

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

STUDY SESSION WITH CITY LOBBYISTS
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1998

MINUTES
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Councilmembers - Guarriello, Koretz, Prang, and Mayor Martin.
ABSENT: Councilmembers - Heilman.
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Makinney, City Clerk Love and Assistant City Clerk Thompson.

3. **REPORT FROM LOBBYISTS:**
 - A. **CHRISTINE MINNEHAN, RENT STABILIZATION ISSUES.**
Provided an overview of the Rent Stabilization climate in the California Legislature.

 - B. **HELYNE MESHAR, GENERAL ISSUES.**
Helyne Meshar outlined the fiscal impact on the State. She specifically addressed the returning of property tax, bond issues on the ballot, sales tax on vehicle leasing, animal control, and land use issues for religious organizations. She stated that the State is looking at more ways to prevent local Government legislation, such as passing legislation on gas leaf blowers, which would then preempt local legislation

Ms. Meshar stated that an Internet Tax Bill would exempt Internet sales from local sales tax. This would have an impact in local government revenue.

Ms. Meshar indicated she has distributed a packet of the Bills and would be distributing this list to the Department Directors for their input. She noted there were a number of Bills on HIV.

Christine Minnehan indicated that perhaps with a change in the legislature, implementing "constitutional protection" for local rent control provisions could prevail. Ms. Minnehan briefed the City Council on some Code Enforcement issues not necessary related to housing stock, such as sub-standard buildings, drugs use and sales, vacant lots, which need to be corrected to protect the housing stock. She stated that Slum Abatement will be moved to the front burner.

Ms. Minnehan briefed the City Council on SB 1730 which would amortize the security deposit over the six months, strengthen discrimination clauses and strengthen harassment and sexual eviction laws. She briefed the Council on the "lights and locks" program and legislation. She briefed the City Council on several bills such as SB 1779, SB 117 and AB 2480, SB 1864 AB 1677, and AB 176.

Helyne Meshar indicated she must bring up the issues of Vehicle License Fees which are on the table for elimination.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

KEVIN NOTRE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated he wished this part of the meeting was televised so everyone could see the fine job Christine Minnehan is doing. He indicated that the Rent Stabilization Commission would like a copy of the report she provided. He requested that repeated violations through the administrative process be used as findings for misdemeanors and added to the penal code .

5. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello commended both Helyne Meshar and Christine for their fine works.

Councilmember Prang indicated his appreciation for the work both of these lobbyists do on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Koretz also commended the lobbyists for their work.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The City Council will adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to its Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 1998.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk