

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1998
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jon W. Davidson led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers - None.

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: City Attorney Jenkins stated that at 5:00 p.m. the City Council called the meeting to order and recessed into a Closed Session to discuss the items contained on the Closed Session Agenda. One item was added by unanimous vote under real estate negotiations, regarding Municipal Parking Structure No. 1 at 8383 Santa Monica Blvd. No reportable actions were taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that Staff has requested item 2.P, Lesbian Visibility Week Activities be removed from the Agenda.

Assistant City Clerk Thompson also stated that the City Clerk's Office removed item 2.T from the Agenda as a duplicate item.

Mayor Martin requested that Item 2.Y be removed from the Consent Calendar.

ACTION: Approve the Monday, April 20, 1998 Agenda as amended. Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Prang presented a commendation to Michael Sausser for his service on the Public Facilities Commission.

Mayor Martin presented the Key to the City to Vergil Gilbert, former President of the West Hollywood Rotary Club, on his 80th birthday.

Councilmember Koretz requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sam Backler. He also announced Take Your Daughters to Work Day on April 23rd and proclaimed April 19th to

April 25th as National Library Week to celebrate the importance of reading in our children's lives.

Mayor Martin requested that tonight's meeting be adjourned in memory of Ruth Levine who was very active in the community.

Councilmember Kortez introduced Sondra May, President of the Animal Guardians Society who presented the National Certificate of Caring Award to Lt. Jim Curtis, Deputies Sean Collingsworth, Don Mueller, Randolph Tuinstra, and Richard Dilabert who assisted in saving puppies during the recent inclement weather in West Hollywood.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman presented commendations to the members of the Pacific Hills Basketball Team: Coach John Bobich, Dennis Flynn, Anne Ibarra, Vinkesh Bali, Michael Jaffe, Anthony Kyles, Brandon Owens, Charles Pagan, Kamaal Davis, Hyman Lewis, Peter Rovekamp, Yves Benaroch, Conrad Adamczak, Ryan Abrahams, Gary White, Daniel Malwah, Sharif Joshua, Rodney Harvey and Byron Deegan, were all honored.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman also proclaimed April 21, 1998, National Youth Service Day

Councilmembers Prang and Koretz proclaimed April 22, 1998 as Earth Day, 1998 and encouraged residents to participate in environmental events. The following organizations were recognized with Earth Day commendations: Clean Air Now, Coalition for Clean Air, Sierra Student Coalition, Americans for a Safer Future, Tree People, Committee to Bridge the Gap, West Basin Municipal Water District, and Expert, Inc. for the Southern California Urban Water Management Program.

Mayor Martin announced that Councilmember Guarriello requested April 26 to May 2, 1998 be proclaimed Child Passenger Safety Week.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Steve Smith and also proclaimed April 26, 1998 as Day of Remembrance in memory of the victims and the survivors of the systematic persecution of European Jewry by Nazi Germany.

Teresa Kozlowski, Associate Planner, announced a community workshop to discuss the City's historical preservation efforts to take place on April 27th at City Hall from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

PAMELA KOMAC, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of a one story building for organized activities at the new Kings Road Park.

HAROLD POETS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, also urged support for the building at Kings Road Park.

STEVEN L. DAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the Community Needs Assessment report. He also spoke in favor of a building at Kings Road Park.

MAX FUHRMANN, Ph.D., WESTLAKE VILLAGE, a clinical psychologist spoke in favor of the item on the prohibition of discrimination against members of the transgender community.

JEFF SHOLOWITZ, SAN FERNANDO, spoke in favor of the item regarding the transgender community.

JON W. DAVIDSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, speaking on behalf of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, supports the item on the transgender community.

DIANE KAHN-EPSTEIN, Social Services Program Specialist for the City of West Hollywood, commented on the child care survey results and spoke in favor of child care facilities for City employees.

ALICE ROSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed support for housing alternatives for seniors.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, announced that Teresa Kozlowski will be leaving the City. She also apologized to a member of the Santa Monica Boulevard Steering Committee.

MARILYN PHILLIPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Alternative Living for the Aged.

RUTH WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on items 5.B and 5.C regarding the Law Enforcement Block Grant Funds. She also requested that the Council retain funding for the COPS program on the East Side.

DONNY CACY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports continued funding for the COPS Program. He also stated the City has become divided between east and west.

CRAIG RITCHIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of Items 5.B and 5.C. He stated that the COPS Program has decreased crime on the East Side.

BILL SENIGRAM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of renewed funding for the COPS program.

BOB BURKE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on item 3.B, the Community Needs Assessment.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello commented on the success of the Sheriff's Open House. He also stated that the Kids Fair was very successful.

Councilmember Heilman reiterated Councilmember Guarriello's compliments and thanked Daphne Dennis for organizing the Kids Fair. He also announced that the Chelsea District of New York City and Miami Beach have become sister cities with West Hollywood.

Councilmember Prang stated that the all-way stops on the East Side have been very effective. He also announced that a program entitled "Kaleidoscope" will be airing on City Channel 6.

Mayor Martin stated support for Assembly Bill 1946. He also announced a refurbished basketball court at West Hollywood Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Charlie Makinney, City Manager, introduced Allyne Winderman, Housing and Economic Development Manager who announced that the City Council has approved an election for the Santa Monica Boulevard Assessment District. Councilmember Prang expressed the importance of this assessment. Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, announced that staff recommends that the assessment district be divided into three sections.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar for Monday, April 20, 1998, as amended, is \$617,275 in expenditures and \$473,194 in potential revenues.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Items 2.A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L., M., N., O., Q., R., S., U., V., W., X., Z., AA., BB., CC., DD., EE. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman seconded by Councilmember Prang and carried, noting the abstention of Mayor Pro Tem Heilman on item 2.N.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, April 20, 1998 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, April 16, 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 April 6, 1998 and the Study Session with City Lobbyists of April 6, 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 Dean B. Harles, Louis Lesser, Kris Swanson, and Nicholas James Taylor and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.E. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 364, RESOLUTION NO. 98-1872:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 364 and adopt Resolution No. 98-1866, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 364." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.F. ORDINANCE NO. 98-516 (2nd Reading), AMENDING PROVISIONS TO GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, AND PROHIBITING SALES TRANSACTIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVING ANIMALS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:

RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 98-516, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PROVISIONS TO GENERAL OPERATING REQUIREMENTS FOR PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, AND PROHIBITING SALES TRANSACTIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVING ANIMALS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY, AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file Action Reports from the Disabilities Advisory Board of March 11 and April 8, 1998; Project Area Committee of April 7, 1998; Public Safety Commission of February 9 and March 19, 1998; Senior Advisory Board of April 8, 1998. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.H. SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGE:**
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.I. DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFIT EQUITY SURVEY:**
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.J. AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH GRUBB & ELLIS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE LISTING OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING STRUCTURE NO. 1 RETAIL SPACE LOCATED AT 8383 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the "Exclusive Authorization of Lease" agreement with Grubb & Ellis; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.K. RECLASSIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE WORKER I AND II POSITIONS:**
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt the revised job specifications for Maintenance Worker I and II positions; 2) Reclassify the Maintenance Worker I position grade 5030 (GE-03) to 5050 (GE-05). Reclassify the Maintenance Worker II position grade from 5060 (GE-06) to 5070 (GE-07); and, 3) Approve the retroactive salary amounts back to August 4, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.L. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HISTORIC RESOURCES GROUP FOR PREPARATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN/GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT:**
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve a professional services agreement with Historic Resources Group (HRG) in an amount not to exceed \$9,000 for the development of an Historic Preservation Plan/General Plan Element, based on processes and procedures set forth in the proposed contract; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.M. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REIMBURSABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1:**
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the Community Development Block Grant reimbursable Contract Amendment No. 1, with the County of Los Angeles for 1998-99; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign four original copies. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.N. PROPOSED RESOLUTION DENYING THE APPEAL OF REGENCY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, AND DENYING SIGN PERMIT 97-16 AND 97-35 TO PERMIT THE PLACEMENT OF A SECOND FACE ON EXISTING ONE-SIDED BILLBOARDS, AND SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF APPLICABLE BILLBOARD REGULATIONS, LOCATED AT 8789 AND 8782 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1873, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DENYING THE APPEAL OF REGENCY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, AND DENYING SIGN PERMIT 97-16 AND 97-35 TO PERMIT THE PLACEMENT OF A SECOND FACE ON EXISTING ONE-SIDED BILLBOARDS AND, SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF APPLICABLE BILLBOARD REGULATIONS, LOCATED AT 8789 AND 8782 SUNSET BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the abstention of Mayor Pro Tem Heilman.**

2.O. RESOLUTION MODIFYING OFF-STREET PARKING RATES FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING STRUCTURE NO. 1 LOCATED AT 8383 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1874, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MODIFYING OFF-STREET PARKING RATES AT MUNICIPAL PARKING STRUCTURE NO. 1 LOCATED AT 8383 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 96-1671. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.P. LESBIAN VISIBILITY ACTIVITIES:

This item was removed from the Agenda at the request of Staff.

2.Q. FORMATION AND LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1875, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE FORMATION OF THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT FOR THE 1998-99 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIII D OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION;

2) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1876, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE 1998-99 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION;

3) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1877 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE FORMATION OF THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT AND THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR THE 1998-99 FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, AND APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS THERETO;

4) Approve that the vote, for or in protest of the assessment district be made independently and exclusively for each zone; and

5) Hold a public meeting on May 18, 1998 and a Public Hearing for June 15, 1998 to formally present the engineers report and receive public comment.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.R. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 1941:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1878, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB 1941 LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE SEX EDUCATION CURRICULA TO BE MEDICALLY ACCURATE AND FREE OF GENDER, RACE AND SEXUAL-ORIENTATION BIAS." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.S. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF 1997:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1879, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF 1997." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- 2.T. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 1506 WHICH WOULD AMEND THE CALIFORNIA FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT TO INCLUDE DOMESTIC PARTNERS:**
This item was removed from the Agenda as a duplicate of item 2.Z.
- 2.U. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 'PROTECT PETS AND WILDLIFE' INITIATIVE:**
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1880, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE 'PROTECT PETS AND WILDLIFE' INITIATIVE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.V. APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH KAYE BEECHUM FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO IMPLEMENT A PARKING SCOFFLAW PROGRAM:**
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve an agreement with Kaye S. Beechum to develop and implement a parking scofflaw program and an RFP for the City's vehicle towing and storage services in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.W. CATV FACILITY RENOVATION PROJECT, C.I.P. #676:**
RECOMMENDATION: Accept the bid dated January 29, 1998 submitted by SMC Construction Company of Costa Mesa, California, in the amount of \$97,630. for the CATV Facility Renovation project, C.I.P. #676; 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the associated Contract Agreement; and 3) Reject all other bids. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.X. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PLUMMER PARK EXTERIOR LIGHTING PROJECT C.I.P. #673):**
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Accept the work completed by BRW Electric of Hacienda Heights, California; 2) Authorize filing a Notice of Completion; 3) Authorize release of payment and Performance Bonds posted for this project; and 4) Authorize a retention payment not to exceed \$4,259. to BRW Electric at the end of the 35 day lien period. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- 2.Y. OUTFEST '98 BANNER INSTALLATION ON SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**
This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar.
- 2.Z. PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 1506 TO AMEND THE FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1881, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB 1506 WHICH WOULD AMEND THE CALIFORNIA FAMILY CARE AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT TO INCLUDE DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND OTHER DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBERS"; and 2) Direct staff to send a copy of this Resolution to Senator Tom Hayden and all other appropriate elected officials. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.AA. PROPOSED RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1882, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PROCLAIMING MAY AS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH"; and 2) Direct staff to work with the Cultural Heritage Commission and the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce with promotion and implementation of Historic Preservation Month. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.BB. CITY HALL EXTERIOR SIGNAGE:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the installation of two identification signs for the City Hall Building; and 2) Authorize the issuance of a Purchase order to Rikki Poulos, Graphic Design in the amount of \$6,730.81. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.CC. AMENDMENT TO CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL CONTRACT:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Christopher Street West (CSW) dated February 26, 1998 to amend Section III.B.15 to waive permit parking in all districts for the event between the hours of 7:00 AM on Saturday, June 27, through 7:00 AM on Monday, June 29, 1998; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.DD. RECLASSIFICATION OF POOL MANAGER POSITION:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt the revised job specifications for the Pool Manager position; 2) Increase the Pool Manager's current salary range by 10%; and 3) Approve the retroactive salary amount back to August 27, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2.EE. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 98-1883, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE CITY'S 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN THROUGH THE ICMA RETIREMENT CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH A TRUST

PURSUANT TO THE SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT OF 1996; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 98-1884, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE CITY'S 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN THROUGH GREAT WEST TO ESTABLISH A TRUST PURSUANT TO THE SMALL BUSINESS JOB PROTECTION ACT OF 1996." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.A. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 98-01, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 98-01 SEISMIC HAZARDS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a 1/4 page Notice of Public Hearing was published in the West Hollywood Independent on April 1, 1998.

ACTION: Continue to a date uncertain.

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

3.B. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was posted in all places required by West Hollywood Municipal Code Section 2300.

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

Representatives from Crawford, Multari & Clark outlined the report including various recommendations.

SI FRUMKIN, LOS ANGELES, of the Association of Soviet Jewish Émigrés announced several activities of the Russian Cultural Center and commended the City Council for its support.

STELLA EZROS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Russian Cultural Center and thanked the City for their continued support.

SABINA FRENKEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, also expressed her support for the Russian Community Center.

IRINA LOZAWSKAYA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the Russian Community Center has aided her in a number of ways and requested the continued support of the City Council.

BELLA VEREMEYKINA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, also stated her support for the Russian Community Center.

GREG BARRY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the Ron Stone Center and the Taxi Coupon Program which lends support to those afflicted with HIV and AIDS.

MARY RAINWATER, LOS ANGELES, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Free Clinic, expressed her support for a number of the recommendations found in the Crawford, Multari & Clark report.

ROGER DOUGHTY, LOS ANGELES, thanked the City Council for supporting the needs of Lesbian & Gay citizens of the City. He asked for more attention to domestic violence and senior issues.

MATTHEW SCELZA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, of Dispute Resolution Services, stated that his organization provides mediation services to the community.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, pleaded for increased education targeting drug abuse. She also stated that there is a great need for services to seniors.

Councilmember Guarriello reassured residents that social services to seniors will continue.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman thanked the consultants for their presentation and explained the purpose of the report.

Councilmember Koretz also thanked the consultants and commended Staff on their efforts.

ACTION: Receive and file the 1998 Community Needs Assessment prepared by Crawford, Multari & Clark.

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

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

4.A. APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD:

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that he is in favor of reducing the membership of the Senior Advisory Board by attrition. He announced that at their

April 14th meeting, the Board unanimously voted to reduce the number of members.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman inquired as to the reasoning behind reducing the membership.

Mr. Rickles replied that twenty members is a voluminous number to work with and it is difficult to obtain a quorum.

Councilmember Prang also feels that twenty members is unwieldy.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman inquired if the quorum can be lowered.

City Attorney Mike Jenkins replied that the quorum may be reduced.

Councilmember Koretz suggested that lowering the quorum is a reasonable suggestion.

Tamar Springer, Social Services Program Specialist/Staff Liaison to the Senior Advisory Board, stated that Efim Kutz, who recently submitted an application, is currently an organizational member of the Senior Advisory Board.

Kenneth Lawrence, Werner Haas and Efim Kutz were nominated to the Senior Advisory Board for terms ending August 15, 1998.

ACTION: 1) Appoint Kenneth Lawrence, Werner Haas and Efim Kutz to the Senior Advisory Board for terms ending August 15, 1998; and, 2) Direct staff to return to the City Council with a resolution reducing the quorum to eight (8) members.

Motion Councilmember Prang seconded by Mayor Martin and unanimously carried.

4.B. RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION RESIGNATION:

ACTION: Accept with regret the resignation of Gary Gradinger.

Mayor Martin will be making an appointment next month to fill the resulting vacancy on the Rent Stabilization Commission for a term ending May 31, 1999.

By consensus of the City Council, the resignation was accepted.

4.C. CHILD CARE SURVEY RESULTS:

Leah Archibald, Deputy to Councilmember Koretz, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 20, 1998.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman stated that offering quality child care for City employees is very important. However, he would also like to see a program providing child care for the community as a whole, not just City employees.

Councilmember Guarriello suggested a possible facility at Kings Road Park.

Mayor Martin stated that Kings Road Park is a reasonable venue if only City employees are being served. He feels that Plummer Park may be more appropriate to serve the community as a whole.

ACTION: 1) Receive and File the report. Direct staff to investigate preliminary measures to provide child care for employees and also outline a means of providing child care to City residents.

The action was carried by unanimous consent of the City Council.

4.D. APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE KINGS ROAD PARK SITE:

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

Alexis Slafer of Sylvan Design presented the main features of the preliminary plan for the Kings Road park site.

Mayor Martin inquired if there would be additional security measures besides the concrete wall.

Ms. Slafer responded that possible thorny plants could be installed.

Councilmember Prang inquired if the park is fully accessible to the disabled.

Ms. Slafer responded that every effort has been made to fully comply with accessibility requirements.

CAROL RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that she agrees with retaining the house at the park site.

DR. BEN CLAVAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, member of the Public Facilities Commission, stated that the park plan provides a very positive natural space for everyone.

CATHERINE HAHN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Chair of the Public Facilities Commission, requested additional direction from the Council regarding the need for public restrooms.

SUSAN PINKUS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, member of the Public Facilities Commission, praised the preliminary plan.

Councilmember Guarriello inquired how much of the structure the earthquake organization would require.

Mr. Baxter responded that the organization would require the entire meeting room area.

Councilmember Koretz favors installing public restrooms. If no restrooms are installed, the park will only serve the immediate neighborhood.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman stated that he would have preferred affordable housing built on the park site. However, he is very pleased with the design and is in favor of retaining the building and installing public restrooms.

Councilmember Prang supports the proposal as submitted by the Public Facilities Commission.

Mayor Martin does not support retaining the house. He feels that the structure is dilapidated and there are already adequate meeting rooms in the neighborhood. He is also concerned about security issues and staffing needs.

Councilmember Prang stated that Mayor Martin's comments reflect his initial thoughts regarding the park site. However, he feels compelled to support the public process and the resulting preliminary plan.

ACTION: 1) Approve the Preliminary Design Plan (Exhibit A of the staff report, retaining the existing single story building) for the Kings Road Park site, located at 1000 North Kings Road; and 2) Authorize use of the City's discretionary funds from the 1996 Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Grant Program to fund renovation costs of the single story house for public use and restrooms.

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

AYES: Councilmembers - Guarriello, Heilman, Koretz, Prang.

NOES: Councilmembers - Mayor Martin.
ABSENT: None.

5.A. DRAFTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE TRANSGENDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 20, 1998.

DR. JACOB HALE, LOS ANGELES, stated the City of West Hollywood is making an historic decision in supporting this item and specifically thanked Mayor Pro Tem Heilman.

SHIRLEY BUSHNELL, LOS ANGELES, expressed that a number of members of the transgender community suffer from threats of violence and discrimination and stressed the need for more sensitivity and education.

TALIA BETTCHER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, a sexually transgendered woman, who is out and proud, urged the City Council to approve the recommendation.

DR. EMILIA LOMBARDI, LOS ANGELES, stated that one third of the transgender community suffers from discrimination and urged support for the item.

BOOH EDOUARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, emphatically urged passage of this item.

MICHELLE PATTERSON, LOS ANGELES, supports the item because it fills a gap in anti-discrimination legislation.

VALERIE SPENCER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, transgender issues consultant, stressed that the City must maintain its policies of inclusion.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the item as long as it has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

ACTION: 1) Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance which would amend WHMC Article IV, Chapter II, Prohibition on Discrimination; to include the prohibition of discrimination against people who are transgender.

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

4.E. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BING YEN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SEISMIC HAZARDS BROCHURE FOR THE SUNSET SPECIFIC PLAN AND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A PRE-QUALIFICATION LIST OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY CONSULTANTS FOR FAULT LOCATION STUDIES:

Lisa Heep, Planning Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 20, 1998.

ACTION: 1) Approve the professional services agreement with Bing Yen and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,200 for development of a seismic hazards brochure for the Sunset Specific Plan; 2) Approve the professional services agreement with Bing Yen and Associates Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,500 for development of a pre-qualification list of engineering geology consultants for fault location studies; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements.

Motion Mayor Pro Tem Heilman seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 10:52 P.M. AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 10:53 P.M.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.B. SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM:

Dave Petersen, Public Safety Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 20, 1998.

J.W. MOORE, IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item and also supports item 5.C.

LAURENCE ZAKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Public Safety Commissioner, expressed support for this item and for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item and stressed that the City should aggressively pursue grant funds.

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed support for the grant.

ACTION: Direct the Public Safety Division to submit an application to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the Small Community Grant Program, and inform the City Council of the ensuing award.

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

5.C. EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG) FUND:

Dave Petersen, Public Safety Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 20, 1998.

CAROL RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the item.

ACTION: Adopt the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) expenditure plan and approve the expenditure of funds as follows 1) Authorize the Public Safety Manager to initiate improvement programs in local law enforcement, pursuant to the requirements set forth in the LLEBG program; 2) Authorize the expenditure of funds for the hiring of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Security Officers to provide foot patrol in the City parks; 3) Authorize the expenditure of funds to send via law enforcement/public safety personnel to the Hate Crimes Investigation, Train-the-Trainer program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center; 4) Authorize the expenditure of funds to send a number of law enforcement personnel to the Regional Community Policing Institute's Problem Solving Workshop.

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

5.D. ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR END 1997:

Dave Petersen, Public Safety Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated April 20, 1998.

CAROL B. RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed support for the item.

Councilmember Koretz and Mayor Martin praised the Sheriff's Department for their efforts.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

By consensus, the City Council received and filed the report.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.Y. OUTFEST '98 BANNER INSTALLATION ON SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

Mayor Martin would like to see a prototype of the banners.

SCOTT MECKLING, LOS ANGELES, Development Associate for Outfest, stated that there is no prototype available at this time. However he stated that Michael's Furniture and Absolut Vodka are currently the only two sponsors.

ACTION: 1) Approve the installation of thirty 3' x 8' *Out on the Screen* banners on the North and South side of Santa Monica Boulevard between Doheny and La Cienega (from June 8, 1998 to July 20, 1998); 2) Direct staff to work with *Out on the Screen* to promote Outfest '98 *The 16th Anniversary of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival*; and, 3) Direct Outfest to submit the banner design to the City Manager for review.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

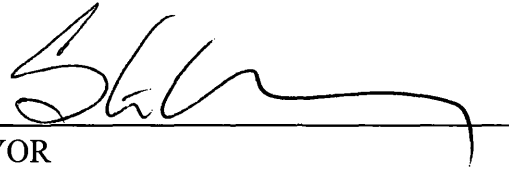
6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Koretz reiterated his request that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sam Mackler. He also clarified that the Steve Smith whom the meeting is also to be adjourned in memory of, is not the same Steve Smith who is currently serving as a Planning Commissioner.

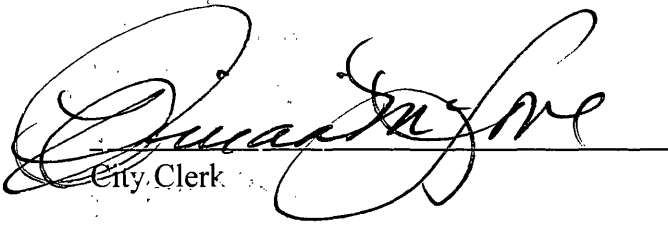
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:03 P.M. in memory of Steve Smith, Linda McCartney, Sam Mackler and Ruth Levine to a Study Session regarding a Telecommunications Ordinance on Monday, May 4, 1998 at 6:00 P.M., immediately followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY, 1998.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk