

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION & INSTALLATION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2003
PLUMMER PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alex Gurfinkel and Rina Rozenberg led the pledge.

PRESENTATION BY THE WEST COAST SINGERS:

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Councilmember Duran, Heilman, Land, Prang, 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Duran requested that Item 2.R., honoring the victims of the genocide of Armenians be moved to Excluded Consent.

Councilmember Heilman requested that Item 2.H., approval of direction for the Sister City Committee be tabled to the May 5, 2003 Council meeting.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Jane Matteson, mother of Rob Matteson and Alix Belous, sister of Fran Solomon.

Mayor Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Tom King, writer for the Wall Street Journal and author on the entertainment industry.

SHERIFF LEE BACA ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR PRANG:

HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD STONE ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE DURAN:

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Prang introduced John Chiang, State of California Board of Equalization, Gary Townsend from Los Angeles County Assessor, Laura Chick; Los Angeles City Controller, Dan Baker, Councilmember, City of Long Beach; Larry Forester, Councilmember Signal Hill; District Director Deputy of Gov. Gray Davis, Eric Bauman; Linda Castro, Commander; Dave Long, Captain; Larry Waldie, Assistant LA County

Sheriff Lee Baca; Willie Miller, Region 2 Sheriff's Commander; Barry Groveman, Calabasas City Councilmember; Erik Sanjero, LA Councilmember La Bonge's Office; Emily Gold from Sheila Kuehl's office; Alex Ponder from LA Councilmember Miscikowski; Trevor Daley, Councilmember Ruth Galanter's Office; Congresswoman Maxine Waters; David Fang, Hacienda Heights Council Candidate; Gary Thompson, Chief Deputy of the Assessor.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR:

Mayor Prang presented a commendation to Mayor Guarriello.

Mayor Prang introduced Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who presented a commendation to Mayor Guarriello, and incoming Mayor Prang.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Heilman presented a commendation to David Lash, Executive Director of the Bet Tzedek Legal Services, who is leaving Bet Tzedek.

Vladimir Barkon, Association of Russian Veterans, welcomed newly elected Mayor Prang.

Eric Bauman, Deputy to Governor Gray Davis, presented commendations to Councilmember Guarriello and Mayor Prang.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello thanked the Council for the plaque and commendation. He also thanked the Council, City Hall Staff, City Manager Paul Arevalo and Council Deputy Donna Saur for their hard work. He also thanked the community for their support. He spoke regarding each Councilmember's contributions to the Council and the community.

Councilmember Heilman thanked Councilmember Guarriello for his service and hard work as Mayor. He welcomed the newly elected Mayor Prang.

Councilmember Land thanked Councilmember Guarriello for his service as Mayor and welcomed the newly elected Mayor Prang and Mayor Pro Tempore Duran.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran thanked the Honorable Judge Richard Stone for administering his Oath of Office. He also thanked Commander Linda Castro for her hard work and service to West Hollywood. He thanked his Council Deputy, Hernan Molina and Councilmember Guarriello for his service as Mayor, Councilmember Heilman for his hard work on the Council. He also welcomed Councilmember Land to the Council and congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang.

Mayor Prang thanked Sheriff Lee Baca for administering his Oath of Office. He spoke regarding the Plummer Park Community Center. He introduced his parents and members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He thanked Councilmember

Guarriello for his service as Mayor, congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, Councilmember Heilman and welcomed Councilmember Land to the Council. He also thanked the event planning staff, particularly Michael Haibach, Larissa Fooks, Corey Schaffer, Norman Chramoff, and Marcy Norton, and acknowledged the West Coast Singers, Thaddeus Smith from the Blue Palm Restaurant and Michael Lee Meyer from Mickey's. He thanked Paul Arevalo and introduced his new Deputy, Jose Carrillo. He spoke regarding his plans and his priorities for the Council during his tenure as Mayor, specifically balancing the budget shortfall, increasing parking, securing a new library, and appointing a blue ribbon committee to meet 2-4 times during the year to be a sounding board of ideas and provide recommendations on important issues facing the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: NONE.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALEXANDER STETTINSKI, BEVERLY HILLS, spoke in support of Item 2.I., the Avenues of Art and Design Walk 2003.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the diversity of the City of West Hollywood and congratulated the newly elected Mayor.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Councilmember Guarriello for his service as Mayor. He spoke regarding recent deaths at Harper House and regarding mediation and other issues with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

HILLARY SELVIN, LOS ANGELES, congratulated the recently elected Councilmembers and the newly elected Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

LEROY WALKER, LOS ANGELES, congratulated the newly elected Mayor.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the installation of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore, welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members of the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Taylor stated that the fiscal impact for the Consent Calendar is \$10,374 in expenditures and \$8,931 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,I.,J.,L.,M.,N., O.,P.,Q.,S. **Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember 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 April 7, 2003. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 482, RESOLUTION NO. 03-2869:

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 482 and adopt Resolution No. 03-2869, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 482." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2003:

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

2.E. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

ACTION: Deny the claims of Yelena Badalova, Kelly L. Bryne, Bret Boreman, Daniel Rodriguez, and Nadezhda Zeynalova and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 03-655 (2ND READING) ADDING SECTION 5.92.050 (1) (I) TO CHAPTER 5.92 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO BAN PEDDLING WITHIN 250 FEET OF A MERCHANT SELLING THE SAME OR SIMILAR GOODS:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No 03-655, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING SECTION 5.92.050 (1) (I) TO CHAPTER 5.92 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO BAN PEDDLING WITHIN 250 FEET OF A MERCHANT SELLING THE SAME OR SIMILAR GOODS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. ORDINANCE NO. 03-656 (2ND READING) ADDING CHAPTER 9.49 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND BANNING THE PROCEDURE KNOWN AS ONYCHECTOMY (DECLAWING) WITHIN THE CITY:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No 03-655, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADDING CHAPTER 9.49 TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND BANNING THE PROCEDURE KNOWN AS OYCHECTOMY (DECLAWING) WITHIN THE CITY." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. APPROVAL OF DIRECTION FOR THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE:

ACTION: Approve further exploration of a Sister City relationship with Kobuleti, Republic of Georgia and Vienna, Austria. **This Item was tabled to the May 5, 2003 City Council meeting.**

2.I. AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN, DESIGN WALK 2003 PARKING AND FEES:

ACTION: 1) Waive all City fees associated with the Design Walk 2003; 2) Waive residential permit parking between the hours of 3 p.m. and 11.00 p.m. on Saturday, May 31st 2003 in permit parking zones 1 and 2; and 3) Waive enforcement at parking meters on Beverly Boulevard, Melrose Avenue, Robertson Blvd. and any side streets in the Avenues of Art and Design from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. on the same day. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. ART ON THE OUTSIDE – INSTALLATION:

ACTION: Ratify the Fine Arts Commission decision to install two sculptures by Ewerdt Hilgermann along Santa Monica Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION GRANT:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2870, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE FUNDING REQUEST FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION'S DIVISION OF RECYCLING TO PROMOTE BEVERAGE CONTAINER AND LITTER REDUCTION;" and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the grant contract. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. SALE OF FOREIGN COINS AND TOKENS COLLECTED FROM PARKING METERS:

ACTION: Authorize the Parking Services Division to solicit purchase proposals and sell its inventory of foreign coins, slugs and tokens to the highest bidder. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. A RESOLUTION DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2003, AS DENIM DAY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 03-2871, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2003, AS DENIM DAY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS' HOMELAND SECURITY PLEDGE TO WORK AGAINST HATE:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 03-2872, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN

RELATIONS' HOMELAND SECURITY PLEDGE AGAINST HATE"
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.O. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE 'WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH':**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2873, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE 'WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH;' " and 2) Issue Proclamation declaring May to be 'Women's Health Month' in the City of West Hollywood.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.P. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL FOR A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HR 760 AND DENOUNCING THE SENATE'S PASSAGE OF S.3, BOTH BILLS THAT BAN PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2874, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING HR 760 AND DENOUNCING THE SENATE'S PASSAGE OF S. 3, BOTH BILLS THAT BAN PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION ", and 2) Direct staff to send copies to appropriate groups and legislators. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.Q. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AJR 16, A RESOLUTION TO WARN OF THE DANGERS OF NONOXYNOL-9 (N-9) IN CONDOMS AND LUBRICANTS, AND REQUEST THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) BAN N-9 FROM THESE PRODUCTS:**
ACTION: 1) Approve Resolution No. 03-2875, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING AJR 16, STATE LEGISLATION THAT WARNS OF THE DANGERS OF NONOXYNOL-9 (N-9) IN CONDOMS AND LUBRICANTS, AND REQUESTS THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) BAN N-9 FROM THESE PRODUCTS;" and 2) Send copies of this resolution to Assemblymember Paul Koretz, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, members of the CA Assembly Health Committee and other appropriate legislators.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.
- 2.R. RESOLUTION HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE GENOCIDE OF ARMENIANS AND CONDEMNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT:**
ACTION: Moved to Excluded Consent.
- 2.S. SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION:**
ACTION: Direct the City Clerk to schedule a special closed session on Saturday, April 26, 2003 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the 3rd Floor Library for the personnel purpose of conducting the performance evaluation of the City Manager pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. NEW BUSINESS:

3.A. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4:

ACTION: 1) Appoint **Councilmember Guarriello** as Alternate Director to Sanitation District No. 4; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2877, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4." **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously carried.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran expressed concern over lowering the American flag at half-mast for this particular event. He requested that the third recommendation be deleted.

Mayor Prang suggested researching the protocol of lowering the flag half-mast

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 03-2876, "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 VIOLATION OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT;" 2) Direct staff and the Public Information office to publicize the Council's decision; and 4) Lower the flags of public facilities in West Hollywood to half-mast on April 24, 2003 to honor the victims of the Armenian Genocide. **Moved by Mayor Prang, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello with further direction to Staff to research the protocol for lowering flags, and unanimously carried with Mayor Pro Tempore Duran noting his ABSTENTION.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:


Councilmember Land spoke regarding Women's Health Month. She also spoke regarding Item 2.I. and her concern that one of the galleries at the quarterly Art Walk is losing their facility due to the conversion of office space. She requested that the City Manager research other ways to bring space for galleries back to the Avenues of Art and Design.

Councilmember Heilman announced a commemorative event for the Holocaust, which will be Sunday, April 27 and announced the upcoming Human Rights Event Speaker Series.

Mayor Pro Tempore Duran announced the upcoming Russian Community Festival.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:31 PM in the memory of Jane Matteson, Alix Belous and Tom King to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, May 5, 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 5th DAY OF MAY, 2003.



JEFFREY PRANG, MAYOR

ATTEST:



VIVIAN M. LOVE, INTERIM CITY CLERK