

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 29, 1989  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM  
647 N. SAN VICENTE BLVD.  
7:30 P.M.**

**STUDY SESSION - BUDGET**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Land called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was led by Cheryl Mendosa.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Albert, Heilman, Mayor Land  
Schulte arrived at 7:50 P.M.  
Koretz arrived at 8:15 P.M.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Brotzman

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Land announced that tonight's meeting would be adjourned in memory of Richard Werner, former Human Services Commissioner. **ACTION:** Approve the agenda. Motion Albert second Heilman. Noting the absence of Schulte and Koretz, it was so ordered.

**DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PRELIMINARY BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 1989-90**

City Manager Brotzman gave an overview of the recommended Capital Improvements budget, followed by Council discussion. Councilmember Heilman asked for an estimate of the cost to install permanent trash containers throughout the City and an estimate to install them on a supplemental, as needed basis.

Councilmember Schulte requested further information on the amount budgeted for parking structures. He felt it might be too low and inquired about the flexibility to buy property. He also requested that staff look at developing an overall City plan and delineate priorities for traffic signals.

Ray Randolph, Finance Director, reported that there was an error in the noted Affordable Housing Fund and it should be corrected to read \$920,000.

Mayor Land requested further information on the Public Works Organizational Chart. She also requested that Ian Tanza continue meeting with the Immigrant Task Force and come back to the Council with a synopsis of projected programs and recommendations for dollar allocations for FY89-90, at the meeting of July 10, 1989.

**ORIGINAL**

Council discussion ensued on what process they should use for this study session. Councilmember Heilman suggested that they look at revenue first and see which ones they agree with and which they disagree with and decide what changes should be made, and then look at expenditures. It was decided to do this Councilmember by Councilmember.

City Manager Brotzman asked that each member identify areas they would like to add into and which they would like to decrease or cut out. Revised totals will then be brought back prior to the meeting of July 10th. He gave an overview on revenues during which he stated that two major increases in revenues would be the proposed Business License Tax and the proposed Rent Stabilization fee increases.

Councilmember Schulte:

- 1) Not comfortable with the \$1,000,000 figure developed for the Business License Tax revenue.
- 2) Instructed the City Manager to meet with the City Attorney and come back on July 10th with a best-guess/speculation on amount to include in this budget from the Ashkenazy settlement.
- 3) More information on position of Administrative Services Director.
- 4) More information on Public Works Organization Chart and Department of Transportation. Also have further discussion on the new positions being proposed.
- 5) Homeless shelter and level of service.
- 6) Cut the Community Relations Officer in the Sheriff's Department and come back with level of spending needed for Public Safety Commission and Public Safety Coordinator.
- 7) Preserve some of the 5% COLA for Social Service agencies.
- 8) Look at money for new Fire Station.
- 9) Look at shifting Small Business Incubator and Small Business Council to Marketing Corporation and/or Chamber of Commerce, with additional funding.
- 10) Agree with discussion on the Russian Cultural Center.
- 11) Look at fee increases in Rent Stabilization Dept.

Councilmember Albert:

- 1) Retain 5 Deputies but could be under the City Manager's supervision.
- 2) Bring back Jodi Curlee's recommendations on the 5% COLA.

Councilmember Koretz:

- 1) Increase T.O.T. a percent.
- 2) Retain 5 Deputies but could approve change in structure.
- 3) Add Instant Green program at \$50,000 to \$60,000.
- 4) Add Park Rangers.
- 5) No break in service for Warming Center - \$50,000 including breakfast.
- 6) Add \$20,000 to \$40,000 for Public Safety Commission.
- 7) Reinstate 5% COLAs.

- 8) Reinstate money for Russian Cultural Center (\$50,000), Rental Assistance, Adult Daycare Program, and Historic Preservation.
- 9) Allocate money to redesign Permit Parking signs.
- 10) Allocate \$3,000-\$4,000 per month to hire a Washington lobbyist.
- 11) Delete the Gay & Lesbian Liaison officer in the Sheriff's Department.
- 12) Cut number of special events and the funding level. Have organizations contribute to pay expenses.
- 13) Try for 6 months - Director of Administrative Services serve as 50% Director and 50% Assistant City Manager.
- 14) Cut Ambassador Program - utilize Councilmembers.
- 15) Cut City Attorney costs - look at bringing labor negotiations back in-house.
- 16) Cut \$5,000 from training.
- 17) Cut Tree pruning amount in half.
- 18) City to bargain hunt on supplies and services - RFP's and bids.
- 19) Need more City involvement and better product from consultants.

Councilmember Heilman:

- 1) Transitional Shelter - make sure enough money up-front.
- 2) No problem with Administrative Services Department Director.
- 3) Retain the Community Relations Officer in the Sheriff's Department to handle community-wide and neighborhood problems. Clarify the position.
- 4) Restore the Incubator funding.
- 5) Would like to retain the 5% COLA if there are funds available.
- 6) Restore money for immigrant services.
- 7) Have questions on Rent Stabilization fees, especially on exempt units.
- 8) Reduce number of Deputies to 3 in April 1990 and would like supervision.
- 9) Don't support restoring Park Ranger Program.
- 10) If Warming Center funding is restored, add money for park security and maintenance.
- 11) Waiting for report on the Public Safety Commission to see needed level of funding.
- 12) Restore the Rental Assistance and Adult Day Care programs.
- 13) Cut at least part of the Ambassador Program.
- 14) Cut training budget - personnel to supply with list.
- 15) Roll over the Child Care money from last year.
- 16) If want to redesign Permit Parking signs can be done in present budget.
- 17) Fund a Reclaim the Parks Program - (look at Film Festival, etc. to bring people into the parks) (Ian/Lloyd).

Mayor Land:

- 1) Reinstate COLA's - Jodi Curlee's recommendations.
- 2) More information on the Administrative Services Director and a Transportation Department. (How the Transportation Engineer and other people fit into the Dept.)
- 3) More information from Debbie Potter on the Business Incubator.
- 4) Not support the Park Ranger program.
- 5) After budget more information on park maintenance and security - Reclaim the Parks program sounds positive.
- 6) More figures on the Warming Center. Would like to continue to transition.
- 7) Restore immigration services.
- 8) Want new figures on Adult Day Care.
- 9) Cost analysis on Public Safety Commission - 5 members.
- 10) Cut down on special events - too many.
- 11) Roll over last year's Child Care money.
- 12) Cut the Ambassador Program.
- 13) Cuts in the training budget (list from personnel).

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Martin Struedler, West Hollywood, addressed the Council on an instruction booklet for the residents when new trees are planted and on the changes in the water table due to construction.


**CLOSED SESSION:** At 10:20 P.M. the City Council adjourned to closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel, litigation, or potential litigation.

Mayor Land reconvened the Council meeting at 11:05 P.M.

**ACTION:** To void the permit parking tickets issued in areas 3 and 5, last Sunday, June 25, 1989, due to the influx of visitors to the Gay Pride parade and activities. Motion Heilman second Albert. Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 P.M., in memory of Richard Werner, to a regular adjourned meeting on July 5, 1989 at West Hollywood Park Auditorium at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 17TH DAY OF JULY, 1989.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK