

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1998
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Present - Councilmember Heilman (arrived at 9:30 a.m.), Councilmember Prang, Councilmember Koretz (arrived at 9:15 a.m.), Mayor Pro Tem Martin and Mayor Guarriello.

2. WELCOME:

Mayor Guarriello thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

3. PURPOSE, PROCESS & GUIDELINES

Mr. Don Maruska provided an overview of the activities for the day. He reviewed the definitions of Major City Goals, Other Important Goals and Goals to Address as Resources Permit.

4. PRESENTATION OF FISCAL FORECAST:

Paul Arevalo, Finance Director provided an overview of the fiscal forecast for the next five years. The forecast includes midyear adjustments that will come before the Council at the second meeting in February. He highlighted key items which were both included and not included in the forecast.

Councilmember Koretz asked that if the projections do not include the Santa Monica Blvd. then how could the Council go through this process.

Paul responded that it is projected that maintenance will cost approximately \$600,000 annually.

Mayor Guarriello asked how was this projection arrived as it is known that Cal Trans did not spend this amount of money on regular maintenance.

Joan English, Director of Transportation and Public Works, responded that the City Engineer projected these costs based on the maintenance that would be necessary to maintain the street on a regular basis.

Councilmember Prang clarified that it is safe to assume that the City would not be using the Cal Trans maintenance model for the City's maintenance.

Mr. Murasko identified the next steps.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. REVIEW GOALS BY CATEGORY

The City Council discussed all 52 items that were submitted by Council as priorities for the next two-year budget.

GOAL: Accelerate the completion of curb cuts for citywide disability access.

GOAL: Improved street/curb maintenance.

GOAL: Steam clean sidewalks three times per year.

GOAL: Explore new methods of pedestrian safety traffic control devices on busy streets.

GOAL: Assess parking needs and develop plans to increase spaces available.

GOAL: Citywide Pedestrian Orientation

GOAL: Explore opportunities for development.

GOAL: Develop a Master Plan for capital improvements throughout the city including a library, council chambers and west Hollywood park and begin implementation.

GOAL: Complete design and engineering of redevelopment and rehab of Santa Monica Blvd.

GOAL: Initiate construction of Santa Monica Blvd.

GOAL: Lighting & Landscape Assessment District to ensure the holiday lights and increased maintenance occurs.

GOAL: Continue current level of Social Services programming with review of the needs assessment and expand if resources are available.

GOAL: Do not create new ongoing programs without first identifying new revenue sources to pay for them.

GOAL: Update Economic Development Plan with specific attention - La Brea Gateway Project, conversion of the Tom Kat Theatre and other projects.

6. RECESS - The City Council recessed at 11: 10 and reconvened at 11:25.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD,

Ms. Dobrin stated that one of the goals for the City should be to have adjacent parking for development. She almost commented that the City is still not safe for nighttime residents and she encouraged the rehab of buildings, signage. She also commented that the signage is a problem on the east side and was surprised that Council did not support that item. She suggested having our own animal shelter.

8. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

There was additional discussion and the following goal was added.

GOAL: Continue current program activities for affordable and market-rate housing.

9. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

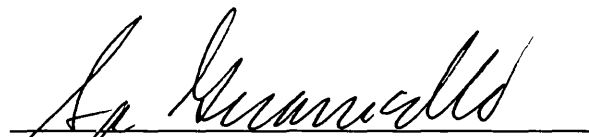
Mayor Guarriello thanked the public for returning the survey but expressed his disappointment that more people did not come to the meeting.

Councilmember Prang thanked the staff for the process.

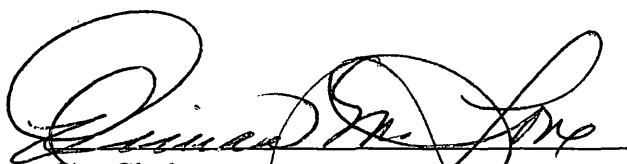
Paul Arevalo thanked the City Council, the staff and especially the Public Information Division for all their work.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:40 a.m. to the next regular meeting on January 20, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd.

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


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk