

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 29, 1994
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK
647 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

CLOSED SESSION: The Closed Session was held at the end of the meeting.

7:00 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Elaine Mutchnik.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Guarriello, Koretz, Martin, Heilman,
and Mayor Land

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brotzman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Item 4.B, Commission/Board Appointments, was tabled to July 18, 1994.

Councilmember Guarriello requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ken Vassy, the husband of Gloria Vassy, who passed away on June 22, 1994.

ACTION: Approve the agenda as amended. Motion Heilman, seconded Koretz and unanimously carried.

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

A. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PULLED:

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS - GENERAL:

ELAINE MUTCHNIK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, MEMBER OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU, asked Council for continued financial support of the Bureau.

BILL KARPIAK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked Council to support the Marketing Corporation. Thanked Mary Frost, who is leaving the Marketing Corporation.

JOHN DOUPONCE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MARKETING CORPORATION, asked for continued funding for the

Corporation.

CRAIG REUSS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked Council for having a planning meeting at Plummer Park. Distributed a letter used in Cathedral City by their code enforcement division, which is sent to property owners. He recommended a similar program in West Hollywood.

DONNY CACY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, BOARD MEMBER OF "ACES", MEMBER OF COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, spoke in opposition to the City purchasing the homeless shelter.

MIKE RADCLIFFE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, announced the names of the new Board of the Community Alliance. He indicated they have decided to work closer with the City staff and to work more cooperatively with other business organizations. He stated he would like to see a member of their Board appointed to the Business Retention Program.

WILLIAM FERRA, objected to the dress code at City Hall.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in response to a statement by a hotel manager that she had entered a hotel and harassed the guests; this was not true; she only spoke to the parking attendant; she has been too busy to write a letter.

THOMAS CRAIL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau. Corrected a comment by Donny Cacy.

CHRIS PATROUCH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the Council for installing a bicycle rack. Spoke on behalf of "West Hollywood Citizens Against More Parking"; asked Council to adopt a "no net new parking" policy before building parking structures in the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Brotzman reported that the second major undergrounding project in the City, involving the undergrounding of utilities and removal of poles, will be completed on Santa Monica Boulevard. He announced there will be a program on July 12th to celebrate the removal of utility poles, the erection of pedestrian lights, the acquisition of property for a parking structure, and the progress on a new City Hall. He also thanked Donny Cacy, who did a tour of the eastern part of the City to identify code enforcement problems.

REPORT ON DOLLAR AMOUNTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items 2.A, B, C, and D. Motion Martin, seconded Guarriello and unanimously carried.

A. POSTING OF AGENDA: The agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, June 29, 1994, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station and at the West

Hollywood Library on Thursday, June 23, 1994.
ACTION: Receive and file. Approved as part of the
Consent Calendar.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 13, 1994

ACTION: Approve the minutes of June 13, 1994.
Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

C. WAIVER OF FURTHER READING:

ACTION: After the City Attorney has read the title of
any Ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading
thereof be waived. Approved as part of the Consent
Calendar.

D. RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR LEGAL ADVERTISING:

ACTION: Approve extension of the current contract with
the Los Angeles Independent Newspaper for legal and
display advertising until June 30, 1995. Approved as
part of the Consent Calendar.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Guarriello announced that the County Sanitation
Districts would be holding a hazardous waste material roundup
on July 30th at 9332 Civic Center Drive in Beverly Hills, from
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman reported that the Sheriff's Department
has opened up recruitment, and approximately 3,000 persons
signed up to take the test. Deputy Don Mueller, an openly gay
deputy, recruited about 150 persons, 14 from the Russian
community. At least 113 gay or lesbian individuals signed up
for the test.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman also reported on the Gay Games in New
York. He stated that some individuals in the West Hollywood
Aquatic Club set world records, and West Hollywood runners
did extremely well.

Councilmember Koretz read a letter he had received from an
angry citizen who had received a \$38 parking citation.
He directed staff to do an analysis regarding what it would
cost the City to drop the fine back to \$28 for parking on
street sweeping days. He also asked for an analysis regarding
the money taken in from parking meters and parking fines.

Mayor Land suggested that this be part of the discussion and
direction under the budget discussion. She announced that City
Hall will be closed on July 4th and that there would be a
celebration in Plummer Park that afternoon. She announced that
the commission and board appointments are being postponed
again, and Council is still accepting applications. She
encouraged people to apply for the Women's Advisory Council.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**A. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST
HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR**

1994-95:

Mayor Land stated that a budget study session was held a couple of weeks ago, and Council had given direction on a number of issues.

Paul Arevalo, Finance Director, gave background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 29, 1994.

City Manager Paul Brotzman added that Council had received a handout regarding costs of private security services. He also reported that night-time code enforcement on a fulltime basis would cost \$50,000 a year.

BUDD KOPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked that funding be increased for code enforcement, and spoke against lowering fines for parking violations, such as for not cramping wheels on a hill.

DANIEL FISHER, SYLMAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS ORGANIZATION, spoke on the services provided by the homeless organization.

JULIE SUMMERS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of the homeless shelter.

DIANA GRAHAM, TOLUCA LAKE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HOMELESS ORGANIZATION, spoke in support of homeless shelter funding.

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked Council to have code enforcement on Sunday nights in addition to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Suggested that Council call for an audit of nightclub revenues and ask nightclubs to pay for problems that patrons create.

Following the public speakers, the Council directed questions to staff and held discussion regarding the following: the dollar impact of the night-time shuttle, the State budget and possible impacts, reserving money for economic development and marketing, deferring capital improvement projects, setting aside funds for a community patrol program, the impact of reducing some parking violation fines from \$38 to \$28, easing the enforcement of wheel cramping, setting aside money for new programs, night-time code enforcement, ways to pay for enhanced security in the City, bike patrols, the homeless shelter, and asking other cities to do their share regarding the homeless and people with AIDS.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. 94-1319, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994-95," with the following directions: 1) add \$15,000 from the amount that had been set aside for special projects in the year, for start-off of some kind of community patrol,

with the understanding that the amount would not be spent until Council receives a report from staff sometime in the Fall; 2) reserve the money that has been allocated for economic development until a full report is received from staff on how economic development should be handled; 3) analyze reducing ticket revenue (as requested by Councilmember Koretz); 4) analyze law enforcement expansion, whether community patrols or enhanced nightclub patrol. 5) In addition, with regard to the homeless shelter, reduce the City's contribution by \$25,000, and make the other \$25,000 a dollar for dollar matching grant, so that the organization is required to raise \$25,000; 6) direct staff to come back to Council on July 18th with a report on code enforcement; and 7) direct staff to get input from the Senior Advisory Council and come back with an analysis regarding what would happen if MTA increases the cost of bus passes and whether the City's shuttle service should be reduced.

Motion Heilman, seconded Koretz and carried on a roll call vote:

Ayes: Guarriello, Koretz, Martin, Heilman, Land
Noes: None

**B. COMMISSION/BOARD APPOINTMENTS:
TABLED TO JULY 18, 1994.**

5. NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

WILLIAM FERRA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, disagreed with lowering parking fines from \$38 to \$28. He also indicated that people are being ticketed at five minutes to six, which he opposes.

6. LEGISLATIVE:

**A. IMPLEMENTATION OF 24 HOUR PERMIT PARKING REGULATIONS
ON OLIVE DRIVE BETWEEN SUNSET BOULEVARD AND FOUNTAIN
AVENUE:**

Don Korotsky of the Transportation Department provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated June 29, 1994.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman stated that Council recently adopted permit parking on Olive, so why are the regulations suddenly being changed.

Joan English, Transportation Director, replied that this is the street where the House of Blues is located, and when Sunday brunches are held, people are parking on the street.

BUDD KOPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commented that there is a

proposal to put barriers on the street, which will cause the loss of two parking spaces. He also asked why there is a red curb all the way to Sunset.

ACTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 94-413U, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE PREFERENTIAL PARKING PROVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC CODE BY REVISING THE PREFERENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS ON OLIVE DRIVE BETWEEN FOUNTAIN AVENUE AND SUNSET BOULEVARD AND AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF." Motion Heilman, seconded Koretz and unanimously carried.

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

Richard Ryan, Deputy to Councilmember Martin, explained that the current allowance of an extra rent increase to landlords who pay for utilities has over the years caused a disparity in rents. This ordinance would take away the increase for one year, until a more equitable method can be found.

BUDD KOPS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated that he was in agreement with the item. He complained that there was no graph or chart in the public agenda packet.

ACTION: Introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 94-414, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AMENDING THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING EXTRA RENT INCREASES FOR LANDLORDS WHO PAY FOR UTILITIES." Motion Guarriello, seconded Heilman and unanimously carried.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Martin asked Mark Johnson, Rent Stabilization Director, to give a brief report on the proposed legislation in Sacramento which would affect rent control (Costa Bill).

Mark Johnson reported that a hearing was held last Tuesday in Sacramento before the judiciary committee, and arguments were made against West Hollywood's form of rent control. The vote was a five to five tie, with the Chair of the committee abstaining. He stated that this was a victory for the City; however, it is possible that the bill could be brought back.

Mayor Land thanked the staff and other Councilmembers for their work with our lobbyist.

Before recessing to a Closed Session, Mayor Land called on the following persons who wished to speak on an impasse matter which was to be discussed in Closed Session.

DANIEL STUBBS, LA CRESCENTA, LABOR RELATIONS CONSULTANT FOR ASSOCIATION OF CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES, SUPERVISORY UNIT, asked that Council deliberate either with no advocates present or with advocates present from both sides.

Council discussed whether advocates should be present during the closed session.

Mayor Pro Tem Heilman suggested that Council hear from anyone wishing to speak, including management staff, and then go into closed session and deliberate on this matter.

DANIEL STUBBS presented arguments in favor of salary grade ACE-17.

KATHRYN REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES, stated that the Risk Manager and Purchasing Officer, Andy Haenfler, has been in effect been doing two jobs at the compensation of one. She also stated that the Human Resources staff, after research, had recommended a salary grade of 17.

CHARLES MAKINNEY, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, indicated that he had submitted a written report to Council, and added that his recommendation is not based on the individual but on the duties and responsibilities of the position.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council recessed to a Closed Session at 9:42 p.m. to discuss the impasse item.

The Council reconvened at 10:01 p.m. and Mayor Land reported that the City Council had decided by a majority vote to grade the position at step 16 (ACE-16).


The Council recessed back into closed session at 10:02 p.m. to discuss a property issue and other labor negotiations, as listed on the Closed Session Agenda.

RECONVENE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND REPORT OF CLOSED

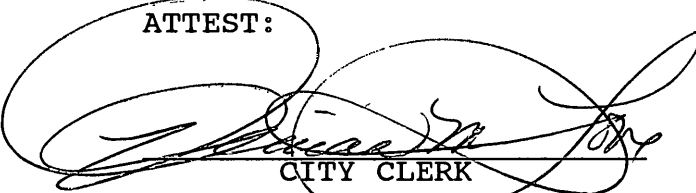
SESSION: Council reconvened at 10:15 p.m. and Mayor Land reported that the City Council voted to authorize up to \$5,000 for a re-appraisal of the property at 1033 North La Brea, and that no other action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m. in memory of Ken Vassy to Tuesday, July 5, 1994, at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard, for a closed session at 6:00 p.m. and a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY, 1994.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK