

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 1998  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:43 P.M. and stated that the Regular Meeting was preceded by a Study Session at 6:00 P.M. regarding the 1998-2000 Preliminary Budget.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Renee Rosenfeld led the Pledge.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers - None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Makinney, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Love, Assistant City Clerk Thompson, and Records Management Coordinator Carmen Nunley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Martin asked the City Council to add an Urgency Item to the Agenda as Item 2.Z: Approval of an Emergency Contract with the former "Life Lobby" now known as California Gays and Lesbians for Equality (GALE).

Mayor Martin also removed Item 2.M from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman removed Item 2.V from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

**ACTION: 1) Find that the item was brought to the attention of the City after the Posting of the May 18, 1998 Agenda and there is immediate need to take action on the Item; and, 2) Add the Urgency Item to the May 18, 1998 Agenda as Item 2.Z. Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

**ACTION: Approve the May 18, 1998 Agenda as amended. Motion Councilmember Prang and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Guarriello presented a plaque to Jeanne Dobrin in recognition of her dedication to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman accepted a check in the amount of \$4158.51 from the Bank of Los Angeles, a donation to the City for the CommUnity Card Program. Mayor Pro Tem Heilman

stated that the funds will be used for social services programs such as child care programs, senior services and AIDS programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman also presented commendations to the Election Task Force: Don DeLuccio, Barry Greenfield (absent), Barbara Hewitt, Earl Howard, Jim Mangia, Shirley Roberts (absent), Julie Summers and Laurence Zakson for their outstanding work. He thanked City Clerk Love and Assistant City Clerk Thompson for their assistance with the Election Task Force.

Mayor Martin presented a commendation to West Hollywood Sheriff's Department in honor of Police Appreciation Week.

### **1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

MICHAEL FEUER, LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles City Councilmember encourage the City to support the regional handgun protection ordinance which would require background checks for purchases of ammunition, trigger locks, and increased sales taxes for the purchase of ammunition. He encourages the Cities to work together on a common approach to gun control.

BERNICE EPSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, representative of the National Council of Jewish Women, support Women helping Women programs and Reproduction Rights, she encourage the City to support the WRRAP fund-raiser Art Fair which will go to WRRAP assistance.

JOYCE SCHORR, SHERMAN OAKS, Founder of WRRAP, asked the City to lend the Park (free of charge) for their Art Fair and support and sponsor this event.

NORMA KEMPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, resident of La Jolla Avenue requested that the City hold off the Bid process for a traffic signal at La Jolla and Santa Monica Boulevard. Due to the possibility of increased traffic request time to review an alternative approach.

SIBYL ZADEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the appearance of Rod Stewart at Tower Records, she request that Tower Record provide security and traffic control and notify the residents. She also oppose the installation of a median strip and angel parking on San Vicente.

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Women's Advisory Board asked the City to support WRRAP and their Art Fair. She also request approval of appointment to the Women's Advisory Board. She also supports the Santa Monica Boulevard Project.

STEVEN L. DAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Human Services Commission, supports Lesbian Visibility Week and the implementation of a traffic signal at La Jolla Avenue.

ROSLYN COOPERMAN, BEVERLY HILLS, representative of the National Council of Jewish Women, supports the WRRAP organization and its fund-raiser Art Fair.

JUDITH KRAIN, CULVER CITY, Vice President of the WRRAP organization assured the City that they would benefit from their support of their Art Fair.

ARNY SCHORR, SHERMAN OAKS, owner of Rhino Records encourage the City to support the WRRAP organization and their Art Fair.

JEANNE ROSS, LOS ANGELES, co-chairperson of the Coalition of Reproduction Freedom supported and requested that the City help sponsor the WRRAP Art Fair.

RENEE ROSENFELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Human Services Commission appeal to the City to create a way to address Lesbian visibility and support Lesbian Visibility Week.

CHRISTOPHER B. PATROUCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support of the traffic signal at La Jolla and Santa Monica Boulevard.

SCOTT TOPIOL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, son of Charles Topiol owner of Charlie Clothing Store supports the traffic signal installment at La Jolla Avenue.

GRACIELA IPARRAGUIRRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, resident in the area of La Jolla and Santa Monica Boulevard strongly support the traffic signal at La Jolla. She also stated that she was notified and participated in the public hearing process.

LARRY GOMEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, resident opposed the traffic signal at La Jolla and Santa Monica Boulevard due to a possible increase of traffic. He requested that the City give them more time to look at another plan for the lighting location.

URSULA BOWER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, opposed the location of the traffic signal at La Jolla and Santa Monica Boulevard due to a possible increase in traffic.

HARRY PRONGUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, resident of the La Jolla Avenue area and has witnessed several accidents at the location, strongly support the implementation of the traffic signal.

BRIAN LANTIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for a traffic signal not a pedestrian cross walk at La Jolla Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard.

DENNIS, LABREQUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD resident in the area of La Jolla Avenue supports the traffic signal at La Jolla.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman ask that the staff coordinate with the Sheriff's Department for coverage at Tower Records for Rod Stewart's appearance. He expressed concern about the traffic signal at La Jolla and the possible increase in traffic and cruising along the Boulevard, but supports Staff's recommendation. He also requested an update from the Transportation Department regarding the area around the intersection such as the parking lot improvements and the coordination and function of interconnecting signal lights along the intersection.

Councilmember Guarriello commented on the Rod Stewart concert at Tower Records.

Councilmember Koretz request that the City take a stronger look at the concerts at Tower Records and the effects on the neighborhood. He is in support of the signal light at La Jolla and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Mayor Martin expressed concerns regarding the Tower Records issue. He stated that the Sunset Strip is one of the most filmed places in Southern California and requested staff to review the event and coordinate with Public Safety and the Sheriff's Department. He also expressed strong concern regarding the backlog of Citizenship paperwork by U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services. Mayor Martin supports the traffic signal at La Jolla, and would like to move forward on this issue.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** City Manager Makinney reported that he has been working with the Special Events Coordinator on the Rod Stewart concert. Towers is making substantial concessions by reducing the duration of the event and considerable neighborhood noticing. He stated Tower has agreed to pay for traffic and noise control which would eliminate impact on the neighborhood.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:** Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar, as amended, for May 18, 1998 is \$104,300. in expenditures and \$5,950. in potential revenues.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L., N., O., P., Q., R., S., T., U., W., X., Y., and Z., Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**2.A POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 18, 1998 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday May 14, 1998. **RECOMMENDATION** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 1998 and the Telecommunications Study Session of May 14, 1998. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2C. 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.D CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Deny the claims and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.E DEMAND REGISTER NO. 366, RESOLUTION NO. 98-1892:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 366 and adopt Resolution No. 98-1892, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 366." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.F. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION GRANT AGREEMENT FOR BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Direct the City Manager to sign the Grant Agreement between the Department of Conservation and the City of West Hollywood, awarding the City \$6,200 to establish and promote beverage container recycling during special events held in the City. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file Action Reports from the Project Area Committee Meeting May 5, 1998; Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting of April 27, 1998; and, the Public Safety Commission Meeting of April 13, 1998. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.H. LESBIAN VISIBILITY ACTIVITIES:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Direct staff to work with a committee of interested community members to include members of the Human Services Commission, Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board, and Women's Advisory Board to sponsor three events for a Lesbian Visibility Week or Month and coordinate outreach and publicity for Lesbian Week or Month activities. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 9803, TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION, LA JOLLA AVENUE AND SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with LA Signal, Inc., in the amount of \$51,200 for the construction of CIP 9803, Traffic Signal installation, La Jolla Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, and reject all other bids; and, 2) Authorize the City Engineer to manage change orders on this project in an amount not to exceed 25% of the contract. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.J. PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT, CONGRESS AND THE US IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO END THE BACKLOG OF OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE WAITING TO BECOME US CITIZENS:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1893, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD URGING THE PRESIDENT, CONGRESS AND THE US IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO END THE BACKLOG OF OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE WHO ARE WAITING TO BECOME US CITIZENS;" and, 2) Direct the City staff to send this Resolution along with letters to President Bill Clinton, the Leadership of the US House and Senate and to the INS. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT PHYSICIANS FROM PERFORMING AN ABORTION UPON AN UNEMANCIPATED**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1894, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT PHYSICIANS FROM PERFORMING AN ABORTION UPON AN EMANCIPATED MINOR UNLESS THE PHYSICIAN HAS FIRST OBTAINED WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN;" and, 2) Send a copy of this Resolution to all appropriate local and statewide elected officials and to National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1202 AND S.995, THE CAPTIVE EXOTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1997:**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1895, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN

SUPPORT OF H.R. 1202 AND S.995, THE CAPTIVE EXOTIC ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1997." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL HANDGUN PROTECTION ORDINANCE:**

**This Item was removed from the Consent Calendar and was discussed under Excluded Consent Calendar.**

**2.N. FUNDING APPROPRIATION CATV RENOVATION PROJECT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Appropriate the amount of \$22,200 from undesignated reserves in Fund 287, Public Access Fund to account 287-1011-8520. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE AND CO-SPONSOR THE WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ASSISTANCE PROJECT (WRRAP) ART FAIR:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) Authorize the use of West Hollywood Park for the September 12th Art Fair; 2) Waive all City permit fees; 3) Authorize Public Information staff to assist in citywide event promotion; 4) Authorize Parks and Recreation staff to assist event organizers with park logistics. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.P. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC RELOCATION SERVICES:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve an agreement with Pacific Relocation Consultants for relocation counseling and assistance for tenants experiencing no-fault evictions, on an as-needed basis. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND ESTATE OF KEITH HARING FOR LOAN OF SCULPTURES FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a Loan Agreement with the Estate of Keith Haring covering terms of the Estate's loan to the City of 10 sculptures by Keith Haring and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUS STOPS AT 8042 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND 8751 MELROSE AVENUE:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize staff to install the bus stops for LACMTA Line 218 at Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Heights and Line 550 at

Melrose Avenue and Robertson Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. RESCHEDULING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON WESTMOUNT DRIVE:**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1897, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE WESTMOUNT DRIVE AT 634 WESTMOUNT DRIVE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND RESCHEDULING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.T. EXTENDED PASSENGER LOADING ZONE, REMOVE ONE PARKING METER AND ONE TAXI SPACE 8400 SUNSET BOULEVARD MIX USE:**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution No. 98-1898 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF THE PASSENGER LOADING ZONE LOCATED AT 8400 SUNSET BOULEVARD ALONG WITH THE REMOVAL OF ONE METERED PARKING SPACE AND ONE TAXI PARKING SPACE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.U. PASSENGER LOADING ZONE AT 1246 NORTH GARDNER STREET, BETWEEN FOUNTAIN AVENUE AND LEXINGTON AVENUE:**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1899, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING A PASSENGER LOADING ZONE AT 1246 NORTH GARDNER STREET, BETWEEN FOUNTAIN AVENUE AND LEXINGTON AVENUE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.V. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1998:**

**This Item was removed from the Consent Calendar and discussed under Excluded Consent Calendar.**

**2.W. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OVERLAY AREA CODES TO REMEDY AREA CODE EXHAUSTION:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1901, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF OVERLAY AREA CODES TO REMEDY AREA CODE EXHAUSTION;" and, 2) Forward copies of this Resolution to



the appropriate State and Federal Officials. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.X. FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) Direct Staff to work with the County of Los Angeles' Fire Department on developing a Fire Prevention/Safety Education Program. The program should include, but is not limited to, the following; A) Emergency Planning/Occupant Education; B) Assisting building owners with Fire Safety Plans; C) Conduct Fire Drills; D) Reviewing Fire Safety Building Standards; E) Contingency planning for the mobility impaired; F) Fire Extinguisher instruction; and 2) Direct Staff to submit a report to the City Council outlining the plan with options. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Y. RESCHEDULING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON WESTBOURNE DRIVE:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 98-1902, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE WESTBOURNE DRIVE AT 828 WESTBOURNE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND RESCHEDULING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Z. URGENCY ITEM: APPROVAL OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH THE FORMER "LIFE LOBBY" NOW KNOW AS "CALIFORNIA G.A.L.E. GAYS AND LESBIANS FOR EQUALITY":**

Councilmember Prang provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 18, 1998.

**ACTION:** 1) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement in the amount of \$5,000. with California G.A.L.E. for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered rights lobbying services upon review and approval of the City Attorney; and 2) Direct the Director of Finance to appropriate \$5,000 from unobligated reserves. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3.A. APPEAL OF PLANING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 97-64; VARIANCE PERMIT 98-02; MODIFICATION PERMIT 98-02; CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 98-02**

**AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 98-02 FOR TWO SINGLE FAMILY HOMES LOCATED AT 828 WESTBOURNE DRIVE:**

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the *West Hollywood Independent* on May 6, 1998, the subject property was posted and a Notice of Public Hearing was mail to properties within 500 feet of the subject property.

John Keho, West Hollywood, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 18, 1998.

Mayor Martin opened the Public Hearing and the following speakers addressed the City Council:

MARK LEHMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, representative of property owners and appellant, provided background information about the building.

LEO MOORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, engineer for appellant provided information on the parking and also an illustration.

WALTER OKITSU, MONTEREY PARK, engineer of Katz, Okitsu and Associates provided additional information to support the parking plans.

JOHN PACE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, architect for appellant, provided extensive research by hiring a traffic engineer to review the parking plans to allow ample maneuvering space.

MICHAEL VIOLANDI, LOS ANGELES, investor in the project stated that he spoke with the neighbors regarding the project and their concerns.

JERRY KU, LOS ANGELES, stated his support of project and stated that the City would benefit from this project.

ROBERT STELOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support of the project stated that they are happy to see project and feel that the parking is a minor problem.

MARVIN HOEFER, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding the quality of the plans, he feels that the planners have good intentions for the lot that has been an eyesore too long. He supports the project and feels parking is a minor problem.

BRUCE TRAUB, WEST HOLLYWOOD, feels that this project is a major improvement over may other project that was approved in the area.

RALPH FEELEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project he feel that this project is a quality project and people should support it.

KENT DALMAN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the project.

ANN CROWELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the project suggest that maybe they should put garages on the lot.

JOEL BECKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the project.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Planning Commissions decision stated that the lot is to small and that maybe they should revise the square footage.

No further speakers coming forward the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Guarriello had a concern about prospective property owners with large vehicles.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman had concerns regarding the maneuverability but the project development is good and supports the idea of finding a way to make it work.

Councilmember Koretz supports the moving of the structure back to create excess maneuverability.

Councilmember Prang support the approval with modification to the parking area.

Mayor Martin agrees that their are some community benefits from the project but, has some marketing concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman commented that moving the house back would allow variance for parking and may be a potential solution.

John Keho, Associate Planner for the City stated that by pushing the house back will not solve the maneuvering problem for vehicles but would give extra space.

**ACTION: 1) Approve the project in concept; and 2) Referred back to the Planning Commission for approval of rear-yard set back to move the second unit up to three feet to the rear property line. Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.**

**3.B. APPEAL OF MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 97-10 FOR A NEW RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 8290 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**

**ACTION:** Continue this item to the June 1, 1998 City Council meeting in order to meet all noticing requirements. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Mayor Martin, and unanimously carried.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 9:50 P.M.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 10:01 P.M.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. ELECTION TASK FORCE REPORT OF FINDINGS:**

City Clerk Love provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 18, 1998.

LAURENCE S. ZAKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Task Force findings to better the election process.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Task Force decisions to increase voter education and participation but, request that the polling locations remain the same.

JIM MANGIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Task Forces decisions to increase voter participation and education, but the most important issues are the vote by mail and the moving of the election date to November.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman request that if we move the election date to November that we move the date during an even number year verses an odd number year to increase voter participation.

Councilmember Prang support the ideal of moving the election during and odd number year. He feels that it would increase voter participation because citizens are use to November elections.

Councilmember Guarriello supports the moving of the election day to the same day as Los Angeles election. He feels that the current dates are confusing and could be a reason for the lack of voter participation.

Mayor Martin request that the City provide information over the internet.

**ACTION:** 1) Receive and File the West Hollywood Election Task Force Report dated April 20, 1998; 2) Implement Task Force Recommendations Nos.

1-7, 9-12 and 14, and direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance per Recommendation 13; and 3) Direct staff to take no action on recommendation No. 8 until the implementation of a vote-by mail election. 4) Direct staff to study the implications of subsidized election mailings. **Motion by Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**4.B. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD:**

Heather Hinkel, John Lazar, Paul Dooks and Peter Kreysa were nominated for reappointment to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board. Karin Quimby, Ivy Bottini, Corri Planck and Dan Levy were nominated for appointment to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

**ACTION:** Reappoint John Lazar and Peter Kreysa. Appoint Dan Levy Karin Quimby Ivy Bottini and Corri Planck to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board for terms ending May 31, 2000. **Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**4.C. WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Mina Kedar and Dona Klein were nominated to serve on the Women's Advisory Board.

**ACTION:** Appoint Mina Kedar and Dona Klein to the Women's Advisory Board as "at-large" appointments for terms ending May 31, 1999. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

**4.D. THIRD QUARTER REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 97-98 SUBMITTED BY WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION:**

Paul Zimmerman, Executive Director of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, outlined the activities and programs of the Corporation.

**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

**4.E. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Ann Semonco was nominated to serve on the Disabilities Advisory Board.

**ACTION:** Appoint Ann Semonco as an "at-large" member to the Disabilities Advisory Board for a term expiring May 31, 1999. **Motion Mayor Martin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**4.F. PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY INPUT CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT LEVY OF ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99; AND REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO CAST THE CITY'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT:**

INEZ MOGUL, LOS ANGELES, commercial property owner spoke against the proposed assessment, feels that as property owners they should not have to pay for unneeded items, like sidewalk cleaning and holiday lights.

JOEL MOGUL, LOS ANGELES, spoke against the proposed assessment, feels that it is a very marginal need of the City.

MITZI MARCH MOGUL, LOS ANGELES, spoke against the proposed assessment.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the decision of the proposed assessment.

Councilmember Prang gave a brief explanation of the proposed Assessment and some of its benefits.

**ACTION:** 1) Defer action to the Public Hearing on June 15, 1998; and 2) Direct the City Manager to cast the City's vote in favor of the Santa Monica Boulevard Maintenance District for City owned properties within the district. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 10:50 P.M. AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 10:52 P.M.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. ROADWAY MODIFICATION ON SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD BETWEEN MELROSE AVENUE AND THE ALLEY SOUTH OF SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**

Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 18, 1998.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the need for more handicap parking spaces in the Library. She opposed the angel parking along San Vicente and feels that the median should be less than eight feet wide.

LUIS MARQUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the angel parking along San Vicente.

**ACTION:** 1) Authorize reconfiguration of San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose Avenue and the alley south of Santa Monica Boulevard to accommodate planted median island and angle parking on the side of the street; 2) Approve a professional service agreement with Willdan Associates in the amount not to exceed \$8,450 for preparation of construction plans and specifications for the reconfiguration of San Vicente Boulevard; 3) Direct staff to continue coordination efforts with Los Angeles County to have the median island installed as roadway restoration upon completion of the Holly Hills Storm Drain Project; 4) Direct staff to proceed with development of an interim reconfiguration project for San Vicente Boulevard to install angle parking on the west side of the street, prior to the construction of the Holly Hills Storm Drain Project and report back in June with cost information. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.M. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL HANDGUN PROTECTION ORDINANCE:**

Mayor Martin stated that this resolution is to bring the City of West Hollywood to the point where the City of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Culver City are currently regarding handgun protection.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No 98-1896, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF A REGIONAL HANDGUN PROTECTION ORDINANCE and 2) Send copies of this resolution to the City Council of the Cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Culver City. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman, seconded by Mayor Martin and unanimously carried.**

**2.V. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1998:**

**ACTION: Tabled to July 6, 1998 Council Meeting. By consensus of the City Council.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Librarian's comments regarding the Library. She also spoke against Prop 224.

6. **LEGISLATIVE: None.**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Guarriello asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Frank Sinatra.

Councilmember Koretz directed staff to report to the City Council the funding options of the Library Committee.

Councilmember Prang stated that West Hollywood is hosting the June 17, 1998 Contract Cities meeting.

City Attorney Jenkins asked that the City Council add three items to the Closed Session Agenda. These items were brought to the attention of the City after the posting of the Agenda and they need immediate action. Government Code Section 54956.9 Amicus Participation Monterey Dunes v. City of Monterey, U.S. Supreme Court Case No. 97-1235; Kobzoff v. Harbor UCLA Medical Center case No. B099100; and SM Morgan v. Aries, case No. BS050888.

**Motion by Mayor Martin, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 11:32 PM TO CLOSED SESSION.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 11:40 PM.**

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:** City Attorney Jenkins stated that the City Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss Items on the Closed Session Agenda. No reportable actions were taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned in memory of Frank Sinatra at 11:55 P.M. to their next regular meeting on Monday June 1, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

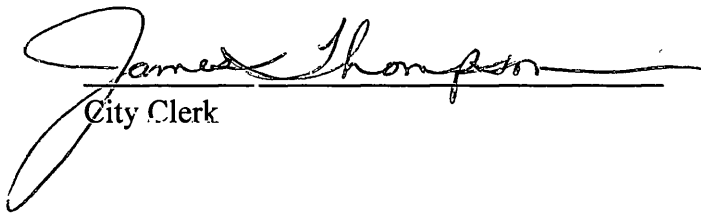


APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 15TH  
DAY OF JUNE, 1998.



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MAYOR

ATTEST:



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City Clerk