

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1996**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
Community Conference Room**

7:00 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Assistant City Clerk Thompson led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Guarriello, Land, Martin, Koretz and Mayor Heilman
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brotzman, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk Love and Assistant City Clerk Thompson.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: City Attorney Jenkins stated that at approximately 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order and the City Council recessed into a closed session for discussion of the items on the posted closed session agenda. The City Council, by a unanimous vote, added two matters of pending litigation which have occurred after the last 72 hours, after the posting of the agenda. West Hollywood v. Buckley and California Rifle and Pistol Assoc. v. the City of West Hollywood. under 54956.9(a). The closed session adjourned at 6:40 p.m. There were no reportable actions.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Staff requested item 6.A. be moved to the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Guarriello pulled Item 2.Q. Councilmember Martin pulled Item 2.K.

Motion to approve as amended Councilmember Land seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Guarriello presented commendations to the drivers of the CityLine vans. Commendations were presented to Alfred Jones, Wililufu Marin, Michael Carr, Manual Salazar, Jose Chavez, Randy Brooks, Eddie King, Jr., Tyrone Wiseman, Denny Cortese, Michael Stephen, Joyce Dickens.

Councilmember Guarriello presented a commendation to Kirk Bigilione for his outstanding work on the City of West Hollywood Webpage.

Mayor Heilman introduced new Employees Beth Szama, David Gardner, Elizabeth Savage, Lester Burg, Lisa Chilton, Todd Kramer, Russell Martin.

Mayor Heilman introduced Tim Olson who invited everyone to Absolut Mardi Gras.

Councilmember Martin asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Jim Wood. Mayor Heilman indicated the meeting will also be adjourned in memory of Honorable Pat Brown.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

REV. VON DOURIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about problems between groups of people and suggested creating a Human Services Committee to work with the lesbian and gay community and the Russian Community and other groups that are having problems. He also spoke about the Holocaust Remembrance.

DR. BILL GRIFFIN, CO-CHAIR OF LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY COUNCIL, he spoke in support of items 2.I. and 2. M.

HERB RIVKIN, LOS ANGELES, provided comments about the traffic on Fuller and Fountain Avenue.

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, she read a letter into the record from the West Hollywood West Association regarding the EIR and development at the Chasen's site.

RENEE ROSENFELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked for support for Item 2.I. and item 2.M.

KATRINA POLANSKY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked for support of Item 2.M.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of bridging the gap between the gays and lesbians and the Russian community. She also indicated that at the Planning Commission there were a number of complaints about the Colonial House.

LYNN HOOPINGARNER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, serves on the Women's Advisory Council. She announced that March is Women's History Month and asked for Council support of Item 2.R. She outlined the activities they will be undertaking during the month.

SUZANNE GAGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, serves on the Women's Advisory Council. She invited everyone to participate in Women's Health Day. The event is scheduled from March 24th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. She also expressed support for Item 2.I. and 2.M.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Brotzman indicated there was no report.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that the Fiscal Impact of the Consent Calendar on Tuesday, February 20, 1996, as amended is \$205,686 in expenditures and zero in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approved Items 2.A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, M, N, O, P, and R. **Motion Land, seconded Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

A. POSTING OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, February 20, 1996 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, February 15, 1996.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 16, 1996 and Monday, February 5, 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 Steven R. Lentz, Lisa Ontiverous, Antonina Benari, Mark Barnes, Alexander Trosch, Sara Rosenberg - LA Free Clinic, without comment and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

E. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 312, RESOLUTION NO. 96-1533:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 312 and adopt Resolution No. 96-1533, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 312." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

F. TREASURER'S REPORT:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file Treasurer's Report for December 1995 **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- G. ORDINANCE NO. 96-458 (2nd Reading), AMENDING THE PARKING CITATION REVIEW PROCESS:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 96-458, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING PART C OF CHAPTER II OF ARTICLE II OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PARKING CITATION PROCESSING PROCEDURES." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- H. AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE PERIOD TO REVIEW CENTURY CABLE'S FCC FORM 1205 FILING AND ISSUE AN ACCOUNTING ORDER TO CENTURY CABLE AS ALLOWED BY FCC REGULATION:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Authorize staff to extend the review period for Century Cable's 1205 Equipment Form filing as specified by FCC Section 76.933; and (2) Authorize staff to issue an Accounting Order to Century Cable by March 20, 1996 as outlined in the staff report. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- I. YOM HASHOA - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE APRIL 14, 1996:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Direct staff to work with the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Council in organizing and administering this event on April 14, 1996; and (2) Direct staff to publicize the event, including coverage on CityChannel 10. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- J. WEST WEEK PARKING AND CIRCULATION PLAN:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Authorize the Closure of San Vicente Boulevard from Melrose Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard from 6:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 13, 1996 through 11:00 P.M., Friday, March 15, 1996; and (2) Approve the issuance of 200 one-day visitor permits for March 13, 14, and 15, 1996 to accommodate the anticipated demand. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- K. EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR CITYLINE FIXED ROUTE SERVICE WITH DIVERSIFIED PARATRANSIT INC.:**
This item was removed and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar.
- L. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR STREET TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Approve an Amendment to Agreement with Golden Bear Arborists, Inc. which will extend the term of the original Agreement dated January 7, 1991, to June 30, 1999 and expand services of the Agreement to include street planting; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the

Amendment to Agreement dated February 20, 1996. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- M. ADVERTISING FOR GAY AND LESBIAN RUSSIAN SUPPORT GROUP:**
RECOMMENDATION: Authorize funding in an amount not to exceed \$500. for advertising of a gay and lesbian Russian support group in the Russian language press. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- N. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFER STREETS:**
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 96-1534, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF 'CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFER STREETS.'" **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- O. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOMECARE WORKERS:**
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 96-1535, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF HOMECARE WORKERS EMPLOYED UNDER THE 'IN HOME SUPPORT SERVICES' PROGRAM." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- P. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JOINING THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN:**
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 96-1536, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF JOINING THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- Q. PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**
This item was removed and appears under Excluded Consent Calendar.
- R. WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:**
RECOMMENDATION: (1) Direct staff to prepare a proclamation, proclaiming March as Women's History Month; and (2) Direct the appropriate City staff to work with the Women's Advisory Council to assist with the production and promotion of Women's History Month. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- S. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TIME LIMITS FOR PASSENGER LOADING ZONES:**

This item was moved from Legislative Item 6.A. to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.S.

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 96-460, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE TIME LIMITS FOR PASSENGER LOADING ZONES AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. APPEAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S DECISION TO DENY AN AMENDMENT TO LOS ANGELES CHECKER CAB COMPANY, INCORPORATED'S TAXICAB OPERATOR'S LICENSE EXPIRING JUNE 30, 1996:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that the Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to the appellant by Certified Mail on February 7, 1996.

Lucy Dyke, Transportation & Transit Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 20, 1996.

Mayor Heilman asked if there was any new evidence to be proposed.

Mr. Sunkin, representing the appellant, responded there was no new evidence.

The public hearing was opened.

ALI HOMSI, GENERAL MANAGER CHECKER CAB COMPANY, indicated he was appointed as General Manager effective February 1, 1996. It is his responsibility to bring Checker Cab back to what it once was. He stated he is working to clear up the discrepancies of the last few months. He asked the City Council to overturn the Transportation Commission decision.

HOWARD SUNKIN, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE CHECKER CAB. Checker Cab has been supportive of the AIDS Program, Senior Coupon Program, the LA City Don't Drink and Drive program which Checker would like to implement in West Hollywood. He thanked Ms. Dyke for the thorough job. He indicated Checker Cab did indeed have a rough couple of months. Mr. Sunkin discussed the management problems and the current management of the Company. In June of 1995, the current permits were approved. The problems of Checker Cab became a serious problem shortly thereafter. There are now stricter rules and regulations in place at Checker which are being enforced. He took exception to the comment in the staff report which indicated that Checker Cab had never taken disciplinary measures against a taxi driver until the Transportation

Department raised issues, he added this statement is simply not true. The staff report discussed three incidents of certain drivers. Those incidents happened and are isolated incidents. The business of Checker Cab has gone up substantially. No two weeks are the same however, there is always an increase, some weeks as small as 20 percent and some weeks there is a 200 percent increase in cab calls. We have submitted phone records and phone logs. This is a business decision for Checker Cab and has been a fight since July, 1995 to get these extra cabs. The image of Community Cab is not a good one and Checker Cab is caught up in the negativity of Community Cab. He stated for the record that the management of Community Cab Company will not have anything to do with Checker Cab, if the Council overturns the Transportation Commission decision. The Council has a great opportunity to create new jobs for people in the West Hollywood community. He personally pledged that if there is a problem he is available immediately to solve any problems. He requested the City Council to grant the appeal and pledged his personal support.

Councilmember Land asked Ms. Dyke to explain the switching of stickers of Checker Cabs and Community Cab.

Ms. Dyke clarified that there was some trading of the permits at the time. Staff approved and inspected the vehicles.

Councilmember Land asked about the telephone logs.

Ms. Dyke reviewed the statements made by Checker Cab relative to telephone logs. The figures that were provide were not backed up by the logs. In addition the logs were incomplete, Ordinance Section 3207(p) requires that Taxi Cab Operators keeps records of orders including the location and time of pick up.

Mr. Sunkin responded that every week has been different. Some weeks there are small increases however, the record clearly shows a steady increase.

Councilmember Guarriello asked how many Checker cabs did not have a permit.

Ms. Dyke indicated that the highest number of LA Checker were four. Some were convicted and some were overturned. Even during the second and third hearing there were some arrests and some convictions.

Councilmember Guarriello asked for confirmation about a senior citizen being denied the use of a taxicab coupon.

Ms. Dyke provided additional information.

Councilmember Martin inquired how many taxicab companies are operating in West Hollywood.

Ms. Dyke responded there are four operating legally. Checker Cab has the majority of the cabs in the City.

Councilmember Martin stated the City seems to be inundated in cabs, and asked staff if there was a way to monitor numbers of calls. One of his concerns is that if we grant this company more cabs, we are giving one cab company an un-fair advantage over others.

Mayor Pro Tem Koretz asked what the company is like recently since the new general manager came on board.

Ms. Dyke indicated that staff was not aware of the new General Manager until this evening, the Transportation Department was not notified.

Councilmember Land stated these are not black and white issues. The decision should be based on the record. She indicated she is glad that there is a new General Manager who is more proactive in resolving some of the issues identified in the record. However, the record shows a pattern of not being cooperative and some definite problems. She added that based on the record she does not see the documentation necessary for additional cabs. She added she would like to see Council discuss what can be done in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Koretz stated that looking at the Transportation Commission decision he cannot see any guidance. It is true that Checker Cab did go downhill for a time. They have attempted to document the need. One factor would be the common sense issue that since Checker Cab inherited Community Taxi phone lines and referrals it would stand to reason the ridership would increase. He does not feel that taxi cab companies should have to demonstrate the need for additional cabs. The only problem he really has is with the complaints but he would like to see the new General Manager given time to resolve these problems. He stated he does not see what would be gained by denying the application. These cabs were already out on the street with Community Taxi and now would be with Checker Cab therefore there wouldn't really be an increase in the number of taxi's.

Councilmember Guarriello indicated he has faith in the staff and Transportation Commission decision.

Councilmember Martin stated that West Hollywood is not necessarily comparable with other cities, but it does seem we have a large number of cabs. He asked if we considered the need issue when Community was first given their approval.

Ms. Dyke responded that the initial program was to provide free rides to people with Aids which was a demonstrated "need." However, the company went out of business and sold their taxis to Bijan/Celebrity Cab. They too came in with the same program. However, now all taxi cab services provide that service.

Councilmember Martin stated the biggest issue is the need. He would be willing to give them the opportunity to demonstrate the need again.

Ms. English indicated that this issue is currently being looked at by the Transportation Commission.

Mayor Heilman thanked the new General Manager. He indicated he appreciates the efforts of Mr. Homsy and Mr. Sunkin in trying to mend the communications with staff. Checker has been in the City for 20 years. The issue is whether we should expand the fleet. He is also concerned with the need issue and stated he would also be willing to give the applicant an opportunity to demonstrate this need for an additional vehicles. He is leaning towards supporting the Transportation Commission as the record does not support the request.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 96-___, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD UPHOLDING THE FINDINGS OF, AN DENYING THE APPEAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. TC 95-13 REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO LOS ANGELES CHECKER CAB COMPANY'S TAXICAB OPERATOR'S LICENSE."

Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded Councilmember Martin.

Councilmember Land indicated that this company did have a reputable history. She indicated she cannot think of a compromise at this point.

Mayor Pro Tem Koretz asked if there was anyway to give them two weeks to work with staff to demonstrate the need.

Councilmember Martin stated he does not feel two weeks would not really resolve this issue and he would rather see them come back during the renewal process.

Mayor Heilman asked Ms. Dyke if overall Checker has been a responsible and responsive company.

Ms. Dyke responded that overall with the exception of the last six months they are a responsible and responsive company.

Mayor Heilman indicated the applicants could reapply during the renewal process; or, they could hold the hearing open for a period of time to allow for them to gather additional information.

Ms. Dyke indicated that there is a larger issue since in December the Transportation Commission denied requests for additional taxi's.

Mayor Heilman asked for a vote on the motion.

ACTION: Substitute motion to hold the public hearing open until the Transportation Commission can provide some guidelines relative to the need issue. **Substitute Motion Mayor Pro Tem Koretz, seconded by Mayor Heilman.**

Councilmember Land asked when the Transportation Commission would have this issue resolved.

Ms. Dyke indicated the sub-committee will be meeting here tomorrow and she doesn't know if they will be able to make a recommendation at their meeting or would have to put this off until March.

Councilmember Martin asked if the City Council would have to approve the guidelines.

Ms Dyke stated the Commission would be making a policy so that applicants could make an informed decision before they were applying. This policy decision would only come before the Council if it were approved.

Mayor Heilman stated that if the Transportation Commission does not make a decision until April, it would not make sense for the Council to hear it in late May when they would be up for a renewal process in June. This decision would be up to the staff.

ACTION: The public hearing will remain open until such time, that the Transportation Commission establishes criteria for meeting the "needs" requirement; at that time Checker Cab Company may submit additional evidence. If the criteria is established during the renewal process, Checker Cab may withdraw the appeal and build the request for additional cabs into their renewal.

Substitute motion by Mayor Pro Tem Koretz, seconded by Mayor Heilman and carried on a roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Land, Koretz, Heilman.
NOES: Councilmembers: Guarriello, Martin.

Recessed at 8:55 p.m.
Reconvened at 9:00 p.m.:

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Land commented that the City Manager should direct the Public Information Staff and Transportation staff to publicize the parking citation review process. She also outlined the activities for Women's History Month.

Councilmember Guarriello asked City Manager Brotzman to respond to the questions by West Hollywood West.

City Manager Brotzman responded that the request by West Hollywood West is not a requirement of the EIR. The cost of the EIR is borne by the applicant and the applicant does not wish to include their request at this time.

Ms. Dyke indicated that their letter was submitted as part of the comments to the EIR which their is a long timeline to allow for comments. The City is currently in the process of responding to these comments.

Councilmember Guarriello asked that the City simply provide that information to West Hollywood West Association.

Councilmember Martin commented on the recent Wild Oats opening at the old City Hall and indicated there was an 18-wheeler which was entering from the back of the store. Staff was directed to look into this issue.

Councilmember Martin also commented on the agenda item regarding support for the Homecare Workers, employed by the County of Los Angeles. The City endorses a reform program, which would create a system to hire better quality homeworkers, and better wages and benefits.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**A. WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
SECOND QUARTER REPORT:**

Rhonda Sherman, Economic Development Specialist, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 20, 1996.

HALEY POWERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, indicated they have accomplished all goals to date and have stayed within budget. She outlined a number of activities in which they have participated, as outlined in the WHCVB report.

ACTION: Receive and file the quarterly report for the West Hollywood Convention and Visitors Bureau for the quarter ending December 1995. **Motion Councilmember Land, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and unanimously carried.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A PERMANENT TRIBUTE TO THE SUNSET STRIP'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY:

Councilmember Martin provided the background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 20, 1996.

Councilmember Land asked that as we are moving forward to keep in mind what the City stands for.

ACTION: Direct the City's Economic Development Manager to work with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the Night Club Council in establishing a task force to look into the possibility of creating a permanent salute to the Sunset Strip. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and unanimously carried.**

B. APPROVAL OF PILOT PROGRAM "LIGHTS ON CRIME" TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS:

Leslie Krane, Public Safety Student Intern, and Lester Burg, Housing Analyst, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 20, 1996.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated her support for this issue and her desire to be on the Task Force.

ACTION: (1) Approve the implementation of the pilot program called "Lights on Crime;" (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Grant Agreements with participants; and (3) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for construction services not to exceed \$20,000. **Motion Councilmember Martin, seconded Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

C. REPORT OF THE PLUMMER PARK WHINS COMMUNITY POLICING PROJECT COMMITTEE:

Nancy Greenstein, Public Safety Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 20, 1996.

REV. VON DOURIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of this item and indicated he was interested in being a part of the committee.

Councilmember Martin asked how the working group would be formed.

Lloyd Long provided an overview of the process.

Councilmember Martin stated he would like to see the Public Safety Commission along with the Human Services Commission to come back within the next 90-days on the issue of the picnic tables.

Mayor Pro Tem Koretz added that we have to be very careful to not market the location until all issues are resolved.

ACTION: (1) Post multi-lingual "No Gambling" signs throughout the picnic area describing the law enforcement code that prohibits gambling and listing the penalty for violating the code; (2) Direct staff to continue a working group on the issue of gambling and gambling area in the park and provide direction for the group including the possible removal of picnic tables from beneath the park's awning and use the area for other activities; (3) Close the park at 10:00 p.m. to coincide with park staffing hours; (4) Direct the City Attorney or the City Manager to write a letter to the bus companies informing them that use of this parking lot for busses and customer parking is illegal; (5) Direct park and recreation staff to call the Sheriff's deputies to cite tour companies and bus drivers for unauthorized use of the parking lot; (6) Direct staff to analyze the costs of pulling the bushes up and replacing them with lower shrubs, or low maintenance shrubs, which would curtail unsafe and illegal park activities. And, if within budget, authorize that the work be done; (7) Direct staff to form a working group to review park rules and determine the best method of enforcement; (8) Direct the Sheriff's deputies to continue to visit the park frequently and recreation staff to continue to emphasize teen programming; (9) Direct staff to create and post multi-lingual signs outlining park rules; (10) Direct staff to formulate a "Friends of the Park" working group. **Motion Councilmember Land, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and unanimously carried.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

K. EXTENSION AGREEMENT FOR CITYLINE FIXED ROUTE SERVICE WITH DIVERSIFIED PARATRANSIT INC.:

Joan English, Director of Transportation and Public Works, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 20, 1996.

Councilmember Martin questioned why the term of this agreement ends in March, 1997, when at budget time the staff or Council could recommend a reduction in the program..

Ms. English responded that the contract provides for a reduction of up to 20%.

Mayor Pro Tem Koretz inquired if this contract could be extended until the end of June to include budgetary concerns.

Ms. English responded they could make it a goal.

ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute the second extension agreement with Diversified Paratransit, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$493,103.45, to provide CityLine services effective March 1, 1996 through February 28, 1997. **Motion Councilmember Land, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and unanimously carried.**

Q. PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Councilmember Guarriello asked why the Disabilities Advisory Council cannot get the figures regarding the number of disabled.

Ms. English responded that there are a number of sources which the City gets these numbers.

REV. VON DOURIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated that perhaps these people should get the previous minutes for the last year so they know what the history is of the task force.

ACTION: Authorize the City Manager to execute an MOU with the MTA for 25% reimbursement of new operating expenses of the taxi coupon/lift van subsidy program effective July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded Councilmember Land and unanimously carried.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on item 6.A. She provided her opinion on the history of this item, and spoke in support of the item, but inquired of the enforcement.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TIME LIMITS FOR PASSENGER LOADING ZONES:

This item was approved and appears as part of the Consent Calendar as item 2. S.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Martin asked the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jim Henry, a long time resident.

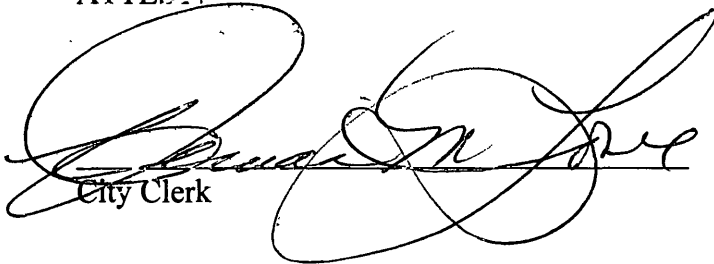
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 9:55 p.m. in memory of James Woods, Honorable Pat Brown and Jim Henry to its next regular meeting on Monday, March 4, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 1996.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk