

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 24, 1999  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ivy Bottini led the Pledge.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Guarriello, Koretz, Martin, Prang and Mayor Heilman.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Makinney, City Attorney Jenkins, Assistant City Clerk Bell and Deputy Clerk Gillig.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Councilmember Guarriello asked that Items 2.M and 2.N be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Assistant City Clerk Bell requested that the date on agenda item 2.B. be changed to May 3, 1999.

**ACTION: Approve the May 24, 1999 Agenda as amended. Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Martin presented a commendation to Georgia and Boris Kaplan, owners of Greg's Appliances. Ruth Williams accepted on their behalf and thanked Council for the commendation.

Mayor Heilman presented commendations to residents and businesses including the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department, for their help and participation in the Crescent Heights apartment building fire on April 16, 1999, owned by Julie Sommers, a long time community activist.

Mayor Heilman presented a Certificate of Commendation to Interns, Claudia Dietrich and Sonja Neher for their enormous help and hard work in the City Council offices while visiting from Germany.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang introduced Robert Dieten visiting from Little Rock, AK who is a longtime friend and advisor to President William Jefferson Clinton.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

DON BRUNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on National Historic Preservation Month that the City is honoring and noting the Planning Commission's recent decision to demolish 100 year old homes in West Hollywood.

ROSALYN KRAUSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented about the amount of time the West Hollywood Park Pool and tennis courts must be closed during the 1999 Christopher Street West Gay & Lesbian Pride Festival.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Martin requested that City Council adjourn in memory of John Fleming, son of David Fleming, Transportation Commissioner of the State of California.

Councilmember Guarriello requested that City Council adjourn in memory of Karen Kane, a long time resident.

Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services explained that the tennis court has to be resurfaced and the pool will be closed for staff training. City Council directed Mr. Long to give a report at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tempore Prang congratulated the West Hollywood Cheerleaders and staff for their participation in the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. He also congratulated Fairfax High School on their Diamond Jubilee.

Councilmember Martin introduced his new Deputy Sarah Bradshaw.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** No report.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:** Assistant City Clerk Bell stated the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar of May 24, 1999 as amended is \$82,323 in expenditures and \$1,400 in potential revenue.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION:** Approve Items 2.A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L. and O. Motion by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.

**2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:**

*The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 24, 1999 was posted at City Hall, Plummer park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, May 20, 1999.*

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

**2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of the Study Session of May 3, 1999. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. PROPOSED RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 14, 1999 FLAG DAY:**

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 99-2094, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PROCLAIMING MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999 AS NATIONAL FLAG DAY AND PARTICIPATING IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY;" 2) Urge City staff to honor the 20<sup>th</sup> National Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance by pausing and joining all Americans in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America at 4:00 PM. PST; and, 3) Direct staff to fly the American Flag on appropriate government buildings and the medium strip for twenty-one (21) days from the day prior Flag Day, June 13 through July 4, 1999 and notify interested businesses and service organizations in West Hollywood to participate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.D. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KATZ, OKITSU & ASSOCIATES FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES:**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve a professional services agreement with Katz, Okitsu & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for traffic engineering services; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR MAILER TO PUBLIC ON UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS ON THE ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION:**

**ACTION:** Approve \$6,000 from General Fund reserves to Account No. 100-7010-7312 for the production and mailing of a brochure to provide information to the public on the upcoming Zoning Ordinance revision hearings. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH GOLDEN BEAR ARBORISTS, INC. FOR STREET TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES:**

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Golden Bear Arborists, Inc. which will extend the term of the original agreement for Street Tree Maintenance Services to June 30, 2002; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Third Amendment to Agreement dated May 24, 1999. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM CALIFORNIA HEALTHY CITIES:**

**ACTION:** 1) Accept the \$1400 grant from California Healthy Cities; and, 2) Authorize the Director of Finance to increase Revenue Line Item No. 100-0000-5012 and Expenditure Line Item No. 100-5030-8183 by \$1400. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.H. APPROVAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 99-2095, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONCERNING PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN GENERAL SERVICES TO AND FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 480, THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE ACT:**

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 99-2096, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING SB 480, THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE ACT:" and, 2) Direct staff to inform the California State Senators and local government officials of the Council's decision. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.J. ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSAL BY WEST HOLLYWOOD EVENTS TO PRODUCE A YEAR 2000 CELEBRATION IN WEST HOLLYWOOD:**

**ACTION:** 1) Endorse the efforts of West Hollywood Events to produce a Year 2000 Celebration in the City of West Hollywood; and, 2) Direct staff to work with the organizers and the local community to facilitate the production of the event and to return to Council with specific recommendations for the parameters of the event. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. RESIGNATION OF DONNA SAUR FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:**

**ACTION:** Accept with regret the resignation of Donna Saur from the Public Safety Commission and direct the City Clerk to post a notice of

vacancy and accept applications. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. SCHEDULE JOINT MEETING WITH BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION:**

**ACTION:** Direct the City Clerk to schedule a Joint Meeting of the City Council with the Business License Commission on June 21, 1999 at 6:00 PM followed by the Regular Meeting. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT SB 739, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LABOR RELATIONS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999:**  
This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and is listed under Excluded Consent Calendar Items following New Business.

**2.N. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 115, THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT OF 1999:**  
This item was removed from the Consent Calendar and is listed under Excluded Consent Calendar Items following New Business.

**2.O. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 56, THE VICTIMS OF CRIME COURT APPEARANCE ACT:**  
**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 99-2098, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING SB 56, THE VICTIMS OF CRIME COURT APPEARANCE ACT;" and, 2) Direct staff to inform the California State Senators and local government officials of the Council's decision. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**4.1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD: None.**

**4.2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – GENERAL ITEMS:**

**4.A. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Muriel Schoichet, Alan Weber, Rick Thomas and Mikhail Yampolskiy were nominated.

**ACTION:** Appoint Muriel Schoichet and Alan Weber to the Senior Advisory Board as "at-large" appointments for a term ending August 15, 2000. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**4.B. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS:**

Assistant City Clerk Bell provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 24, 1999.

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION:**

**ACTION:** Councilmember Martin appointed Bill Griffin to the Business License Commission for a term ending May 31, 2003.

**CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION:**

Tabled to the next regular City Council meeting on June 7, 1999.

**FINE ARTS COMMISSION:**

Sabato Fiorello, Gloria Goldsmith, Mariangela Malespin, Patrick Prinster, Guy Wheatley, Richard Silverman, David Steinberg, Richard Kaleh, Eleana Del Rio, Michael Haibach and Eric Weber were nominated.

**ACTION:** Reappoint Sabato Fiorello, Gloria Goldsmith, Patrick Prinster, Guy Wheatley, Richard Silverman, David Steinberg, Richard Kaleh, Eleana Del Rio and appoint Michael Haibach to the Fine Arts Commission as "at-large" appointments for a term ending May 31, 2001. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION:**

Bob Graney, John D'Amico, Peter Mackler and Joe Griffith were nominated.

**ACTION:** Reappoint Bob Graney and appoint John D'Amico to the Human Services Commission as "at-large" appointments for a term ending May 31, 2001. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Brad Crowe, Tom Jones, Bradley Torgan and Larry Springer were nominated.

**ACTION:** Appoint Brad Crowe and Bradley Torgan to the Planning Commission as "at-large" appointments for a term ending May 31, 2001. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION:**

Catherine Hahn and Bud Siegel were nominated.

**ACTION:** Reappoint Catherine Hahn and Bud Siegel to the Public Facilities Commission as "at-large" appointments for a term ending May 31, 2001. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:**

Brad Sullivan, Barry Greenfield and John Duran were nominated.

**ACTION:** Appoint Brad Sullivan and John Duran to the Public Safety Commission as "at-large" appointments for a term ending May 31, 2001. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Tabled to the first regular City Council meeting on July 6, 1999.

**DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

Frida Aizenman, Tom Pavich, Stephen Weltman and Ann Semonco were nominated.

**ACTION:** Reappoint Frida Aizenman, Tom Pavich, Stephen Weltman and Ann Semonco to the Disabilities Advisory Board for a term ending May 31, 2001. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD:**

**MEN:** Roger Davis, David Fisher, Barry Greenfield and Clint Trout were nominated.

**WOMEN:** Karen Mall, Tammy Bruce and Nancy Cohen were nominated.

**ACTION:** Reappoint David Fisher, Barry Greenfield and Nancy Cohen; appoint Clint Trout, Karen Mall and Tammy Bruce to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board as "at-large" appointments for a term ending May 31, 2001. **By consensus of the City Council.**

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

Tabled to the next regular City Council meeting of June 7, 1999.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. UPDATE ON ACTIONS OF HIV TASK FORCE:**

Mayor Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 24, 1999.

**ACTION:** 1) Direct staff in the Social Services Division to prepare a survey for people living with HIV and AIDS in the community; 2) Direct staff to update the report and recommendations of the HIV Task Force using information from the survey and other reports which we have recently received; and, 3) Direct staff to schedule a joint study session of the Human Services Commission and the City Council to discuss and review the updated report and recommendations.

**Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.**

**5.B. RECREATIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT:**

Mayor Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 24, 1999.

**ACTION:** Direct Human Services staff to return to Council within thirty (30) days with an agenda item proposing a recreational needs assessment. The item should include plans for community surveys and other methods of community outreach. The item should describe plans for evaluating a whole range of active and passive recreational needs. The item should include a schedule, cost estimate and possible funding sources.

**Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Martin.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.M. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT SB 739, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LABOR RELATIONS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1999:**  
Tabled to the next regular City Council meeting on June 7, 1999.

**2.N. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 115, THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT OF 1999:**  
Councilmember Koretz provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 24, 1999.

Councilmember Guarriello stated that the League of California Cities opposed this item.

Councilmember Koretz stated this item addresses the fact that significant environmental hazards seem to be placed in minority areas when in many



cases they should not be placed at all and a study will be conducted to keep it from happening in the future.

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 99-2097, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING SB 115, THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT OF 1999;" and, 2) Direct staff to notify California State Senators and local government officials of the Council's decision.

**Motion Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD thanked the City Council for the recent Senior Golden Tea Dance at Plummer Park and also thanked Los Angeles County.

LAURENCE ZACKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD invited the City Councilmembers to the West Hollywood Democratic Club Annual Democrat of the Year Award on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at the Pacific Design Center.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD commented on the Christopher Street West Community Concert and that there are no ABC Certified bartenders.

**LEGISLATIVE:** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Guarriello commented on the Commissions and Advisory Boards regarding the by-laws.

Mayor Heilman introduced and presented a commendation to Hillary Selvin, the new Chief Executive Officer and President of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Martin announced that Louise Marquez an active member of West Hollywood West will be sworn in as a United States Citizen.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:** The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 7:34 P.M.

**THREATENED LITIGATION.....G.C. 54956.9(B)**  
Letter from Jeanne Karaffa, Esq.

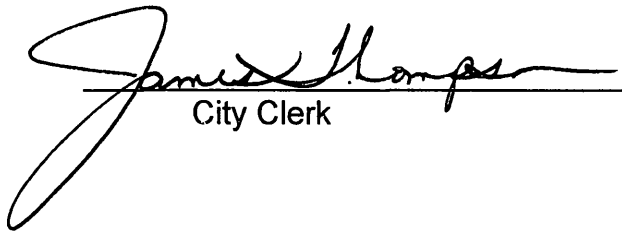
**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:** The City Council reconvened at 7:55 P.M. City Attorney Jenkins stated a report of a Closed Session action is on file with the City Clerk.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned in memory of John Fleming and Karen Kane at 8:00 P.M. to their next regular meeting on Monday, June 7, 1999 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 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 1999.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk