

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
MINUTES  
STUDY SESSION REGARDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 1998  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
  
2. **ROLL CALL:**  
PRESENT: Councilmembers - Guarriello, Koretz, Prang, Heilman and Mayor Martin.  
ABSENT: Councilmembers - None.  
ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager English, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Love and Assistant City Clerk Thompson.

3. **DISCUSSION ON ADOPTING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY ORDINANCE:**

Helen Goss, Public Information Officer/CATV Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 4, 1998. Ms. Goss introduced Mr. Bill Riddell, Attorney from Richards, Watson and Gershon.

Mr. Riddell provided an overview of the regulatory ordinance. He indicated that Part I sets forth the purpose and intent of the ordinance. Part II relates to franchises of cable television systems and outlines the various subject matter which may be addressed. He indicated that Part III sets forth a regulatory scheme which addresses open video systems. Part IV of the ordinance addresses telecommunication services and systems other than cable television systems and open video systems. He stated that Part V sets forth definitions, Part VI sets forth sanctions for violation of the chapter and a severability clause. This is the framework of an ordinance which can be modified as telecommunications change.

Ms. Goss indicated that one of the difficulties in putting this ordinance together is that there are both state and federal regulations for this industry and they are not congruent. However, the ordinance was created to give as much level ground as possible under both state and federal guidelines.

Ms. Perlstein provided an overview of the public right-of-way issues and standards for utility trench installations. She indicated the City Council will be considering an item on their regular agenda which would approve participation in a joint City project to establish public right-of-way standards for these installations.

Councilmember Koretz indicated that this type of conduit installation would be conducive to the acquisition of Santa Monica Blvd.

MARK OLSON, REGIONAL MANAGER OF SO. CA. EDISON, indicated he has been involved in these issues with both Santa Monica and Beverly Hills and stated Edison

must be involved, up front. He stated they would like to coordinate work with the staff and other utilities.

Councilmember Heilman stated that one of the problems in the past has been customer service and lack of notification from the cable provider. Whenever there has been any discussion of changing the providers the cost has always seemed prohibitive. He asked if during this process the City could install the conduit and own the system.

Ms. Goss responded that there are about 100 cities across the country which own their own fiber-optic network. This is certainly an option for staff to explore.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman asked about the Telecommunications Task Force and indicated he did not think that moved forward. He requested that the Task Force be resurrected.

**ACTION:** Direct staff to return the Ordinance for City Council adoption at its June 1, 1998 meeting.

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

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None.

5. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

City Attorney Jenkins stated that the City was approached today to file a short *amicus* brief in S.M. Morgan v. David Arias, Case No. 98U00201.

**ACTION:** Recess to Closed Session to discuss filing of Amicus Brief in the civil case of Morgan v. Arias, Case No. 98U00201. **Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and unanimously carried.**

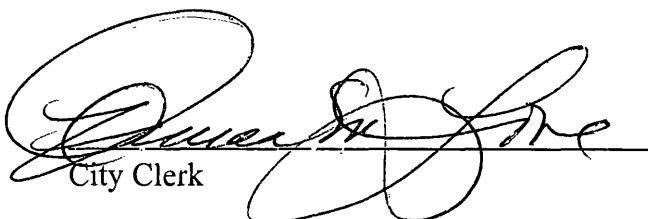
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council recessed into Closed Session at 6:34 P.M. to be immediately followed by the Regular Meeting.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY, 1998.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk