

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1996
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Heilman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mark Johnson led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: Assistant City Attorney Susskind stated that at approximately 6:30 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. There were no reportable actions taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that staff requested the Council to remove item 4.A. from the agenda. Mayor Heilman stated that staff requested the Council to table item 2.N. to the February 5th meeting. Councilmember Guarriello noted his no vote on item 2.F. and 2.G. **ACTION: Approve the agenda as amended by consensus of the City Council.**

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Heilman indicated the meeting will be adjourned in memory of Jack Wagner from Warner Studios.

Mayor Heilman asked Bill Griffin and Renee Rosenfeld, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Boardmembers to present, on behalf of the City Council and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Council, a Rainbow Key Award to Helen Levin for her contributions and efforts which have benefited the Lesbian and Gay Community of West Hollywood.

Ms. Levin thanked the City Council for the recognition.

Mayor Heilman presented commendations to the outstanding individuals who volunteer at the Sheriff's Station as Reserve Deputies. These individuals will be presented their commendations at the Sheriff's Department Recognition Dinner.

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

DEDE WHITESIDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE KING INSTITUTE FOR NON-VIOLENCE, commended the City Council on their courage in the passage of agenda item 2.I., ban of Saturday Night Special ordinance.

VENERABLE WAPOLA PIYANANDA, DHDRMA VIJAYA BUDDHIST TEMPLE, spoke in support of the Council actions on agenda item 2.I.

GERDA SPIEGLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked members of the community who helped with this years holiday food baskets.

LAURENCE ZAKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he lives on Hilldale. He supported speed humps on Vista Grande and Dicks and to keep the 'no left turn' on Cynthia.

DANIEL CURRAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he lives on Cynthia. He reiterated his comments from the letter he sent on November 5, 1995. He supported speed humps and 'no left hand turn' on Cynthia.

ROBERTA CURRAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, she also supported the speed humps and 'no left turn' on Cynthia. She stated the traffic is from Sunset.

CHRIS DRAGO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he is in support of the 'no left hand turn' on Cynthia. He indicated he would not be opposed to the 'no left hand turn' on Vista Grande or the speed humps. He suggested the 4-7 p.m. no left hand turn from Doheny.

ALICE SUZUKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about item 3.A. She commented on the dial-a-ride service. She is opposed to raising the taxi coupon price.

SANDY COONEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, he commended the City Council, especially Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and Councilmember Land, on the adoption of the ordinance prohibiting the sale of "Saturday Night Specials" in West Hollywood.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Brotzman announced that escrow has closed on the Pac Bell property on Santa Monica. Hopefully, it will be opened for public parking as early as February. He introduced Ray Reynolds as the Community Development Director and stated he is from Dayton, Ohio. He will be starting on February 20, 1996. Mayor Heilman also acknowledged Employee of the Year, City Clerk Love.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated that the Fiscal Impact of the Consent Calendar on Tuesday, January 16, 1996 as amended is \$125,950. in expenditures and \$50,000. in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve items 2.A, B, C, D, E, F, H, J, K, L, M, O, P, Q, and R. **Motion Councilmember Land, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and unanimously carried.**

A. POSTING OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, January 16, 1996 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Friday, January 12, 1996.

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Study Session of Wednesday, January 3, 1996. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

C. WAIVER OF FURTHER READING:

MOTION: 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. TREASURER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER, 1995:

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

E. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 310, RESOLUTION NO. 96-1521.

MOTION: Approve Demand Register No. 310 and adopt Resolution No. 96-1521, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 310." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

F. ORDINANCE NO. 95-450 (2nd Reading), ESTABLISHING THE AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

MOTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 95-450, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING THE AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, NOTING THE NOE VOTE OF COUNCILMEMBER GUARRIELLO.**

- G. PROPOSED RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96, CONFIRMING THE REPORT AS MODIFIED, AND LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 FOR THE AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:**
MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 96-1522, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD MODIFYING THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96, CONFIRMING THE REPORT AS MODIFIED, AND LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AVENUES OF ART AND DESIGN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, NOTING THE NOE VOTE OF COUNCILMEMBER GUARRIELLO.**
- H. ORDINANCE NO. 95-451 (2nd Reading), PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES:**
MOTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 95-451, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER I OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER XIII OF ARTICLE IV, AND CHAPTER III OF ARTICLE VI OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- I. ORDINANCE NO. 95-453 (2nd Reading), RELATING TO THE SALE OF "SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS" AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:**
MOTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 95-453, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RELATING TO THE SALE OF 'SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS' AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- J. ORDINANCE NO. 96-456 (2nd Reading), ORDINANCE REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF ASSAULT WEAPONS:**
MOTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 96-456, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

- K. AWARD OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES:**
MOTION: (1) Approve an agreement with Purkiss. Rose-RSI of Fullerton, California in the amount of \$8,650. to prepare landscape improvement plans and specifications for the West Hollywood Sheriff Station; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- L. AWARD OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR LIGHTING DESIGN SERVICES:**
MOTION: (1) Approve an agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. of Walnut, California in the amount of \$9,600. to prepare lighting plans and specifications for exterior lighting at Plummer Park; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- M. OPERATION OF COUNTY OWNED PARKING LOTS:**
MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 96-1523, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS, HOURS OF OPERATION AND PARKING RATES FOR CERTAIN PARKING LOTS LEASED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- N. CALIFORNIA AIDS RIDE 3:**
THIS ITEM WAS TABLED TO FEBRUARY 5, 1996 AT THE REQUEST OF STAFF.
- O. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF THE "NORTH HARPER AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT" TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES:**
MOTION: Adopt Resolution No. 96-1524, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF THE 'NORTH HARPER AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT' TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES." **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**
- P. CHALK IT UP FESTIVAL:**
MOTION: (1) Approve, in concept, the Chalk it Up festival to be held on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27, 1996; (2) Approve the use of West Hollywood Park, including the entire South, North and Library parking lots, and authorize the Director of Human Services to enter into an agreement permitting said use; (3) Agree that the City will serve as a coo-sponsor for the event; (4) Direct the City Logistic Team to work with Chalk it Up coordinators in order to

facilitate the event and assist in mitigating any impacts of the event on the City's residents and businesses; (5) Authorize the sale of beer and wine during the event; (6) Direct the Pacific Design Center to have their parking structure open and charge the established flat rate of \$2.25 per auto during the event; and (7) Wave the fee for the City Temporary Event Permit. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

Q. AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION/CONFLICT MANAGEMENT TRAINING:

MOTION: (1) Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Phyllis Steinberg in the amount of \$7,000 for training of teachers, students and parents at two West Hollywood area elementary schools to begin in February, 1996 and conclude in June, 1996. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

R. AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY:

MOTION: (1) Approve a professional services agreement with Christine Minnehan and Associates in the amount of \$3,000. per month for the provision of legislative advocacy and support services; and (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. **APPROVED AS PART OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. MODIFICATIONS TO TAXI COUPON LIFT-VAN VOUCHER PROGRAM:

Assistant City Clerk Thompson stated a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the West Hollywood Independent on January 10, 1996.

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 16, 1996.

Councilmember Guarriello asked if there is any census taking of the number of disabled people in the community.

Ms. Dyke responded that the City does not have any figures from either the DMV or the MTA on the number of disabled. Although West Hollywood has been targeted as an area of abuse for the disabled placards.

Councilmember Martin asked if it is possible to explore an option to revise the way it is operating. He indicated he would like to see other options.

Ms. Dyke provided an overview of the history of the review process of the income requirements for the program and the specific issues that the Senior Advisory Council reviewed.

Councilmember Land complimented staff on trying to eliminate abuse of the program.

Mayor Heilman opened the public hearing.

ALICE SUZUKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, indicated that the Great American Medical Transport will take people to their medical appointments no matter where the appointment is, however, you must have a Dr.'s signature.

Councilmember Martin asked Ms. Suzuki if she is able to use the City Shuttle which goes by her house.

Ms. Suzuki responded that she cannot because she cannot lift her legs.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the taxi-coupon system and indicated she is aware of some abuses of the program.

As there were no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Land indicated that the Disabilities Advisory Council can look at the issue of expanding services. She also asked if staff could look at ways to get some of the abusers to turn in their coupon books.

Councilmember Martin supported Councilmember Land's suggestion. He indicated he would like to investigate the possibility of an intern performing an occasional audit, when the item comes back for review at budget, he would like a comprehensive review of resources and try to expand the program.

Mayor Heilman stated we should look at disabilities comprehensively and not just the taxi coupon. He stated staff should follow-up on Ms. Suzuki's comments.

Councilmember Guarriello asked Ms. Dyke to investigate the complaints against the Dial-a-Ride service.

ACTION: (1) Direct the contractor (Jewish Family Services) to require program users to contribute \$8.00 per book for taxicab coupons or lift-van vouchers; and (2) Allow people who need to use both hands to operate a mobility aid to participate and direction was given to the Disabilities Advisory Council to make

recommendations on expanding services. **Motion Councilmember Guarriello, seconded Mayor Pro Tem Koretz and unanimously carried.**

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello asked if the demand register could be distributed earlier and be included in all the public packets. He also stated the law was changed January 1st of this year that allows General Law cities to impose term limits.

Councilmember Land indicated the Women's Advisory Council drafted a letter supporting AB 1841, which would prohibit the premature discharge of mothers of newborns from hospitals. This item will be put on the City Council's agenda in the future.

Mayor Heilman stated on Tuesday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. a Town Hall meeting will take place titled Same Gender Marriage in 1996 sponsored by the LA Freedom to Marry Coalition.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. APPROVE ADJUSTMENT TO BUDGET FOR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL PARKING METERS ON MELROSE AVENUE:

This item was tabled at the request of staff.

B. REVIEW OF PEAK-HOUR TURN RESTRICTIONS FROM DOHENY DRIVE ONTO CYNTHIA STREET:

Lucy Dyke, Transportation Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 16, 1996. She provided an overview of the latest ballot results.

LOIS SYDNEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she lives on the intersection of Norma and these are all "Band-Aid" measures which would favor one street over another. She suggested a boulevard stop or signal on Elevado. She does not agree with the recommendations and feels this would push the problem south.

GARY DONTZIG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, he stated the figures were very confusing and stated the ballot which was submitted to the residents to vote on only one of the three options. He submitted a letter with a petition signed by 21 representatives of the 25 residences. He also suggested that the 51% be interpreted as 51% of those who voted rather than 51% of the residents.

DANA RESTON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she supports the recommendation of the Transportation Commission. She also asked Mayor Pro Tem Koretz to refrain from voting on this issue because she feels it is a conflict of interest.

ANDONIA KATSAROS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated the 'no left hand turn' sign should be removed from Cynthia. She is against speed humps.

PETER KREYSA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, lives on Hilldale and Vista Grande. He is in support of the speed humps and to maintain the 'no left hand turn' There is no stop sign on Vista Grande at Hilldale and one should be considered.

GARY CAMPBELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he doesn't feel a stop sign would help. Taking the traffic off of Cynthia and onto Vista Grande is not the right solution.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, gave an overview of what is happening with the traffic flow. She is not in support of the 'no left hand turn' on Cynthia. She suggested that the traffic flow go back to the way it was before the restrictions were implemented.

Councilmember Guarriello asked if the 'no left hand turn' restriction was removed and no speed humps are implemented would Beverly Hills go along with a boulevard stop.

Ms. English indicated that she believes the light would increase traffic.

Councilmember Land indicated that a stoplight at Doheny and Cynthia would not solve the problem. Why does it take two years or longer to get a sign on the street. She stated she is not in favor of speed humps.

Ms. Dyke responded that the City of West Hollywood cannot determine when an item gets agendaized or what priority an item it is given by the City of Beverly Hills.

Councilmember Land asked that City Manager Brotzman communicate to the City Manager of Beverly Hills regarding the responsiveness to these types of requests.

Mayor Pro Tem Koretz indicated that although there is no legal conflict of interest he would provide his comments and abstain from voting on the issue. He feels the main problem is still the danger of the intersection of Doheny and Cynthia. He does not support speed humps. He also addressed several comments relative to the petition/letter submitted by residents on Vista Grande.

Councilmember Martin stated the staff recommendation is probably the correct one and supports the removal of the 'left hand turn' restrictions, he does not

support the speed humps. He suggested more enforcement for speeding on Cynthia.

Councilmember Guarriello supports removing the 'left hand turn' restriction and allow the residents to vote on the speed hump.

Councilmember Martin would like to see a feasibility study done on a light at Doheny and Cynthia.

Mayor Heilman indicated the problem starts at Sunset and Cory and if some of the problems could be solved at Sunset this would help. There are only 3 options before the Council.

Councilmember Land indicated she would lean towards removing the left turn restriction and look at other solutions for Cynthia.

ACTION: Remove the left turn restriction on Cynthia and direct the Transportation Department to look at other mitigation's for Cynthia. **Motion Councilmember Martin , seconded Councilmember Guarriello and carried with Mayor Pro Tem Koretz abstaining.**

Mayor Heilman asked if there are any other solutions for Cynthia. One is to deal with the problem at Cory and Phyllis; look at the traffic circles.

Councilmember Land asked the City Manager to get a subcommittee of the Transportation Commission and a subcommittee of Beverly Hills Transportation Commission to look at this issue.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 BUDGET TO RECONCILE CITY BUDGET WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES CARRIED OVER FROM LAST YEAR'S ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRAND FUNDS:

Allyne Winderman, Economic Development and Housing Manager, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated January 16, 1996.

ACTION: Authorize the Finance Department to increase the revenue and expenditure budget in Fund 81 by \$503,475 to reflect the unexpended amounts available in each CDBG approved MOU. **Motion Councilmember Land seconded Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously carried.**

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

6. **LEGISLATIVE:** None.

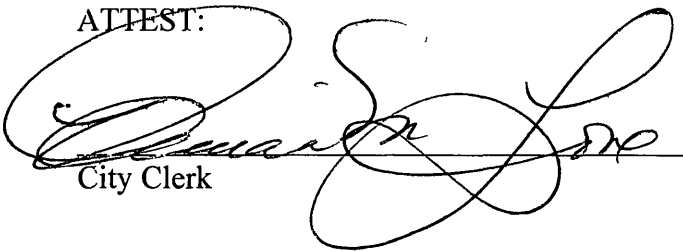
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Land indicated she will not be at the February 5th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned in memory Jack Forman of Warner Studios at 9:10 P.M. to their next regular meeting on Monday, February 5, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.


MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk