drink & Drive" napkin campaign during the holidays. He stated that he will be distributing the napkins on December 17th to bars and restaurants throughout the City. He also spoke in support of the latest West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation project for senior housing. He also spoke in opposition to the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation not having a manager on duty in the evening at Palmview.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding a fundraiser for The Trevor Project. She also spoke regarding an art exhibit, the AIDS Chronicle. She also spoke regarding the homeless issues on the Eastside and the work the City has been doing in resolving these problems. She also spoke regarding Item 2.W. and that staff will be bringing back further information in January to bring a resolution to the problem. She urged residents to call the Sheriff's Department if they see any illegal activity in the LaJolla/Havenhurst parking lot. She also thanked City staff for their work on the dedication for World AIDS Day.

Councilmember Heilman commended City staff for their work on the events for World AIDS Day. He also commended David Reid, for his work on AIDS Watch. He also spoke regarding a recent partnership the City has started with an organization who is working on the AIDS crisis in Africa. He directed City staff to investigate the feasibility of having a joint marketing campaign with the City of Palm Springs.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke regarding the importance of World AIDS Day and spreading information about AIDS prevention. He spoke regarding the educational campaign "HIV Stops with Me" and the work done by organizations to help those living with HIV/AIDS.

Mayor Prang spoke regarding the City Manager's agreement. He provided an update on a recent court case on medical marijuana. He also spoke regarding a recent book published about the history of West Hollywood. He announced the resignation of his Deputy, Jose Carrillo and introduced his new Deputy, Josh Kurpies.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Arevalo introduced Jeffrey Skorneck, Housing Manager and Allyne Winderman, Director of Rent Stabilization and Housing, who provided an update on an award of a grant from the Department of Housing & Urban Development for senior affordable housing at Laurel Avenue. City Manager Arevalo spoke regarding an increase in the cable rates for Adelphia Cable.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact for the Consent Calendar is \$496,788 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.,M.,N.,O.,P.,Q.,R.,S.,T.,U.,V.,X.(4.A.) **Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, 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 November 17, 2003. **Approved as part** of the Consent Calendar.

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 497, RESOLUTION NO. 03-2989:

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 497 and adopt Resolution No. 03-2989, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 497." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2003:

ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 03-671 (2ND READING) AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 19.58.070(A) 1 AND 3 – APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AS IT RELATES TO CULTURAL HERITAGE (OR HISTORIC) PRESERVATION:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No 03-671, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 19.58.070(A) 1 AND 3 – APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AS IT RELATES TO CULTURAL HERITAGE (OR HISTORIC) PRESERVATION." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 03-672 (2ND READING) AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT BILLBOARDS IN THE EASTSIDE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No 03-672, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 2003-02 ADDING PROVISIONS TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT BILLBOARDS WITHIN THE EASTSIDE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. RESIGNATION OF TERESA DECRESCENZO FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION:

ACTION: Accept with regret the resignation of Teresa DeCrescenzo from the Human Services Commission. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. YEARS 2004-2005 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

ACTION: 1) Review and approve the proposed Legislative Priority Issues and the Policies and Procedures; 2) Direct staff to submit the priority list to Assembly and Senate representatives, the Governor, and to the City's Lobbyist. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. MOBILE COMMUNICATION ALLOWANCE:

ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.K. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT:

ACTION: 1) Approve an amendment to the City Manager's Employment Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign; 2) Authorize a 3% merit adjustment for 2002, 2003 and 2004. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.L. AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON'S SUPER SERVICE TO PROVIDE VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES:

ACTION: Moved to Excluded Consent.

2.M. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 0307, SPAULDING AVENUE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

ACTION: 1) Accept the bid dated November 12, 2003 submitted by Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.; 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Los Angeles Engineering, Inc, in the amount of \$368,435 for the construction of CIP 0307, Spaulding Avenue parking Lot Improvement Project; 3) Authorize the City Engineer to manage Change Orders for work on the construction contract in an amount not to exceed 15% of the contract amount; 4) Relieve the low bidder, Vido Samarzich, Inc, of their bid due to a mistake in the bid, which qualifies for relief pursuant to Sections 5101 and 5103 of the California Public Contract Code. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.N. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP 0201 CONCRETE REPAIR PROGRAM:

ACTION: 1) Accept the work and authorize the following: a) Filing a Notice of Completion by the City Engineer; b) Final payment to the contractor at the end of the 35 day lien period; c) Release of the Performance Bond on the date of recordation of the Notice of Completion; d) Release of the Payment Bond 35 days after the date of recordation of the Notice of

Completion, pending no receipt of Stop Notices. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.O. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2006 LOS ANGELES GAY GAMES VII:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 03-2990, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING ITS SUPPORT OF THE GAY GAMES VII IN LOS ANGELES IN 2006." Council will support the effort to bring the Gay Games to the Los Angeles Area in 2006. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. HEALTHY KIDS ENROLLMENT OUTREACH:

ACTION: Direct staff to provide extensive outreach to enroll children eligible for all available programs in the Healthy Kids program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.Q. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING S. 150 [H.R. 49], THE "INTERNET TAX NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT:" ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution 03-2991, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLYWOOD OPPOSING S. 150 [H.R. 49], THE "INTERNET TAX NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT;" 2) Send copies of resolution to appropriate legislators. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.R. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2992, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003;" 2) Send copies of the resolution to the United Nations, Amnesty International, President Bush, U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Representative Henry Waxman. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.S. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1520, WHICH WOULD CREATE A COMMISSION WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, DEDICATE, AND SELECT THE LOCATION FOR THE LGBT VETERANS MEMORIAL:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2993, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 1520;" 2) Send copies of this resolution to appropriate legislators. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.T. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT RATE INCREASES BY ADELPHIA CABLE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2994, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDEMNING THE RECENT RATE INCREASES BY ADELPHIA CABLE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD; 2) Direct staff to investigate the feasibility of filing a complaint with the state and federal consumer protection agencies. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.U. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 02-013 AND DEMOLITION PERMIT 02-006; AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF A 16-UNIT CONDOMINIUM BUILDING USING THE COURTYARD HOUSING STANDARDS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 841-851% WESTMOUNT DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 03-2995, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD. GRANTING THE APPLICANT'S APPEAL, AMENDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S CONDITIONAL APPROVAL AND APPROVING DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 002-013 AND DEMOLITION PERMIT 002-006 FOR A 16-UNIT BUILDING USING THE COURTYARD CONDOMINIUM HOUSING PROPERTY LOCATED STANDARDS FOR THE ΑT 841-85134 WESTMOUNT DRIVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.V. APPROVAL OF A DATE FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR:

ACTION: 1) Approve Sunday, October 3, 2004 as the date of the 3rd Annual West Hollywood Book Fair; 2) Direct the Public Information Office to market the 2004 date of the West Hollywood Book Fair. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar with further direction to include the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission in the planning process.

2.W. THREE-MONTH REVIEW OF AN ELECTRONIC GATING SYSTEM FOR THE CITY'S LA JOLLA/HAVENHURST PUBLIC PARKING LOT: ACTION: This Item was Tabled.

2.X.(4.A.)PARK DESIGN SERVICES - HAVENHURST PARK SITE:

ACTION: 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign an Agreement with Katherine Spitz and Associates in the amount of \$27,100 for park design services for the Havenhurst Park site; 2) Authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for related design components and contingencies as approved by the Director of Human Services; 3) Authorize the Director of Finance to appropriate \$32,100 from the Park Development Fund (219) to account 219-5050-9248; 4) Reject all other proposals received for this project. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: 7:50 PM

THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECESSED AND RECONVENED AS THE CITY COUNCIL: 7:55 PM

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. CONTINUED ITEM - PACIFIC DESIGN CENTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT:

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

Ray Reynolds, Director of Economic Development, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 1, 2003.

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

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the development agreement and made suggestions for alleviating the problem of bus traffic adjacent to the project.

CHARLES COHEN, spoke in support of the development agreement.

Mayor Prang closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Heilman expressed his concern that the number of Type I, Type II and Type III events be similar to past years.

ACTION: Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 03-673, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE PACIFIC DESIGN CENTER LOCATED AT 8687 MELROSE AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and unanimously carried with an amendment to Section 3.7.6 of the Development Agreement and Exhibit C to state that the number of events would be a total of 24 events of all four classes, with the designation of the events being made by the City.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 4.A. PARK DESIGN SERVICES HAVENHURST PARK SITE: ACTION: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar.
- 4.B. NON-EXCLUSIVE TAXICAB FRANCHISE AWARD FOR EXISTING TAXICAB COMPANIES GROUP 1:

Terri Slimmer, Transportation Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 1, 2003.

JERRY QONSUL, BEVERLY HILLS, representing Checker Cab, stated that information in the staff report is misleading, specifically regarding the amount of vouchers, violations, response time and field operations. He provided information that was included in his company's proposal.

NETTABAI AHMED, SANTA MONICA representing Independent Taxi, spoke regarding his company's reasoning for omitting the Department of Justice report as required in the RFP. He spoke in support of fining companies who did not comply with the fingerprinting, but not taking away licenses due to that reason. He spoke in support of leaving the existing taxicab units for all companies intact.

DARA AHMADI, LOS ANGELES, representing United Independent Taxi, spoke in support of granting 108 licenses to United Independent Taxi. He spoke regarding the problem with the fingerprinting and suggested that their company be fined, but not decreased licenses.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of imposing a penalty and/or a decreased reduction to ITOA and UITD. She stated that the recommendations of 25 – 50% are too harsh.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in support of imposing an administrative penalty/fine and no reductions to ITOA and UITD.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of a temporary reduction, or rather keep all of their licenses and then pay an administrative penalty. He spoke in support of investigating the possibility of granting the licenses with a reduction of 2 per company or a fine of \$10,000.

Mayor Prang expressed his concern with the taxicab companies being non-compliant with the RFP. He spoke in support of a less severe recommendation.

ACTION: Grant Independent Taxi the requested 50 permits and United Independent Taxi the requested 108 permits with a 25% reduction that is suspended for a period of a one-year probationary period. Impose a reduction of 2 licenses for each company with the reduction being eliminated if the companies pay an in-lieu fee of \$10,000. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Prang and unanimously carried.

THE COUNCIL RECESSED AT 9:00 PM AND RECONVENED AT 9:10 PM.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of more severe penalties for Checker Cab due to their non-compliance.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of more severe penalties for Checker Cab due to non-compliance. He spoke in support of imposing a reduction for a probationary period.

Mayor Prang spoke in support of reducing the number of licenses for Checker Cab to 10% on a permanent basis, and releasing those licenses to the Group 2.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran expressed his concern with Checker Cab's behavior and attitude. He spoke in support of considering a 25% reduction in their permits with a six-month or one-year probationary period.

3) Reduce the allocation to Checker Cab by 25% for a one-year probationary period, after which the company will be reviewed and the 25% may or may not be reinstated; 4) Authorize the Finance Director to adjust General Fund budgeted revenues and expenditures based upon final City Council non-exclusive taxicab franchise award action. Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Prang and unanimously carried.

4.C. NON-EXCLUSIVE TAXICAB FRANCHISE AWARD FOR NEW TAXICAB COMPANIES – GROUP 2:

Terri Slimmer, Transportation Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 1, 2003.

NETTABAI AHMED, SANTA MONICA representing Independent Taxi, spoke in support of staff's original recommendation of allocations.

CHUCK JELLOIAN, LOS ANGELES, representing Bell Cab, spoke regarding problems with the staff report. He also spoke in support of the City forming a subcommittee of taxicab company representatives to provide input.

SCOTT SCHAFFER, BURBANK, representing City Cab, spoke in support of staff alternative recommendation #4.

MICHAEL CALIN, BURBANK, representing Bell Cab, spoke regarding problems with the staff report and requested the Council table the item for further review.

WILLIAM ROUSE, LOS ANGELES, representing Yellow Cab, spoke regarding the survey that the company performed, as well as efforts that the company is making to help the voucher program succeed.

GINNY FOAT, PALM SPRINGS, provided information on the blind survey performed by Yellow Cab.

MARK MAKURIAN, LOS ANGELES, the President of the Co-operative, who spoke in support of the Council granting licenses to Yellow Cab.

Councilmember Guarriello expressed his concern that senior citizens are not being properly served by the taxicab companies.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of using 80% as the cutoff and any company that did not make the 80% should not be considered.

Mayor Prang spoke in support of Staff's Alternative Recommendation 2. He stated that although ITOA had compliance problems with Group 1 that they have been very successful in the voucher program, so they should be considered.

Councilmember Heilman spoke in support of awarding most licenses to Yellow Cab and also allocating some to City Cab, but none to ITOA.

Councilmember Land spoke in support of awarding licenses to Yellow Cab and City Cab, but none to ITOA.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in opposition to excluding ITOA because they have worked hard on the voucher program.

Mayor Prang requested that staff speak with the companies who are granted permits regarding sensitivity to the special needs of the residents of the City.

ACTION: 1) Grant 75 Group 2 taxicab permits to Yellow Cab, 30 Group 2 taxicab permits to City Cab and 4 Group 2 taxicab permits to Independent Taxi (ITOA) for a probationary period of one year. 2) Authorize the Director of Finance to adjust General Fund budgeted revenues and expenditures based upon final City Council award of non-exclusive taxicab franchises for Group 2 proposals. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously carried.

4.D. QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION AND UPDATE ON PALM VIEW/HARPER COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Jeffrey Skorneck, Housing Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated December 1, 2003.

ANSON SNYDER, SAN FRANCISCO, spoke regarding the importance of lobbying for legislation for housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. He

also spoke regarding efforts being made by the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

THOMAS MANN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, President of the Board of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, spoke regarding efforts being made by the Corporation, including increased communication.

RAMON MENDEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Vice-President of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, spoke regarding the Board attempting to increase communication with the Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran spoke in support of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation Board speaking with the Councilmembers regarding the needs assessment.

ACTION: 1) Receive and file the First Quarter Report of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation; 2) Direct WHCHC to submit an update and plan for the Palm View/Harper Community Needs Assessment on January 5, 2004 following outreach to and participation of residents and partner non-profit agencies in formulating the plan. Motion by Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and carried with Councilmember Guarriello voting NO.

4.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

ACTION: Make new appointments or re-appointments to the following Commissions: Carried by concurrence of the Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran:

Transportation Commission:

CONTINUED

Mayor Prang:

Human Services Commission:

CHUCK HENRY

At-Large Appointments:

Disabilities Advisory Board (2):

CONTINUED

Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board:

CONTINUED

Women's Advisory Board (2):

DEBRA FARMER

5. NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.L. AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON'S SUPER SERVICE TO PROVIDE VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES:

ACTION: 1) Approve an agreement with Johnson's Super Service to provide vehicle towing and storage services for the City of West Hollywood. The contract term will cover an initial (5) five-year period, beginning January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2008; 2) Authorize staff to exercise an option that would extend the contract for three (3) additional one (1) year extensions, with an ending date of December 31, 2011; 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran and unanimously carried with further direction to include the following language:

- "Include credit card services in field"
- More clarification on complaint resolution process.
- Clarification on noticing of selling unclaimed cars.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

6. LEGISLATIVE: NONE.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 10:20 PM in memory of Joseph Lawrence Nunley, Jaime Ramirez, Gene Anthony Ray and Jerry Levine to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, December 22, 2003 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 22nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003.

ATTEST:

THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK