

**STUDY SESSION OF THE
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND THE
RENT STABILIZATION DEPARTMENT**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1999
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Heilman called the Study Session to order at 6:07 P.M.
- II. **ROLL CALL:**
PRESENT: Councilmembers Guarriello, Martin, Prang. Mayor Heilman.
Councilmember Koretz arrive at 6:15 PM.
ABSENT: None.
ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Jenkins, Interim City Manager Arevalo, City Clerk Thompson and Deputy Clerk Gillig.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
ACTION: Approve the November 1, 1999 Study Session Agenda as presented.
By consensus of the City Council.
- IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
- A. **RENT STABILIZATION PROGRAM:**
Hal Cronkite, Director of Rent Stabilization, provided background information on Costa-Hawkins and the status of current rent control in the City of West Hollywood.
- John Polak, Senior Hearings Examiner, provided background information on the Hearings Division.
- Steven Lewis, Hearings Examiner, provided background information on Hearings.
- Dorothy Lank, Mediator, provided background information on Mediation.
- Marney Hull, Information and Records Manager, provided information on current rent control procedures.
- Chris Uszler, Rent Stabilization Counselor, provided background information and detailed examples on rent increases.
- Yellana Orloff, Rent Stabilization Counselor, provided background information on Russian constituent outreach.

Sue Wilcox, Rent Stabilization Counselor, provided background information on the current status of the Rent Stabilization Department web page and other outreach.

Ralph Winter, Legal Services Officer, provided background information on the Rent Control Ordinance from a legal issues perspective.

Discussion was held regarding on site management, harassment regarding evictions, enforcing certain rent stabilization codes, insuring against housing neglect, rent increase cases verses rent decrease cases, vacancy rates, impound case turnaround and communication within the Rent Stabilization Department.

ACTION: Receive and file report. **By consensus of the City Council.**

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

JOHN PAUL DRAYER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented on harassment issues regarding rental units and taking more proactive enforcement procedures.

ALEX FUENTES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked for help in rent increases and repairs in his rental unit.

INA BLISS, Chair of Rent Stabilization Commission, informed members of the conference on December 6, 1999 at the Pacific Design Center regarding rent control issues and local municipalities.

VI. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

City Attorney Jenkins stated that the City Council will recess into a brief Closed Session to discuss three items of potential litigation.

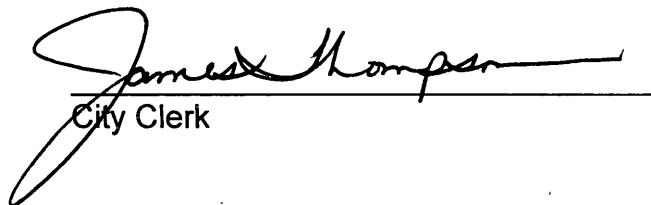
VII. ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 7:30 PM to Closed Session to be followed by their Regular Meeting.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL
THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk