

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1998  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Guarriello called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Norma Kemper led the Pledge.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers - None.

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

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:** City Attorney Jenkins stated that at 6:30 p.m. the City Council called the meeting to order and by a unanimous vote added one Item to the Closed Session Agenda under Government Code Section 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, Charles Makinney representing the City and AFSCME/WEHOME Bargaining Unit. The City Council recessed into Closed Session to discuss items contained on the Closed Session Agenda. The Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and no reportable actions were taken.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Assistant City Clerk Thompson asked the City Council to remove Item 5.C Proposed City Hall Service Center Contract and table the Item to March 2, 1998.

Councilmember Heilman requested the removal of Item 2.O from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested the removal of item 2.M from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Councilmember Prang requested that Item 5.F be moved and heard immediately following the Public Hearings.

**ACTION: Approved the February 17, 1998 Agenda as amended. Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Guarriello proclaimed the week of February 23rd through March 2nd, 1998 as Childhood Cancer Awareness week in the City of West Hollywood and urged all Californians to join in pursuit to improve the lives of children with cancer and their families.

Mayor Guarriello presented commendations to the following for their participation and generosity in the City of West Hollywood, Recreation Services, 1997 Holiday Toy Drive Los Angeles Cannabis Resource Center, Rikki Poulos, Keith E. Pressman, Esq., Weiss Development, Marvin's Pharmacy, John Altschul, Congregation Koi Ami, Le Montrose Suite Hotel, Dark Light Pictures, Ticketmaster, Dublin's Irish Whiskey Pub, Executive Car Leasing, Duran, Loquvam and Robertson, Ramada West Hollywood, Mirabelle Restaurant, Eller Media Company, Westlake Audio Inc., Personal Attorney Service, Mr. Herbert Horvitz, Bank of Los Angeles, Metropolitan Community Church, West Hollywood Recycling Services, Nation Wide Sports, Jules Seltzer and Associates, Unicorn Bookstore, West Hollywood Concerned Citizens, The Doyle/Logan Company, Pacific Design Center, Warner Hollywood Studios, Hugos Restaurant, West Hollywood Rotary Club, Zee Medical Service, Fountain Day School, Brenda G. Bass, MD, Daniel Lawrence Architect, Christopher Street West, Budget Car Rental on Sunset, Wilhelm Family, Tisha Sutherland, Rich Ryan and Donny Diaz, Archibald/McBride Family, and the Association of Confidential Employees (ACE).

Councilmember Prang presented a plaque to Bonnie Smith in the Recreation Services Division for service above and beyond the call of duty for her participation in the 1997 Toy Drive.

Councilmember Heilman proclaimed February 24, 1998 as Mardi Gras day in West Hollywood. Michael Yates from Christopher Street West and Fed Carmean from Homestead Hospice accepted the proclamation.

Michael Yates provided an overview of the upcoming activities.

Councilmember Heilman introduced Penny Levin and Robert Jacobsen from the Bank of Los Angeles who presented the City a check in the amount of \$7,137, proceeds from the Community Card for use in Social Service programming.

**1. CITIZEN COMMENTS::**

WENDY KRUEGER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided an update on Women's History Month and requested the installation of banners honoring outstanding women in history.

BENJAMIN CLAVEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked everyone who participated in the Kings Road Open House a few weeks ago. He invited everyone to the Public Facilities meeting on March 11. He thanked Frances Diaz for her work on the Commission. He announced that predesign has begun on the Plummer Park Senior/Teen/Community Center project.

CAROL RODRIQUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, she thanked the City for the Valentines Party for Senior Citizens. She also thanked the House of Blues and the Great American Swing Band for the great event.

ANGEE BECKETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, she recommended that the City of West Hollywood pass stronger legislation to protect trees which are on private property. She noted that there are heritage trees which are being cut down.

NORMA KEMPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated she cannot stay to speak on Item 3.A. and encouraged the City Council to approve the item.

JANET GOLDSTEIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a parking problem on La Jolla and Romaine and requested the City Council approve Item 3.A.

DONNY CACY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about styrofoam and indicated that previously the regulations were enforced. He suggested amending the law to allow customers to select paper or styrofoam.

JAMES PROVENZANO, CLEAN AIR NOW, spoke regarding agenda item 5.E. He indicated that Clean Air Now supports a ban on the vehicles outlined in the item.

LAURENCE ZAKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Member of the Public Safety Commission, spoke regarding item 4.A. stating the Commission support of this item. He indicated that the audit and resulting report will help the Public Safety Commission more intelligently

DON SAVOIE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, indicated that the Chamber will co-sponsor the Women's History Month and will kick-off the month by honoring five outstanding women in our community. He outlined the events planned for Women's History Month.

JOHN DURAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of item 5.E. and ordinance prohibiting Advertising Vehicles.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Heilman asked the City Manager to request that John Jakupcak provide the City Council with an update on the styrofoam law in writing and provide a brief update at the next City Council meeting. He also announced a number of programs which will be held during Women's History Month. Secondly, he announced an evening with Gore Vidal will be held in Beverly Hills on March 10.

Councilmember Prang asked the City Manager to report back on the length of time that banners are up. He also provided an update on the State Board of Equalization relative to sales tax and indicated that the City will probably have to pursue legislation. He noted his concern for heritage trees and requested the City Manager to come back with information on the heritage tree protection.

Councilmember Koretz indicated that there is no legislation on the books that will protect heritage trees on private property. He indicated that we should look into it.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin added his support for the protection of heritage trees. He also thanked the Public Facilities Commission on the last community meeting on the Kings Road Park Site. He also commented on Item 2.V., a resolution supporting the proposed implementation of stricter regulations on pick-up trucks, van and sport utility vehicle emissions.

Mayor Guarriello asked the City Manager to look at the styrofoam issue.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** City Manager Makinney stated there have been many complaints regarding animal violations and these programs have been included in the Administrative Remedies program.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:** Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated the fiscal impact of the consent Calendar, as amended, is \$128,450 in expenditures and \$11,311. in potential revenues.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

**2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 1998, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, February 12, 1998.

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

**2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the minutes of February 2, 1998. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.C. 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 Mina DeGifis, Daniel Richard Halpern, Jorge E. Hutchinson and Kristen Inbar and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.E. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 360, RESOLUTION NO. 98-1848:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Demand Register No. 360 and adopt Resolution No. 98-1848, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 360." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.F. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file the Treasurer's Report of October, 1997 and November, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.G. ORDINANCE NO. 98-513 (2nd Reading), RENAMING OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION:**

RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 98-513, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER IX, PART H, OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RENAMING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.H. ORDINANCE NO. 97-504 (2nd Reading), RENAMING OF THE FINE ARTS ADVISORY BOARD TO THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION:**

RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 97-504, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER IX, PART E AND ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 9502, 9505 AND 9507 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RENAMING THE FINE ARTS ADVISORY BOARD TO THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.I. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file Action Reports from the Planning Commission of February 5, 1998. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.J. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Direct staff to create proclamation for Women's History Month; and, 2) Direct the appropriate City staff to work with the Women's Advisory Board to assist with the production and promotion of Women's History Month and the 150th Anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.K. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BANNER INSTALLATION:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Direct staff to approve the installation of 19 3' x 8' banners on the north and south side of Santa Monica Boulevard between Crescent Heights Boulevard and Kings Road from March 1, 1998 to March 31, 1998; 2) Direct staff to work with the Women's Advisory Board to promote Women's History Month 1998; and, 3) Direct the Finance Director to appropriate \$855.00 from allocated funds in the mid-year budget for special council projects. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.L. RECLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS ANALYST:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt the revised job specification for the Environmental Programs Analyst position; 2) Change the title of the job from Environmental Programs Analyst to Environmental Programs Specialist; and, 3) Reclassify the position one level higher to grade 5131 (GE-EX-13). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.M. RECLASSIFICATION OF PARKING MANAGER POSITION:**

This item was removed for further discussion and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar Items, immediately following New Business.

**2.N. PARTICIPATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:**

RECOMMENDATION: Direct the City Attorney to evaluate the County of Los Angeles' Child Support Compliance Program, and if it is determined that it is beneficial to West Hollywood, draft an ordinance for Council consideration for March 2, 1998. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.O. GAY AND LESBIAN/SHERIFF'S CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:**

This item was removed for further discussion and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar Items, immediately following New Business.

**2.P. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CURRENT SUPPLEMENT OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION:**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1849, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REGULATING MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THEIR USE IN THE ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, REMOVAL, CONVERSION, DEMOLITION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS AS WELL AS PERMITS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH IMPROVEMENTS; AND REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Q. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. 011 OF THE STATE-LOCAL MASTER AGREEMENT FOR STATE SHARE FUNDS ON THE FOUNTAIN/FULLER TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP 9708):**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1850, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING SUPPLEMENT NO. 011 FOR STATE SHARE FUNDS ON PROJECT SB98-5440(002), FOUNTAIN AVENUE AT FULLER AVENUE INTERSECTION;" 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign Program Supplement No. 011 of State-Local Agency Transportation Partnership Agreement No. SLTPP-5440; and, 3) Instruct the City Clerk to submit two copies of the signed Agreement and a copy of Resolution No. 98-1850 to Caltrans' Office of Local Programs. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.R. VEHICLE PURCHASE:**

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to Wondries Ford, Fleet Division in an amount not to exceed \$115,552.56 for the purchase of three 1998 Ford 1/2 ton mid-size pick-up trucks, two 1998 Ford 1/2 ton full-size pick-up trucks and one 1998 Ford passenger van; and, 2) Declare one 1987 Toyota Celica passenger car as surplus and authorize staff to sell this vehicle with funds received being deposited into the general fund. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.S. TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY - APRIL 23, 1998:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1851, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING APRIL 23, 1998 AS TAKE YOUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY"; 2) Direct staff to develop and coordinate programming for City of West Hollywood employees; and, 3) Direct staff to work with Women's Advisory Board and local businesses such as the Pacific Design Center to collaborate on programming. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.T. CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Direct Human Resources, Human Services and Finance staff to determine the need and feasibility of a City-run care facility located close to City Hall; and, 2) Present findings to Council June 1, 1998. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.U. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TAMAR DABNEY FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN AND PRODUCTION SERVICES:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve a professional services agreement with Tamar Dabney for graphic design and production services in an amount not to exceed \$7,000; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.V. PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF STRICTER REGULATIONS ON PICK-UP TRUCK, VAN AND SPORT-UTILITY VEHICLE EMISSIONS:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1852, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF STRICTER REGULATIONS ON PICK-UP TRUCK, VAN AND SPORT-UTILITY VEHICLE EMISSIONS;" and, 2) Send copies of this Resolution to the Director of the EPA, the AQMD Board, the CARB, all appropriate Los Angeles County elected officials, and all appropriate environmental advocacy groups. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.W. STREET TREES AT 8315 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**

RECOMMENDATION: For public safety purposes, authorize the replacement of two Ficus trees located at 8315 Santa Monica Boulevard. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.X. PROPOSED RESOLUTION INCLUDING THE MUTILATION OF A CAT IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CRIME TIPS PROGRAM:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1853, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD INCLUDING THE MUTILATION OF A CAT IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CRIME TIPS PROGRAM"; 2) Post a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator of this crime; and, 3) Direct City staff to publicize the offer of reward in the community, and to work with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in an effort to locate the perpetrator or perpetrators of this crime. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**2.Y. RESIGNATION FROM THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD:**

RECOMMENDATION: Accept with regret the resignation of Vince Roncone. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3.A. ROMAINE STREET PETITION FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING:**

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the West Hollywood Independent on February 4 and February 11, 1998.

Donald Korotsky, Associate Transportation Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

Mayor Guarriello opened the Public Hearing and as there were no speakers, the Public Hearing was closed.



**ACTION:** Introduce on first reading, Ordinance No. 98-514, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PART B OF CHAPTER 2 OF ARTICLE III OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING PARKING REGULATIONS FOR ROMAINE STREET IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 9 AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE."

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

THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

**5.F. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST (CSW) GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE FESTIVAL:**

Beth Sazama, Festival and Events Specialist, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

EFFIE RENVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated that there were problems last year with airplanes and traffic which should be addressed.

Council discussed the extra day closure and the cost of the street sweeping. Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services, stated that if the Park was ready to open ahead of schedule, the City may be able to open the Park early.

Councilmember Koretz inquired about the cleanup for the softball field and asked CSW for greater care in cleaning up the field.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that since we are being asked to absorb costs and would like to see two full pages in the Festival program donated to the Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote West Hollywood Hotels.

**ACTION:** 1) Approve the use of West Hollywood Park and City property for the 1998 Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival and authorize the City Manager to enter into agreement permitting said use; 2) Authorize the use of Santa Monica Boulevard between Fairfax Avenue and Doheny Road for the 1998 Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade; 3) Authorize the use of San Vicente Boulevard between Santa Monica Boulevard and Melrose Avenue for the 1998 Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival; 4) Waive permit parking in the City from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 1998 through 7:00 a.m. on Monday, June 29, 1998; 5) Authorize the Pacific Design Center (PDC) to charge up to \$8.00 for parking based on negotiations with CSW; 6) Authorize CSW to sell beer and wine during the festival; 7) Waive City permit fees including the temporary event permit, building and safety permits, encroachment permit and encroachment permit meter fees; 8) Authorize a decrease in the peddler permit fees, thus reducing the fee from \$52.50 to \$35.00 per vendor; 9) Agree that the City of West Hollywood will act as an official sponsor for both events; and, 10) Allow Finance Manager to increase the Contract Services Account (100-8040-8520) by \$4,350 from money from the undesignated reserves to pay for four additional street sweepers 11) Approved with the condition that CSW provide, at no cost, the West Hollywood Convention and Visitors Bureau two full pages in the Festival Program to promote West Hollywood Hotels.

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

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**4.A. TECHNICAL REVIEW OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LACSD) CONTRACT FOR POLICE SERVICES:**

City Manager Makinney provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

Councilmember Heilman noted that he still feels this is not an appropriate expenditure and feels it should be the responsibility of the Public Safety Manager to evaluate this service.

City Manager Makinney noted that there have been two other independent audits for both the Code Compliance Program and the Information Systems Division.

**ACTION:** 1) Approve an agreement with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to conduct a technical assistance study in an amount not to exceed \$20,000; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**Motion Mayor Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Prang and carried noting the NO vote of Councilmember Heilman.**

**4.B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION RESIGNATION AND DIRECT APPOINTMENT:**

**ACTION:** Accept with regret the resignation of Michael Kraut; and, 2) Councilmember Heilman appointed Frances Diaz to the Public Safety Commission, effective February 17, 1998, to fill an unexpired term ending May 31, 1999.

FRANCES DIAZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, she thanked Councilmember Heilman and Mayor Guarriello. She also thanked Lloyd Long and Sam Baxter for all their work and effort. She also indicated that Public Safety is her area of interest.

**4.C. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD DESIGN DEVELOPMENT:**

City Manager Makinney provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

DON SAVOIE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, indicated they have submitted names of individuals who would be interested in participating.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that the Planning Commission has already discussed this before it was brought before the City Council. He stated his concern with a 25-member steering committee and is not comfortable with only two Council offices being represented. He indicated he would rather see the City Council serve as the Design Committee.

Mayor Guarriello stated that he would like to be involved with this project and the Steering Committee, and only appointing two members would be excluding some of the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated the City handles Steering Committees in this matter on a regular basis. This Committee is Advisory only and all recommendations must be returned to the City Council for a decision. The City needs to get moving on this issue.

Councilmember Koretz stated he supports this but feels that 25 members would make this body unwieldy and would encourage the City Manager to select less than 15 members.

Councilmember Prang suggested changing the name to Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Advisory Committee, the City Manager limited to ten appointees and maintain the participation of two Council offices. He feels that 25 member committee would get a broad cross-section of members of the community and city staff.

**ACTION:** 1) Direct the City Manager to establish a Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Advisory Committee; and, 2) Direct the City Manager work with the City Council Offices regarding the list of eligible appointees, 3) Direct the City Manager to use the name "Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Advisory Committee."

**Motion Mayor Pro Tem Martin, seconded by Councilmember Koretz, and carried on a roll call vote:**

**AYES: Councilmembers - Koretz, Prang, and Martin.**

**NOES: Councilmembers - Heilman, and Mayor Guarriello.**

**ACTION:** The City Council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Martin and Councilmember Prang to the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Advisory Committee.

**4.D. WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU. SECOND QUARTER REPORT AND AMENDMENT TO THE 1997-98 AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES:**

Alison Maxwell, Development Specialist, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

BRAD BURLINGAME, President of the West Hollywood Convention and Visitors Bureau, outlined the activities of the Bureau for the quarter ending December 1997.

Councilmember Heilman requested that the Board consider marketing the City of West Hollywood as a destination for holiday shopping and also market to local residents during the holidays.

Mayor Guarriello, Mayor Pro Tem Martin and Councilmember Prang noted their support for their activities and the report.

**ACTION:** 1) Receive and file the quarterly report for the West Hollywood Convention and Visitors Bureau for the quarter ending December, 1997; and 2) Approve Amendment No. 1 to the 1997-98 Agreement for Services and authorize the City Manager to sign the amendment.

**Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

**4.E. AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, SECOND QUARTER REPORT:**

Alison Maxwell, Development Specialist, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

JEB BAIRD, representing the Avenues of Art and Design Business Improvement District, outlined the activities of the District for the quarter ending December 1997.

**ACTION:** Receive and file the quarterly report for the Avenues of Art and Design Business Improvement District for the quarter ending December, 1997.

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

**4.F. MELROSE AVENUE CURB EXTENSION:**

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

CAROL RODRIQUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the entire project and noted the increased traffic on Melrose.

BRUCE TRAUB, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated that the history on this project is very clear. He quoted various comments by other individuals regarding Melrose and asked why this project is taking so long.

EFFIE RENVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked the City Council to remove the curb extensions.

RALPH FEELEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for the removal of the curb extensions. He would like to see statistics of accidents between vehicles.

ANN CROWELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her support for the removal of the buttons and the curb extensions.

ROSLYN KRAUSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her support for the removal of the curb extensions and the buttons. She indicated that this street is dangerous and the striping is peeling.

Councilmember Heilman asked for the accident history before the implementation of the curb extensions and then after the installation.

Ms. Dyke responded that historically there had been a least one accident per year between the curb and pedestrian. When this type of accident occurred at speeds of 37 mph it was a concern, as there was more chance for fatalities. The major complaint has been that it is more difficult to negotiate the turn, as the curb is now in the parking lane. The speeding and the improper lane-changes were the significant contributors to the accidents in that area which now have been mitigated by the changes.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that there has been an increase of traffic and the traffic is moving slower. It was his understanding the slowing down the traffic was one of the goals of the project. Is there a way to keep the project and alleviate the congestion.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that the flow of traffic and asked if we leave the angled parking may we remove the curb extenders.

Ms. Dyke responded that would not change the lane configuration or the flow of traffic. She added that as a whole there are more vehicles in the area, and that may also be conceived as congestion, which may or may not relate to the changes made to the street. In addition, since there is only one lane, even with no congestion, people are driving slower, because people drive slower on a one-lane street, as that is the speed the people choose to drive because they think it is safe, and that is an intended goal of the program.

Councilmember Koretz stated that what this transportation plan did was slow down Melrose and asked if this is something that we can logically correct.

Councilmember Prang indicated Melrose is one of the most frustrating driving experiences in the City. As far as the curb extensions is concerned but he is concerned with the number of people that are having difficulty navigating the curb extensions, and hit the curb, ballards or dots.

Councilmember Koretz indicated he has mixed feelings regarding this issue. He indicated that the remaining ballards should be removed. He however, is not convinced that the curb extensions should be removed.

Mayor Guarriello asked for clarification on the process of the installation of the ballards and the curb extensions

Mayor Pro Tem Martin clarified that there was a public process for the curb extensions.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that in retrospect there could have been some improvements in public education. Currently we are stuck with a situation and he would not like to see the City have to pay back the grant money. He stated his concern about people living the neighborhood still not being able to navigate the curb extensions. Possibly bring in some outside engineering to review the extensions.

**ACTION:** Defer final determination on the removal of curb extensions until December, 1998 and perform additional evaluation by an outside engineer of the curb extensions and buttons.

**Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martin, and carried noting the NO vote of Councilmember Prang.**

RECESS AT 9:25 P.M.

**RECESS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION:** The City Council recessed at 9:35 p.m. as the Public Facilities Corporation.

**RECONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL:** The City Council reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**5.A. PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN LEASE FINANCING DOCUMENTS, APPROVING THE FORMS AND AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF TWO SERIES OF REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION RELATING THERETO, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO:**

Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

**ACTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 98-1854, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN LEASE FINANCING DOCUMENTS, APPROVING THE FORMS AND AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING AND SALE OF TWO SERIES OF REFUNDING CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION RELATING THERETO, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO."

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

**5.B. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98 MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:**

Judith Wright, Budget Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

Councilmember Prang inquired about the \$100,000 appropriation for fundraising for the library foundation.

Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services, provided additional background information on the proposed library foundation. He stated that any proposal to expend funds would be brought back to the City Council for approval.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that it is his understanding that this is setting aside an amount for the library program.

**ACTION:** 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1855, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98." as specified in Attachment A., or as amended by the City Council; and, 2) Allow the Finance Director to approve transfers of budgeted funds within a department to the travel expenditure accounts with the exception of the \$100,000 for the library program and 4) Direct staff to return for a discussion on the priority of public facilities.

**Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and carried.**

**5.C. PROPOSED CITY HALL SERVICE CENTER CONTRACT:**

This item was tabled to March 2, 1998.

**5.D. MID-YEAR SOCIAL SERVICES ALLOCATION:**

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin inquired about after-school tutoring programs.

Councilmember Prang stated he concurs with both staff and the Human Services Commission recommendation.

**ACTION:** Allocate \$11,235 in Social Services contract savings to the Van Ness Recovery House for the crystal meth program.

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

**5.E. DRAFT AN ORDINANCE ON THE ELIMINATION OF EMISSIONS AND ALLEVIATION OF CONGESTION FROM ADVERTISING VEHICLES:**

Councilmember Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 17, 1998.

**ACTION:** Direct the City Attorney to work with the Department of Transportation and Public Works to draft an ordinance to ban the use of dedicated advertising vehicles within West Hollywood.



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

**5.F. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST (CSW) GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE FESTIVAL:**

This item was considered immediately following Public Hearings.

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2.M. RECLASSIFICATION OF PARKING MANAGER POSITION:**

Councilmember Martin inquired whether there was some trouble in filling this position.

Joan English, Director of Transportation and Public Works, provided further information on the process and the salary ranges.

**ACTION:** Approve the reclassification of the Parking Manager position from group II to group III of the manager salary grades.

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and carried noting the NO vote of Councilmember Prang.**

**2.O. GAY AND LESBIAN/SHERIFF'S CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:**

Councilmember Heilman conferred with staff about the lack of clarity who is actually on the Committee, and the importance of a regular meeting time and date. This item was to clarify who is on the Committee, who has the right to participate in the decision making and invite members of the public to give their input.

**ACTION:** Direct the City Manager to reactivate the Gay and Lesbian Sheriff's Conference Committee to develop an ongoing method of communication between the gay and lesbian community and personnel from the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station and advise the City Manager of areas that would create an effective working relationship.

**Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

EFFIE RAVANEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked that the City Council consider saving the two ficus trees and to do something about the buttons on Melrose.

CAROL RODRIQUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated that she likes the speed humps on her street and they are working great. She indicated that the pooper scooper had not been emptied in a while during the rains but it has been.

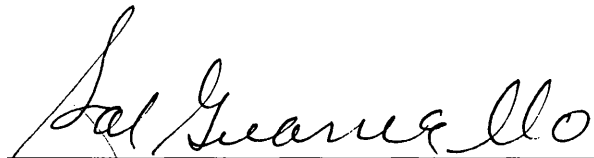
BRUCE TRAUB, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the installation of the bumps on the southeast corner of San Vicente and Melrose. He also commented about the left turn on Robertson.

6. **LEGISLATIVE:** None.

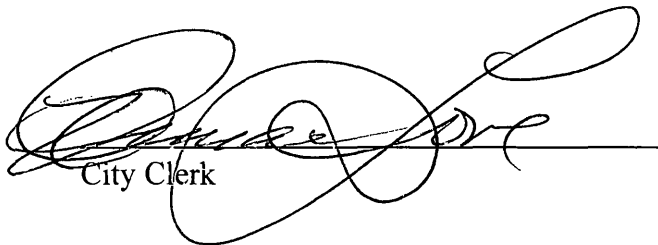
**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned at 10:15 p.m. to their next regular meeting on Monday, March 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 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 1998.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk