

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1998
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Heilman called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Nancy Cohen led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmember - Mayor Martin.

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager Cronkite, City Attorney Jenkins, Director of Management Services Love, Acting Assistant City Clerk Nunley and Deputy Clerk Lucero.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman announced that staff requested Item 6.A, An Ordinance Amending the Provision Relating to the Authority of City Personnel to Enforce Provisions of the Municipal Code to Include L.A. County Sheriff's Security Officers, be heard as part of the Consent Calendar as Item 2.H.

Management Services Director Love announced that Item 2.D, Demand Register No. 374, would be removed from the Consent Calendar as there is no Demand Register.

Motion to approve the Agenda of September 14, 1998 as amended Councilmember Guarriello seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

The West Hollywood Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board presented a Rainbow Key Plaque to Reverend Elder Troy Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC).

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman presented proclamations to the Latin Ministry, Youth Ministry and Pastoral Ministry of MCC, Los Angeles.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman also presented a plaque to the MCC in recognition of their 30th anniversary.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

CAROL RODRIQUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in opposition to Item 2.F, Extension of Agreement for Dial-A-Ride Transportation Service.

NANCY COHEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that a motion of the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board opposing the activities of the Ex-gay Ministries was never brought to the attention of the City Council. She also spoke in support of a Crystal Meth Task Force.

ROGER DAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on public safety issues with regard to youth in West Hollywood.

CATHERINE HAHN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, speaking on behalf of the Public Facilities Commission, commented on the success of the Plummer Park Community/Senior/Teen Center. She also stated that pruning and cutting down of city trees is illegal.

MICHAEL NATHANS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of dog parks in the City.

DON BRUHNKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that a public speaker made homophobic remarks at a recent commission meeting and commented that the public officials in attendance did not condemn those remarks.

KARIN QUIMBY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, speaking on behalf of the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, stated that a task force must be established to combat drug use in the West Hollywood community.

IVY BOTTINI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, also supports a task force to combat drug use in the lesbian & gay community. She also announced that the 30th anniversary dinner of the Metropolitan Community Church will take place at the Wilshire Ebell Theater.

CAROL RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk and announced that Councilmember Koretz will be participating in the event.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Koretz requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sally Mann.

Councilmember Prang requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Renee Edgington and Matthew Francis.

Councilmember Guarriello addressed the illegal tree trimming incident. He also commented on the homophobia issues raised by Mr. Bruhnke.

Councilmember Prang commended Catherine Hahn for bringing illegal tree trimming to the attention of the Council and residents. He concurred with the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board regarding the formation of a task force to combat drug abuse in the lesbian & gay community. He also commented that having overlooked the motion of the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board was an oversight and such lapses should not occur in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman suggested that Council Deputies Fran Solomon and Rich Ryan present an item to the Council which will establish a Crystal Meth Task Force. He also replied to Mr. Bruhnke's assertion that the homophobic statements were not addressed.

Councilmember Prang requested that Item 2.F, Extension of Agreement for Dial-A-Ride Transportation Service, be continued due to concerns over the high level of dissatisfaction with the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman directed staff to return to the City Council on October 5, 1998, with a more detailed report on how the Dial-A-Ride program's deficiencies are to be corrected.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Acting City Manager Cronkite stated that there is no report.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Management Services Director Love stated that the Fiscal Impact of the Consent Calendar as amended is \$132,283 in expenditures and \$0 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., B., C., E., G., and H., as amended. **Motion Councilmember Prang seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

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

2.B. WAIVER OF FURTHER READING:

RECOMMENDATION: 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.C. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

RECOMMENDATION: Deny the claim of Julie Burson and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.D. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 374, RESOLUTION NO. 98-XXXX:

This item as removed from the Consent Calendar as there was no Demand Register.

2.E. SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH M.C.E. CORPORATION FOR STREET MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO REPAINT PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD AND REPAIR THE NORTH PARKING LOT AT WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to execute a Supplemental Agreement with M.C.E. Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for street maintenance services to repaint pavement markings on San Vicente Boulevard and to construct repairs in the north parking lot at West Hollywood Park. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT FOR DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE SERVING FRAIL, ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into an extension agreement with DPI to operate the dial-a-ride service, for one year, in an amount not to exceed \$159,109. **This item was continued to October 5, 1998.**

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

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Second Amendment to Agreement for Janitorial Cleaning Services with Pedus Building Services, Inc., which implements all provisions of the City's Living Wage Ordinance and authorizes additional pickup and disposal of office recycling material at City Hall for the term existing Contract Agreement for Janitorial Cleaning Services dated June 6, 1994; and, 2) Approve an increase in the annual payment to Pedus Building Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$57,283 for Fiscal Year 1998-99 and \$61,396 for Fiscal Year 1999-00. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF CITY PERSONNEL TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S SECURITY OFFICERS

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 98-525, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING A PROVISION RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF CITY PERSONNEL TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN/GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT:

Director of Management Services Love stated that a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the West Hollywood *Independent* on September 2, 1998.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman closed the Public Hearing as no public speakers came forward.

Jennifer Davis, Associate Planner provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 14, 1998.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1962, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 98-02, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN/GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD"

Motion Councilmember Guarriello seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. DIRECT APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY COUNCILMEMBER GUARRIELLO:

ACTION: Councilmember Guarriello directly appointed Harriet Segal to the Planning Commission, effective September 18, 1998, to fill an unexpired term ending May 31, 1999.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

6.A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF CITY PERSONNEL TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S SECURITY OFFICERS:

This item was heard as Item 2.H on the Consent Calendar.

6.B. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER II, OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF TAXICABS:

Dennis Woods, Associate Transportation Planner provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated September 14, 1998.

Councilmember Prang inquired about the rationale behind prohibiting advertising on taxicabs.

Mr. Woods replied that the cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills also prohibit advertising on taxicabs.

MARK LEHMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, speaking on behalf of his client, a potential taxicab applicant, expressed his support for the proposed ordinance.

WILLIAM ROUSE, representing LA Taxi, expressed approval of the draft ordinance specifically with regard to need and necessity guidelines. He also agrees with limiting the number of cabs operating within the City.

MARK HEINEMANN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the proposed Ordinance. He feels that the Council is granting exclusive rights to taxicab companies to operate in the City.

Councilmember Prang commented that these are merely regulations, exclusive licenses are not being granted.

Mr. Woods stated that the Ordinance provides a checklist of minimum standards for taxicabs. He also stated that need and necessity guidelines can be adjusted in the future by resolution of the Transportation Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman commented that there is nothing to preclude Mr. Lehman's client from being licensed. However, he also stated that he will support the Ordinance.

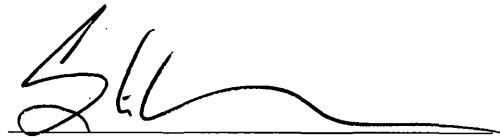
ACTION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 98-526, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF TAXICABS."

Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS: None.

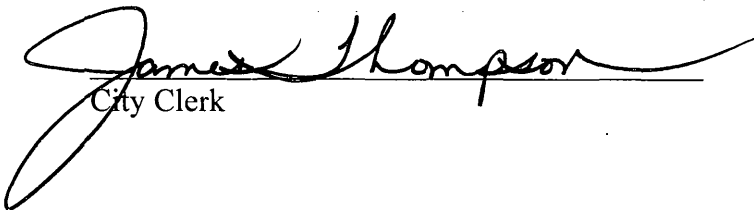
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned in memory of Sally Mann, Renee Edgington and Matthew Francis at 8:05 P.M. to their next regular meeting on Monday, October 5, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1998.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk