

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1998
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chris Patrouch led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers - None.

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: City Attorney Jenkins stated that at 6:00 P.M. the City Council called the meeting to order. The Council then recessed into Closed Session to discuss items on the Closed Session Agenda. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:30 P.M. and no reportable actions were taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Martin asked that the City Council add an item to the agenda, **PROPOSED RESOLUTION DECRYING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. BARNETT SLEPIAN AND CALLING UPON PRESIDENT CLINTON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO TO INTENSIFY THE SEARCH FOR THE ASSASSINS**, as **Item 2.F.**

ACTION: Add Urgency Item 2.F., resolution regarding, the assassination of Dr. Barnett Slepian and calling upon President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno to intensify the search.

Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Prang asked that the City Council add an item to the agenda, **PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 3, PARTISAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS, LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT OF 1998**, as **Item 2.G.**

ACTION: Add Urgency Item 2.G., resolution regarding, Proposition 3.

Motion Martin, seconded by Koretz and unanimously carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman requested Item 2.E removed from the Consent Calendar to be heard with Item 4.B.

ACTION: Approve the October 26, 1998 Agenda as amended. Motion Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented about the assassination of Dr. Barnett Slepian

RUTH WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the removal of the ficus trees in the City, they can be controlled by the pruning of the roots.

LORETTA SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, PAC member, placing her vote on saving the trees.

CAROL RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in regards to Paul Koretz walking for Avon Breast Cancer Awareness.

RITA NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, President of the Friends of the Library, commented about the lack of parking for the library.

ROSLYN KRAUSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in regards to lack of Library parking.

STAN LOTHDRIDGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, protested the lack of parking for the library users.

STEVE WAYLAND, WEST HOLLYWOOD, urged the Council to adopt the London plane trees as the tree for the Eastside.

BRUCE TRAUB, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on Paul Koretz's Avon 3-Day Cancer Walk and his promise to get rid of the bollards and the curb extensions on Melrose.

J.W. MOORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that he would like the parking spaces reserved on City Council night at West Hollywood Park. He thanked the Public Safety Neighborhood Walk Picnic and Ruth Williams. He spoke in support of 2E and 5A and he opposes removing the ficus trees.

DONY CACY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposes Proposition 10 on the November 2, 1998 ballot.

DON BRUHNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for additional parking for the Council Meetings.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on current hate crimes and the death of Dr. Slepian and the reconfiguration of the Library parking lot.

HELEN GOSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that a focus group should be created in conjunction with Item 5.A. for small businesses.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello commented that we need federal laws against hate crimes. representatives and he spoke about parking at the library and West Hollywood Park.

Councilmember Heilman asked the City Manager to write a report on the parking for the City Council meetings and the Library and West Hollywood Park. He commented on campaign contribution of Matt Fong, a senate candidate.

Councilmember Koretz thanked everyone for support on Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. He commented on the Library parking lot configuration.

Councilmember Prang commented on Public Safety Neighborhood Watch Picnic and congratulated Ruth Williams for all her work. He announced that his Deputy, Daniel Dusterberg is leaving to become an Executive Director of a non-profit corporation in Athens, Ohio and his last day is November 13.

Mayor Martin congratulated Daniel Dusterberg. He thanked Larissa Fooks for drafting Urgency Item 2F. He announced that the traffic light on La Jolla and Santa Monica Boulevard, dedication will be soon. He commented on the LA Times endorsement of Matt Fong and his contribution to Lou Sheldon's Coalition for Nutritional Values. Mayor Martin asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dr. Barnett Slepian.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Makinney asked Helen Goss to brief the City Council on Century Cable and Beth Sazama to brief them on Halloween.

Helen Goss, PIO/CATV Manager stated that after a 3 year audit of Century Cable was completed, the City has received a check for \$75,000 which was a result of underpayment.

Beth Sazama, Special Events explained script sales for beverages and food at the Halloween Event.

Sharon Perlstein commented on parking for the library and the park. After the construction is completed there will be an increase of spaces by 14. She added that signage was not finished and maintenance had installed. Ms. Perlstein briefed the City council on the re-configuration of San Vicente Boulevard

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: City Clerk Thompson stated the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar of October 26, 1998 as amended, is \$0 in expenditures and \$22,000 in potential revenues.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., B., C., D., Urgency Item 2.F. and Urgency Item 2.G. Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, October 26, 1998 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, October 22, 1998.

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

2.B. PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1982, "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.C. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR BANKING SERVICES:

ACTION: 1) Approve an initial two-year agreement with Sanwa Bank California and allow the extension of the agreement in future years; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Sanwa Bank California to provide banking services for the City; and 3) Authorize the Finance Director to continue the City's current banking relationship with Bank of Los Angeles. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.D. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO REINVEST RESERVE AND ACQUISITION FUNDS OF 1998 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION:

ACTION: 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Autumn Capital, Investment Bankers; and 2) Authorize Autumn Capital, to act as "Broker of Record" and request the bids on the best rate of return. Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.F. URGENCY ITEM -- RESOLUTION DECRYING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. BARNETT SLEPIAN AND CALLING UPON PRESIDENT CLINTON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO TO INTENSIFY THE SEARCH FOR THE ASSASSINS:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1984, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECRYING THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. BARNETT SLEPIAN AND CALLING OF PRESIDENT CLINTON AND ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO TO INTENSIFY THE SEARCH FOR THE ASSASSINS." Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.G. URGENCY ITEM -- RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 3, PARTISAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS, LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT OF 1998:

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1983 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 3, THE PARTISAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS, LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AMENDMENT OF 1998." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:37 P.M AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 7:38 P.M.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION -- TREES:

Ray Reynolds, Director of Community Development and Hassan Hagani, Associate Planner provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 26, 1998. Pat Smith from Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership gave an overhead presentation of Santa Monica Boulevard plans in regards to the trees.

RALPH FEELEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the ficus trees.

EFFIE REUVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the ficus trees. He asked that they be pruned properly.

NORMAN CHRAMOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the ficus trees.

MURIEL POLLACK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support the ficus trees.

REV. JOHN VON DOURIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support the ficus trees. He suggested that we give them to the US Forestry or Department of Agriculture.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the London Plane trees.

TOM JONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the street tree plan as approved by the Project Area Committee and the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee.

DON BRUHNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, member of Project Area Committee, stated that some who have spoken did not attend any meetings about the trees. He spoke in favor of tree replacement.

CHRIS PATROUCHE, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in favor of saving the ficus trees.

BRUCE TRAAUB, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the ficus trees.

BARBARA HAMAKER WEST HOLLYWOOD, Santa Monica Boulevard, and Project Area Committee agonized over removing the ficus trees. She stated that the Eastside ficus trees need to be removed because they have been planted some 30' apart and revitalize the eastside.

STAN LOTH RIDGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the ficus trees and replant the ones that need to be and keep the rest.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a variety of trees, and against the palm trees.

Councilmember Guarriello supports ficus trees with foliage all year and they do not shed also good oxygen for the air. County put the trees in incorrectly.

Mayor Martin stated that we maintain the ficus trees now by pruning yearly.

Heilman asked Ms. Perlstein about replacing sidewalks due to overgrowth of the roots. West Hollywood has a continuous program to replace sidewalks where they have come up over 1"

Councilmember Koretz asked if the ficus trees can be uprooted and moved. Pat responded that they can.

Mayor Martin asked if the palm trees can be offered to

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman disagrees that the top priority should be removing the trees. It should be the boulevard and how to make it function well. He stated that the staff report doesn't give any fiscal impact.

Mr. Reynolds, Director of Community Development stated that the cost of the london plane tree and the ficus tree is very close but the maintenance costs can vary. The london plane needs to be pruned every 3 to 4 years at industry standard of \$125 per tree.

Heilman stated his surprise that tree grates were not included in the plan due to hazards safety issue. Mr. Reynolds stated that it would cost over 1 million to put in tree grates.

Tree grates can create more of a trip and fall problem than not having them. The cost was a factor.

Heilman stated that he did not see a continuous green canopy in the London plane, it doesn't provide a lot of shade doesn't seem to meet the goal; he suggests seeing samples of the trees in front of City Hall to provide a visual; he is also concerned with any consideration given to 2 different trees and one being green when the London plane isn't. Heilman asked if consideration had been given to not put the double row of trees in front of the MTA and landscape the area.

Mr. Makinney commented on the list of priorities of the steering committee, trees being #1 and other items listed were optional items.

Councilmember Prang commented that the steering committee worked in detail exhaustively reflective of the community vision. He commented that he is not set on uniformity or variety. He asked the council to consider the recommendations and encourage residents to voice their opinions.

Mr. Makinney stated that he has met with Aide for Aids and the people who have contributed can come and visit the plaques and they can go into the ground.

Mayor Martin likes the idea of a variety of trees, inclined to say just leave the ficus trees.

4.B. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION -- TRAFFIC:

Lucy Dyke, Manager of Transportation, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 26, 1998.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6 SPEAKERS

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked why staff is reconfiguring the left turn lane on Santa Monica Boulevard and La Cienega Boulevard.

EFFIE REUVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his opposition to the reduction of the median strip as it is.

BRUCE TRAUB, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of "Zebra" designated crosswalks with flashing lights. He also spoke again curb extensions.

HARLEN LEVINSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD commented that the plan is ill advised.

DON BRUHNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD asked staff to review the bus stop placement.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD President of West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, member of the Santa Monica Steering Committee, commented on public safety.

Heilman commented which intersections are signalized. Crosswalks have been implemented on the plan where there are no signals.

Why is there an inconsistency of moving bus stops; proposing that buses stop in thru traffic, there is no

Heilman concerned with the curb extensions and busstops. Concerned with left turns and potential increase of residential traffic. Primary concern of crosswalks without signals. All needs more considerations before we move forward.

Mayor Martin, agrees on the curb extension issue and share the concerns
Councilmember Guarriello concerned about the crosswalks without signals.
Councilmember Prang concerned about the curb extensions.
Curb extensions proposed to be 5' the ones at Melrose are 7'.
Tabled.

ACTION: Approve the operational and safety modifications proposed for the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction project and direct the Engineering Division to incorporate them into the reconstruction project specifications.

4.C. FISCAL STRATEGIES FOR ANTICIPATED PROGRAMS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 26, 1998.

NORMAN CHRAMOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD supports and initiative after the March, 1999 election.

ACTION: 1) Direct staff to continue to research for a possible tax initiative for the March, 2001 election.

ACTION: Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman motion, seconded by Councilman Guarriello and carried on a Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Guarriello, Heilman, Martin

NOES: Koretz, Prang

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. VENDOR LIABILITY REQUIREMENT AND CITY FACILITY UTILIZATION INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, and Elizabeth Savage, Finance Management Analysis provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated October 26, 1998.

John Shultz, and John Merrick, from Joint Powers Insurance Authority JPIA also outlined the requirements and functions of the JPIA related to vendor liability.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman asked that the Finance Department incorporate a small business/vendor focus group in the workprogram.

ACTION: 1) Approve workplan and direct staff to report to the City Council; 2) Direct staff to incorporate a small vendor focus groups.
Motion, Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by mayor Martin and unanimously carried.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.E. INITIAL STUDY FOR THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT DESIGN:

ACTION: Continue this item to the City Council meeting of November 16, 1998, when the City Council will consider the final design concepts and details for Santa Monica Boulevard.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman stated that the staff and consultants have not given full consideration to impact on the environment and that they should look at each intersection; no independent traffic study has been done.

Mr. Hagani, Associate Planner replied that there is no land use impact, land use policy in the city will remain.

Councilmember Guarriello commented that we are taking away land use and commercial use. Does not feel that there has been sufficient information supplied.

Councilmember Prang commented that a negative declaration is justified and does not feel that an EIR is necessary.

ACTION: Mayor Martin moved to table this until November 16 and seconded by Councilmember Prang.

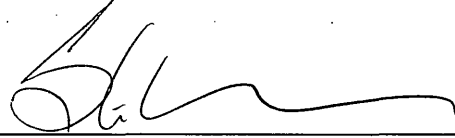
PUBLIC COMMENT:

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

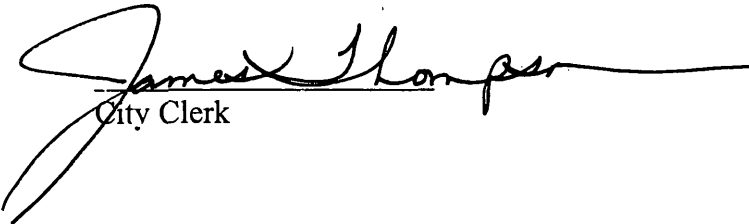
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:45 P.M., in memory of Dr. Barnett Slepian to their next regular meeting on Monday, November 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1998.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk