

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 1999
SPECIAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers - None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Makinney, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Thompson.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: The City Council adjourned at 5:35 P.M. to discuss the following litigation matter:

INITIATION OF LITIGATION

G.C. 54956.9(c)

One Case.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The City Council reconvened at 5:43 P.M.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Jenkins stated no reportable actions were taken at Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Rachael Koretz led the Pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

DON BRUHNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, told a story.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the proposed financing for the Santa Monica Boulevard Rehabilitation Project.

TIMOTHY ALAN SANCHEZ, LOS ANGELES, stated his concerns about the Los Angeles Cannabis Buyers Club.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2.A. AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT:

Joan English, Director of Transportation and Public Works, and Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 28, 1999.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed financing, the financing gap, possible resources to close the financing gap, and the effects of inflation on the project.

Councilmember Guarriello and Koretz identified their concerns regarding the cost of this capital project, which may inhibit the City from performing other much needed capital projects.

Discussion was held regarding the qualifications of the proposed contractor along with background and litigation against the contractor.

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her concerns lack of the projects improvements to enhance the East Side.

ANGEE BECKETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her concerns about the \$6.4 million funding gap.

EFFIE REUVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his concerns about the effects of inflation and the reduction of the median.

DON BRUHNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he would like "bus-stop" gardens on the East Side.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a person who wrote an article in the Los Angeles Times, the Gateway Project and stated her frustration with the East-West "battle."

Discussion was held regarding "bus-stop" gardens, the proposed greenspace improvements at Vista/Gardner, the effects of inflation of the project, delaying the acquisition of park land, and the contractors background.

Ray Reynolds, Director of Community Development, outlined the Coordinating Project Team/Group approach being implemented to coordinate the proposed major projects in the City.

Councilmember Prang directed staff to return to the City Council with detailed discussion how the City will maintain status reports/communication with the businesses and residents.

ACTION: 1) Accept the bid dated May 18, 1999 submitted by Sialic Contractors Corporation, D.B.A. Shawnan; 2) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Sialic Contractor Corporation, D.B.A. Shawnan, in the amount of \$24,249,574.40 for the construction of the

Santa Monica Boulevard Rehabilitation Project; and 3) Authorize the City Engineer to manage Change Orders for work on the construction contract in an amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount; 4) Approve, and direct the Director of Finance to allocate, the current \$700,000 surplus from the 1999-2000 Budget and any surplus identified from the 1998-1999 fiscal year to the Santa Monica Boulevard Rehabilitation Project; 5) direct staff to delay the acquisition of parkland until the funding gap has been closed; 6) direct staff to ensure that sales taxes for the purchase of any taxable items purchased for the Santa Monica Boulevard Rehabilitation Project be allocated back to the City; and 7) direct staff to return the City Council in late October, 1999 with recommendations and analysis on closing the funding gap. **Motion Mayor Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Martin and carried noting the NO vote of Councilmember Koretz.**

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Martin thanked the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee and all of the public that participated in the process, he stated when the project is completed it will be the "crown-jewel" of West Hollywood.

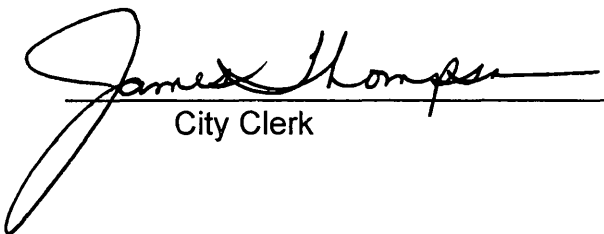
Mayor Pro Tempore Prang directed staff to follow-up with Congressman Henry Waxman regarding Federal funding of Transportation Programs and the proposed Library project.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 6:45 P.M. to their next regular meeting on TUESDAY, July 6, 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 19TH DAY OF JULY, 1999.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk