

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1996  
PLUMMER PARK**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Gail Koretz led the Pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT - Councilmember - Guarriello, Land, Martin, Koretz and Mayor Heilman.  
ALSO PRESENT - City Manager Brotzman, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Love, and Assistant City Clerk Thompson.
4. **REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL:**
  - A. ***Election of Mayor*** - Mayor Heilman opened the nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Guarriello nominated Mayor Pro Tem Koretz for Mayor. Motion to elect Mayor Pro Tempore Koretz to Mayor by Councilmember Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried.

Mayor Heilman turned the gavel over to the newly elected Mayor Paul Koretz.
  - B. ***Election of Mayor Pro Tempore*** - Mayor Koretz opened the nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Heilman nominated Councilmember Guarriello for Mayor Pro Tempore. Motion to elect Councilmember Guarriello to Mayor Pro Tempore by Councilmember Heilman , seconded by Councilmember Martin and unanimously carried.
5. **APPOINTMENT OF SANITATION DISTRICT ALTERNATE:**

Appoint Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello as Alternate Member of the Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 4 and to Adopt Resolution No. 96-1566, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 4."

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously carried.
6. **PRESENTATIONS:**
  - A. ***Comments by outgoing Mayor***

Outgoing Mayor Heilman outlined the major accomplishments this past year such as the move to the new City Hall, the building of the parking structure, the comprehensive review of the parking permit program; the Rent Stabilization Revisions; the first Business Improvement District; the ban against Saturday Night Specials; the adoption of the Sunset Specific Plan; the hiring of a new Community Development Director Ray Reynolds. This year the employee relations have been very smooth. A new program was instilled to bring people into City Hall and an outreach effort to the community. Last year there were four specific areas he wanted to work on which was the improvement of the eastside and the

creation of a redevelopment area. There was also a creation of two special task forces, Telecommunications Task Force and the second was meeting space and convention space which will be done with Beverly Hills. The one area in which he wasn't able to accomplish was in the area of Seniors. The loss of Lester Hirsch created a leadership void. There were also some other projects which were created the Unity Program and the Healthy West Hollywood Campaign. In closing he thanked his colleagues, the City staff including the City Clerk's Division staff. He thanked City Manager Brotzman and City Attorney Jenkins. He also thanked Larissa Fooks, Mary Lou Lopez and the Council Deputies, especially Fran Solomon. He also thanked the business community and the residents for being active and being involved. He wished incoming Mayor Koretz good luck and stated he will be there for support.

B. *Comments by newly-elected Mayor*

Mayor Koretz congratulated John Heilman on a very successful year. He then presented outgoing Mayor Heilman with a clock. He then thanked the Council for their trust in him. He indicated he is looking forward to the year with some trepidation as during his last term as Mayor was one of the most difficult years in the City's history. He indicated he will be working at the State Level to get back the revenue which the State took to balance their budget. He stated his goal is more internal in focus to be more responsive. He will focus on Code Enforcement which has always been a weak area. There also needs to be some focus on the trouble spots in the City which the City can be more responsive. He will implement some new changes which will have an impact on the way the City does business. Mayor Koretz indicated he would like to see additional crimes targeted and see them aggressively dealt with. He indicated that there needs to be more communications to the residents relative to Rent Control and there should be more outreach to residents to identify concerns. He would like to see the City Council improve Customer Service especially by contractors and the City needs to look at the housing process. He noted that there have been many complaints regarding Santa Monica Boulevard and this will probably be the year which we can take over Santa Monica Boulevard and make some improvements. He does support the Social Services programs and will be riding in the California Aids Ride. He is dedicating this ride to Rick Staslaw, a very good friend who died of Aids. He thanked everyone for being here tonight and for their support. He thanked his deputy, Leah Archibald and the many people who helped to put this event together. He thanked Shirley Roberts, Barbara Hewitt, his wife, Gail Koretz and his daughter Rachel.

C. *Comments by newly-elected Mayor Pro Tempore*

Mayor Pro Tempore Guarriello stated he stands by his promise and he thanked everyone for all their support.

D. *Councilmember Comments*

Councilmember Land congratulated Paul and Sal. It will be a busy year but she feels the Council will be able to get through it.

Councilmember Martin thanked Mayor Heilman for all his work and congratulated Mayor Koretz

E. *City Manager Comments*

City Manager Brotzman stated that the Council with their actions as well as their symbolic actions try to carry out the belief that there should be respect for all people. He congratulated Mayor Koretz.

7. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

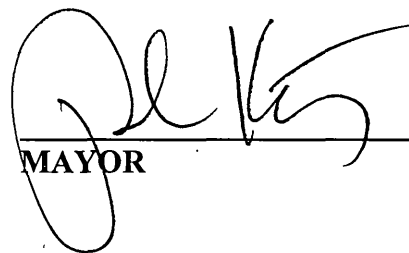
DOUG ROUTH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked John Heilman for a wonderful year as Mayor and congratulated Mayor Koretz. He commented about the release of the Rent Stabilization Director.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that Councilmember Land was married last spring. She also commended the City on their recruitment process which has attracted many professional managers. She would like to see a building named after Lester Hirsch. She would also like to see a Master Calendar put together for City events.

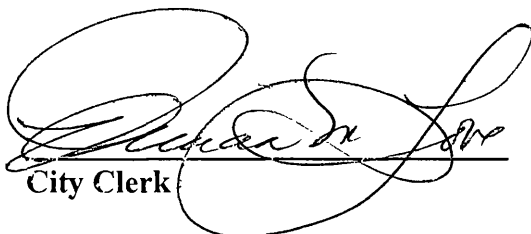
Mayor Heilman requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Chris Reeves from Santa Monica.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council adjourned in memory of Chris Reeves at 7:34 p.m. to its next regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

**APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1996.**

  
MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk