# CITY COUNCIL CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007 WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

# CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Neal Zaslavsky led the pledge.

### ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:Councilmember Duran, Councilmember Land, Councilmember Prang, Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, and Mayor Heilman. ABSENT:None.

ALSO PRESENT:City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, Asst. City Clerk Schaffer, and Eric Matikosh, Administrative Specialist IV.

# REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

City Attorney Jenkins stated that the Closed Session Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. He stated that there were no speakers. He stated that the Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 P.M. with no reportable action taken.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Land to approve the March 5, 2007 agenda as amended and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the father of Beverly Hills City Councilmember Linda Briskman. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Joan Krantz, a long-time member of PFLAG and Marriage Equailty.

Councilmember Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Rick Dupree, the former President Emeritus of Project Rainbow.

Councilmember Duran requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bob Hattoy, a long-time Democratic Party activist and AIDS activist. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the following soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting: Sgt. Chad M.

Allen, Pfc. Bufford K. Van Slyke, Spc. Jonathan D. Cadavero, Cpl. Lorne E. Henry Jr., Staff Sgt. Karl O. Soto-Pinedo, Sgt. Richard A. Soukenka, Lance Cpl. Anthony Aguirre, Sgt. William J. Beardsley, Sgt. Jeremy D. Barnett, Spc. Ethan J. Biggers, Staff Sgt. David R. Berry, Pfc. Travis W. Buford, Staff Sgt. Joshua R. Hager, Pfc. Rowan D. Walter, Sgt. Clinton W. Ahlquist, Sgt. Richard L. Ford, Spc. Louis G. Kim, Pvt. Wesley J. Williams.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of all the soldiers who have been critically injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

# PRESENTATIONS:

The Mayor, City Council, and Women's Advisory Board presented the unveiling of Women's History Month Banners.

Councilmember Land presented a Proclamation for Women's History Month to members of the Women's Advisory Board.

Mayor John Heilman presented a commendation to the Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women to Lindsey Horvath, President of Hollywood NOW.

# **1.** PUBLIC COMMENT:

WILLIAM NEISH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding eviction issues in the city.

RICHARD KEARNS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding AIDS issues in the city.

NEAL ZASLAVSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

PATRICIA NELL WARREN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Women's History Month and the upcoming Municipal Election.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

HEAVENLY WILSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

DONALD WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

DANIEL WATSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local development issues.

ALLEGRA ALLISON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local development issues and the upcoming Municipal Election.

DAVID EICHMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

NORMAN CHRAMOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

DAVID NASH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

RON EMMONS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding development issues in the city.

LYN DESHIELDS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

# COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Heilman congratulated City Manager Arevalo and all the residents who recently participated in the Los Angeles Marathon.

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

## FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

Assistant City Clerk Schaffer stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$0.00 in expenditures and \$0.00 in potential revenue.

# **2.** CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H. Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously approved.

**2.A.** POSTING OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, March 5, 2007 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, March 1, 2007. ACTION: Receive

and file.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.B.** APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of prior Council meetings. ACTION: Approve the minutes of February 20, 2007.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 573, RESOLUTION NO. 07-3498: The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance. ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 573 and adopt Resolution No. 07-3498, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 573."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.D.** CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION: The City Council is asked to deny Claims filed against the City, as a routine administrative step in claims processing. ACTION: Deny the claim of James P. Thorton and Connie Kin and refer to the City's claims adjuster.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.E. ORDINANCE NO. 07-750 (2ND READING), AMENDING TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE) [ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2005-03] RELATING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER] The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 07-750, a proposed ordinance amending Title 19 (Zoning Ordinance) [Zone Text Amendment 2005-03] relating to property maintenance standards. ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 07-750, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING TITLE 19 (ZONING ORDINANCE) [ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT 2005-03] RELATING TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 07-751 (2ND READING), PERTAINING TO PEDDLING AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER] The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 07-751, a proposed ordinance pertaining to peddling and amending the West Hollywood Municipal Code. ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 07-751, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PERTAINING TO PEDDLING AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

**2.G.** COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS: The City Council will receive reports from various Commissions on actions taken at their recent meetings. ACTION: Receive and file.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.H. A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES PROPOSED NATURALIZATION FEE INCREASE: [J. DURAN / H. MOLINA / N. TESKE] The City Council of the City of West Hollywood will consider adopting a resolution opposing the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' proposed increase in naturalization fees. ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 07-3499, "A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES' PROPOSED NATURALIZATION FEE INCREASE"; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of signed resolution to the Director of the USCIS, the President of the United States, Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Congressman Henry Waxman.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
  - 3.A. None.
- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- **4.A.** None.
- **5.** NEW BUSINESS:
- **5.A.** None.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ED BUCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

CHARLIE HARRISON, PHOENIX, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

PAM KOMAC, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local development issues and the upcoming Municipal Election.

STEVE MARTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

CIPRIAN LOGIUDICE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local development issues.

JACK MERRILL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding local development issues.

PETER MACKLER, LONG BEACH, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

JACK ALLENDORFER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding an individual who served in the Iraq War.

J.W. MOORE, IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

LOVEDY BRYDEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election.

MARCY NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding a previous speaker's public comments.

#### **6.** LEGISLATIVE:

### **6.A.** None.

### COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Heilman thanked everyone for coming out to speak and encouraged voter participation in the upcoming Municipal Election.

Councilmember Land spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election, encouraged voters to participate, and thanked everyone for participating in the process.

Councilmember Prang spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election, congratulated all the candidates for running, and encouraged voter turnout. He congratulated Public Facilities Commissioner Steven Golightly for his recent appointment to Director of the Los Angeles County Child Protection Services Agency. He wished Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello a happy birthday. He congratulated City Manager Arevalo and all the residents who recently participated in the Los Angeles Marathon. He announced an upcoming award being given to West Hollywood by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for preservation efforts in the City.

Councilmember Duran spoke regarding public comments surrounding the upcoming Municipal Election and other issues in the City. He spoke regarding alleged condominium conversions of historic properties. He spoke regarding Ellis Act issues in the City, and potential mitigation solutions being investigated by the City. He spoke regarding the appeal process for Rent Stabilization Commission decisions. He spoke regarding alleged approvals of ten-story developments on Santa Monica Boulevard. He spoke regarding public comments surrounding misleading campaign information distributed to residents of 800-801 Kings Road.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello spoke regarding West Hollywood development issues. He spoke regarding improvements made in the City over the past twenty years. He spoke regarding the upcoming Municipal Election and encouraged voter turnout.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 8:27 P.M. in memory of the father of Linda Briskman, Joan Krantz, Rick Dupree, Bob Hattoy, and all the soldiers who have died or been critically wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan since the last City Council meeting, to their next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

	JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR
ATTEST:	
THOMAS R. WEST, CITY CLERK	