

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 1, 1996
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Koretz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers - Heilman, Land, Martin, Guarriello and Mayor Koretz.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brotzman, City Attorney Jenkins, Acting City Clerk Thompson, Deputy Clerk Gillig and Acting Deputy Clerk Schroeder.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA: City Attorney Jenkins stated that at approximately 6:00 p.m. the City Council called the meeting to order and then added an item under threatened litigation concerning the claim on the regular posted agenda for West Hollywood Park ball field by a 5-0 vote. City Attorney Jenkins stated the Council recessed into a closed session for discussion of the items on the Closed Session Agenda. City Attorney Jenkins stated that no actions were taken that required a written report. The session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello pulled 2.K. and 2.N. off the consent calendar for separate discussion.

Councilmember Land pulled 2.K. and she also noted her abstention to item 2.E. the demand register.

Councilmember Land suggested that 4.B. be heard immediately after public hearings.

Acting City Clerk Thompson asked the Council to move Item 6.A. a proposed ordinance regarding extra rent increases to the consent calendar as Item 2.P.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Agenda as amended by Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello presented a commendation to Richard Maggio for dedicated service for senior activities and as a Commissioner of the Rent Stabilization Commission.

Councilmember Heilman asked the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Michael Aprato.

Mayor Koretz asked the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Ray Villarreal.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

PEARLINE & ELLERINE HARDING, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Kings Road Property Park project. They are concerned that there is not enough affordable housing.

MARK JOHNSTONE, INGLEWOOD, Los Angeles Cultural Arts Program, stated his support of item 2.N. Cultural Arts Program and introduced colleagues that were also in support of the item.

BARBARA BAIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in favor of item 2.N. Cultural Arts Program.

KIMBERLY WALLACE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, writer and activist for Seniors, spoke in support of affordable housing for senior citizens.

BILL WALKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, resident of the Laurel Norton Apartments stated his support of affordable housing.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated her support of item 2.I. and in favor of preserving the trees at Kings Road property.

TOM BOWER, LOS ANGELES, member of a theatre group stated that he strongly supports item 2.N. the Cultural Plan Task Force.

GLORIA GOLDSMITH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of item 2.N. the Cultural Plan Task Force as it brings in business.

DENNIS B. ROSE, GLENDORA, stated that the Governor/State is keeping the city from adequately maintaining Highway 2 (Santa Monica Boulevard) by not contributing their fair share of the maintenance cost.

HARRY PRONGUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, was insulted by a flyer being circulated regarding the Kings Road project. Also, spoke in support of Cultural Plan Task Force.

SYBYL ZADEN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke protesting the closure on Sunset Boulevard. This will impact not only the area businesses and residents, but the surrounding communities. She asked that surrounding neighborhoods be notified as well.

BOB SCHROCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Director of the Celebration Theatre spoke in support of the Cultural Plan Task Force, stating that it is a positive influence both on the residents, and on businesses as well.

NORMA KEMPER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the Kings Road project should incorporate both affordable housing and park space.

PETER DUDAR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Cultural Plan Task Force. He stated that West Hollywood needs to expand its arts family, as the creative city.

CYNTHIA BLATT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, social worker that supports affordable housing but spoke in support of creation of the park.

JOHN BARRETT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated concerns regarding parking for Council meetings. He also stated concerns regarding the Santa Monica Boulevard block party. He stated that he would like to see the final rendition of the Billboard Live project.

ARKADY (ALEX) CHEMERLSOV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated he is a cinematographer and works in Los Angeles and does not want Russian artists to be ignored.

JOHN ANGELO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that he stayed in his building even after affordable housing was added to his building. Also he stated his support for the Cultural Arts Task Force.

SALLY MARR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that West Hollywood is setting an example for the rest of the country regarding Fine Arts programs. She spoke in support of affordable housing and stressed that rent control is ceasing and the City needs to take up the slack.

CRYSTAL CARLISLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about her eviction based upon music playing and spoke about alleged harassment.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello announced the huge success of the Hazardous Materials Roundup by the County for West Hollywood and surrounding cities. He asked Staff for clarification of parking for City Council meetings.

Councilmember Land directed staff to study the parking situation and return to the City Council with recommendations. Councilmember Land gave further direction to Staff to return to the Council an item which requires permits for the removal and pruning of trees on private property. Councilmember Land thanked John Angelo and noted the positive responses received by the Council offices regarding his public access show.

Councilmember Martin stated the City Council had a successful meeting with Christine Minnehan the City's legislative analyst regarding rent control.

Mayor Koretz responded to Crystal Carlisle's concern and stated he will meet with staff to see if the City's actions are inclusive

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

FISCAL IMPACT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: Acting City Clerk Thompson stated the Fiscal Impact of the Consent Calendar for Monday, July 1, 1996, as amended is \$273, 206. in expenditures and \$0. in potential revenues.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve items 2.A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L, M, O and P. **Motion Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.**

A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

RECOMMENDATION: The agenda for the meeting of Monday, July 1, 1996 was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West Hollywood Library on Friday, June 28, 1996. Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of Monday, June 17, 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 of Randle Frankel, Chris Kattan, Stacey Tappis Offer, without comment and refer to the City's claims adjuster. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

E. DEMAND REGISTER NO. 321, RESOLUTION NO. 96-1595:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Demand Register No. 321 and adopt Resolution No. 96-1595, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF DEMANDS ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. 321." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar noting the abstention of Councilmember Land.**

F. TREASURER'S REPORT MAY, 1996:

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the May, 1996 Treasurer's Report. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

G. RESIGNATION FROM THE FINE ARTS ADVISORY BOARD:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Accept with regret the resignation of Susan Sayre Batton from the Fine Arts Advisory Board; and (2) Direct the City Clerk to

publish and post a notice of vacancy. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

H. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 9605, FISCAL YEAR 1995-96 SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Waive an irregularity in the bid of Insituform Technologies, Inc. d.b.a. Gelco Services, Inc. on the grounds that the irregularity is of no consequence and that the waiver is necessary for the public good in order to save the City both expense and delay in performing the project; (2) Accept the bid dated June 4, 1996 submitted by Insituform Technologies, Inc. d.b.a. Gelco Services, Inc.; (3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Insituform Technologies, Inc. d.b.a. Gelco Services, Inc. in the amount of \$249,460.00 for the construction of CIP 9605, Fiscal Year 1995-96 Sewer Rehabilitation Project; (4) Authorize the City Engineer to manage change orders on this project in an amount not to exceed 25% of the contract. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

I. DIRECTION TO STRENGTHEN THE FINE FOR ILLEGALLY ALTERING PUBLIC TREES OR PLANTS AND DIRECTION TO PUBLICIZE THE PERMIT PROCESS TO LEGALLY ALTER TREES AND PLANTS:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Direct the City Attorney to bring back an amended ordinance that strengthens the penalty for the altering of public trees and plants; (2) Direct staff to publicize the amended ordinance in the news media and local mailings. Mailings should especially concentrate on billboard companies, property owners and condominium associations. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

J. REORGANIZATION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Adopt the classification specifications for Information Systems Support Analyst, System Engineer I and System Engineer II; and (2) Approve reclassification of Systems Operators (Ray Riley and Ocean Sin) (GE-09) to I.S. Support Analyst (GE-11); Database Coordinator (Ara Galoustian) (GE-09) and Systems Operator (Dan Dolinski) (GE-09) to Systems Engineer I (GE-13); Programmer Analyst (Mike Sullivan) (GE-15) and Systems Coordinator (Aspet Amirkhanian) (GE-12) to Systems Engineer II (GE-15). **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

K. BILLBOARD LIVE NIGHTCLUB SUNSET BOULEVARD ROAD CLOSURE:

This item was removed for separate discussion and appears under the heading Excluded Consent Calendar.

L. A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OPPOSING AB 3037, A BILL INTRODUCED TO IMPEDE LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS SECOND-HAND SMOKE EXPOSURE:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 96-1596, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING AB 3037, A BILL INTRODUCED TO IMPEDE LEGISLATION THAT LIMITS SECOND-HAND SMOKE EXPOSURE;" and (2) Forward copies to local members of the State Assembly and Senate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

M. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CIP-ESD1, DROUGHT TOLERANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Accept the work; (2) Authorize filing a Notice of Completion by the Environmental Services Manager; and (3) Authorize final payment to the contractor for retention and change order. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

N. ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL PLAN TASK FORCE:

This item was removed for separate discussion and appears under the heading Excluded Consent Calendar.

O. PROPOSED RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE "CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE":

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 96-1597 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD OPPOSING THE 'CALIFORNIA CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE';" and (2) Direct Staff to send a copy of this resolution to the American Civil Liberties Union, to Governor Pete Wilson and to our representatives in the California Assembly and Senate. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

P. PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING EXTRA RENT INCREASES FOR LANDLORDS WHO PAY FOR UTILITIES:

RECOMMENDATION: (1) Introduce on first reading Ordinance No. 96-469, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EXTRA RENT INCREASES FOR LANDLORDS WHO PAY FOR UTILITIES;" and (2) Approve the Rent Stabilization Commission Resolution No. RSC 96-36, "A RESOLUTION OF THE RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE RENT STABILIZATION REGULATIONS REGARDING EXTRA INCREASES FOR LANDLORDS WHO PAY FOR UTILITIES." **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1991 LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE:

Acting City Clerk Thompson stated that Notice of Public Hearing and the entire Resolution of Intent was published in the West Hollywood Independent on June 19 and June 26, 1996. Acting City Clerk Thompson stated the City Clerk received no letters of protest.

Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996. Director Arevalo further stated that reserves in this fund will be depleted in approximately two to three years at the current spending levels.

Mayor Koretz opened the public hearing, no speakers coming forward, the hearing was closed.

ACTION: (1) The City Council found there was no majority protest; (2) Adopt Resolution No. 96-1598 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE 1996-97 FISCAL YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1991 LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE."

Motion Councilmember Land, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello and unanimously carried.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B. DIRECT STAFF TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF 964-1000 NORTH KINGS ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK:

This item was heard out of order at the request of the City Council under approval of the agenda.

City Manager Brotzman and Councilmember Martin provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996.

RITA GUARRIELLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, complained about the flyer that was circulated regarding the Kings Road project.

DORIS KOTLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that affordable housing allows her to be independent and not rely on others and favored the Kings Road project.

STEVEN DAVIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, member of Human Services Commission stated his concern regarding the \$840,000. funding and cautioned the Council to proceed slowly.

DAVID EARLY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Kings Road affordable housing project.

CAROL PALUMBO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Kings Road affordable housing project.

JACQUELINE BALOGH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports the Fine Arts Task Force. She stated that the Council should take more time regarding affordable housing.

ELISABETH BURNS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, supports affordable housing and is against the development of a park.

ANSON SNYDER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Board member of the Community Housing Corporation, spoke in favor of the affordable housing and against the development of a park. He introduced other Board Members from the Housing Corporation who also favored the affordable housing project.

BARRY GREENFIELD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the Kings Road affordable housing project and for the development of a park. He also stated that he was offended by the flyer.

BUD KOPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the Kings Road project and in favor of the park. He also stated that he was offended by the flyer and voiced concerns about the debt already incurred by the Community Housing Corporation.

SUSAN PINKUS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the Kings Road project and in favor of the park. She suggested the idea of creating a "Friends of the Park" group to lessen the city's debt.

KEITH KAPLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park and against the proposed project.

JEFFREY PRANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park and against the proposed project. He also spoke against the flyer that was posted.

CHUCK PACE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park and against the proposed project. He spoke about the density of the area being a negative.

HARRY PRONGUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that this process is a flawed process and that the Housing Corporation's attitude negatively impacted the process. He stated his support for the park and against the project.

CRAIG RITCHIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of a park and against the project. He was offended by the flyer.

RUTH WILLIAMS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Alliance of Citizen's of the East Side member who stated that she is outraged regarding the flyer and welcomes the project at the corner of Detroit and Lexington.

YOLANDA GRASPO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park and against the project.

MICHAEL L. WORK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park and against the project and stated that the Housing Corporation Board did not try to work with the neighbors and that the site is unsuitable for the Housing Corporation's plan.

RICHARD MAGGIO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of a park and against the project.

DOUG ROUTH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed his concern that a park may increase traffic and in fact may be a detriment. He suggested that many options should be considered before adding a park. He spoke in favor of the housing project.

KAREN FRANZEL HUDIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that she no longer has a voice in City government and is disappointed. She stated that not enough has been done to build the project. She also stated that the process needs to be examined for its integrity.

ALEXANDRE PERRINELLE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park and against the project.

SALLY MARR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park but is concerned about the type of park.

RAE MITCHELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of affordable housing and against the park. She thinks that a park would be impractical and infeasible.

TONY ARN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the park (as a small comfortable place) and against affordable housing project.

STEVEN LEWIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the process was flawed by not involving the public at the appropriate time; and he spoke in favor of preserving the tree.

DEWEY JONES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated strong opposition to the flyer. He also stated that the City should have involved the public before it did.

ROBERT NUNES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the affordable housing project and in favor of the park (green space).

ESTHER BAUM, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the affordable housing project and also stated that the city has preserved an oak on the site of a another affordable housing project and that it could do the same at this site.

LISA MITCHELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, lives across from affordable housing and supports the current project.

ANDREW ZELLER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the affordable housing project and against the park.

JEFFREY SACHS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of preserving the property and against the affordable housing project.

DINA PEZLOVSKAYA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the affordable housing project.

PAMELA COMACK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of the affordable housing project and against the park. She is disabled and teaches English to her fellow tenants who are Russian.

CHARLES CAMPBELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the park and against the affordable housing project.

DAVID ETEZADI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the Council should proceed cautiously regarding the development of the park. Also, he believes that other options should be explored.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in favor of a park at the Kings Road site.

PETER DUDAR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the City should purchase an already existing building instead of building new affordable housing.

COUNCIL RECESSED AT 9:25 p.m. AND RECONVENED AT 9:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello responded negatively to the flyer and stated that the Council is in favor of affordable housing and, the appropriate place for affordable housing is on the Eastside.

Councilmember Heilman thanked all speakers. He reiterated the City's long-term goal of providing affordable housing. He suggested that the mediation service should come up with a win/win situation. Councilmember Heilman is concerned regarding the Housing Corporation's practices but even more concerned that Councilmembers rushed to the idea of a park. He stated that there needs to be studies regarding different types of uses for the property. He stated that the funding mechanism for this use has not been worked out and that maybe the City should sit down with the neighbors to work out funding. He also stated that he is concerned that other projects may suffer if funding is taken out of reserves.

Councilmember Martin stated that another alternative already exists on the Eastside for affordable housing. He stated that the Kings Road project bumped the Eastside project and that now the Eastside project can be explored further. Councilmember Martin stated that this site represents a last chance to save our own "little piece of Eden" that he is aware of and as such this is the last chance for the city to develop a park. Councilmember Martin was drawn to the project when the Housing Corporation stated that it would save the oaks. Taking that information he learned that the proposal for saving that oak was not. He stated that Paul Zimmerman and the Housing Corporation do not have a plan to preserve the oak. He stated that funding for this project can come out of reserves without assessing more property taxes. He further stated that children are looking for open space and this would be a good place for them.

Councilmember Land stated that the flyer does not allow for a win/win situation and it makes people defensive and that it ends conversation on the issue. She stated that she met with the Coalition and listened to their concerns and read their letters. Councilmember Land then spoke to the Housing Corporation and told them that they should rethink their plan and that the Housing Corporation should involve the public and make sure that people feel involved. Councilmember Land stated that she cannot support a park and that there is a win/win situation regarding that parcel of land; perhaps a smaller housing structure and more green space. The City has lists of over 600 people searching for housing and the Eastside development is still not enough. Affordable housing should be considered in all parts of the City. The \$800,000 is a large amount of money for a park. There are other needs that are paramount to a park.

Mayor Koretz responded to Councilmember Heilman's comments stating that affordable housing is an issue but it should be on the Eastside. The process of "bumping the Eastside property" in favor of purchasing the Kings Road property did not work. Mayor Koretz stated that he became aware of an oak tree on the property and that the oak could not be preserved with the Housing Corporation's proposal. He stated that once he saw the tree he knew that it was a "rare treasure" that could not be given up. He stated that there is no lack of affordable housing sites; the money will go right back into the next affordable housing site. He stated his strong objection to the flyer and he alleged that the source of the flyer is probably the Coalition for Economic Survival.

Councilmember Heilman stated that every time the Council has heard an affordable housing proposal the neighbors have come out against the proposal. It is not a win/win solution to give a park in lieu of an affordable housing site. He suggested that the City work with the neighbors and not to rush into developing a park.

ACTION: Direct the City Manager, the City Attorney and the City Finance Director to begin negotiations for the purchase of the two lots located at 964-1000 North Kings Road for the purpose of a new neighborhood park.

Motion Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello, seconded by Councilmember Martin and carried on a Roll Call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Martin, Guarriello, Mayor Koretz.
NOES: Councilmembers: Heilman, Land.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

COUNCIL RECESSED AT 10:35 p.m. AND RECONVENED AT 10:45 p.m..

- A. ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 1996-97 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**
Paul Arevalo, Director of Finance, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996.

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that the City needs to get the most value for its dollar. She asked what would we do if we had to start over again? She stated concerns regarding items on the demand register.

HERB RIVKIN, LOS ANGELES, spoke in favor of a traffic signal at the corner of Fuller and Fountain.

Discussion was held regarding the entire Budget process. The Council was concerned that the public and service organizations be made involved with the process and additional publicity be devoted to the Budget in future years. By consensus the City Council gave direction to staff to formalize the budget process including outside involvement along with staff and management involvement and return to the City Council with a revised budget process.

Additional direction was given to reconvene the City Council Finance Subcommittee, which could play an aggressive roll in the process. Councilmember Land added that investigation should include who sits on the sub-committee. She also stated she had done some initial research and would meet with staff.

Discussion was held regarding: parking meters and impacts for installation West of Fairfax Avenue; Russian Outreach additional funding and hours; Fence installation at the West Hollywood Park Ball Field to prevent further Claims Litigation; Funding the West Hollywood Chorale through the Beautification of Art Fund; proposed funding for Kings Road Property acquisition; Street maintenance deferral; Economic Development cutbacks and levies; postage; Travel budget cutbacks, limiting the Council Travel Budget and limiting transfers into Travel; Fine Arts Coordinator; transfer of Chamber Funding to the Citywide Hotel Business Improvement district; deferring Geo-Base maintenance; increasing fares for the Shuttle.

ACTION: *Adopt Resolution* No. 96-1599, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996-97" as amended by:

(1) Expand hours for Russian Outreach program and allocate \$6,000. additional funding; (2) Fence repair/replacement at West Hollywood Park Field and allocate \$17,000. additional Capital funding; (3) Allocate \$15,000. additional funding for Temporary Employees in the Economic Development Division for employee maternity leave; (4) Reduce funding \$25,000. for Fine Arts Coordinator; (5) Program Reduction to the Night-time Shuttle by eliminating Sunday Night-time service and reduce the allocated funding by \$25,000.; (6) Raise the fare paid by riders of the Night-time Shuttle from \$.25 to \$.50 and increase the Revenue Projections by \$7,000.; (7) Reduce funding to Business Attraction and Retention by \$50,000.; (8) Transfer the \$30,000. general fund funding for the Chamber of Commerce to the City-wide Hotel Business Improvement district; (9) Reduce the Night Club Council General Fund funding by \$5,000.; (10) Defer Geo-Base System maintenance and reduce funding of \$15,000.; (11) Cut Conferences and Meetings locally and Conferences and Meetings with travel, across the board and reduce funding by \$50,000.;

Direct staff to: (1) Negotiate and provide funding for the West Hollywood Chorale Group from the Art Beautification fund; (2) Return to the Council with detailed funding strategy for the Plummer Park Master Plan; (3) Return to the Council with detailed funding strategy for the Kings Road Property acquisition; (4) Develop a plan to address the potential loss of the Landscape and Lighting Assessment district levy; (5) Direct the City Manager to implement a policy on City Council travel budget and equal distribution between Council offices with no transfers between offices; (6) Direct the Director of Finance to immediately prohibit line item transfers to Conferences and Meetings locally and to Conferences and Meetings with travel, except for transfers between Conference local and Conference travel; all other transfers will require prior City Council approval; (7) Report to the City Council the impacts to Staff regarding the cuts to Conferences and Meetings; (8) Direct the Director of Finance to prohibit line item transfers from Postage Allocation accounts, except to other Allocated accounts as requested by the Director of Finance.

Request Staff return to the City Council at midyear to review: (1) Possible reinstatement of full funding to the Street Maintenance program; and (2) possible funding of the Fairfax Median project; (3) Progress report on the Fine Arts Coordinator and grant revenues.

Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously carried.

C. OPERATION OF SURFACE PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 8759 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD:

Janis Rhodes, Parking Manager and Don Korotsky, Transportation Analyst, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, questioned why someone could only park four hours at a time and have to refeed the meter.

Discussion was held and staff was given direction to investigate all day parking.

ACTION: (1) Adopt Resolution No. 96-1600 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS, ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS, HOURS OF OPERATION AND PARKING RATES FOR THE CITY OWNED PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 8759 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD."

Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Councilmember Land and unanimously carried.

D. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BICYCLE LOCKERS:

Joan English, Director of Transportation, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996.

ACTION: (1) Approve an agreement with Cycle-safe, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$30,000., for bicycle lockers; (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; (3) Direct the Finance Department to modify the budget to increase revenue for account number 12-000-36-437 by \$37,000.; and (4) Appropriate \$37,000. to account number 12-830-83-834 (Bicycle Facilities).

Motion Councilmember Land , seconded by Councilmember Guarriello and carried noting Councilmember Heilman voting noe.

E. SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:

Jay Thompson, Acting City Clerk, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996.

Councilmember Land stated that she would like staff to come back with a recommendation regarding absences.

ACTION: Appoint Ruby B. Yaryan to the Senior Advisory Council, an "at large" appointment for a term ending August 15, 1998.

Motion Councilmember Land , seconded by Councilmember Martin unanimously carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CREATION OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S YOUTH RESERVE PROGRAM:

Councilmember Martin provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996.

Councilmember Land directed staff to ensure that both girls and boys are included in the program.

ACTION: Direct the Managers of Public Safety and Recreation Departments to assist the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department in the development, creation and implementation of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Youth Reserve program.

Motion Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello, seconded by Mayor Koretz carried noting Councilmember Land voting noe.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

2.K. BILLBOARD LIVE NIGHTCLUB SUNSET BOULEVARD ROAD CLOSURE:

Discussion was held regarding emergency vehicle access and resident access to their homes. Concerns of the hours of closure and adequate noticing and the nature of the outdoor activities.

STEVE STRAUSS, V.P. of Operations of Billboard Live gave a brief overview of the entire plan.

By consensus the City Council directed Billboard Live to work with cooperation with the City Staff, inform City Staff of the content of the noticing, and noticing is adequate, follow-up with St. Victor's Parish, contain the entertainment and outdoor activities to the time limit approved by Staff and provide for quick disbursement of the spectators.

MARK LEHMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Steve Strauss is experienced and deserves a lot of credit and appreciate the City's support.

MARK MONTGOMERY, LOS ANGELES, spoke against the closure of Sunset as this is the first time in history that Sunset has been closed during business hours. This would greatly affect Sunset Plaza.

DON SAVOIE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of Billboard Live Sunset Boulevard closure stating that they have acted proactively.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the Billboard Live Sunset Boulevard closure.

JAMES STERLING, HERMOSA BEACH, stated that they will be assisting Billboard Live in the Sunset Boulevard closure and will help promote the event so the public is aware.

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke against the closure of Sunset Boulevard.

ACTION: Authorize the closure of Sunset Boulevard between San Vicente and Doheny Drive, from 4:00 p.m., Sunday July 28, 1996 to 1:00 a.m., Monday July 29, 1996 for the grand opening of Billboard Live Nightclub located at 9039 Sunset Boulevard. *If Billboard Live has not received their Certificate of Occupancy from the City approve Sunday, August 4, 1996 as an alternate date.*

Motion Councilmember Heilman, seconded by Mayor Koretz carried noting Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello voting noe.

2.N. ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL PLAN TASK FORCE:

Councilmember Martin stressed the need for the Fine Arts Advisory Board to have an active role in this project.

Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services stated he will incorporate the Fine Arts Advisory Board into the Plan.

ACTION: (1) Direct the City Manager or his designee to create a Cultural Plan Task Force to provide community input and information during the development of a cultural master plan; and (2) Direct the Director of Human Services to evaluate the recommendations of the Cultural Plan Task Force and present them to the City Council.

Motion Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and carried noting the noe vote of Mayor Pro Tem Guarriello.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

STAN LOTHDRIDGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke against the development on Kings Road and commended the City Council for hearing the voices of the community.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding West Hollywood businesses using the City of Los Angeles on their printed materials.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING EXTRA RENT INCREASES FOR LANDLORDS WHO PAY FOR UTILITIES: This Item was moved to the Consent Calendar as Item 2.P.

B. ADOPT AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS:
City Attorney Jenkins and Ray Reynolds, Director of Community Development Department, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated July 1, 1996.

SHARON O'ROURKE, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, spoke against the moratorium as it may impact the services provided by Southern California Gas Company at their 7171 Romaine Street location.

ANITA GOSWAMI, WEST HOLLYWOOD, inquired why the moratorium was placed on utility land uses only and not all land uses in the City.

Director Reynolds stated that this action in no way impedes the location's existing use, it just limits the expansion of the operations.

ACTION: (1) Adopt Ordinance No. 96-470U, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS AND SUBDIVISION APPROVALS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF; (2) Direct staff to schedule a public hearing within 45 days.

Motion Councilmember Land, seconded by Councilmember Heilman and unanimously carried.

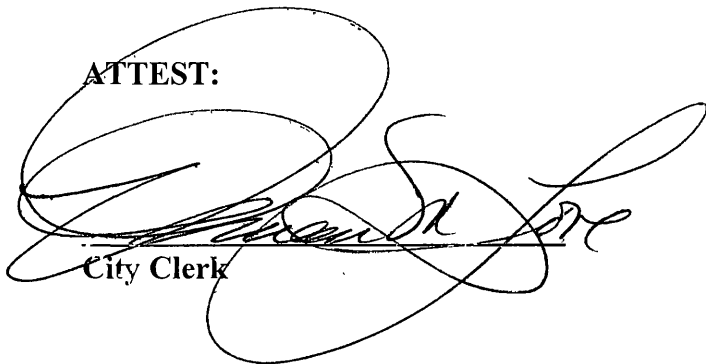
COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Land wished all a happy 4th of July.

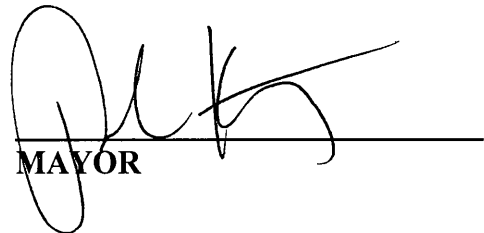
ADJOURNMENT: The City Council adjourned at 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 1996, in memory of Michael Aprato and Ray Villarreal to its next regular meeting on Monday July 15, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY, 1996.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



MAYOR