

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1997
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Guarriello called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Dena Saur 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 6:20 p.m. the City Council called the meeting to order, and by a 5/5 vote added the following items to the Closed Session Agenda; (1) Claim of Foundation House under Government Code Section 54956.9(b) and Conference with Real Estate Negotiator under Government Code Section 54956.8 - Acquisition of Property located at 1343 North Laurel Avenue with Negotiating party Mr. Robert Weisman. The City Council then recessed into Closed Session to discuss items contained on the Closed Session Agenda. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:55 p.m. and the only reportable action was to participate in an Amicus Brief, without cost, titled Milegra Ridge Partners Limited v. City of Pacifica. The report is on file with the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Prang removed Item 2.T from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

ACTION: Approve the November 17, 1997 Agenda as amended. Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Guarriello presented commendations to Donna Saur, Norman Barnett, Stephen Rose, Chad Blouin and Barbara Hamaker for their dedication and service for the Redevelopment Project.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

J.W. MOORE IV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated the PAC members for the recognition they received this evening. He noted that there is a parking enforcement problem in the Formosa area and there is only selective enforcement.

CRAIG RITCHIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the behavior of the Mayor at the recent Project Area Committee meeting.

BUDD KOPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Councilmember conduct and the civility of the meetings.

BARRY GREENFIELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 5.C the Mayor's plan to honor Veteran's with a monumunt.

SABATO FIORELLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated he was very involved in agenda item 2.O and spoke in favor of the Cultural Plan submitted.

DONNA SAUR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in oposition of Item 4.D Redevelopment funds being used for the relocation of the Foundation House Homeless Shelter.

CHAD BLOUIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he is not in support of agenda item 4.D Redevelopment funds for the relocation of the Foundation House Homeless Shelter. He also clarified the situation, with Mayor Guarriello, which occurred at the recent Project Area Committee meeting.

SIBYL ZADEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Helen Goss and the entire cable staff for the recent rate reductions on the cable bills. She also thanked the Sheriff's Department for their work on Halloween.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Koretz commented on agenda item 2.I. and provided additional background information from a historical perspective.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin thanked Councilmember Koretz for his input and thanked him for his leadership. He also noted that Item 2.J. regarding Domestic Partnership is an important piece of legislation.

Councilmember Prang asked that staff follow up with Mr. J.W. Moore regarding parking citations. He also asked if the meeting could be adjourned in memory of Assemblyman Phil Soto.

Mayor Guarriello provided information on the restriping of Santa Monica Blvd. He indicated that Caltrans will be present at the City Council meeting of December 15, 1997 and that plans should be available on December 1 for review on December 15.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Makinney requested a report from Brent

Mullins, Code Compliance Manager on 1145 Horn Avenue. He reviewed the six items requested of staff and provided an overview to the Council of the status of the property on Horn Avenue. Dave Peterson, Public Safety Manager, provided an overview of the two incidents which occurred last week.

Councilmember Koretz also acknowledged a trailer shearing off a fire hydrant and it took a few hours to locate the water main and apparently it was paved over. He suggested looking at the condition of the water mains throughout the city.

By consensus the City Council directed the City Engineer, along with the Public Safety Division, to investigate the condition of main water shut-off valves.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated the fiscal impact of the November 17, 1997 Consent Calendar, as amended is zero expenditures and \$43,865. 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., P., Q., R., S., and U. **Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.**

A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, November 17, 1997 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on November 14, 1997.

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of November 3, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

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.**

D. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION:

RECOMMENDATION: Deny the claims of Rebekah Barrow and Elisabet Klein and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

E. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 354, RESOLUTION NO. 97-1810:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 354 and adopt Resolution No. 97-1810, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE

PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 354.” Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- F. ORDINANCE NO. 97-510 (2nd Reading), AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE III, CHAPTER II, PART A-1, SECTIONS 3205 AND 3207, OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF TAXICABS:**
RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 97-510, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER II, PART A-1, SECTIONS 3205 AND 3207 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF TAXICABS.” **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- G. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:**
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file Action Reports from the Project Area Committee of October 7, 1997; Transportation Commission of November 5, 1997; Public Facilities Commission of October 8, 1997 and October 22, 1997; and, Business License Commission of October 21, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- H. PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY/SENIOR/TEEN CENTER PROJECT:**
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the recommended modification to the Plummer Park Community/Senior/Teen Center Project process as outlined in the staff report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- I. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION (“WHISTLEBLOWER”) POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD:**
RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1811, “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION (“WHISTLEBLOWER”) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 95-1450”; 2) Start recruitment for a new Investigator/Ombuds, utilizing the new job description generated by the Ombuds Task Force; 3) Modify the Investigator/Ombuds contract so that, in the event of the contract being terminated while a case is being investigated, all related documents, media, etc. pertaining to that case will be forwarded to a designated neutral party; and, 4) Authorize other recommended changes to ensure neutrality and appearance of neutrality on the part of the new Investigator/Ombuds. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- J. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS ACT OF 1997:**
RECOMMENDATION: 1). Adopt Resolution No. 97-1812, “A RESOLUTION

OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS ACT OF 1997"; and, 2) Send copies of this Resolution along with a letter of support to members of the California Congressional Delegation of the U.S. House and Senate, Vice-President Al Gore, President William J. Clinton, Governor Pete Wilson, and all other appropriate elected and appointed officials. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

K. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSING STUDY CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF URBAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

RECOMMENDATION: 1). Approve an Amendment to the Agreement with the University of Southern California dated October 21, 1996 to extend the term twenty-one (21) months, beginning October 22, 1996; and, 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the agreement. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

L. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HR 2351, THE ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 97-1813, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF HR 2351, THE ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

M. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION'S CHRISTMAS SEALS CAMPAIGN:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 97-1814, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION'S CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

N. PROPOSED RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 97-1815, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AMENDMENT." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

O. TRANSMITTAL OF CULTURAL PLAN BY FINE ARTS BOARD:

RECOMMENDATION: 1). Receive and file; and, 2) Direct staff or communicate with the Fine Arts Advisory Board actions deemed appropriate regarding implementation of the Cultural Plan. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

P. DIESEL FUEL ALTERNATIVES TASK FORCE:

RECOMMENDATION: Direct the City Manager to assemble a task force to address the phase-out of diesel-fueled buses from the City of West Hollywood that: 1) Consists of representatives from the environmental movement, bus riders union, West Hollywood residents and Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA); 2) Examines current bus deployment and available alternative fueled technologies and determines a viable path and timetable to replace diesel-fueled buses with alternative fueled vehicles at the MTA's Division No. 7 bus yard; and, 3) report their findings to the City Manager no later than March 1, 1998; and, 4) Does not exceed nine members. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

Q. VACATED OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL:

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Declare the office of Elissa Glickman of the Women's Advisory Council vacated due to unexcused absences; 2) Direct the City Clerk to notify Ms. Glickman of her vacated office; and, 3) Direct the City Clerk to post a notice of vacancy for an appointment to the Women's Advisory Council for a term expiring May 31, 1999. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

R. APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS NOS. 009 AND 010 OF THE STATE-LOCAL MASTER AGREEMENT FOR STATE SHARE FUNDS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP 9704) AND THE SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE PROJECT (CIP 9709):

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1816, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. 009 FOR STATE FUNDS ON PROJECT SB97-5440(002), SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD @ KINGS ROAD ET. AL. TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP 9709)"; 2) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1817, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. 010 FOR STATE SHARE FUNDS ON PROJECT SB97-5440 (006), WESTBOURNE DRIVE ET. AL. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP 9704)"; 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign Program Supplements Nos. 009 and 010 of State-Local Transportation Partnership Program Agreement No. SLTPP-5440; and, 4) Instruct the City Clerk to submit two copies of the signed Agreement and a copy of the Resolution to Caltrans' Office of Local Programs. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

S. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT A GIFT OF REAL PROPERTY WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Mayor and the City Manager to accept, on behalf of the City of West Hollywood, the title to that real property located at 1343 North Laurel Avenue and to sign an agreement with Mrs. Elsie L. Weisman accepting and specifying the conditions under which the property is being given to the City. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

T. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL CITY DELEGATES:

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar Items immediately following New Business.

U. FRIENDSHIP CITIES UPDATE:

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

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. HACIENDA PLACE PETITION FOR PREFERENTIAL PARKING:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the *West Hollywood Independent* on November 5 and 12, 1997.

Donald Korotsky, Associate Transportation Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

Councilmember Heilman disclosed that he lives on La Cienega Boulevard but does not have a financial interest in this and intends to participate in the discussion and vote on this Item.

Mayor Guarriello opened the public hearing, and the following speakers addressed the City Council.

ROBERT VAGELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, he encouraged support for the parking district but requested 24-hour enforcement. He suggested that employees and patrons of IHOP and Barneys Beanery be permitted to park at the parking structure. He also requested painting of designated parking areas on both sides of the street.

TODD HUTH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated the parking on this street has become quite a problem. He indicated his support for the 24-hour enforcement. He thanked the City Council for their consideration.

ERIC SWARTZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for the petition and 24-hour enforcement.

CARLA STOELTING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated her support for the parking district. She noted that noise is also a problem. She asked for a two-hour parking restriction during the day.

JAMES MILLS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for the district. He also indicated there should be decals for permanent placement in-lieu of hanging permits.

No further speakers coming forward the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Prang asked that the parking spaces be painted, he indicated his support the 24-hour parking.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that this is long overdue. He clarified with Mr. Korotsky that a petition, when submitted, does not contain time restrictions, but is a request for restricted parking, then staff and the Transportation Commission, through the hearing process determines the actual restrictions. Councilmember Heilman also stated his concerns that if two-hour or 24-hour restrictions are allowed on Hacienda then all those effected would move to other streets in the District. He suggested a review of the entire District at a later date.

Councilmember Prang indicated that with further analysis he could consider additional restrictions such as 24-hour or a two-hour limit during the day. He asked that a review of the District come back in 90-120 days

Councilmember Koretz indicated two-hour parking is not unreasonable request.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin indicated that if people are using streets for employee parking then he does not have a problem enforcing a two-hour restriction.

ACTION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 97-511, "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 HACIENDA PLACE IN PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 7 AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE"; 2) Direct staff paint the designated parking spaces on the street; and 3) Direct staff to return to the City Council with a review of two-hour parking or 24-hour restrictions in the District within four to six months.

Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Guarriello and carried with Mayor Pro Tem Martin voting NO.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin left the Dais at this point in the meeting.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, PILOT PROGRAM, FEE RESOLUTION:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the *West Hollywood Independent* on November 5 and 12, 1997.

Greg Freeman, Administrative Staff Assistant, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

Mayor Guarriello opened the public hearing and no speakers coming forward the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Heilman noted that he was not in support of expanding the pilot program, but the program was expanded. He does have to support the establishment of the fee.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 97-1818, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND SETTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE."

Motion Mayor Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Prang and carried noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Martin.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin returned to the Dais.

C. ALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS FROM A STATE BRULTE GRANT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CITIZENS' OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was posted in all places required by WHMC Section 2300 on November 13, 1997.

City Manager Makinney and David Petersen, Public Safety Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

Councilmember Heilman indicated he does not understand the reasoning behind not providing bike patrols and instead purchasing vans and hand-held recorders.

City Manager Makinney indicated that Capt. Odenthal felt very strongly about the purchasing of the hand-held recorders to allow the officer's to get back to their duties.

Mayor Guarriello opened the public hearing, and no speakers coming forward the Public Hearing was closed.

ACTION: 1) Authorize the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 1996-97 Brulte Grant Funds in accordance with the attached memoranda from the Captain of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, the City's Public Safety Manager and the City's

Recreation Division with the exception of the two-way radio; and 2) Direct the Sheriff's Department to use the additional \$38,000. (approximately 700 hours) for foot patrol, bike patrol and staff overtime in trouble "hot spots" and ask that staff return with a priority list of "hot spots" on December 15, 1997.

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

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, FIRST QUARTER REPORT:

Alison Maxwell, Development Specialist, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

GRANT SELTZER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided an overview of the activities of the Avenues of Art and Design.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, provided some additional specifics of the work which was completed during the last quarter. He referred to the very complimentary article which appeared last week.

Councilmember Heilman thanked Alison Maxwell and the BID for the work that has been accomplished.

ACTION: Receive and file.

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

B. INTERIM OPENING OF THE KINGS ROAD PARK SITE, 1000 NORTH KINGS ROAD:

Sam Baxter, Landscape and Building Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

Councilmember Heilman thanked Sam Baxter and the Public Facilities Commission for their work on this issue. He stated his concern about losing the pond upon the interim opening of the park. He also expressed his concern about street visibility of this site to prevent loitering of disruptive groups.

Mr. Baxter responded that it could be fenced however the filling of the pond would only be on a temporary basis. He also stated that the removal of the "non-conforming" chain link fence and the installation of a wrought iron fence would

enhance visibility.

Councilmember Heilman noted his concern about the gathering of troublemakers. He stated he would feel more comfortable about the alternative of open house days with staff onsite.

Councilmember Koretz stated that the park could be opened up the first few days with a staff person onsite.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated the City should anticipate that the houses on the property will be targets for problems. He asked if there is a timeline.

Sam Baxter responded that there is a 5-6 month timeframe between the interim opening and the beginning of construction.

ACTION: 1) Approve the interim opening of the Kings Road Park Site for public use as outlined in the staff report; and, 2) Direct staff to implement the necessary steps to open the park site on an interim basis with the direction for staff to be on site during the open hours of the park during the first two weeks, along with a visible Sheriff's Department presence, and return with additional recommendations.

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

C. PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND AND RESOLUTION LENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FUNDS FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND:

Allyne Winderman, Economic Development and Housing Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

Mayor Guarriello asked the Finance Director for clarification of an \$800,000. expenditures.

Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, responded that the detail on this item will be coming before the Council at the meeting of December 1, 1997. He also clarified that the initial impact of this item on the General Fund is the same. However, if the City Council does not approve the loan there is no possibility of recovering General Fund monies. Director Arevalo explained the process of recovery of General Fund monies through issuing debt in a Redevelopment Agency.

Discussion was held regarding the priority of this project, funds for the gateway to the City, and the City paying for the relocation of the Foundation House out of the

General Fund.

Mayor Guarriello inquired when the City will be receiving tax increment.

Allyne Winderman responded that the City is accruing tax increment will be receiving tax increment beginning next year.

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1819, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION"

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

ACTION: 2) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1820, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD LENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FUNDS FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE REDEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION" and, 3) Authorize the Finance Director to transfer \$450,000 to the Redevelopment Revolving Fund.

Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Koretz, Prang, Martin, Mayor Guarriello.

NOES: Councilmember-Heilman.

D. APPROVAL OF A LOAN TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO A RELOCATION GRANT CONTRACT WITH FOUNDATION HOUSE:

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

ANSON SNYDER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated that this item was presented to the Project Area Committee with a different set of information than was presented to the City Council. He requested that the Finance Director, the City Manager and the City Attorney come forward to speak and clarify the situation.

JULIE SOMMERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for the

support of the Project Area Committee and the Foundation House Relocation.

Councilmember Prang asked if the Board of the Foundation House feels this is a good move.

Ms. Sommers responded that the move will be healthy for the organization and the welfare of West Hollywood citizens is of primary concern.

Councilmember Heilman stated this item is all about getting rid of the Homeless Shelter.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin asked that we move forward with the new phase of this relationship and that it is a long and constructive relationship.

Councilmember Prang stated he has never been in support of the Homeless program in West Hollywood. However this is a very good agency and should not be permitted to perish by holding them back from moving to the new location. It should be a regional agency that serves the people of West Hollywood and the surrounding community.

ACTION: 1) Authorize the Finance Director to increase the appropriation for Redevelopment Fund Account No. 360-7040-8520, Contract Services by \$450,000; and, 2) Approve the loan and authorize the City Manager to send a demand letter for \$450,000 to the Community Development Commission for it to enter into an agreement with Foundation House in the amount not to exceed \$450,000 for relocation of its facility. These funds will be repaid from future tax increment.

Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember - Koretz, Prang, Martin, Mayor Guarriello.

NOES: Councilmember – Heilman.

The City Council recessed at 9:25 p.m. as the West Hollywood Community Development Commission.

The City Council recessed at 9:26 p.m. as the Public Facilities Corporation.

The City Council reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

Councilmember Heilman suggested that a recreational program and recreational needs be added. There isn't any thing that is particular to women and requested that it be added.

Councilmember Prang asked if this item went before the Commission and inquired as to the how the consultants were selected and whether we had a history with these consultants.

Daphne Dennis responded that this item went before the Commission and staff followed a Request for Proposal format and felt these consultants were the best respondents.

He also inquired whether there could be some tailored questions such as special events or the budget process.

City Manager Makinney also noted that specific questions relative to special events will be included as part of the community survey for the development of the budget.

ACTION: 1) Authorize staff to execute a professional services agreement with Crawford, Multari and Clark Associates for \$20,600 for a community survey, data analysis and report; 2) Authorize staff to execute a professional services agreement with Abby Haight Arnold for \$19,400 for focus group interviews, stakeholder interviews, demographic analysis and final report; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreements.

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

B. PROMOTION OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FUELED TAXI'S IN WEST HOLLYWOOD:

Councilmember Prang provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

BUDD KOPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked about the fiscal impact of these types of direction. He asked that the timeline be extended to at least six months.

Councilmember Prang responded that this item gives wide discretion to the City Manager on this report and staff will also bring back the fiscal impact.

Councilmember Koretz suggested bringing the City of Los Angeles into this issue.

ACTION: Direct the City Manager: 1) Contact local vehicle local fuel retailers to determine opportunities to develop local CNG fueling stations; 2) Consider partnership and incentives opportunities the City can offer to prospective CNG dealers; 3) Explore what incentives the City can offer cab companies and other fleet operations to convert their vehicles that operate in West Hollywood to CNG; and 4) Explore what opportunities to influence or offer incentives to the MTA to base expanded CNG fleet operations in West Hollywood. The MTA has recently pledged to purchase a large number of new CNG buses.

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

C. VETERANS MEMORIAL IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD:

Jim Sweeney, Deputy to Mayor Guarriello provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated November 17, 1997.

Mayor Guarriello added that Elaine Mutchnik volunteered to be on this committee.

BUDD KOPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for this item.

STAN LOTH RIDGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for this item.

Councilmember Heilman suggested looking at what other cities have done.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin asked that the proposed committee be expanded to seven members and changing the distribution to: two members of the Fine Arts Advisory Board and four American Veterans and cut the one resident.

ACTION: Direct staff to establish a committee consisting of two members of the Fine Arts Advisory Board, four American Veterans who live in the City, and a representative from the business community. The committee will be charged with determining fund raising, preliminary site selection, and preliminary design review. Final design review is to be conducted by the Fine Arts Advisory Board.

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

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.T. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL CITY DELEGATES:

Councilmember Heilman provided background information as outlined in the staff report

dated November 17, 1997 and indicated he requested that this item be tabled however, Council may wish to provide input at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated the item makes a lot of sense and the direction is really good.

Councilmember Prang indicated that this issue is a good one to have for public discussion and debate.

Councilmember Koretz stated that his opinion may be in the minority. He also noted that historically these are often not a good use of City funds.

ACTION: Table this item until the midyear review.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.


6. LEGISLATIVE: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

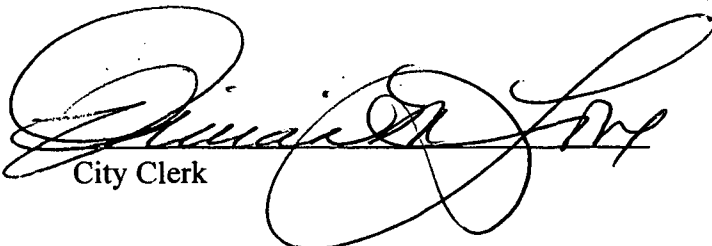
Councilmember Prang expressed his concern about the establishment of store fronts for the Sheriff's Department.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:59 p.m. in memory of Assemblyman Phil Soto to their next regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 1997 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
1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1997.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


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