

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 19, 1997
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Guarriello called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Craig Ritchie led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Koretz, Prang, Martin and Mayor Guarriello.
Councilmember Heilman arrive at 7:12 p.m.

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 6:30 p.m. the City Council called the meeting to order to discuss items contained on the Closed Session Agenda. The City Council added one item under Pending Litigation, City of West Hollywood v. Buckley by 4-0 vote and then adjourned into Closed Session. The Closed Session adjourned at 6:55 p.m. and no reportable actions were taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Guarriello pulled Item 4.I. stating it will be tabled. He also moved Item 4.G. to follow Citizen's Comments. Councilmember Prang pulled Items 2.M. and 2.N from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

ACTION: Approve the agenda as amended. Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Guarriello presented a commendation to Nancy Mathew, Mario Guerra, Richard Taylor and Michael Walbrecht of Warner Studios for maintaining a lasting partnership between the City and Warner Studios and thanked them for their dedication to training people in disaster preparedness.

Mr. Michael Walbrecht commended City Staff for publicizing the information on the emergency preparedness classes.

Public Safety Commissioner Brad Sullivan thanked Warner Studios on behalf of the Disaster Corp Volunteers.

Mayor Guarriello administered the Oath of Office for Disaster Corp. Volunteers to Joanna Diaz, Ed Gallo, Deidre Greene, Gene Hacker, Christine Konkol, Mimi Ott, Zack Phifer, Kelly Price, Carol Rodriguez, Lucito Santos and Robert Sanger.

Councilmember Heilman presented a commendation to Gary Costa for his dedicated work with Being Alive.

Councilmember Heilman presented a proclamation declaring the week of May 18 through May 24, 1997 "Public Works Week."

Mayor Pro Tem Martin and Councilmember Heilman presented a plaque to Dr. Bill Griffin for his dedication and work on the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Council.

Dr. Griffin outlined the many accomplishments of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Council and indicated his pride in the accomplishments.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin presented plaques to two seniors that volunteer many hours to City Hall, Bee Fitzsimmons and Bella Dzeran.

Councilmember Heilman indicated that he, unfortunately, will be leaving the meeting early to catch a flight as his mother is ill.

Mayor Guarriello adjourned the meeting in memory of Jesse Flores, Sr. father in-law of City Clerk Love.

The City Council recessed at 7:25 p.m.
The City Council reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

LAURENCE ZAKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, President West Hollywood Democratic Club, encouraged citizens to get out and vote on June 3. Spoke in support of Item 2.G resolution in support of Proposition L. He also noted two very important ballot measures which will be on the ballot for both the Library and the Fire District.

NANCY MATTOON, LIBRARIAN AT WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY, she asked the City Council to go on record supporting Proposition L.

AL SECUNDA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he is unable to stay for the public hearing so wished to state his support for Item 3.A. , Laurel Avenue Petition for Permit Parking.

ROBERT JACOBSON, LOS ANGELES, representing the Bank of Los Angeles, stated that the Bank created a new Credit Card program with the cooperation of the City. He presented the first

check to be donated to the City of West Hollywood Social Service Agencies in the amount of \$2,510.12.

SIMON HARVEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that at the last meeting he waited five hours to speak at his first City Council meeting. He indicated he was belittled and called names and hopes that these "payback politics" will not be the norm for the next two years.

JACQUELINE BALOGH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she was very distraught about the comments made at the meeting two weeks ago. She read quotes from Councilmember Koretz and Councilmember Prang.

RUTH WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Item 2.M. and 2.N. indicating she will not be able to stay to address them under Excluded Consent Calendar. She stated her son had an accident two weeks ago which could have been prevented by a stop sign at these locations.

CRAIG RITCHIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, state he cannot stay for the entire meeting but indicated his support for the number of items relative to the Eastside Redevelopment Project but most especially 6.A. He also stated his support for the comments made by Ruth Williams.

HYLAN KUNERTH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about a memo he had distributed to the City Council.

JOHN DURAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the City budget and indicated that he hopes that the City Council will not go through the process in a vacuum. He urged Council to avoid cuts in Human Services. He stated his congratulations Charlie Makinney.

DOUG ROUTH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he was very upset about the way the last City Council meeting was handled. He indicated that we do not have to be abusive to each other. He urged everyone to maintain the public image and the level of courtesy.

MRS. CAROL B. RODRIGUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Warner Studios for the wonderful training opportunity provided by them for the residents of West Hollywood.

BUD SIEGEL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, addressed the state of Santa Monica Blvd. left by So. Ca. Edison. He has trouble getting around with his wheelchair. He also supports the propositions and the candidates endorsed by the Democratic Club.

HOWARD ARMISTEAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, named gay political leaders who have died of HIV because the government has not looked at the research relative to aspirin as an effective way of battling HIV.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Executive Director of West Hollywood Chamber, he congratulated Warner Studios and Being Alive. He publicly congratulated Charlie Makinney. He also noted that May is National Historic Preservation Month. On May 28th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a special acknowledgment to The Argyle.

RITA NORTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she is President of Friends of the Library. She thanked the City Council for their support over the years and stated her support for Nancy Mattoon and Proposition L.

JOHN D'AMICO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, representing AIDS Project Los Angeles, stated that the City may be considering a 5% cut across the board for Social Services. He encouraged the City Council to look at all the facts surrounding the HIV epidemic.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented about statements made by people in the community relative to the City Manager recruitment process. She indicated there never has been nor should there be any public input in the appointment of City Officials and Commissioners. She stated her support for Proposition L.

EDWARD ZAVORA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, several residents voiced their concern about feral cats. This item was brought to the City Council in February, 1996 and it has been well over a year and nothing has been resolved. He indicated he will be back every meeting to provide information about this issue.

LUIS MARQUEZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he cannot believe that people are still bringing up comments made at the last meeting. He congratulated Charlie Makinney on his appointment and stated the residents are in support.

ITEM 4.G. WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME:

4.G. WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, THIRD QUARTER REPORT:

Allyne Winderman, Economic Development and Housing Manager provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

ELAINE MUNCHNIK provided an overview of the activities of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

TONY MELIA, provided an overview of the financial activities of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Executive Director West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, stated that the City is outpacing the hotel occupancy rates.

ACTION: Receive and file the quarterly report for the West Hollywood Convention and Visitors Bureau for the quarter ending March, 1997.

Motion Councilmember Heilman, Seconded Mayor Guarriello and unanimously carried.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Heilman directed the City Manager to give a report at the next meeting on the repairs on Santa Monica Blvd. and when the construction will be completed. He also announced the Youth Employment Service and encouraged West Hollywood teenagers to call Andrea Wagner at City Hall.

Councilmember Koretz stated that he has also received a number of comments from residents regarding the conduct of Councilmembers and residents at the last meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Makinney stated there was no report.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that the Fiscal Impact on the Consent Calendar for May, 19, 1997 as amended is \$234,749 in expenditures and zero potential revenues.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting of Monday, May 19, 1997 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Friday, May 16, 1997.

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

B. 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.**

C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 342, RESOLUTION NO. 97-1741:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 342 and adopt Resolution No. 97-1741, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE

PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 342." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

D. ORDINANCE NO. 97-491 (2nd Reading), PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER X REGARDING LOBBYIST REGISTRATION:

RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 97-491, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER X, OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO LOBBYISTS" **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

E. APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a supplemental agreement with Psomas and Associates in an amount not exceed \$20,000. to provide technical assistance for Geographic Information System (GIS) data organization and data maintenance and to develop a GIS operations and management plan. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

F. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH HEWLETT-PACKARD AND INFORMIX:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreement with Hewlett-Packard in the amount of \$35,532.40 and Informix in the amount of \$14,841.08 for service maintenance. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

G. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION "L", A SPECIAL TAX TO SUPPORT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 97-1742, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION "L" -- A SPECIAL TAX TO SUPPORT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

H. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Approve an Amendment to Agreement with Golden Bear Arborists, Inc. which will extend the term of the original Agreement dated June 6, 1994 to June 30, 2000; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment to Agreement dated May 19, 1997. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

- I. APPROVAL OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/S.A.N.E. BUREAU FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97:**
RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to sign a service agreement between the City of West Hollywood and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Substance Abuse Narcotics Education Bureau in the amount of \$11,076.00 for fiscal year 1996-97. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- J. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REINSTATING AND PRESERVING THE RENTERS TAX CREDIT:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1743, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF REINSTATING AND PRESERVING THE RENTER'S TAX CREDIT"; and, (2) Authorize staff to distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor of California, members of the State Senate, State Assembly, and other civic and governmental organizations, as appropriate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- K. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF AB 1429 (SHELLEY), A BILL TO IMPROVE COASTAL WATER QUALITY AND MONITORING:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1744, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING AB 1429 (SHELLEY), A BILL TO IMPROVE COASTAL WATER QUALITY AND MONITORING"; and (2) Direct staff and the City's lobbyist to forward a copy of this resolution to legislators in the Assembly and State Senate and to add to the City's 1997-98 legislative lobby program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- L. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB 811 (HAYDEN); LOWER SPEED LIMITS IN CONGESTED URBAN AREAS:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1745, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD SUPPORTING SB 811 (HAYDEN), A BILL TO ALLOW LOWER SPEED LIMITS IN CONGESTED URBAN AREAS"; and, (2) Direct staff and the City's Sacramento lobbyist to forward a copy of this resolution to legislators in the State Senate and Assembly and to include adoption of this legislation to our Sacramento lobby program. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- M. STOP SIGN INSTALLATION:**

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar.

N. ALL-WAY RESIDENTIAL STOPS - NEIGHBORHOOD PILOT PROJECT:

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. LAUREL AVENUE PETITION FOR PERMIT PARKING:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the West Hollywood Independent on May 7 and May 14, 1997.

Donald Korotsky, Associate Transportation Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

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

GRETCHEN FINE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her support for this parking district. She thanked a number of people who helped this process.

CARL RABISON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Donald Korotsky for all his work. He stated his support for this parking district.

LAURIE KILPATRICK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her support for this parking district.

DAVID MENKES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for the proposed district.

DEVRA DE'MARCO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her support for the district.

RUDY LANGLIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated his support for this district.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her support for this proposed district.

Mayor Guarriello closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Heilman stated the testimony has demonstrated the need for the permit parking issue. He stated his only concern that there is still going to be a

tremendous parking problem. He stated that a few years ago there was a proposal for angled parking as a possibility in the future.

Councilmember Koretz indicated that the suggestion is something to consider but thinks that the parking district will alleviate some of this problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that the first people that will get the tickets will be the residents for not displaying their passes and cautioned the residents in the district.

ACTION: (1) Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 97-492, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC CODE BY AMENDING THE BOUNDARY OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT NO. 6, ESTABLISHING PARKING REGULATIONS FOR LAUREL AVENUE, AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE.

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

Don Korotsky indicated that the signs will go up in about two weeks and they will begin issuing warning citations.

B. EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE THAT ESTABLISHED A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS AND SUBDIVISION APPROVALS:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was published on May 8, 1997 in the Beverly Press and May 14, 1997 in the West Hollywood Independent.

Tim Foy, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

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

ACTION: Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 97-493U, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EXTENDING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS AND SUBDIVISION APPROVALS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF"

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

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. INTERIM APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION AND DIRECT APPOINTMENTS TO THE RENT STABILIZATION AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS :

Councilmember Prang appointed **Ina Bliss** as his direct appointment to the Rent Stabilization Commission for a term commencing June 1, 1997 through May 31, 2001.

Councilmember Prang appointed **Laurence Zakson** as interim Public Safety Commissioner effective May 19, 1997 through May 31, 1997.

Councilmember Prang re-appointed **Gary Shay** as his direct appointment to the Transportation Commission for a term commencing June 1, 1997 through May 31, 2001.

B. DIRECT APPOINTMENT TO RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MARTIN:

Councilmember Martin appointed **Gary Gradinger** as his direct appointment to the Rent Stabilization Commission to fill the un-expired term ending May 31, 1999.

C. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PETER MACKLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, member of the Human Services Commission, spoke about the care the City gives to residents, and expressed his interest for re-appointment to the Human Services Commission.

BY CONSENSUS THE CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION:

Leslie Hull, Peter Mackler, Rene Rosenfeldt and Bob Graney were nominated.

ACTION: Appoint Rene Rosenfeldt and Bob Graney to the Human Services Commission for "at-large" terms ending May 31, 1999.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Bradford Crowe and Tom Jones were nominated.

ACTION: Re-appoint Bradford Crowe and Tom Jones to the Planning Commission for “at-large” terms ending May 31, 1999.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:

Bradley Sullivan, David Gold and Michaeljohn Horne were nominated.

ACTION: Re-appoint Bradley Sullivan and appoint Michaeljohn Horne to the Public Safety Commission for “at-large” terms ending May 31, 1999.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION:

Margot Siegel, Stephanie Hart, Joyce Hundal were nominated.

ACTION: Re-appoint Stephanie Hart and appoint Joyce Hundal to the Transportation Commission for “at-large” terms ending May 31, 1999.

CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD:

Amy Anderson, Sabin Gray, Frances Offenhauser, David John Preece and Steven Powell were nominated.

ACTION: Re-appoint Amy Anderson, Sabin Gray, Frances Offenhauser, David John Preece and Steven Powell to the Cultural Heritage Advisory Board for “at-large” terms ending May 31, 1999.

FINE ARTS ADVISORY BOARD:

ACTION: Staff was directed to bring back the reappointments and appointments to the Fine Arts Advisory Board at the June 2nd meeting. Direct staff to draft an Ordinance reducing the number of member of the Fine Arts Advisory Board to nine members.

DISABILITIES ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Tippi Kelley, Frida Aizenman, Rev. John Von Douris, Irving Harrison, Pamela Marie Komac were nominated.

ACTION: Appoint Tippi Kelley, Frida Aizenman, Rev. John Von Douris, Irving Harrison, Pamela Marie Komac to the Disabilities Advisory Council for “at-large” terms ending May 31, 1999 and return on June 2 for the appointments to fill the vacancies.

LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY COUNCIL:

ACTION: Direct staff to bring back the reappointments and appointments to the Lesbian and Gay advisory Council at the June 2nd meeting.

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Susan Pinkus, Nadine Le Gouguec, Suzann Gage, Wendy Krueger, Helen Levin, Kim Schneider, Harriet Shapiro, Lynn Hoopingarner, Elissa Glickman were nominated.

ACTION: Re-appoint Susan Pinkus, Nadine Le Gouguec, Suzann Gage, Wendy Krueger, Helen Levin, Kim Schneider, Harriet Shapiro, Lynn Hoopingarner, Elissa Glickman to the Women's Advisory Council for "at-large terms ending May 31, 1999 and return on June 2, 1997 for the appointments to fill the vacancies.

D. FUNDING FOR CITYLINE VEHICLES:

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May, 19, 1997.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated the vehicles are empty all the time, and the City should investigate additional funding.

ACTION: Appropriate an additional \$180,730 from the unallocated Proposition "C" reserve funds for the purchase of five transit vehicles.

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

E. MELROSE AVENUE CURB EXTENSIONS AND BOLLARDS:

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May, 19, 1997.

BRUCE TRAUB, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that a campaign promise delayed is a campaign promise broken. Stated his support for the removal of the bollards.

CHRIS PATROUCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he supports the curb extensions and the bollards. He noted the City has a high pedestrian accident level.

SIMON HARVEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated the issue is pedestrian safety. Previously people raced through this street. These curb extensions state that West Hollywood is committed to pedestrian safety. Suggested moving them back 6 inches and steam cleaning them every 6 months.

EFFIE REAVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that Melrose is not pedestrian friendly. He indicated that the bollards are being hit every day. He spoke for the removal of the bollards.

MRS. CAROL RODRIGUEZ, stated she would appreciate the removal of bollards and curb extensions.

Councilmember Prang stated that Melrose has become more and more pedestrian friendly. He indicated that the angled parking has slowed down traffic and he likes that aspect. The neighbors are almost unanimous in that they want them removed. He stated that he does not support any of the alternatives but would rather see the removal of the bollards and the curb extensions.

Councilmember Heilman stated he feels it is a bad decision to remove them. He indicated that perhaps they should be removed or come up with some alternative design. He would prefer looking at alternatives before expending the \$138,000. and the repayment of the grant.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin expanded on the comments made by Councilmember Heilman. He stated that angled parking has relatively been a success. The curb extensions - theoretically should help pedestrians. However, he has not seen this effect. He indicated that moving the bollards back 18 inches may expose the City to further liability issues as it is more likely that pedestrians would stand between the bollards and the curb.

ACTION: Remove the bollards and the curb extensions.

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 9:35 P.M. AND COUNCILMEMBER HEILMAN LEFT THE MEETING.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 9:50 P.M.

F. PRESENTATION OF VISITOR INDUSTRY PROFILE AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY:

Allyne Winderman, Economic Development and Housing Manager provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

ACTION: (1) Receive and file the Visitor Industry Profile and Economic Impact Report prepared by Haug International; and (2) Approve distribution of the report, specifically the Summary and Implications section, to relevant local businesses, such as hotel, entertainment companies etc.

Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried noting the absence of Councilmember Heilman.

G. WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, THIRD QUARTER REPORT:

This item was taken out of order and appears immediately following Citizens Comments.

H. AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, THIRD QUARTER REPORT:

Allyne Winderman, Economic Development and Housing Manager provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

Gina Macias, Avenues of Art and Design Coordinator, provided an overview of the last quarter activities.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, provided information about the reporting format and financial aspect of the report.

EFFIE REAVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the Avenues of Art Design did not include the residents.

Councilmember Prang commended Allyne Winderman and the staff on the good job but cautioned that the projects should include the residents.

ACTION: Receive and file the quarterly report for the Avenues of Art and Design Business improvement District for the quarter ending March, 1997.

Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Koretz and unanimously carried noting the absence of Councilmember Heilman.

I. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE USE OF TAXES ALLOCATED FROM THE EAST SIDE PROJECT AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING OUTSIDE THE PROJECT AREA WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE PROJECT AND THE PROJECT AREA:

This item was removed from the agenda.

J. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST SIDE PROJECT AREA, MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Allyne Winderman, Economic Development and Housing Manager provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

HOWARD O. WATTS, LOS ANGELES, spoke against the Redevelopment Project Area. There is potential retaliation against people who want to speak against the project area.

ACTION: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1746, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST SIDE PROJECT AREA, MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST SIDE PROJECT AREA." and, (2) Authorize the City Manager to take all appropriate steps required by Redevelopment Law in connection with this resolution.

Motion Councilmember Prang, seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried, noting the absence of Councilmember Heilman.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 10:15 PM AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECESSED AT 10:16 PM AS THE WEST HOLLYWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY.

RECONVENED AS CITY COUNCIL AT 10:17 P.M.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD STRATEGIC PLAN:

Ray Reynolds, Director of Community Development, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, indicated that there was a survey to 650 businesses from Doheny to La Brea. The businesses on Santa Monica had many questions on this issue.

DOUG ROUTH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed appreciation in being allowed to have input on how Santa Monica Blvd. develops. He stated his support and asked the City Council to keep their eyes open for affordable housing.

SIMON HARVEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated that it is a step in the right direction. He encouraged some focus on the center of town between Fairfax and La Cienega.

CHRIS PATROUCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that it is disappointing that the Council voted to remove the bollards. He stated he supports the visioning process.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the disrepair of Santa Monica Blvd. She stated her support for this item.

EFFIE REAVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that there were accidents on Melrose. He indicated that the Council should consider the red line on Santa Monica Blvd.

Fran Solomon, Deputy to Councilmember Heilman, indicated this is not meant to be a specific plan.. The purpose is to strategically think about areas of Santa Monica Boulevard and have the community input in the overall vision. There has not been any hard dollars expended on this project other than staff time.

Mayor Guarriello conferred the fact that this item directs staff to draft a budget and possible grant funding. He also clarified that the Streetscape Plan was being considered in this plan.

Councilmember Prang stated there is nothing in this item to disagree with. He stated it seems the Council is giving direction after the fact.

Mayor Pro Tem Martin indicated that he would rather table this item until after the budget process which will include discussions on the visioning process. He stated the visioning process is a good first step, without getting too elaborate of where we are going. If we are not going to do visioning, we need to figure out what we are going to do to get the community involved in the process, as we take over Santa Monica Boulevard. Once we approve funding for the process we should have a joint meeting with Planning Commission and Transportation Commission to get a feel for where we want to go. He indicated he does not want to get bogged down in a process that will delay actual improvements.

Councilmember Prang stated there seems to be overlap with the visioning and the strategic planning, and it would make sense to fold these two issues together.

City Manager Makinney indicated that there are so many initiatives such as public safety demonstration projects, Boulevard relinquishment plan, rehabilitation of the Boulevard, East Side redevelopment, off-street parking issue, vacant commercial space, traffic safety improvements and the visioning process which is more design orientated. These pieces are ongoing that would be best brought together rather than individual pieces going off without a comprehensive vision.

Councilmember Martin stated it would make more sense for the City Manager and the Community Development Department to report back to the City Council with the plans or projects that have been developed and the projects that are in the process of developing. He suggested we table this item, and it should come back to the Council by way of what staff had developed and is developing.

Mayor Guarriello clarified that it is the desire of Council to table this item for two weeks to elaborate on this item, and rewrite it, and include the different projects and organizations involved.

ACTION: Table this item and report back on June 2, 1997 and have City Manager Makinney include the various ongoing programs.

Motion Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Prang and unanimously carried noting the absence of Councilmember Heilman.

B. NEW SIGNAGE FOR PARKING ON GRADES:

Donald Korotsky, Associate Transportation Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

Councilmember Prang asked whether this was mandated.

Mr. Korotsky indicated that state law gives the local jurisdiction the authority to impose these regulations.

Councilmember Prang indicated that he is not in support of the expansion of the enforcement.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated the residents should be shown what a 3% grade looks like. She stated she is against this item.

STEVE SMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Councilmember Prang for all his comments. This cramped wheel ticket is a revenue enhancement.

Councilmember Martin stated that many of the areas that have cramped wheel parking regulations are needed. He indicated that he has a concern that the public safety issue is not all that great. At some point in time there should be a review by the Transportation Commission of those streets south of Santa Monica which pose a public safety issue.

Councilmember Koretz stated this is a step in the right direction. The signage provides more fair warning.

ACTION: (1) Approve the design of new signage which graphically illustrates the correct method for parking on grades for downhill and uphill directions on one sign; (2) Approve the minimum standards for sign placement on City streets so as to have signs posted at both entrances and mid-block locations as needed on streets with grades exceeding 3%; and (3) Adopt Resolution No. 97-1747, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CRAMP WHEELS TO CURB SIGN AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SIGNAGE ON ALL CITY STREETS WITH GRADES EXCEEDING 3%." *without attachment B and selecting Signage Concept A.*

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

AYES: Councilmembers - Koretz, Prang, Martin.

ABSTAIN: Mayor Guarriello.

ABSENT: Councilmember Heilman.

Due to the lateness of the evening and pursuant to Council direction relative to ending City Council meetings at 11:00 p.m.; the City Council, by consensus, moved agenda item 6.B. to be taken out of order at this time.

6.B. PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST SIDE PROJECT AREA:

Allyne Winderman, Economic Development and Housing Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated May 19, 1997.

HOWARD O. WATTS, LOS ANGELES, spoke against emanate domain and the redevelopment plan.

ACTION: (1) Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 97-494, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA,

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST SIDE PROJECT AREA.”; (2) Direct the City Manager to take any actions necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

Motion Councilmember Martin, seconded by Councilmember Prang and carried noting the absence of Councilmember Heilman.

C. GRAYWATER SYSTEMS:

This item was tabled to June 2, 1997 and is to appear before public hearings.

D. DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PARKING PLAN:

This item was tabled to June 2, 1997 and is to appear before public hearings.

E. PARKING INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE KINGS ROAD PARKING STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 8383 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

This item was tabled to June 2, 1997 and is to appear before public hearings.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. M. STOP SIGN INSTALLATION:

ACTION: Refer to the Department of Transportation to install an all-way stop at the intersection of Lexington and Spaulding Avenues.

Approved by a consensus of the City Council.

2. N. ALL-WAY RESIDENTIAL STOPS - NEIGHBORHOOD PILOT PROJECT:

ACTION: (1) Refer to Transportation Commission.

Approved by a consensus of the City Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

KARRY HIGHTOWER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, responded to comments made by Mayor Guarriello at the last meeting.

STAN LOTHDRIDGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, responded to comments made by a citizen earlier relative to feral cats.

EFFIE REAVENI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the City Council for removing the bollards and curbs but would also like to see the angled parking removed.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

A. POSTING OF TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONES:

This item was tabled to June 2 and should appear before Public Hearings.

B. PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EAST SIDE PROJECT AREA:

This item was discussed immediately following agenda item 5.B. and appears above.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:


Councilmember Martin commented regarding the statements and attacks made at the last meeting and asked the Council and community to focus on the projects, challenges and upcoming decisions we need to make.

Mayor Guarriello commented regarding the statements made at the last meeting.

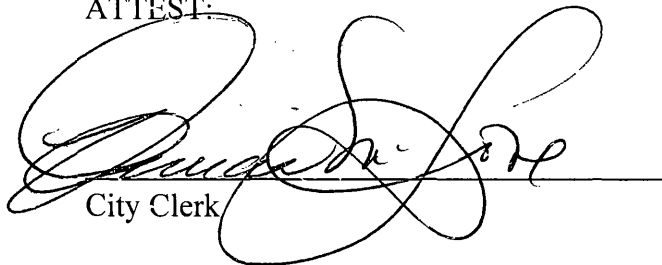
Councilmember Prang commented about his disgust at the last meeting. There were two resolutions on the Consent Calendar which were approved which he wanted to mention Item 2.K a Bill to improve coastal water quality and Item 2.L. a Bill to lower speed limits in urban areas..

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 11:30 p.m. in memory of Jesse Flores, Sr. to a Budget Study Session on Wednesday, May 21, 1997 at 6:00 P.M. at Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall, 1200 N. Vista Street. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 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 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 1997.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk