

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1997  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Koretz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Sibyl Zaden led the Pledge.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers - Heilman, Land, and Mayor Koretz.

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers - Guarriello.

Councilmembers - Martin arrived at 9:00 p.m.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Makinney, City Attorney Jenkins, Assistant City Clerk Thompson and Deputy Clerk Lucero.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:** Closed Session was canceled due to lack of a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Staff requested the following items be removed from the agenda: 4.A Sheriffs SPU Report, 4.B Cuervotivity, 5.A Joint Powers Agreement 5.B Commemorative Plaque, and 6.A Ordinance regarding contracts.

Mayor Koretz asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello's wife Rita Guarriello.

**ACTION:** Approved the Agenda as amended. Motion Land, seconded by Heilman and unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Councilmember Land and Councilmember Heilman presented commendations to the following Sheriffs Sgts. for excellent public service some of whom will be leaving the West Hollywood station: Sgt. Mike Parker, Sgt. Michelle Debus, Sgt. Bettina Aschenbrenner, and Sgt. Art Ames.

Councilmember Land presented a Proclamation for City of West Hollywood Voter Registration Month to the members of the City Clerk's staff John Lucero, Deputy Clerk; David Gillig, Deputy Clerk; Melba Englander, Deputy Clerk; Paul Contesa, Staff Assistant; Jay Thompson, Assistant City Clerk, and Vivian Love, City Clerk.

**1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

DONALD DELUCCIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on the parking permit study. He supports Item 2.K.

JOHN D. STOUT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the Council for the Holiday decoration, supports the efforts of the West Hollywood Alcohol & Drug Center.

HALEY POWERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION & VISITORS' BUREAU, spoke on the upcoming tourism conference here in West Hollywood.

SIBYL ZADEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports Items 6.A and 2.I. She also emphasized the importance of voting. Stated she is running for City Council.

NORMA KEMPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, does not feel that the Drug & Alcohol Center should be allowed to operate at full capacity without adequate parking.

BENJAMIN HOROWITZ, LOS ANGELES, commented on the Cuervotivity sculpture and emphatically stated that art must not be censored.

HOWARD ARMISTEAD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on the need for increased park space within the City. He is also in support of retaining rent stabilization. Stated he is running for City Council.

KEN BUSH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on increased gay bashing in the City and anti-gay graffiti in the City.

JASON WITTMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the West Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Heilman requested that staff contact Mr. Bush regarding the anti-gay graffiti near La Jolla.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** None.

**FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:** Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated the fiscal impact of the Consent Calendar for January 6, 1997 is \$219,051. in expenditures and \$117,951. in potential revenues.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

**A. POSTING OF AGENDA:**

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

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of December 16, 1996. **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 Anthony J. Weber, Todd Anthony Tramp, Jesus-Jesse Pina, Don L. Potts and refer to the City's Claims Adjuster for action. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- E. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 333, RESOLUTION NO. 97-1682:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register...No. 333 and adopt Resolution No. 97-1682, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 333." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- F. ORDINANCE NO. 96-480 (2nd Reading), ISSUANCE OF ONE-DAY VISITOR PERMITS:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 96-480, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC CODE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN ADVANCE AN INDIVIDUAL MAY OBTAIN ONE DAY VISITOR PERMITS AND ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VISITOR PERMITS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- G. RECLASSIFICATION OF STAFF ASSISTANT I - SUZA SZEWIOLA:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Approve reclassification of the Public Safety Staff Assistant I position from GE-03 non-exempt, to Administrative Staff Assistant GE-08, non-exempt. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**
- H. ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME GUIDELINES AND RENTS FOR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING UNITS:**  
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 97-1683, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE RENT LEVELS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**I. EXPERIMENTAL CROSSWALK WARNING DEVICE:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the installation of the experimental crosswalk warning device on Sunset Boulevard at Wetherly Drive and at the Sunset Plaza mid-block crosswalk; 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the State of California Office of Traffic Safety for grant funding the evaluation of the experimental crosswalk device at the said locations; and, 3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with W-Trans, the engineering consulting firm, in an amount not to exceed \$40,500.00 to perform the traffic safety evaluation for the experimental crosswalk device at the said locations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**J. ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANTS:**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Authorize acceptance of the grant; 2) Direct the Finance Department to place funds into a trust fund in accordance with Public Law 104-134 and establish the necessary accounts; and, 3) Direct Public Safety Staff to develop the program to comply with the conditions set forth by the Grant Award, which include a Public Hearing before the funds are obligated. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**K. SPENCER CONSULTING REPORT ON PREFERENTIAL PARKING:**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the letter from Joseph Spencer dated October 18, 1996. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**L. PROCLAIM JANUARY 1997 AS CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH:**

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Proclaim January, 1997 as City of West Hollywood Voter Registration Month; (2) Direct the City Clerk to continue to provide Voter Registration Cards and include Election Information at all public counters at City Hall, West Hollywood Park and Plummer Park Office; (3) Direct ALL City Staff to encourage all visitors at City Hall and all telephone inquiries to register or re-register to vote and provide them proper forms and assistance; and (4) Direct the City Clerk to prepare materials for the month of February 1997 as City of West Hollywood Voter Awareness Month. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**M. REQUEST FROM THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL TO HOST A CANDIDATE FORUM AT THEIR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Establish policy which precludes Commissions and/or Advisory Boards from conducting or sponsoring political forums and (2) Direct staff to contact the Senior Center and encourage their sponsorship of a Candidates Forum. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. GREENACRE AVENUE PETITION FOR PERMIT PARKING:**

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the West Hollywood Independent on December 18, 1996 and January 1, 1997.

Donald Korotsky, Associate Transportation Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 6, 1997

Mayor Koretz opened the public hearing the following persons addressed the City Council:

DR. BILL GRIFFIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, would like staff, the business community and residents to work together for a solution to this issue.

MAX WEITMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of permit parking on Greenacre Avenue.

STEVE ROSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against preferential parking on Greenacre Avenue.

SAM VINCENT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against preferential parking on Greenacre and feels that the source of the parking problem is the local nightspots.

MARYBELLE BREITMEIR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of permit parking on Greenacre.

JENNIFER ARNOLD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, is against preferential parking on Greenacre.

BONNIE KAREN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, favors permit parking on Greenacre.

MAX WEITMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports permit parking on Greenacre Avenue due to the various nightclubs in the area.

MARK GALLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD BUSINESS OWNER, stated that local businesses will be negatively impacted by the implementation of permit parking on Greenacre.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of permit parking on Greenacre Avenue.

No other speakers coming forward Mayor Koretz closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Land feels that the permit parking should be implemented on Greenacre due to the existing public safety issue.

Councilmember Heilman suggested utilizing Plummer Park's parking lot for theater and nightclub patrons.

**ACTION:** 1) Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 97-481, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC CODE AND ESTABLISHING PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT 8 AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE" ; 2) Request that the Public Safety Commission update the Transportation Commission with a status report in June, 1997; and, 3) Direct staff to look into utilizing the Plummer Park Parking Lot at night and working with Checca, the theater, Movietown Plaza and east side business owners in utilizing that lot.

**Motion Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.**

Councilmember Martin arrived at this point in the meeting.

**B. APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PARKING USE PERMIT 95-09 FOR OFF-SITE PARKING AND REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD ALCOHOL AND DRUG CENTER LOCATED AT 8206-08 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:**

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to 500 foot radius on December 17, 1996, a Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to the Appellant.

Tim Foy, Associate Planner, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 6, 1997.

Mayor Koretz opened the public hearing the following persons addressed the City Council:

MARK LEHMAN, ATTORNEY FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD DRUG AND ALCOHOL CENTER, speaking on behalf of the appellant, emphasized the unique services provided by the West Hollywood Alcohol and Drug Center and that the facility supports local businesses such as the coffeehouses. He stated West Hollywood Alcohol and Drug Center has 45 spaces now. He disagrees with the method staff has determined the parking requirements based on the square footage of the entire facility, and asked for a reduction in the number of parking spaces required.

BEN FRYE, LOS ANGELES, supports the parking position of the Center.

JACQUELENE BALOGH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the continued services of the Center.

CALVIN GARLAND, stated that he agrees with many of much of what has been said at tonight's meeting, and supports the Center.

DR. BILL GRIFFIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, feels that if we all work together, the problem can be solved.

RON WRIGHT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, feels that he has been negatively impacted by noise from the Center. Supports denying the Appeal of the Center.

BILL COFFEY, LOS ANGELES, Boardmember of the Center, stated that it is impractical to close down a portion of the Center.

LARRY GILL, LAGUNA BEACH, Boardmember of the Center, would like the Center to stay open.

JOHN MAHER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, would like the Council to utilize flexibility in regulating parking for the Center.

JOHN GOLAY, LOS ANGELES, states that he has never parked in the surrounding neighborhoods while visiting the Center.

LOUIS GAMBAS BORDAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the services of the Center.

LAWRENCE DOLCART, TOLUCA LAKE, supports the services provided by the Center.

THOMAS BENTON, LOS ANGELES, spoke in favor of the Center staying in operation.

STEVE CREOLE, strongly supports the Center's services.

ALOMA ICHINOSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented that it has been a dream of the Center to have moved to the present location. She pleaded with the Council not to close a portion of the Center.

RIC RICKLES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Counselor at the Center, feels that the Center has been a positive force in countering alcohol and drug dependency.

JAMES ASMODOE, LOS ANGELES, stated that the Center saves lives.

PETER VAN NAME, LOS ANGELES, supports the efforts of the Center.

ERIC S. ALBERT, SANTA MONICA, states that the Center has saved his life and feels that with bars on every corner, the Center is a shining light in the community.

KRISTEN ADDIX, WEST HOLLYWOOD BUSINESS OWNER, suggests a shuttle service and stated that closing the Center is not the solution.

LUCY CAMPOS, LOS ANGELES, feels that parking issues cannot be compared with the Center's efforts in saving lives.

STACEY ADAIR, LOS ANGELES, would like City staff to be more flexible in their regulations and feels that the Center has saved him from a life on the streets.

KEN SEELEY, LOS ANGELES, Manager of the Center, stated that the Center cannot operate if it is partially closed by the City. Also, the Center, being a non-profit organization, cannot charge for parking.

KRISTINE DRAKE-LOOMIS, LOS ANGELES, feels that the Center provides an alternative to alcohol and drug addiction that plagues today's youth.

JON PLANAS, feels that the parking problem existed prior to the opening of the Center and fully supports the efforts of the facility.

SOPHIA BANKS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, strongly supports the services provided by the Center.

TONY ARN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, states that the City has not provided any funding to the Center. He would like the City to grant an exemption to the parking regulation.

LANCE E. WILLIAMS, LOS ANGELES, states that the Center is his new found hope.

MARE MEYER, LOS ANGELES, stated his support of the Center. He carools and uses metered parking places.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, feels that the Center's services are not easily found elsewhere and that the facility is not the only source of parking difficulties.

MICHELLE HURST, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she wants the upstairs to remain open.



PETE STRUVE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Center, states he disagrees with Staff, there are not other places to go to receive this program.

CHARLES HOLLIS JONES, President of the Center, stated that the Center makes a difference in combating alcohol and drug abuse.

KEVIN KRAKOWER, LOS ANGELES, stated that he has always parked legally on the street and supports keeping the upstairs portion of the Center open.

FRANK BANDA, commented that the Center has saved him from a life on the streets.

BRETT MORAN, LOS ANGELES, pleaded with the Council to solve the parking problem but feels that closing the Center would be inhumane.

ROBERT WILSON, LOS ANGELES, would like the Center, in its entirety, to remain open.

BILL MARKS, LOS ANGELES, spoke in support of the Center.

CHRIS PATROUCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, states that it is unnecessary to reduce the size of the Center.

KENNETH HARMON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, feels that the Council can solve this problem without closing the Center.

DAVID GUERRIRO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated the importance of the Center to himself and his family.

FREDA NORMAN, SANTA MONICA, encouraged the Council to solve the parking problem without closing the Center.

RICHARD NOBLE, suggested a shuttle service from the Metropolitan Community Church lot. He also suggested a traffic light on Havenhurst and Santa Monica Boulevard.

TONYA HESLET, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the Center's patrons are a positive presence in the neighborhood.

JEANNE DOBRIN, stated that neighborhood residents are being impacted by the Center. She stated her support for Staff's position to deny the appeal.

PETER ROTSTEN, stated his support for the Center.

ROBERTA JOY DE SIMONE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, praised the preventative efforts of the Center.

SANDRA LAWTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, would like the Center to continue its operations in full capacity.

ANNA RIGOPOULOS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asks the Council to solve the parking problem without closing the Center.

RAFAEL TAPIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that parking problems are a way of life in West Hollywood. He pleaded with the Council to keep the Center open.

DAVID BOCKOFF, WEST HOLLYWOOD, would like the Council to waive the parking requirements for the Center.

PAUL HARDY, LOS ANGELES, stressed the importance of having more than one meeting taking place at the Center at any given time.

LOUIS OFFER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, feels that the Center is a tremendous asset to the community.

MARK LEHMAN, FOR THE APPELLANT, Rebuttal, further stressed the importance of the Center's services to the community.

No other speakers coming forward Mayor Koretz closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Land feels that the neighborhoods are impacted but the Center is not the only destination in the area which is causing the parking problems.

Councilmember Heilman stated that requiring the Center to post courtesy parking signs is a reasonable requirement.

Mayor Koretz suggested a shuttle from the Municipal Parking Structure at 8383 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Councilmember Martin, is concerned that the Center has impacted the surrounding neighborhood. He also suggested a shuttle from the Municipal Parking Structure.

**ACTION:** Grant the Appeal in part. Direct staff to prepare a revised Resolution which will: (1) Allow the full use of the facility. (2) Require the Center to obtain 55 parking spaces by March 1, 1997 by recalculating the square footage, for the parking requirements, of the building by use. (3) Require signage on the property indicating the proper parking facilities. (4) Require free parking to patrons. (5) Require the development of a Transportation Policy with emphasis

on the use of the Public Parking Facility at Kings Road. (6) Require "good neighbor" signage be posted at the location. (7) Require the Center Management to work with groups and patrons on an ongoing basis regarding parking rules, regulations and courtesy. (8) Require periodic review. Inform and educate the Center and its patrons on the Cash Key program. Direct staff to explore ways to create additional parking spaces in that General Neighborhood, perhaps with the development of the public parking lot, or angled street parking, and return to the Council.

**Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously carried.**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. SIX MONTH REPORT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DIRECTED PATROL AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS UNIT (SPU):**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

**B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF THE CUERVOTIVITY SCULPTURE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD AND DOHENY DRIVE:**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND LAKE FOREST FOR THE CREATION OF A CALIFORNIA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY:**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

**B. COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE FOR PAST CITY COUNCILMEMBERS:**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

**EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on various Municipal Code violations throughout the City.

HOWARD ARMISTEAD, reiterated that art must not be censored, but questioned the process by which the Cuervotivity sculpture was imposed on the City.

6. **LEGISLATIVE:**

- A. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD PROHIBITING THE CITY FROM ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS, OR OTHER AGREEMENTS, WITH ANY CONTRACTOR THAT DISCRIMINATES IN THE PROVISION OF BENEFITS BETWEEN EMPLOYEES WITH DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND EMPLOYEES WITH SPOUSES, AND/OR BETWEEN THE DOMESTIC PARTNERS AND SPOUSES OF EMPLOYEES:**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of staff.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:** None.

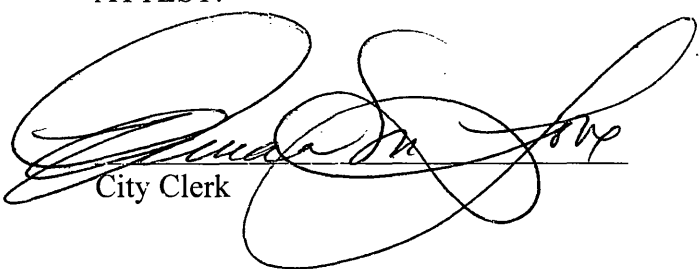
**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned in memory of Mrs. Rita Guarriello at 11:25 p.m. to its next regular meeting on TUESDAY, January 21, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1997:

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk