

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION & INSTALLATION MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008
FIESTA HALL**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Duran called the meeting to order at 6:18 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilmember Bob Archuleta from the City of Pico Rivera led the pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmember Guarriello, Councilmember Heilman, Councilmember Land, Mayor Pro Tempore Prang, and Mayor Duran.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Arevalo, City Attorney Jenkins, City Clerk West, and Assistant City Clerk Schaffer.

PERFORMANCE BY FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING LIONS:

The Fairfax High School Marching Lions performed.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Prang to approve the April 21, 2008 agenda and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Guarriello requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Constantine Gochis, a long-time West Hollywood resident.

Councilmember Land requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Delores Greene, the mother of City staff member Deborah Meadows. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Christine Robinson, a former employee at the Los Angeles Free Clinic and Executive Director of Women Against Gun Violence. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Carol Yeber, the mother of Planning Commissioner Marc Yeber.

STATE CONTROLLER JOHN CHIANG ADMINISTERS THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR JEFFREY PRANG:

State Controller John Chiang administered the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor Jeffrey Prang.

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY CLERK THOMAS R. WEST ADMINISTERS THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ABBE LAND:

City Clerk Tom West administered the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor Pro Tempore Abbe Land.

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Prang introduced the following dignitaries in attendance: State Controller John Chiang; Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; City Manager Chuck Fuentes from the City of Pico Rivera; Mayor Ron Beilke from the City of Pico Rivera; Mayor Pro Tempore Gracie Gallegos-Smith from the City of Pico Rivera; Councilmember Bob Archuleta from the City of Pico Rivera; Judy Chu, Chair of the State Board of Equalization; former State Assemblymember and City Councilmember Paul Koretz; Councilmember Paul Talbot from the City of Alhambra; Fred Balderrama, former Mayor of Monterey Park; Scott Svonkin, former Council Deputy and aide to Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca; Gloria Gray, Director of the West Basin Municipal Water District; Los Angeles City Councilmember Jan Perry; Los Angeles City Councilmember Bernard Parks; State Assemblymember Lloyd Levine; Mayor Larry Forester from the City of Signal Hill; Alex Ponder and Joshua Englander, from the office of State Assemblymember Mike Feuer; West Hollywood Police Captain Buddy Goldman; Trevor Daley, from the office of Senator Diane Feinstein; Assistant Los Angeles Fire Chief Joseph Graham.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR DURAN:

Mayor Prang thanked outgoing Mayor Duran for his work over the past year.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello congratulated outgoing Mayor Duran for his work over the past year. He congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang and Mayor Pro Tempore Land and wished them success over the upcoming year.

Councilmember Heilman congratulated outgoing Mayor Duran for his work over the past year. He congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang and Mayor Pro Tempore Land and wished them success over the upcoming year.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tempore Land congratulated outgoing Mayor Duran for his work over the past year. She thanked City Clerk West for administering her oath of office. She congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang and wished him success over the upcoming year. She spoke regarding the newly published book "In Our Global Village," composed of quotes from West Hollywood school children regarding their experience of growing up in the City. She spoke regarding Earth Day on April 22, 2008 and encouraged residents to increase conservation efforts.

OUTGOING MAYOR COMMENTS:

Councilmember Duran thanked the residents for allowing him the opportunity to serve as Mayor over the past year. He spoke regarding the current budget status in the City. He spoke regarding the difficulties facing non-profit organizations in the City. He spoke regarding the interim zoning ordinance that was approved in the last year, and thanked residents for their participation in the process. He spoke regarding the recent Gay Men's Forum in the City. He thanked his Council Deputy, Hernan Molina, for his work over the past year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

JUDY CHU, CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang and wished him success over the upcoming year. She thanked outgoing Mayor Duran for his work over the past year and presented him with a proclamation.

JOSHUA ENGLANDER, FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE FEUER, congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang and outgoing Mayor Duran and presented them with proclamations.

TOM DEMILLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding various local, state and national issues.

EFIM KUTZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang and Mayor Pro Tempore Land and wished them success over the upcoming year. He thanked outgoing Mayor Duran for his work over the past year.

SHARON SANDOW, WEST HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, congratulated newly elected Mayor Prang and Mayor Pro Tempore Land and wished them success over the upcoming year.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk West stated that the fiscal impact on the Consent Calendar is \$261,030.00 in expenditures and \$0.00 in potential revenue.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve the Consent Calendar as amended, 2.A.,B.,C.,D.,E.,F.,G.,H., I.,J.,K.,L.,M. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tempore Land, seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and unanimously approved.**

2.A. POSTING OF AGENDA: *The agenda for the installation meeting of Monday, April 21, 2008 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, April 17, 2008.*

ACTION: Receive and file.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *The City Council is requested to approve the minutes of prior Council meetings.*

ACTION: Approve the minutes of April 7, 2008.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.C. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 600, RESOLUTION NO. 08-3661: *The City Council is requested to approve payment of bills due as presented by the Director of Finance.*

ACTION: Approve Demand Register No. 600 and adopt Resolution No. 08-3662, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 600."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.D. ORDINANCE NO. 08-784 (2ND READING), AMENDING SECTION 9903.2 OF CHAPTER 99 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD BUILDING CODE REGARDING SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE: [T. WEST / C. SCHAFFER]

The City Council will waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 08-784, a proposed ordinance amending section 9903.2 of chapter 99 of the West Hollywood Building Code regarding substandard buildings and amending the West Hollywood municipal code.

ACTION: Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 08-784, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING SECTION 9903.2 OF CHAPTER 99 OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD BUILDING CODE REGARDING SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE".

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.E. COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD ACTION REPORTS:** *The City Council will receive reports from the Senior Advisory Board on actions taken at their recent meeting.*

ACTION: Receive and file.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.F. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S HEARING ACTION REPORTS:** *The City Council will receive a report from the Community Development Department concerning actions taken at recent Director's meetings.*

ACTION: Receive and file.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.G. RESIGNATION OF SCOTT MANN FROM THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD [T. WEST, C. SCHAFFER]:** *The City Council will accept the resignation of Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Member Scott Mann, effective April 1, 2008.*

ACTION: Accept with regret the resignation of Scott Mann from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.H. SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS TO CITY CONTRACTING POLICY FOR SPECIFIC SKILLS, SERVICES AND TRADES RELATED TO THE VARIOUS PROJECTS OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL PROGRAM INITIATIVE [R. REYNOLDS, J. HUFFER, A. GANDHY, J. ENGLISH]:** *The City Council will review and consider authorizing staff to enter and expressly authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements and contracts over \$25,000 but not greater than \$75,000 for certain and specific skills, services and trades limited to land survey, engineering, geology, soils, seismic, hazardous materials, historic and any other environmental-related items directly related to the projects of the 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign.*

ACTION: 1) Approve special temporary exceptions to City contracting policy to facilitate construction of the various components of the Projects of the 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign; 2) Authorize agreements with Contractors and Vendors up to \$75,000 for services provided in these specific trades and fields with advance approval by the Director of Finance; AND 3) Authorize City Manager to sign and execute all agreements.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.I. PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES WITH THE ACCOUNTING FIRM OF LANCE, SOLL & LUNGHARD, CPA'S [A. GANDHY, G. SCHUCHARD]:** *The City Council will consider approving a 3-year agreement renewal with Lance, Soll & Lunghard for professional audit services.*

ACTION: Approve an agreement with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, in an amount not-to-exceed \$226,030, for professional audit services for Fiscal Years Ending 2008 through 2010 as outlined in Exhibit A and authorize the City Manager to approve.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.J. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MARIPOSA LEADERSHIP, INC. TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERVICES [P. AREVALO, V. LOVE, T. BROWN]:** *The City Council will consider approving an agreement with Mariposa Leadership, Inc. to provide consulting services for the West Hollywood Leadership Development Program.*

ACTION: 1) Approve an agreement with Mariposa Leadership, Inc. not to exceed \$35,000; and 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents related to this agreement.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.K. OPPOSE H.R. 4088, S. 2368 - SECURE AMERICA WITH VERIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT (SAVE) ACT - (REP. HEATH SHULER) [J. DURAN, H. MOLINA, C. ASHTARY]:** *The City Council will consider adopting a resolution in opposition of the Secure America with Verification and Enforcement (SAVE) Act.*

ACTION: 1) Adopt Resolution 08-3662, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION OF THE SECURE AMERICA WITH VERIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT (SAVE) ACT."; and 2) Direct staff to send copies of the signed resolution to, Representative Henry Waxman, Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, and the ACLU.

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

- 2.L. A RESOLUTION DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2008, AS DENIM DAY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD [B. SMITH, D. ESCOBEDO]:** *The City Council will consider declaring April 23rd, 2008 as "Denim Day" in West Hollywood in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.*

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No.3663 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2008, AS DENIM DAY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD."

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

2.M. APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR THREE WEHOME/AFSCME POSITIONS AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THREE WEHOME/AFSCME POSITIONS [L. BOCK, S. SCHUMACHER, Y. MAURIS]: *The City Council will consider the recommendation from the Human Resources Division for approval of three revised job descriptions and the reclassification of three positions.*

ACTION: 1) Approve the revised job description for the position of Public Works Inspector of the Public Works Division and authorize the placement from 5250 to 5260. The salary difference has been included in the current budget for the Engineering Division. This position is in WEHOME/AFSCME; 2) Approve the revised job specification for the position of Assistant Engineer (Civil) and authorize the placement from Grade 5280 to Grade 5290. The salary difference has been included in the current budget for the Engineering Division. This position is in WEHOME/AFSCME; 3) Approve the revised job specification for the position of Landscape and Maintenance Supervisor of the Facilities and Maintenance Division. No grade change recommended. This position is in WEHOME/AFSCME; 4) Authorize the reclassification of two positions of Maintenance Technician to that of Senior Maintenance Technician of the Facilities and Maintenance Division from Grade 5190 to Grade 5210. The salary difference has been included in the current budget for the Facilities and Maintenance Division. These positions are in WEHOME/AFSCME; and 5) Authorize the reclassification of one Code Compliance Officer (Residential) position to Senior Code Compliance Officer (Residential) from Grade 5230 to Grade 5250. The salary difference has been included in the current budget for the Housing Division. This position is in WEHOME/AFSCME

Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. None.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Prang welcomed residents to the newly renovated Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park and thanked everyone in attendance. He thanked City staff members for organizing the installation meeting. He thanked City Manager Arevalo and City staff for their hard work during the year. He welcomed his brother and sister who were in attendance. He thanked his partner Raymundo, and introduced his family in attendance. He thanked State Controller John Chiang for administering his oath of office. He spoke regarding his new position as Assistant City Manager of Pico Rivera. He acknowledged and thanked his appointees to City Advisory Boards and Commissions, as well as volunteers in the City. He thanked his fellow City Councilmembers for their ongoing support.

He spoke regarding the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the City and spoke regarding upcoming projects in the City, including the General Plan revision process; the 25th Anniversary Capital Campaign project; five new initiatives including neighborhood livability programs, enhanced customer service programs, enhanced green building programs, enhanced quality of life programs, and a year-long series of events to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the City. He spoke regarding the upcoming renovation of the Sunset Strip. He spoke regarding upcoming programs to improve traffic safety issues in the City. He spoke regarding upcoming budget issues faced by the City and spoke regarding his commitment to serve the community as Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:28 P.M. in memory of Constantine Gochis, Delores Greene, Christine Robinson, and Carol Yeber, to the next regular meeting, which will be on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 6:30 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.