

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1998
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Martin called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ruth Williams led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers – Mayor Guarriello.

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 6:45 p.m. the City Council called the meeting to order and then recessed into Closed Session to discuss items contained on the Closed Session Agenda. The Closed Session adjourned at 7:05 p.m. and no reportable actions were taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Martin requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of George Leigh.

Councilmember Koretz asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Ira Schoenfeld.

Councilmember Prang requested Item 2.G. be tabled to February 2, 1998.

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that Mayor Guarriello requested Item 4.B. Disabilities Advisory Board Appointment be tabled to February 2, 1998.

ACTION: Table Item 4.B to February 2, 1998. Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and carried on a Roll Call vote.

AYES: Councilmembers - Heilman, Koretz, Mayor Pro Tem Martin.

NOES: Councilmembers - Prang.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of January 20, 1998 as amended. Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Ed Little, representing the West Basin Municipal Water District, presented a check in the amount of \$5,460. to the West Hollywood Sheriff's Activity League for their assistance in the low-flow toilet give-away that took place in October, 1997.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin also thanked the Activity League for all their assistance on this program but other projects as well.

Councilmember Heilman presented a proclamation designating January 22, 1998 as Roe V. Wade Day in the City of West Hollywood. The proclamation commemorates Roe V. Wade which was presented to Jean Ross from the Greater Los Angeles Coalition for Reproductive Freedom.

Ms. Ross thanked the City Council for the proclamation and indicated she is here accepting on behalf of the Greater Los Angeles Coalition for Reproductive Freedom. She asked everyone to join the program on Thursday, January 22nd at Temple Israel in Hollywood.

Councilmember Prang presented commendations to Community Volunteers, City Staff; the County and other Agencies who were involved with the explosion and the following emergency operations at 838 West Knoll Drive. Community Volunteers: Una Maslesa, Mia Maslesa, Sepedeh Lavian, Pedideh Gad, Brad Sullivan, Ruth Williams, Angee Beckett, Carol Rodriguez, Michael Kraut and Bernice Levin. Agencies and Organizations: Staff of Los Angeles County Fire Station No. 7, Staff of Los Angeles County Fire Station No. 8, West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, Southern California Edison, Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, Ramada West Hollywood, American Red Cross, MCE Street Maintenance Contractor. City Staff: Lloyd Long, Curtis Brown, Jr., Christopher Worland, Tamar Springer, Susan Smith, Beth Sazama, Mike Atkin, Sharon Perlstein, Joyce Rooney, Toya Brown, John Cyprien, Seimone Jurjis, Rex Shields, Charlie Makinney, Kathryn Reynolds, Helen Goss, Tisha Sutherland, Heather McFarlane, Vivian Love, Melba Englander, David Gillig; Jay Thompson, Linda Choi, David Petersen, Eugene Alper, Suza Szewiola, Leslie Isenberg and Rochelle Causly.

Chief Hacker thanked the City Council for the recognition. Captain Odenthal thanked the Disaster Volunteer Corps and thanked the City Council for the recognition.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

ROGER DAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the need to tighten up the laws in which the property owners must abide.

JOHN STOUT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Project Unity and indicated that it was a great event. He spoke against the installation of a camera at the corner of Doheny and Santa Monica Blvd. for the purpose of issuing traffic citations.

CAROL RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for the Project Unity event and was very impressed especially with the diversity of age. She also commented that the House of Blues was a very appropriate place to have the event.

BRIAN MARQUEZ, LOS ANGELES, thanked the City Council for the invitation to the Project Unity event which he was unable to attend due to illness. He thanked Bonnie Smith from the Parks and Recreation Division for bringing baskets and gifts to the underprivileged children at Gardener Elementary School and thanked the City for their support.

BARBARA HAMAKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she is very proud of being a resident of West Hollywood. She thanked the City Council for supporting the Roe V. Wade proclamation and recognition.

NADINE LE GOUGUEC, WEST HOLLYWOOD, she commented on the significance of the Roe V. Wade decision and thanked the City Council for the proclamation.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided the City Council with an overview of the meeting which was held today regarding the reality of implementing the new no smoking law. He indicated that there is a need for patrons to understand what the law is and how to comply. It was very encouraging to learn that the City will be working with other westside cities to ensure they are also complying.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Councilmember Heilman for putting together the Project Unity event. She commented on her disappointment with the participation on the budget meeting this past weekend. She encouraged people to participate in the process.

BLAIR GREENE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, he thanked the City Council for allowing him to speak. He represents the Palm Avenue Association and indicated that some of the condominium owners have concerns about the development at the Pacific Bell site. Their primary concern is traffic congestion and the possible obstruction of view.

AMY ANDERSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, member of the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board. She thanked the City Council for designating the public library as a historic building. She also commented on the building at 1343 Laurel Avenue. She requested that the City Council solicit input from the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board when looking at uses for this site.

SABATO FIORELLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, he read a letter which appeared in the West Hollywood Independent about the Good Neighbors Program.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Prang stated that Michael Sausser on the Public Facilities Commission has resigned and he will be making an appointment at the next Council meeting. He wanted to make sure there is a mechanism to ensure that lobbyists get copies of legislation which is a priority.

Councilmember Heilman commented about the ticket which was received by John Stout utilizing camera technology.

Councilmember Koretz commented about the use of camera technology in West Hollywood.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin thanked Councilmember Heilman for putting together the Project Unity Event.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Makinney asked Captain Odenthal to provide an update on Crime Prevention and Joan English, Transportation and Public Works Director, to provide some information on camera technology as a traffic enforcement mechanism.

Captain Odenthal provided the City Council with an update on several current investigations.

Joan English, Transportation and Public Works Director, indicated that the City has not looked at the camera devices, and does not believe Cal Trans would implement such a device at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Doheny Drive.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated the Fiscal Impact for the January 20, 1998 Consent Calendar as amended is \$62,650. in expenditures and zero potential revenues.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A, B., C., D., E., F., H., I., J., K., L., and M. Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 1998 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on January 15, 1998.

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

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of January 5, 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. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 358, RESOLUTION NO. 98-1833:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 358 and adopt Resolution No. 98-1833, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 358." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. TREASURER'S REPORT:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the Treasurer's report of September, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file Action Reports from the Transportation Commission of December 17, 1997; Public Safety Commission of December 8, 1997; East Side Project Area Committee of January 6, 1998; Rent Stabilization Commission of January 8, 1998; Business License Commission of January 6, 1998; and, Disabilities Advisory Board of December 10, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH JOHN L. HUNTER AND ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

Tabled to February 2, 1998.

2.H. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE REDUCTION OF THE SPEED LIMIT ON SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1834, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CERTIFYING THE REDUCTION OF THE SPEED LIMIT ON SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.I. PROPOSED RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS FUND PROGRAM AND GUIDELINES:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1835, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

ADOPTING A REVISED CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS FUND PROGRAM AND GUIDELINES”; 2) Request a report from the Committee in 12 months; and, 3) Direct the Finance Department to increase line item #100-2070-7214 by \$2,650 from unobligated general fund reserves. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.J. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED ANTI-LABOR UNION INITIATIVE KNOWN AS THE CAMPAIGN REFORM INITIATIVE (CRI):

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1836, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED ANTI-UNION BALLOT INITIATIVE, KNOWN AS THE CAMPAIGN REFORM INITIATIVE (CRI), WHICH WOULD RESTRICT THE USE OF LABOR UNION FUNDS USED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES”; and, 2) Direct staff to send copies of this resolution to the appropriate local elected officials, the leadership of the State Assembly and Senate and appropriate unions in Southern California and throughout the State, including CTA, Professional Firefighters, State Council SEIU, AFSCME, California Labor Federation and UFCW and CCPOA. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.K. APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DUKES SALES AND SERVICE, INCORPORATED FOR SEWER ROOT CONTROL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997-98:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Dukes Sales and Service Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to provide sewer root control services for the City of West Hollywood for Fiscal Year 1997-98. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.L. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS IN BANNING A CRUISE SHIP TOUR OF GAY MEN:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1837, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDEMNING THE RECENT ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS BANNING A CRUISE SHIP TOUR OF GAY MEN”; and, 2) Send copies of this Resolution to the Government of the Cayman Islands and the US State Department and all appropriate tourist and human rights organizations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.M. RESIGNATION FROM THE WOMAN'S ADVISORY BOARD:

RECOMMENDATION: Accept with regret the resignation of Lynn Hoopgarner. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENT OF 1145 NORTH HORN AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Continued Public hearing was posted as required by West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 2300.

Brent Mullins, Code Compliance Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 20, 1998.

BROOKS PICKERING, STATE COURT RECEIVER, thanked the City Council for the previous continuance which was granted. He indicated they have begun work on the site as of this week. They have pulled the permits for the structural improvements. They have hired an architect and a contractor and a civil engineer. He indicated that he has some complaints regarding the tree at the site. He indicated they have had a number of arborists out to the site to inspect the tree and he has a report which will be forwarded to the City Council indicating that the tree will not survive a transplant. They are looking at a proposal for replacement. They have also received complaints regarding security, and they will upgrade the fencing and security lights.

RICHARD MAGGIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on losing the tree. He also stated that there is no security at the site. He also commented that he had sent a letter to Brent Mullins which he has not received a response.

RICHARD ANDERSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked about the finish of the building and requested that if the railing has to be replaced a lighter finish be used.

ACTION: 1) Receive an update indicating substantial progress; 2) Grant a further continuance for 120 days, to the meeting of June 1, 1998; and, 3) Direct the Code Compliance Manager to provide a status report after 90 days on April 20, 1998.

Councilmember Koretz directed that staff work on the security issue.

Councilmember Prang also noted that he visited the site and found it very easy to access.

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

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. APPOINTMENT TO THE PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY/SENIOR/TEEN CENTER PROJECT'S DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Sam Baxter, Landscape and Building Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 20, 1998.

ACTION: Appoint Fran Solomon, Deputy to Councilmember Heilman and Rich Ryan, Deputy to Mayor Pro Tem Martin as the two representatives from the City Council Offices, as members of the Plummer Park Community/Senior/Teen Center Project's Design Review Committee.

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

4.B. DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:

ACTION: Tabled to February 2, 1998.

4.C. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER'S YOUTH PROGRAM:

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 20, 1998.

Councilmember Prang clarified that September 30, 1998 is the end of the two-year cycle. He asked if Social Services staff is satisfied with the quality of the program.

Ms. Dennis responded that they now have some solid systems in place. She indicated it is very difficult to document programs involving homeless persons.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that he will be looking at providing services for the youth in the City.

ACTION: 1) Approve funding of the Youth Services Program contract for \$34,666 with conditions noted in the staff report dated January 20, 1998; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement effective February 1, 1998 - September 30, 1998.

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

4.D. SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (COEP):

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 20, 1998.

STEPHANIE FARRINGTON-DOMINGUE, LOS ANGELES GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER, indicated their support of this recommendation.

Councilmember Prang commended staff and the Human Services Commission for their recommendation. He also commented on the self assessment report.

Councilmember Heilman thanked the Human Services Commissioners, the staff and Stephanie for their work thus far.

ACTION: 1) Approve a contract with the Gay and Lesbian Center's Community Outreach and Education Program for \$45,550 to provide educational, cultural, and social programming for the West Hollywood Lesbian Community; and, 2) Authorize staff to negotiate a scope of services and budget for the program, and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement effective February 1, 1998 - September 30, 1998.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.A. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DEVELOPERS FOR THE PARCEL LOCATED ON THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND HANCOCK AVENUE:

Joan English, Director of Transportation and Public Works, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 20, 1998.

Councilmember Heilman clarified that this recommendation is only for the authorization to issue the RFQ and not the approval of any type of development. He also indicated that he did not see anything regarding housing and wanted to make sure it was included. He also noted that the goal is to provide parking.

Ms. English stated staff will modify the RFQ to provide an affordable housing element.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the two major problems in West Hollywood has been crime and parking circulation. She cautioned that there was not a high demand for parking at the Kings Road site and she does not believe there is a high demand for parking at the Pacific Bell site as well.

ACTION: Authorize staff to issue a Request for Qualifications to develop a project on all or part of the parcel bounded by Santa Monica Boulevard and Hancock Avenue.

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

5.B. A PRESENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST (CSW) ON THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY:

Michael Yates, representing CSW, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 20, 1998. He introduced Jennifer Simmons of Leisure Quest and Davidson-Peterson Associates, who presented to the City Council an economic impact of the Christopher Street West Annual Gay Pride Celebration on the West Hollywood Community.

Councilmember Prang noted that the attendance dropped last year. He also asked that given the amount of money the City invests, what is the estimate of revenues which come back to the City. He noted that this is an excellent report.

Councilmember Heilman thanked Mr. Yates as well as this provides a lot of financial information.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin asked if this presentation could be given to the Chamber of Commerce and perhaps put the figures in your program.

Councilmember Koretz suggested trying to get some state funding as the revenues generated for the state are more than doubled.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the report is very good but disagrees with the percentage of West Hollywood attendees.

ACTION: Receive and file. **Approved by consensus of the City Council.**

5.C. YEAR END REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM:

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 20, 1998.

Councilmember Heilman clarified that this report is simply for information purposes but can be used for evaluation purposes.

Councilmember Prang expressed concerns regarding the self assessment approach and asked staff to clarify the tools used by staff to evaluate the agencies. He indicated there was not a great deal of continuity among the responses, and he would like staff to take a critical look at some to the responses and ask for additional information and clarification.

Councilmember Heilman stated that the self-assessment is a useful tool but it is not the only tool we use in the evaluation process.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that if this was the only tool we were using in evaluation of these programs then there would be a problem. He added that the numbers do not tell the whole story.

ACTION: Receive and file.

Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:


Councilmember Prang stated that he has been working with Assemblymember Wally Knox on the return of sales tax revenue to the City. He indicated Assemblyman Knox has worked very hard on this issue.

Councilmember Koretz added that John Chiang, State Board of Equalization, has been instrumental on the return of sales tax revenue to local agencies.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin commented on the fact that two Rent Stabilization Commissioners recused themselves from Citizen Comments.

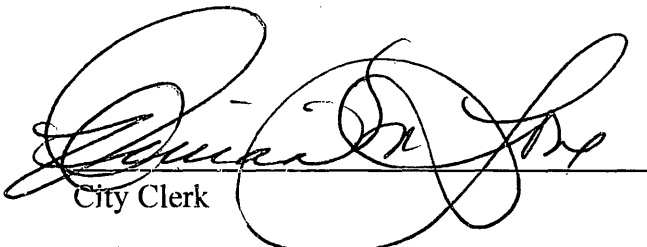
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned in memory of Ira Schoenfeld and George Leigh at 9:23 p.m. to their next regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS
2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1998.



MAYOR

ATTEST: . . .



City Clerk