

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2001
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Prang called the Meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Donny Cacy led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Guarriello, Martin, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Mayor Prang.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Jenkins, City Manager Arevalo, Assistant City Clerk Taylor, and Administrative Staff Assistant Bursztin.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: City Attorney Jenkins reported that the City Council convened into Closed Session at 6:00 PM and that one item of threatened litigation was added to the Closed Session Agenda and that there were no reportable actions. The City Council adjourned from Closed Session at 6:55 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Guarriello requested to table Items 2.Q. and 2.V. He noted his NO Vote on Item 2.P. He also requested to move Item 5.C. to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.W. and directed the City Manager to provide a brief report.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman pulled Item 2.K. for separate discussion under Excluded Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Martin requested that the tabled Item 2.V. return to Council at the first meeting in February and to include a fiscal impact. He also pulled Item 2.P. for separate discussion under Excluded Consent Calendar. He requested to hear Items 3.A. and 3.B. out-of-order.

Staff requested to move Item 5.H. to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of January 8, 2001 as amended. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously carried.**

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmembers Martin and Guarriello presented Plaques to the Winners of the 1st Annual Santa Monica Boulevard Display Contest to Empty Vase, Lemon Tree Bungalow and Dream Dresser.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman presented Plaques to West Hollywood Community Library Advisory Committee; Catherine Hahn, Charlotte Banter, Norm Chramoff, Sandra Jacoby Klein, Susan Pinkus, Joe Cislowski., Maxine Sonnenburg, Louix Escobar-Matute, Donald Randal, Stephen Rose, Alan Uphold, Mark Gonzaga, Michael Gottfried, Polly Busininger, Bernice Lipsky, Chris Scali, Rita Norton, Laura Frakes, and Ruth Venerable.

Mayor Prang presented a commendation to Chief Paul Schuster of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about vacancies on the Senior Advisory Board and announced additional resignations due to poor health from Gus Gardner, Belle Weiner and Jerry Levine.

STEVE DOUBLY, LOS ANGELES, Executive Director of Outfest, spoke in support of the Fine Arts recommendation.

JAMES FUHRMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about itemization of all receipts for employee credit card purchases, candidates running for Council and rent control apartments.

ALAN WEBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support improving the quality of City Council Meetings.

JOHN PAUL DRAYER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, wished everyone a happy new year.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and the safe-sex initiative.

STAN LOTHERIDGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about current Councilmembers and those running for City Council.

DONNY CAÇY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the energy crisis and candidates running for City Council.

CRAIG RITCHIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Municipal Parking Structure No. 1 and requested that the City make accommodations for those who are disabled to speak earlier at the City Council Meetings.

JOHN DURAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of alternative sources of energy.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about an article in the Los Angeles Times misstating the size of West Hollywood and about improving the City Council Meetings. She also spoke about publishing the City Council Agendas.

RAMON MENDEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, President of West Hollywood Housing Corporation, spoke in support of the three (3) Year Housing Preservation and Production Program.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello spoke about the reflective addresses of the streets on the curbs. He also addressed the public comments about re-arranging the set-up for City Council Meetings.

Councilmember Martin announced that City Employee Jeff Aubels' partner, Ron Mahonney, a long-time resident has been hospitalized with cancer.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke about the upcoming Martin Luther King event at the Bel Age Hotel. He addressed an incident about a Councilmember threatening a business owner over campaign posters. He also asked the City Manager to give clarification on the Kings Road Parking Structure staff report.

Mayor Prang asked staff to take down the holiday lights. He asked to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of Lee Anne Willis of Choice Travel and Esther Friedman. He also congratulated the City Manager and Interim Finance Director on closing the gap financially on Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Arevalo provided a brief report agenda item on the reimbursements for tenant improvements at Municipal Parking Structure No. 1. He also provided an update on the last phase of the reconstruction of Santa Monica Boulevard and announced that the City had won a regional Design Award for the project. He thanked Ray Reynolds, Lisa Heep and Hassan Haghani for their work. City Manager Arevalo also announced that Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman was elected to the Board of National League of Cities. He also provided a brief report on the City's Annual Report.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Taylor stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar of January 8, 2001 as amended is \$255,500 in expenditures.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., L., M., N., O., R., S., T., U., W. and X. Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously carried.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, January 8, 2001 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, January 4, 2001.

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

2.B. WAIVER OF FURTHER READING:

ACTION: After the City Attorney has read the title of any ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 429 RESOLUTION NO. 01-2434:

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 429 and adopt Resolution No. 01-2434, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 429." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

ACTION: Deny the claims of Weslie Brown, Heidi Schroeder, Kelli A. Orlando, Southern California Edison (2 claims), Lou O'Bryne, Pacific Pawn Brokers, Sempra Energy, Aaron Deutsch and refer them to the City's claims Adjuster for action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH GATEWAY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF DESKTOP AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS:

ACTION: 1) Approve the agreement with Gateway, Inc. allowing the purchase of desktop and laptop computer systems and related peripherals and software for a period of three years, with two optional one-year extensions; and, 2) Authorize the City Manger to execute the contract. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 00-591 (2ND READING) OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE STORM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 00-591 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE STORM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FOR PLANNING AND CONTRUCTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (ORDINANCE NO.96-476) AND AMENDING THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." (See Exhibit A) **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. FIRST QUARTER REPORT OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION:

ACTION: : Receive and file the First Quarter Report of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation for FY 2000-2001. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. 2000-01 ART GRANTS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION:

ACTION: Approve the recommendations of the Subcommittee to award 2000 Arts Grants to the following organizations: Gay Men's Chorus (\$3,000); Outfest (\$3,000); Melrose Avenue School (\$2,500); Vox Femina (\$4,500) and Celebration Theatre (\$4,500). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.I. PURCHASE OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL FOR PROJECT 10:**
ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Project 10 to provide \$3,000 for the purchase of educational materials. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. REVISED URBAN ART POLICY:**
ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 01-2435, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING AN "URBAN ART POLICY GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPER INITIATED PROJECTS" FOR WEST HOLLYWOOD URBAN PROGRAM." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. SUNSET BOULEVARD TOWN HALL DRAFT AGENDA:**
Pulled for separate discussion under Excluded Consent Calendar.
- 2.L. RESIGNATION OF NANCY G. COHEN FROM THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD:**
ACTION: 1) Accept with regret the resignation of Nancy G. Cohen from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board; and 2) Direct the City Clerk to post a notice of vacancy. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.M. DIRECT STAFF TO SCHEDULE A JOINT SESSION WITH THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD:**
ACTION: Direct staff to schedule a joint study session with the Senior Advisory Board to discuss current activities and results of the recent retreat. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.N. RESIGNATIONS OF KENNETH LAWRENCE AND JANET SIEGEL FROM THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD:**
ACTION: 1) Accept with regret the resignation of Kenneth Lawrence and Janet Siegel from the Senior Advisory Board; and, 2) Direct the City Clerk to post a notice of vacancy and accept applications. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.O. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION LINES AND FACILITIES WITH RCN, INC.:**
ACTION: 1) Upon adequate assurances of financial capability and satisfaction of the City's bonding and/or deposit requirements, and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for the Installation of Telecommunication Lines and Facilities with RCN Telecom Services, Inc. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.P. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ADELPHIA:**
Pulled for separate discussion under Excluded Consent Calendar.

- 2.Q. PROPOSED RESOLUTION GRANTING THE APPLICANT'S APPEAL AND REVERSING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF CREATIVE BILLBOARD 2000-33 TO EXTEND CBB 99-64 FOR A TEMPORARY "CUBE" BILLBOARD AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8300 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA:
Tabled.**
- 2.R. AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO INCREASE BUDGETED REVENUES FOR US EPA BROWNFIELDS GRANT:
ACTION:** 1) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a cooperative agreement with EPA for supplemental Brownfields funding; and, 2) Authorize the Department of Finance to increase budgeted revenues and expenditures to match supplemental funding award. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.S. CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION AND MILLS ACT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8415-8423 FOUNTAIN AVENUE (CRD 00-03 AND MA-00-07):
ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 01-2436, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION FOR 8415-8423 FOUNTIAN AVENUE AS AN INDIVIDUAL CULTURAL RESOURCE AND AS PART OF THE COURTYARD THEMATIC DISTRICT"; and, 2) Approve a Mills Act Contract for 8415-8423 Fountain Avenue and authorize the City Manager to sign. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.T. PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE EASTSIDE PROJECT AREA:
ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 01-2437, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE EASTSIDE PROJECT AREA"; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Loan Documents. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.U. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TENANT IMPROVEMENTS AT KINGS ROAD GARAGE:
ACTION:** 1) Authorize the transfer of \$120,000 from the Parking Facility Development (283-8020-9804) to Parking Structure 8383 Santa Monica Boulevard (380-8020-9802); 2) Authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to issue a Purchase Order, in the amount of \$200,000, to Aaron Brothers on account #340-8020-9802; and, 3) Authorize the Interim Director of Finance to process a check request in payment of above. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.V. DIRECTION TO STAFF TO SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S CRAMPED WHEEL ORDINANCE:
Tabled to the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2001.

2.W. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 20, 2000:
ACTION: 1) Receive and file report; and, 2) Authorize the Interim Director of Finance to transfer from the General Fund to the Santa Monica Boulevard Fund \$4 million. **Listed as Item 5.C. and moved to the Consent Calendar. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. MARDI GRAS STREET BANNERS FOR MARDI GRAS 2001:
ACTION: Council should decide whether or not to grant a final, one-year extension on the existing Absolute and Budweiser Mardi Gras street banners to be hung from January 24, 2001 until February 27, 2001. **Listed as Item 5.H. and moved to the Consent Calendar. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Item 3.B. was heard out-of-order.

3.A. REVIEW OF DESIGN CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WEST PARCEL OF THE SUNSET MILLENNIUM PROJECT (AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 99-02) LOCATED FROM 8556 SUNSET TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF SUNSET PLAZA AND INCLUDING 1209-1215 ALTA LOMA ROAD (SUNSET MILLENNIUM PROJECT):
Lisa Heep, Planning Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke about set back parcel to the property lines to most western property lines.

John Chase, Urban Designer, provided additional information on set back parcels of a size of eighteen (18) feet.

Mayor Prang opened the Public Hearing and the following persons addressed the City Council:

CINDY STARRETT, LOS ANGELES, Representative for the Applicant, spoke in support of the Item.

MARK SIFFEN, LOS ANGELES, Applicant, spoke in support of the Item.

Mayor Prang reminded everyone that this is just a design change.

JOHN PAUL DRAYER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

HILLARY SELVIN, LOS ANGELES, Executive Director West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. spoke in support of this Item.

JOHN SHEEHAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

ERNEST BREIG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

NORBY WALTERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

DICK SLAWSON, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of this Item.

DR. YEHUDA RENAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of this Item.

RICHARD STEVENS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

JACK BOLIVRIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

J.W. MOORE IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

CINDY STARRETT, LOS ANGELES, Representative for the Applicant, spoke in support of this Item.

MARK SIFFEN, LOS ANGELES, Applicant, spoke in support of the Item and presented photographs that displayed the board range of building styles along Sunset Boulevard.

Hearing no further speakers, Mayor Prang closed the Public Hearing.

Lisa Heep, Planning Manager, provided the corrected setback being ten (10) to twelve (12) feet. She also spoke about parking plans being submitted to the Transportation Commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in support of the Item. He expressed concern over three (3) aspects of the design changes; rear set backs, parking spaces, and architectural style.

Councilmember Martin spoke about new parking spaces and spoke in support of the Item.

Lisa Heep, Planning Manager, provided additional information on new parking included in the design change.

Cindy Starrett, Representative for the Applicant, spoke about 24-hour valet parking that includes tandem parking spaces for employees and patrons in the evening.

City Attorney Jenkins spoke about the change of the parking aspect is within the authority of approval by the Director, but the Commission and Council would be made aware of the change.

Mayor Prang spoke about the escalator aspect of the project. He spoke in support of the design changes.

ACTION: 1) Review and approve modifications to the architectural style of the west parcel of the project as presented on the revised elevations, floor plans, site plan and material board and subject to the findings and conditions; and, 2) Adopt Resolution No. 01-2439, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL AMENDING A CONDITION OF APPROVAL OF THE SUNSET MILLENNIUM PROJECT RELATING TO BUILDING DESIGN ON THE WEST PARCEL." **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Martin and carried on a Roll Call Vote noting the NO Vote of Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman.**

3.B. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) 2000-11 REQUEST TO AMEND PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP 97-04) TO EXTEND THE HOURS AND TO EXPAND THE AREA DEVOTED TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-SITE CONSUMPTION AT 8491 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (SAV-ON DRUGS):

Terry Blount, Assistant Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

Mayor Prang opened the Public Hearing and the Following persons addressed the City Council:

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Appellant, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

TAMARA SCHIPPERS, SANTA ANA, Representative for the Applicant, spoke in support of the Appeal.

Mayor Prang spoke about an incident he had with Sav-On.

JOHN PAUL DRAYER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Appeal.

CRAIG RITCHIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

JEROME CLEARY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

ROSLYN KRAUSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

LISA DERRICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

MARIA MONTGOMERY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

DOUGLAS BEDARD, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

TAMARA SCHIPPERS, SANTA ANA, Representative for the Applicant, spoke in support of the Appeal.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Appellant, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

Hearing no further speakers, Mayor Prang closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Guarriello asked staff for information on store hours when they originally opened the store.

City Attorney Jenkins spoke about imposing conditions that pertain directly to the Applicant's request.

Tamar Schippers spoke about the lack of Pharmacists.

Councilmember Martin spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke about the extended hours and the need for the Pharmacy to be open during those extended hours as well. He expressed concern over maintenance of this location and hoped the new Manager would continue to address such concerns. He stated that it appeared to be unfair to single this business out.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 01-2438, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING THE APPEAL OF JEANNE DOBRIN AND UPHOLDING THE APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2000-11, ON AN APPLICATION BY ROGER WATESON C/O WATSON GROUP, INC., TO PERMIT THE EXTENSION OF HOURS AND THE EXPANSION OF THE AREA DEVOTED TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 8491 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (SAV-ON DRUGS), WEST HOLLYWOOD." **Motion**

Councilmember Martin, Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and carried noting the NO Vote of Mayor Prang.

The City Council took a break at 9:43 PM.

The City Council returned from break at 9:56 PM.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. LOAN TO WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR FUNDING FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION'S 3-YEAR HOUSING PRESERVATION AND PRODUCTION PROGRAM:

Allyne Winderman, Interim Director of Rent Stabilization and Housing, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

PAUL ZIMMERMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item as well as 4.B.

RAMON MENDEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

J.W. MOORE IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke about senior housing protection.

Councilmember Martin spoke about the current demographic of the residents.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in support of this item and suggested that the Housing Corporation to draft a letter to all apartments owners about the work that the Housing Corporation does.

ACTION: 1) Loan \$3,200,000 from the City's unallocated reserves to the City Housing Trust Fund; and, 2) Approve a loan from the City's Housing Trust Fund to the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation for the purpose of acquiring three existing residential buildings in the East Side Redevelopment Project Area. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously carried.**

4.B. AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION FOR THE PROJECT LOCATED AT 1433 N. HAVENHURST DRIVE:

Allyne Winderman, Interim Director of Rent Stabilization and Housing, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

ACTION: 1) Authorize the Interim Director of Finance to appropriate \$200,000 from the undesignated reserves in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and increase the budget for account 282-7040-8126 (Housing Loan) by \$200,000; 2) Approve an amendment to the loan agreement to the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation for 1433 Havenhurst Drive in the amount of \$200,000; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment. **Motion Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Assistant City Clerk Taylor provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

ACTION: Appoint Deann Zampelli to the Women's Advisory Board with an "at-large" appointment for a term expiring May 31, 2001. **By Consensus of the City Council.**

5.B. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Assistant City Clerk Taylor provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

Councilmember Martin spoke about this item being postponed.

ACTION: Appoint Kulani Jackson to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board for a term expiring May 31, 2001. **By Consensus of the City Council.**

5.C. SUBMITTAL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 20, 2000:

Moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.W.

5.D. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Mayor Prang provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in support of this Item and recommended it being broadened.

Councilmember Martin spoke about the purpose of the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project and the businesses originally requested the rehabilitation.

City Manager Arevalo spoke about the legal problems with promoting grants outside of the redevelopment agency.

ACTION: 1) Direct the Director of Community Development, Finance and Public Information to come back to the City Council within ninety (90) days with a program to enhance and improve store fronts along Santa Monica Boulevard in collaboration with the completion of construction on Santa Monica Boulevard; and, 2) Direct staff to return with broader recommendations for clean-up of Santa Monica Boulevard. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously carried.**

Items 5.E. and 5.F. were heard simultaneously.

5.E. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STAFF TO REVIEW ELECTRICITY OPTIONS FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND TO DEVELOP A METHOD OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN FINANCIAL CRISIS DUE TO EDISON RATE HIKES:

Councilmember Martin, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

MARK OLSON, Regional Manager of Southern California Edison, spoke about the supply and cost of the demand.

Mayor Prang spoke the salaries of upper management of Southern California Edison.

Councilmember Martin spoke about Southern California Edison's Care Program.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke about efficiency appliances and programs with rebates that encourage participation.

JOHN PAUL DRAYER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

NEAL ZASLAVSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

CAROL RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

J.W. MOORE IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

Councilmember Martin spoke about the electric cars that the City has.

City Manager Arevalo spoke about the cost of leasing vehicles if the City eliminates the electric cars.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman directed staff to explore all options including changing suppliers of power. He recognized that staff may not be able to do this alone and may need to obtain the services/assistance of outside experts.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution 01-2440, "A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CALLING FOR STAFF TO REVIEW ELECTRICITY OPTIONS FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND TO DEVELOP A METHOD OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN FINANCIAL CRISIS DUE TO EDISON RATE HIKES," 2) Direct staff to study and report back in 75 days on the option of West Hollywood switching its energy supplier and on the pros and cons of the City joining with others such as Beverly Hills to form a consortium to provide electricity to our growing communities; 3) Direct staff to develop an emergency fund and criteria for the distribution of those funds to those in economic crisis caused by skyrocketing energy costs; 4) Direct staff to explore all alternatives to the energy crisis and retain an energy consultant to help evaluate the options and look into conservation methods; and, 5) Direct staff to return with a contingency plan for emergency blackout procedures. **By Consensus of the City Council.**

5.F. STUDY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ELECTRICITY PROVIDER OPTIONS:

Mayor Prang, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to enter into discussions with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to determine if West Hollywood would be better served by a municipally owned utility rather than Edison, a state regulated corporation, and 2) Direct staff to investigate the development of a Distributive Generation Network (DGN) as well as other alternative electric energy sources. **By Consensus of the City Council.**

5.G. APPROVAL OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION:

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

ACTION: 1) Approve an expanded Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration Program featuring a Community Forum, a Dr. Martin Luther King Legacy Award Luncheon, a keynote speaker and a candlelight vigil as described in the staff report, 2) Appropriate to account 100-5010-8160 from unallocated reserves \$3,000.00 in additional funding for the expanded Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration Program; and, 3) Approve waiving of related City event

fees in the amount of \$2,150.00. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried.**

**5.H. MARDI GRAS STREET BANNERS FOR MARDI GRAS 2001:
Moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.X.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.K. SUNSET BOULEVARD TOWN HALL DRAFT AGENDA:

No staff report was provided.

ACTION: 1) Receive and approve the Sunset Boulevard Town Hall Agenda; and, 2) Direct staff to proceed with the Town Hall meeting on January 27, 2001. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously carried.**

2.P. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ADELPHIA:

No staff report was provided.

Councilmember Martin expressed concern over the extension period and requested it be revised to six (6) months.

ACTION: 1) Approve the extension of the City's cable television franchise agreement with Adelphia Cable through July 17, 2001; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement extending Adelphia cable's franchise agreement through July 17, 2001. **Motion Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. SEISMIC GAS SHUT-OFF VALVES:

Donna Saur, Deputy to Councilmember Guarriello, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 8, 2001.

City Attorney Jenkins provided additional information on seismic gas shut off valves.

J.W. MOORE IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Item and asked for it go further and spoke of impending doom.

ACTION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 01-592, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE PLUMBING CODE TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF APPROVED SEISMIC GAS SHUTOFF VALVES IN CERTAIN STRUCTURES AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE". **Motion**

Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.

6.B. SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL REPEAL:

No staff report was provided.

ACTION: Introduction on first reading Ordinance No. 01-593, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RELATING TO THE SALE OF FIREARMS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE". **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried.**


PUBLIC COMMENT:

JOHN SHEEHAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project and problems with tar. He also spoke about speed bumps.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

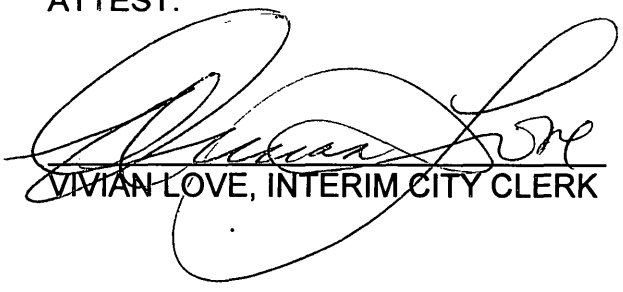
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned in the memory of Lee Anne Willis and Esther Friedman at 11:10 PM to their next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2001.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



VIVIAN LOVE, INTERIM CITY CLERK