

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1994 7:00 P.M.
FIESTA HALL AT PLUMMER PARK
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Guarriello called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was led by Donna Saur.
3. PRESENT: Heilman, Koretz, Land, Lang, and Mayor Guarriello
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Brotzman
4. URGENCY ITEM: Mayor Guarriello stated that it is necessary for Council to add an urgency ordinance to the agenda. This item arose after the agenda was posted.

ACTION: Add an urgency ordinance to the agenda declaring a moratorium on certain building permits. Motion Heilman, seconded by Lang and unanimously carried.
5. OPENING REMARKS:
Councilmember Heilman stated that three major issues were identified at the last town hall meeting (November 29, 1993); tonight is primarily a working meeting to develop some working plans.

City Manager Brotzman gave a brief update on earthquake issues.
6. MAJOR ISSUE UPDATE
 - A. Public Safety:

Captain Bill Mangan, the new Captain for the Sheriff's Department, reported on measures that have been taken to combat prostitution and other crimes on the East Side.

Nancy Greenstein, Public Safety Officer, gave a review of programs managed by the Public Safety Division: crime trends hotline, Russian language hotline, neighborhood watch groups, a TV program called Crime Watch, and the newsletter, "Watch Around the Block."

Sharon Perlstein, City Engineer, reported on the pedestrian street lighting project, the proposed Citywide upgrade of street lights, and the proposed undergrounding of utilities between Fairfax and La Cienega.

Following her report, she responded to a few questions from residents.

Nancy Greenstein gave information on what is being done about homeless sleeping in the park, vendors, pay telephones, traffic, and speeding. She mentioned a pilot project being explored, where there would be private security persons on bicycles from Gardner to La Brea.

Ms. Greenstein also responded to some questions from residents.

B. Communication/Citizen Involvement:

Helen Goss, Public Information Officer, reported on what is being done to get information out to the community: City Calendar, the newsletter to citizens, and Channels 6 and 10. She stated that Channels 6 and 10 were found to be the best ways to communicate. She indicated that wiring would be done at Fiesta Hall so that Council meetings could be held there. She commented on the shuttle service for people who need transportation to Council meetings and on efforts to communicate with the Russian community.

She responded to a few questions from residents.

C. Economic Development:

Debbie Potter, Economic Development Director, mentioned the following issues: 1) pedestrian street lighting; 2) an alley improvement project which will be done in the next two weeks; 3) a second alley improvement project which is underway; 4) efforts with businesses--they will undertake a private security from Gardner to La Brea; 5) a series of zoning changes is being worked on to encourage new uses; 6) ways to encourage outdoor dining; and 7) as part of CDBG funding, \$61,000 in block grant money will be requested for lighting at Plummer Park.

Ms. Potter also responded to several questions from residents.

7. ADOPTION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE:

City Manager Brotzman explained that several buildings in the City of West Hollywood had suffered major damage in the January 17th earthquake, and the methods of earthquake reinforcement under the current building code may not be adequate to protect health and safety in the event of future earthquakes. This Ordinance will put a moratorium on certain building permits pending completion of studies and adoption of appropriate amendments to the building code.

ACTION: Adopt as an urgency ordinance, Ordinance No. 94-400U, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BUILDING PERMITS AND DECLARING THE URGENCY THEREOF."

Motion Land, seconded Guarriello and unanimously carried.

8. **DISCUSSION GROUPS:**

City Manager Brotzman indicated that there were seven tables set up for discussion of the following topics:

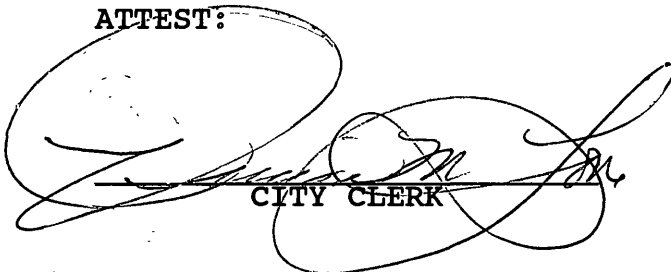
1) residential traffic and traffic control issues;
2) communications; 3) code enforcement; 4) the Park Master Plan; 5) economic revitalization; 6) prostitution; and 7) miscellaneous. The Councilmembers would move around to the various tables, and staff were present at the discussion tables to receive input. The Council recessed to the discussion groups at 8:35 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. to the next regular City Council meeting on February 7, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park, 647 N. San Vicente Boulevard.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1994.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK