

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2001
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Prang called the Meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: John Callari led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Guarriello and 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 Closed Session began at 6 PM and that one item of Threatened Litigation was added to the Agenda and the City Council adjourned at 7 PM with no reportable actions taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The City Council requested to hear an update on the Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project by City Engineer Sharon Perlstein.

Mayor Prang pulled Item 2.T. for separate discussion under the Excluded Consent Calendar.

Staff requested to table Item 4.A. to the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2001.

Councilmember Guarriello requested to move Items 4.B., 4.D. and 4.E. to the Consent Calendar as Items 2.Z., 2.AA. and 2.BB.

ACTION: Approve the February 5, 2000 Agenda as amended. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried.**

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor Prang presented a plaque to Jeremy Strick, Director of (MOCA) Museum of Contemporary Art.
2. Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and Councilmember Guarriello proclaimed February 14, 2001 as the Third Annual Day of Love and Compassion to those inflicted with HIV/AIDS.
3. Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman presented a plaque to Jerry Levine of the Senior Advisory Board.

4. Mayor Prang presented accommodations to the members of the Substance Abuse Task Force; Nancy Cohen, Karen Mall, Kim Schneider and Suzann Gage.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MORRIS KIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of denouncing the actions of George W. Bush.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of increasing the shuttle service on Saturdays for seniors and those who are disabled.

WENDY KRUEGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of denouncing the actions of George W. Bush.

ANGIE BECKETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the creation of the Municipal Tree Policy Tree Task Force.

VALERIE BROCKBANK, SAN GABRIEL, Director of the Avenues of Art and Design, spoke about the new logo and artwork.

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the resolution on violence against women.

JAMES FUHRMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a manual check made out to Aarons Brothers and the revised use of city credit cards. He also spoke about an article about Mayor Prang.

BILL GORDON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board, spoke in support of the long-term same-sex relationships.

NADIA SUTTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board, spoke in support of long-term same-sex relationships.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of on sale liquor licenses.

JEROME CLEARY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of increasing the shuttle service on Saturdays for seniors and those who are disabled, the creation of the Transgender Task Force and the long-term same-sex relationships. He also spoke about the Sample Ballot for the upcoming election.

CAROL HENAULT, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, Director of Women Helping Women, spoke in support of funding for School-Based Programs.

RUTH LINDEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of funding for School-Based Programs.

MARK HEINEMANN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Veteran's Memorial and asked the Council to pass a resolution condemning the Veteran's Administration's procedures for Veteran's Health Coverage.

PAUL DEANGELIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of Rock, Paper, Scissors.

ANNA ABRAHAM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Safer Sex Condom Initiative.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello spoke about correspondence he received about an award that the House of Blues won. He asked the City Manager to provide an update on the Mobile Unit.

Councilmember Martin spoke in support about increasing the shuttle service for Seniors on Saturdays. He spoke about the success of the recent Town Hall Forum that dealt with Sunset Strip issues. He also spoke about asking the County and the Housing Corporation to provide priority to those who were receiving Section 8 Housing.

Mayor Prang requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Miriam Cerrell. He asked the City Manager to provide an update on Rock, Paper, Scissors. He asked for a staff report on lights at the Doheny-Beverly intersection. Mayor Prang spoke about the upcoming municipal election on March 6, 2001. He discussed canvassing residents who were Seniors and in the process of being evicted. He appealed to the candidates to remain cordial and fair in the last days prior to the election. He also spoke about City Manager Arevalo's recent success with the Business Community and receiving an award from the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Arevalo reported an update on Rock, Paper, Scissors and the recent Town Hall Forum on the Sunset Strip. He spoke about the action plans that were identified as a result of those who attended this meeting and that staff will prepare a survey to rank and prioritize these items. He asked Linda Catsro, Captain of the West Hollywood Sheriff Station, to provide an update on the efforts on improving the Sunset Strip. She introduced Buddy Goldman who will lead the efforts.

SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT: City Engineer, Sharon Perlstein, provided an update on the reconstruction of Santa Monica Boulevard and addressed Councilmember Martins concerns on the closing of intersections and signalization and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman's concerns on where the roadway does not match.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Taylor stated the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar of February 5, 2001 as amended, is \$424,925 in expenditures and \$395,995 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L., M., N., O., P., Q., R., S., U., V., W., X., Y., Z., AA., and BB. Motion Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, February 5, 2001 was posted at required locations on February 1, 2001.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 18, 2000 and January 16, 2001. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.C. 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.D. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 431, RESOLUTION NO. 01-2445:

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 431 and adopt Resolution No. 01-2445, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 431." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

ACTION: Deny the claims of Robert Meliere, 21st Century Insurance (Mark Capanni), A Different Light Bookstore, Sam Kaufman, Dora Franen, Duncan & Katherine McLeod, Lee Tonks, Nicole Gray, Helen H. McDowell, Bette S. Schwartz, Wallace E. Hull, Wayne A. Hull, Wayne A. & Wallace E. Hull, co-trustees Hull Family Trust Hull, and Wayne A. & Wallace E. Hull, co-trustees of the Wayne A. Hull Exempt Trust under the Hull Family Trust 27 and refer them to the City's Claims Adjuster for action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

ACTION: Receive and file reports from the Project Area

Committee, Fine Arts Commission, Transportation Commission and the Women's Advisory Board. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. COUNTY HIV PREVENTION FUNDING:

ACTION: 1) Authorize the Interim Director of Finance to increase budgeted general fund revenues and budgeted expenditures in the social services division by \$123,665 for FY 2000-01 and \$247,330 for FY 2000-02; and, 2) Approve a subcontract with AIDS Project Los Angeles for \$15,000 effective 2/5/01-6/30/01 to complete the evaluation component of the grant and authorize the City Manager to sign. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

ACTION: 1) Receive and file the report; and, 2) Direct staff to incorporate recommendations into future program planning on issues of substance abuse. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. EXTENSION OF HEALTHY WEST HOLLYWOOD EFFORTS:

ACTION: Direct staff to implement activities to expand Healthy West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. AMEND CONTRACT FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES:

ACTION: Authorize staff to amend the contract for professional services with Carlile-Carre Design to increase the amount from \$5,000 to an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the NO Vote of Mayor Prang.**

2.K. AGREEMENT WITH CONSULTANT CANDACE HILK, CPA TO CONDUCT FISCAL SITE VISITS OF THE VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES FUNDED BY THE CITY:

ACTION: 1) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Candace Hilk, CPA for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to conduct fiscal site visits of the City's social services agencies and to provide other technical assistance; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute up to two annual renewals with Candace Hilk, CPA for an amount to exceed \$10,000 each year to conduct fiscal site visits of the City's social services agencies and to provide other technical assistance. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. WESTSIDE CITIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE:

ACTION: Authorize the Interim Director of Finance to appropriate

\$5000 from the unallocated general reserve fund for participation in the Westside Cities Telecommunication Conference. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE V-DAY MOVEMENT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DECLARE FEBRUARY 14, 2001 V-DAY IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 01-2446, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE V-DAY MOVEMENT TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DECLARE FEBRUARY 14, 2001 V-DAY IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD;" and, 2) Direct staff to send copies of the resolution to Governor Gray Davis, State Senator Sheila Kuehl, Assembly Member Paul Koretz, U.S. Representative Henry Waxman, U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, and the V-Day Project. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD:

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

2.O. ALL-WAY STOP SIGN INSTALLATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROMAINE STREET AND MARTEL AVENUE:

ACTION: RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 01-2447, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF ROMAINE STREET AND MARTEL AVENUE AS AN ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL INTERSECTION AND DIRECTING STAFF TO ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND CROSSWALK MARKINGS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. PROPOSED RESOLUTION DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2001 AS THE "3RD ANNUAL DAY OF LOVE AND COMPASSION" IN WEST HOLLYWOOD:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 01-2448, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2001 AS THE "3RD ANNUAL DAY OF LOVE AND COMPASSION" IN WEST HOLLYWOOD;" and, 2) Direct public information staff to publicize this event through our local media. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Q. INCREASED SATURDAY SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES:

ACTION: 1) Direct the Transportation staff to report back to the

City Council with a report and cost estimate for expanding the CityLine shuttle and Dial a Ride programs to include Saturday service with an emphasis on stops most utilized by seniors and the disabled community including the HUD building's on Palm, Kings and West Knoll; and, 2) Direct Transportation staff to review and present this information as the first part of the overall review of Public Transportation Services in the City of West Hollywood. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.R. TRIAL USE OF HART PARK FOR OFF-LEASH DOG USE:**
ACTION: 1) Authorize a six-month time extension of the trial use of Hart Park for limited off-leash dog use; and, 2) Direct staff to report back after the end of the six-month time extension for Council's further consideration of the use of Hart Park for off-leash dog purposes. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.S. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN ASSOCIATES FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSPECTION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR THE SUNSET MILLENNIUM PROJECT WEST PARCEL:**
ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Willdan Associates in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to provide traffic signal construction inspection services for traffic signals to be constructed for the Sunset Millennium Project West Parcel. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.T. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICES:**
Pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion under Excluded Consent Calendar.
- 2.U. LEGISLATIVE TRACKING:**
ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.V. PROPOSED RESOLUTION DENOUNCING PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S MEMORANDUM THAT PROHIBITS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FROM PROVIDING FUNDS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER ABORTION SERVICES, COUNSELING, AND REFERRALS:**
ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 01-2449, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENOUNCING PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S MEMORANDUM THAT PROHIBITS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FROM PROVIDING FUNDS TO INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER ABORTION SERVICES, COUNSELING, AND REFERRALS;" and, 2) Send signed copies of the resolution to those outlined in the staff report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.W. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH S&W COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF A TELEPHONE SYSTEM AT THE PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER:

ACTION: 1) Approve the amendment to the current contract with S&W Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$7,180 for the design and installation of a telephone system at the Plummer Park Community Center; 2) Approve two optional one-year maintenance contract extensions in the amount of \$720 per year; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract amendment and extensions. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.X. CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL TREE POLICY TASK FORCE:

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

2.Y. "GET OUT THE VOTE MONTH" TO PROMOTE THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MARCH 6, 2001:

ACTION: 1) Proclaim February, 2001 as City of West Hollywood "Get Out the Vote Month"; 2) Direct the City Clerk to provide Absentee Ballot Applications and Election Information at all public service counters at City Hall, West Hollywood Park Office, Plummer Park Office and the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station; and, 3) Direct ALL City staff to encourage all visitors at City Hall to complete an Application for an Absentee Ballot or to vote on March 6, 2001. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.Z. AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT:

ACTION: Receive and file. **Listed on the Agenda as Item 4.B. and moved to the Consent Calendar. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.AA. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS:

ACTION: Receive and file. **Listed on the Agenda as Item 4.D. and moved to the Consent Calendar. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.BB. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING FOR SCHOOL-BASED

PROGRAMS:

ACTION: 1) Approve a grant for Light Up the Library - National Council of Jewish Women/LA for \$24,000 to recruit and train school library volunteers, provide after school tutoring, staff the school libraries and continue to secure donations and purchase materials to enhance the school library collections at Rosewood and Laurel Schools, and at a new site to be chosen, as recommended by the Human Services Commission and staff; and, 2) Deny the following requests for funding received in the 2000 RFP process: a) Psychological Trauma Center for school-based counseling \$30,500; b) DOD - Center for Additional Education for tutoring - \$133,700; c) Women Helping Women Services for school-based counseling - \$6,750; d) Russian Community Center for arts programming for children - \$43,528. **Listed on the Agenda as Item 4.E. and moved to the Consent Calendar. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AT 8:20 PM.

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL AT 8:24 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. APPEAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION'S DECISION TO UPHOLD STAFF'S DENIAL OF PUBLIC EATING BUSINESS LICENSE REG001161 AT 8749 MELROSE AVENUE, NOURA CAFÉ:

Wade Davenport, Interim Code Compliance Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2001.

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

STEVE AFFRAID, LOS ANGELES, Representative for the Appellant, spoke in support of the Appeal.

GENE SMITH, Architect for the Appellant, spoke about improvements being coordinated.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke about correcting the management problems of the establishment.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke in opposition of candles being

placed all over the establishment.

STANLEY STALFORD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the Business License Commission, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

BARBARA BABBIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

SAYLVANA ISHMEAL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Appeal.

JULIA MASYBOULINA, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Appeal.

SCOTT FORBES, LOS ANGELES, Member of the Business License Commission, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

DR. MERLE GLICK, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Appeal.

DONNA FEINSTEIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

MOUSTAFA KADRI, EL SEGUNDA, spoke in support of the Appeal.

TERRY MORGAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the Business License Commission, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

JULIE NEWMAR, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Appeal.

JENNIFER KAPLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Appeal.

STEVE O'NEAL, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Appeal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman asked why a restaurant would need so much security.

NEAL ZASLAVSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Appeal.

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

MAXINE SONNEBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the

Business License Commission, spoke in opposition of the Appeal.

City Attorney Jenkins noted this hearing had originally been scheduled a month ago but was rescheduled due to a notice deficiency. He spoke about an incident from last week was detailed in a sheriff's report and it has been distributed. He stated that the City Council should take this into account during deliberations and asked the Representative for the Appellant to respond to this recent development.

STEVE AFFRAID, LOS ANGELES, Representative for the Appellant, provided a rebuttal and spoke in support of the Appeal.

Mayor Prang spoke about fire department capacity problems and the problems of exit doors were locked.

Councilmember Martin spoke about the report just being distributed and spoke in support of upholding the Appeal.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke about the changes being coordinated by the Architect.

Director of Community Development, Ray Reynolds provided information on how the business could reapply for the various permits.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke about the record of this establishment.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 01-2450, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD UPHOLDING THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSIONS' DECISION TO DENY THE PUBLIC EATING REGULATORY LICENSE REG001161 AT 8749 MELROSE AVENUE, NOURA CAFÉ." **Motion Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried on a Roll Call Vote.**

City Manager Arevalo noted that Code Compliance Officer Gloria Buitrago has accepted another job and is regrettably leaving the City.

The City Council took a break at 9:30PM.

The City Council reconvened at 9:43 PM.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**4.A. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF:
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 99-58 DEMOLITION PERMIT 99-18
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 99-37 REQUEST FOR REDUCTION
OF PARKING (VARIANCE 99-23) PACIFIC HILLS SCHOOL
8628 HOLLOWAY DRIVE:
Tabled to the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2001.**

**4.B. AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
MID-YEAR REPORT:
Moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.Z.**

**4.C. WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
MID-YEAR REPORT:
Brad Burlingame, President of West Hollywood Convention and
Visitors Bureau, provided background information as outlined in the
staff report dated February 5, 2001.**

Alison Maxwell, Development Specialist, provided additional
information to what was outlined in the staff report dated February
5, 2001.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello,
seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman and unanimously
carried.**

**4.D. YEAR-END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS:
Moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.AA.**

**4.E. SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING FOR SCHOOL-BASED
PROGRAMS:
Moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.BB.**

**4.F. UPDATE ON THE CREATION OF A HUMAN RIGHTS
SPEAKERS SERIES:
Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman , provided background information as
outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2001.**

ACTION: 1) Approve an annual budget for the Human Rights
Speakers Series; 2) Approve plans for future speaking events; and,
3) Direct staff to assist in organizing future speaking events.
**Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by
Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. RECOGNITION FOR SAME SEX COUPLES IN LONG TERM RELATIONSHIPS:

Howard Jacobs, Deputy to Mayor Prang, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2000.

ACTION: 1) Direct the Recreation Division and Special Events staff to work with the Lesbian Gay Advisory Board in developing an annual ceremony recognizing same sex couples in long term relationships; 2) Direct the City Clerk's office to develop an application for Domestic Partners who shall be eligible for this recognition; 3) Direct the City Clerk's office to identify same sex couples on the City's Domestic Partnership registry who have been together for at least ten (10) years and mail notification for this recognition with an application to eligible persons; 4) Direct the Public Information Office to develop an appropriate commendation to be used in recognizing same sex couples in relationships of ten (10) to twenty-four (24) years and a larger scroll for same sex couples in relationships over twenty-five (25) years; and, 5) Direct the Public Information Office to develop a media campaign publicizing this annual recognition and ceremony of long term same sex couples. **Motion Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

5.B. CREATION OF TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE:

Howard Jacobs, Deputy to Mayor Prang, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2001.

SHIRLEY BUSHNELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board.

CLINT TROUT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

EMILIA LOMBARDI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

SANDRA CROCKETT, HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

LORI NORMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of this Item.

JOEY LABARINTO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this Item.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in support and asked for a Public Hearing to broaden the input from the Community.

ACTION: 1) Direct the City Manager to create a Transgender Task Force within sixty (60) days of passage of this item; and, 2) Direct the Task Force to report back with recommendations to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board on issues impacting the transgender community within six (6) months of it's first meeting. **Motion Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

5.C. REPORT ON THE WEST HOLLYWOOD ORCHESTRA:

ACTION: No action required.

5.D. RECONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-2421, SAFER SEX ACT:

No staff report was provided but Councilmember Martin spoke of the need for clarification.

HILLARY SELVIN, LOS ANGELES, Executive Director of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of Proposition A.

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board, spoke in support of Proposition A.

CLINT TROUT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Proposition A.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke about campaign filings.

MORRIS KIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about letting the public decide and advised the Council not to take any action.

GED KENSLEA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, spoke in support of Proposition A.

BOB HEYDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition of Proposition A.

JEFF BAILEY, LOS ANGELES, Director of Education of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, spoke in opposition of

Proposition A.

MICHAEL NEIMEYER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Co-Owner of Micky's, spoke in opposition of Proposition A.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of condom distribution but is opposed to Proposition A.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of condom distribution but is opposed to Proposition A.

Councilmember Martin spoke about what is practical and to avoid political games.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in opposition of the Condom Initiative. He spoke about the false conception being presented by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. He also spoke about the current volunteer program and about extending the program to heterosexual and lesbian communities. He stated that he is supportive of condom distribution.

Councilmember Guarriello spoke about budget concerns and the increasing inflation rates. He stated that Proposition A is unnecessary and an unfair burden on the businesses.

ACTION: 1) Rescind Resolution No. 01-2451 to rescind Resolution No. 00-2421; 2) City of West Hollywood supports the Condom Distribution Program but is in opposition of Proposition A. **Motion Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and carried noting the ABSENCE of Mayor Prang.**

Councilmember Guarriello was excused at 10:55 PM

5.E. CITY SPECIAL EVENTS CONCEPT UPDATE:

Dan Laray, Special Events Coordinator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2001.

City Manager Arevalo provided additional information to what was presented in the staff report dated February 5, 2001.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke in support of a Santa Monica Boulevard Opening Event such as a Street Festival. He spoke in opposition of a separate Russian Street Festival but, that it could be integrated into the larger Street Festival. He asked for sponsors to include but not be limited to just alcohol. He suggested others sponsors such as credit card companies. He supports a New

Year's Eve but, not what was presented in the report.

Councilmember Martin agreed with Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman's comments. He spoke of construction fatigue that the residents are suffering from after two (2) years of construction of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Mayor Prang spoke about the annual Halloween event. He expressed concerns over public safety. He spoke in opposition of the New Year's Event. He spoke in support of the Russian Street Festival.

KATHY WATT, LOS ANGELES, Van Nuys Recovery House, spoke about the non-alcoholic event that is held on New Year's Eve.

ACTION: 1) Approve the following events as outlined a) the Santa Monica Boulevard Opening: August 18-19, 2001; b) Halloween Carnival (with additional elements) October 31, 2001; and, c) New Year's Eve Event: December 31, 2001; 2) Grant approval for the Convention and Visitors Bureau to seek funding including existing City event sponsors as well as procuring new major sponsors; and, 3) Approve the securing of alcohol sponsors relative to these three (3) events. . **By Consensus of the City Council.**

5.F. CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

City Manager Arevalo, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 5, 2000.

Assistant City Clerk Taylor provided clarification on the dates of the election and the certification of the election.

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman spoke about the need to have those who are elected involved.

ACTION: 1) Approve Alternative No. 2 as outlined in the staff report with one modification that the Council reorganization Meeting to be held on Monday, April 23, 2001 as a Special Meeting.

By Consensus of the City Council.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.T. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICES:

Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman stated that his concerns were addressed and he would move the Item with direction to Sam Baxter, Landscape and Building Maintenance Supervisor.

ACTION: 1) Approve the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Pedus Building Services, Incorporated which authorizes additional services related to cleaning the new community building at Plummer Park and for providing streetscape clean-up workers; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement dated February 5, 2001. **By Consensus of the City Council.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Mayor Prang's abstention on the condom initiative and the City's conservation of lighting during the energy crunch.

MURIEL POLLACK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a problem at her residence with residents from Sky Sushi.

RICK WATT, LOS ANGELES, spoke about equality of marriage laws and about a Valentine's Day Rally on Burton Way at the Beverly Hills Municipal Courthouse.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. PARKING ON GRADES:

Tabled to the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2001.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Martin asked if instructions could be posted in English and Russian explaining what a person should do if trapped in an elevator at City Hall. He also spoke about an upcoming Candidates Forum scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at 6 PM in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium. In addition, he congratulated Ivy Bottini on her recent Lifetime Achievement Award.

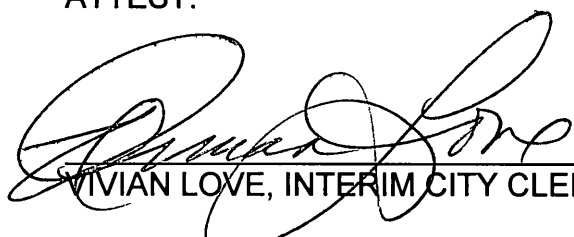
Mayor Prang announced that the Gay and Lesbian Advisory Board will be hosting a hosting spirituality event tomorrow in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:22 PM in memory of Miriam Cerrell to their next regular meeting, which will be on Tuesday, February 20, 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 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


VIVIAN LOVE, INTERIM CITY CLERK