

Inglewood, California  
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The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Mayor Dorn called the meeting to order at the hour of 6:07 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Dunlap, Morales and Franklin;  
Absent: Council Member Price.

City officials and personnel present were:

Yvonne Horton	City Clerk
Wanda Brown	City Treasurer
Mark F. Weinberg	City Administrator
Emmerline Foote	Interim City Attorney
Margaret Baird	Administrative Secretary

134 **PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ONLY.** Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any closed session items.

There was no response.

Mayor Dorn declared the meeting recessed for closed session item nos. CS-1 through CS-5 at the hour of 6:07 p.m.

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Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country and invocation by Mayor Dorn, the meeting was again called to order at the hour of 7:10 p.m. with all members present except Council Member Price.

180 **COMMENDATION – HUNTINGTON BROWN MORTGAGE COMPANY.** Mayor Dorn read a commendation recognizing the Huntington Browne Mortgage Company.

Council Member Price arrived at 7:14 p.m.

134 **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS.** Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any item on the agenda.

Paul Russell, District 2, spoke concerning agenda item nos. 3, 4, 5, and CA-1.

Diane Sambrano, spoke concerning agenda item nos. 3, agreement with Conduit Language Specialists and 1, payment of bills.

142.9 **PAYMENTS OF WARRANTS AND BILLS.** It was moved by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Morales that the demand presented to the City Council dated April 14, 2004 in the amount of \$3,191,261.01 is hereby approved and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to certify upon said register that said demand is so approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;  
Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

178 **AGREEMENT NO. 04-44 APPROVED – CONDUIT LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS** Staff report dated April 20, 2004 was presented recommending approval of a one-year agreement with Conduit Language Specialists not to exceed \$50,000 to provide support during wiretap operations conducted by the Inglewood Police Department.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that

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Agreement No. 04-44 with Conduit Language Specialists be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

183.50 **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTINELA AVENUE AND WARREN LANE.** Staff report dated April 20, 2004 was presented requesting authorization for City Clerk to advertise and receive bids for traffic signal system at the intersection of Centinela Avenue and Warren Lane.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby authorize the City Clerk to advertise and receive bids for traffic signal system at the intersection of Centinela Avenue and Warren Lane. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

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173.13 **AGREEMENT NO. 04-45 APPROVED – STANLEY SCHOOL, P.E.** Staff report dated April 20, 2004 was presented recommending approval of Agreement No. 04-45 for 3-year Agreement for Engineering services with Mr. Stanley Scholl, P.E. in the amount of \$30,000 per year.

It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that Agreement No. 04-45 with Mr. Stanley Scholl, P.E. be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

**MINUTES.** It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the minutes of the meeting of March 30, 2004 be approved as recorded. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

173.13 **ADDITIONAL SERVICE CREDIT – APPROVED – PARS SEPARATION INCENTIVE PLAN.** Staff report dated April 20, 2004 was presented recommending approval of a two-year additional service credit under the PARS Separation Incentive Plan for the Employee Relations/Personnel Director.

It was moved by Council Member Price and seconded by Council Member Morales that additional service credit for PARS Separation Incentive Plan be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

Council Member Morales left the Council Chambers at the hour of 7:39 p.m.

132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – HOWARD MOSELEY V. CITY OF INGLEWOOD, ET. AL.** Closed session – Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a); Howard Moseley v. City of Inglewood, et al, USDC Case No.: CV-03-4683 GHK (RCx).

It was moved by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Dunlap that the City Council does hereby approve, confirm and ratify settlement in the above matter in

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the amount of \$10,000. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Morales.

- 132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – CITY OF INGLEWOOD V. ASL.** Closed session – Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a); City of Inglewood v. ASL; LASC Case No.: BC292817.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Franklin that the City Council does hereby consider an offer for the City to receive \$125,000 in full settlement of the above matter. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Franklin and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Absent: Council Member Morales.

Council Member Morales returned to the Council Chambers at the hour of 7:41 p.m.

- 132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEIU, IPOA AND IMEO.**  
173.13 Closed session – Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Labor Negotiations, Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and (b): meeting with City’s representatives on labor negotiations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 347; Inglewood Police Officers’ Association (IPOA); and Inglewood Management Employees’ Organization (IMEO).

An update was provided to Council; there was no action taken.

- 132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – KIMBERLY TURNER V. CITY OF INGLEWOOD.** Closed session Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a): Kimberly Turner v. State of California, Yolo Superior Court Case No.: CV PM 01-997 (formerly Sacramento Superior Court Case No.: 01A501198).

An update was provided to Council; there was no action taken.

- 132.6 **CLOSED SESSION – LOVE V. CITY OF INGLEWOOD, ET. AL.** Closed session Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(a): Love v. City of Inglewood, et al.; USDC Case No.: CV03-9320CBM (JXJx).

An update was provided to Council; there was no action taken.

- 132.7 **CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS – POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.** Closed session - Confidential – Attorney/Client Privileged; Pending Litigation, Government Code Section 54957.6(a) and (b) meeting with City’s representatives on labor negotiations with Police Department (Police Oversight Commission).

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 214.5 **PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL TO THE APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT NO. 949 – RESOLUTION NO. 04-33 ADOPTED.** The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to consider an appeal

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to the Planning Commission's approval of Special Use Permit No. 949 (SP-949) to allow a bar with on-site sales of beer, wine and distilled spirits, to allow the on-site sale of distilled spirits in a proposed restaurant, and to allow shared parking for infrequent users for the proposed bar and restaurant on a C-2 (General Commercial) zoned property at 1717 North Centinela Avenue, that notice of this hearing had been given in the time, form and manner as required by law, the affidavit was on file, the complete file of the Planning Commission was present and communications were received.

The City Administrator presented staff report dated April 20, 2004 submitting background information on the matter.

Mayor Dorn ordered the staff report dated April 20, 2004 and communications be received and filed.

Council Member Dunlap commented that prior to staff's presentation that the City Clerk read for the record some of the correspondence that have been received on this matter.

The City Clerk read communication received dated February 24, 2004.

Council Member Dunlap inquired how many signatures there were.

Yvonne Horton, City Clerk, commented that there were twenty-one signatures.

Sheldon Curry, Planning Manager, commented that the request this evening is to obtain a Special Use Permit approval for a bar with on-site sales of distilled spirits in a restaurant and to allow shared parking for infrequent users at the subject site. The proposal is in a 1,600 square feet floor area and the main component of this would be the bar which has eleven seats located on the westside of the tenant space together with thirteen tables on the eastside. He also commented that the applicant has indicated that they would serve Ethiopian cuisine and operate between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The shared parking for infrequent users request came about due to the increase in the parking requirement from sixteen to twenty-two spaces and the only available option if approved, would be shared parking for infrequent users who would have to operate during non-peak periods and the other business may have to close at least an hour earlier. He also commented that subsequent to the public hearing at the Planning Commission, the proposal was approved with a couple of conditions which included no selling of alcoholic beverages after midnight and, going back to the Planning Commission after six months for a review.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on this matter.

Sherry Olson commented that she was in attendance this evening to gain support from Council for the inclusion of alcoholic beverage with the restaurant. She also commented that on February 2, 2004 the Planning Commission upheld and approved the request and they have reached out to the community for their support of the project. Many of the neighbors were glad to see someone come in and clean up the area to make a positive difference in the neighborhood. She further commented that they spoke with residents within 100 and 500 feet of the area who were appreciative of this establishment coming in and occupying the vacant building. There is a signed petition of over fifty signatures from residents within the immediate area and surrounding communities and since there are no restaurants in the surrounding area, residents would benefit from having one. She commented that there is not an over concentration of licenses in that census track area and since there is five allowed, this would be the only restaurant that would exist if approved. She further commented that the police department does not have a problem with this type of establishment and it was her belief that strong management makes a good neighborhood. She also commented that they have invested a substantial amount of money into the property and she would like to see it grow within the community. They have twenty years of experience in these types of businesses and they care about the neighborhoods and the community they do business in with great emphasis placed on safety and security. Finally, she commented that security cameras would be provided on the rear and front of the

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premises to be monitored at all times during business hours and there is also an identification scanner available to prevent underage alcohol consumption.

Paul Russell, District 2, commented that from reviewing the staff report he had a problem locating the area due to the fact that 1717 Centinela is an odd number on the south side of the street and on other streets, the even numbers were on the south side. He also commented that it seemed as if the applicant was going to upgrade the property to a restaurant and they have already agreed to limit alcohol sales to midnight, which is unusual for someone opening a bar. He also commented that both the Planning Commission and staff spent a lot of time outlining conditions and solving parking issues and the applicant also went to nearby residents seeking their approval. Finally, he commented that he was neutral about this and he could not see any down side to it.

Resident, commented that he isn't aware of any reason why this would create a problem and noted that the building is an eyesore and that it would be finally upgraded. He also commented that this establishment would give patrons a variety of choices and residents won't have to leave the neighborhood to go elsewhere.

E. Wilson commented that she was disappointed that this type of project was being considered for the area and that the youth and the community deserve more than wine and spirits. She also commented that items such as a cultural arts centers, illiteracy venues and intervention programs for persons with behavioral problems were needed and that if everyone came together they could come up with something more advantageous for the community. Finally, she commented that this needed to be revisited and that the City should think in terms of youth and lowering the illiteracy rate of the community.

Essie Alexander-Berry commented that she has been in the City for two years and has seen a lot of the positive and negatives changes. She also commented that in order to have a proposal about children, a facility need to be made available to get them off the streets. She commented that the applicant could have chosen another property in another city but since they have chose this City she believes they should be given a chance and in six months, if there are problems it could be closed down. She further commented that this is a business for older patrons and she knows that people would adhere to rules.

Council Member Morales left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:02 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

Diane Sambrano commented that too often the City pays and gives loans to people to come here and soon after, they go out of business. She also commented that should this project present a problem there are enough police officers to deal with any amount of inappropriate behavior and, if necessary, it could be closed down. In reference to alcohol consumption, she commented that as soon as persons see alcohol they automatically think there is an over concentration of it.

Willie Agee commented that there is always opposition whenever there is something happening in Council District 2 and inquired why this is happening. He also commented that staff needs to be paid and the City needs revenues and if everything is turned down, where does that leave the City. He further commented that the applicant should be given a chance and if it does not work, then the City could take appropriate action.

Roosevelt Douglas, District 3, commented that the City needs revenues and it has to find a way to bring additional revenues. He expressed his support for the project and commented that the applicant will be going back to the Planning Commission in six months for a review and if they are not up to standard, action will be taken.

No other persons wishing to address the City Council on this matter, Mayor Dorn declared the public comment section closed at the hour 8:10 p.m.

Council Member Morales left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:11 p.m.

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Council Member Price commented that this is a difficult matter and he would like to be responsible and respectable to the concerns Council has heard. There are a number of residents who are opposed to this establishment and some who have expressed desire to encourage commercial activities and thinks Council needs to find a balance. He also commented that the Planning Commission attempted to make that balance by imposing conditions upon this establishment, which includes limiting the hours of operation and the hours for the sale of alcohol, beer and wine, and requiring security. He further commented that he was torn between those citizens who had concerns and those who preferred to have this as an alternative place to dine in the City. He commented that he was satisfied with the conditions imposed by the Planning Commission by requiring the applicant to return in six months for a review and that this is a fair way of determining the disruption that some residents feared. Finally, he commented that he is supporting the decision of the Planning Commission.

Council Member Morales returned to the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:13 p.m.

Council Member Dunlap commented that this appeal was filed by District Two residents who paid \$300 for very good reasons and she is disappointed in anyone who would think that a six month review for a bar is acceptable, even though the community doesn't want it. She requested her colleagues to think of the residents who live in the immediate area and also to keep in mind, when the Planning Commission approved this request they received a report informing residents that there had been no significant incident. She commented that the police had failed to notify the Planning Commission that there had been a homicide at that location and she considered that to be significant. She also commented that residents who reside around the area do not want a bar nor do they like having patrons hanging around at 2:00 a.m. She also commented that the Planning Commission misinformed residents with regard to the census tracts, which state that it allows for five bars but has one and that this particular census tract includes residential areas, and these areas do not sell beer, wine and liquor. She further commented that there is a bar across the street from the proposed project, liquor stores along Centinela, gas stations on La Brea that sell liquor, and there are many places in the City where people can obtain liquor. Finally, she commented that residents in District 2 want to maintain a certain way of living and it was the Councils' job to protect the quality of life.

Council Member Morales commented that there are always concerns in reference to alcohol due to fear that it would create an environment where irresponsible persons tend to drink and afterwards perform activities that are not acceptable. He also commented that some of these fears are due to the fact that alcoholic beverages are obtained from liquor and convenient stores where people go in and out. He further commented that there is a difference between purchasing liquor at a store versus purchasing one in a restaurant, which is expensive. He also commented that the reason why liquor stores are so successful in our City is because there are no places for people to go and have a drink responsibly. He further commented that restaurants in other cities do have bars with alcoholic drinks available and when people go out to dinner they look forward to that kind of entertainment. Finally, he commented that it was the Council's responsibility to make sure that they develop a type of environment not only for excellence, but to offer the community something where they are comfortable to go and have fun. He also commented that the residents wants to be able to stay within the City and spend some of the money that routinely goes out and we must be reassured that the people who come in to invest do love our City and are responsible. He further commented that the Council has heard from the applicant and the Planning Manager, who have spoken on the six months review process where this could be revisited by addressing any negative impacts that may arise.

Council Member Franklin commented that what needed to be addressed is how this is going to impede the residents and businesses that are currently on this property. He also commented that he hasn't heard anything from the beauty salon or the tailor shop identifying their willingness to be subjected to the restrictions of the Special Use Permit for the life of this project. He further commented that he welcomed the bar and restaurant but expressed his concerns to the restrictions that are being imposed on future businesses. In

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reference to the alcohol license, he expressed his concerns to the monitoring of distilled spirits and liquor where the sale is permitted up until midnight yet the facility stays opened till 2:00 a.m. Finally, he commented that there are mixed emotions but it was the Council's job to make sure that those businesses that have already been established were given a fair share.

Mayor Dorn commented that one has to take into consideration what the residents have to say and that he is impressed with this owner. He also commented that the owner has gone out to the community and from looking at addresses around this project, they are supportive of the bar. There were individuals who spoke this evening in support of the project except for one, and residents are glad that someone is going to come in and clean up the area. He further commented that the Planning Commission has evaluated and supported the project and just because someone pays \$300 for an appeal, this does not mean that the Council must overturn the Commission's decision. He also commented that he has a great deal of confidence in the Planning Commission and the imposed restrictions and if those affected had any objections they would have been present at this meeting.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Price that Resolution No. 04-33, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CERTAIN SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO TIGHIST OKEBAZAH TO ALLOW A BAR WITH ON-SITE SALES OF BEER, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS, TO ALLOW THE ON-SITE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS IN A PROPOSED RESTAURANT, AND TO ALLOW SHARED PARKING FOR INFREQUENT USERS WITHIN 1,600 SQUARE FEET OF AN EXISTING 5,000 SQUARE-FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING ON A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONED PROPERTY AT 1717 NORTH CENTINELA AVENUE.

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Morales, and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Members Franklin and Dunlap.

Mayor Dorn called the Redevelopment Agency into joint session with the City Council at the hour of 8:25 p.m.

131 **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUED – TO UNDERTAKE ALL PRELIMINARY ACTIONS NECESSARY AND TO UNDERTAKE CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTURY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

This matter was continued to June 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor/Chairman Dorn declared the Redevelopment Agency recessed at the hour of 8:26 p.m.

131 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD – TO IDENTIFY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS FOR FY 2004-2005 CONSOLIDATED PLAN GRANT FUNDS.**

The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to receive public input to identify community development and housing needs for FY 2004-2005 consolidated Plan Grant Funds, that notice of this hearing had been given in the time, form and manner as required by law, the affidavit was on file and no communications were

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received.

The City Administrator presented staff report dated April 20, 2004 submitting background information on the matter.

Mayor Dorn ordered the staff report dated April 20, 2004 be received and filed.

Pamela Thigpen, CDBG Administrator, commented that this public hearing is to receive input on the priority community development and housing needs relative to fiscal year 2004-2005 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan Programs. The City is in the process of developing a new three year Consolidated Plan which includes fiscal years 2004-05 through 2006-07 and is expected to receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME); Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG); as well as a new source of funding known as the American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI). This program is dedicated to helping low to moderate-income persons purchase homes. She also commented that the City would be receiving \$57,000 from ADDI funding which can be used for closing costs, down payment and rehabilitation of a home. Allocation of funding for the upcoming year is as follows: CDBG \$2.7M, Home Investment Partnership Act \$1.3M; ADDI \$57,770 and Emergency Shelton Grant \$101,000 which is an increase of \$6,000. She further commented that the objectives for these programs include expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons; establishing and maintaining a suitable living environment and strengthening partnerships between the public sectors to provide affordable housing opportunities. She also commented that the City is entering its 30<sup>th</sup> year of participation in the CDBG program thereby providing infrastructure and public services to low and moderate areas in the City. Eligible activities for use of these funds include housing rehabilitation; improving public facilities; code enforcement; historic preservation; economic development; lead based paint hazard control and abatement. Finally, she commented that the City is right on schedule for lead based paint abatement and fifteen percent of the allocation can be used for public services such as child care services; crime prevention; drug abuse; education; employment assistance and training; fair housing counseling; health care and recreational needs.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on this matter.

There was no response.

Council Member Price commented that these funds have been distributed to meet the needs of those persons who are underserved through the housing and lead abatement programs. In reference to the Gain Diversion Juvenile Program, he commented that there has been creative use of this funding that has not been done before and even though there is a small increase in the amount of funds available, there are still a number of issues to be addressed. He also commented that he was aware of the challenges to hold public hearings and have public participation but sometimes the residents do not attend these hearings, which could be misinterpreted as not caring. He further commented that the City has been effective in utilizing these funds in making sure that more community based organizations are actively involved in some of the gang prevention activities and expressed his support with the recommendations presented by staff and he is looking forward to the final recommendations.

Council Member Dunlap commented that she would like to request available funding from the general fund be made available for code enforcement and that residents from District 2 would prefer that money be spent on programs that affect families and enhance the quality of life. In reference to wheelchair ramps, she commented that she would like staff to look into the possibility of having wheelchair ramp expenditures and that she is aware that the



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City has been working on these for sometime now but problems still exist. She further commented that she would like to see funding used to enhance street lighting in the community as this is a safety measure and this would be a good use of funding. She also commented that the City spends money to keep the citizens informed and expressed her concerns with meetings being held at City Hall and the Senior Center. She commented that there might be more public participation if these meetings were held in the community, possibly in a recreational hall at a church or a school multi purpose room. Finally, she encouraged residents to participate in these meetings and make suggestions to Council on how they think these funds should be spent.

Council Member Morales commented that in reference to public input it is extremely important for residents to attend these meetings or telephone the City and let them know what is required in the community. He commented that he would like to see after school programs such as arts and crafts, tutoring and sports programs developed for children between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. In reference to Siminski Park, he commented that it is not staffed and there is a safety concern to the residents due to the homeless and transients that tend to congregate there and requested that staff be made available to help develop it into an environment that everyone can enjoy. In reference to street improvements, he commented that one of the biggest concerns was the sidewalk and the dangerous conditions they pose. He commented that he is well aware there is a waiting list due to problems all over the City but he was hopeful that some funding could be set aside for sidewalks that need immediate improvement. In reference to community outreach, he commented that the City should explore ways on how to reach out to the community and provide them with information. Finally, he commented that he would like funding to be made available to assist the police to eliminate prostitution.

Council Member Franklin thanked staff for the presentation and the seeking of funds and commented that he doesn't want staff to be restricted from seeking additional funding that might be available. In reference to the American Dream Down Payment program, he commented that there are a number of residents who need an opportunity to become first time homebuyers and this would allow them to make a down payment. He also commented that residents in District 4 would like to acquire some green space and with the use of CDBG funding, can have a ball field for multipurpose use with a community center. He requested that a new location be considered for the I-Copp center. In reference to school programs during the summer, he commented that he would like to promote constructive activities, especially on City properties, by providing sports activities to keep children off the streets. He commented that he would like to see additional user friendly software purchased for the children. Finally, he commented that he also would like funding for code enforcement and expressed his concerns to the number of garage conversions, illegal businesses being operated on curbsides and emergency shelters for the homeless.

Council Member Morales left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:52 p.m.

Council Member Dunlap left the Council Chambers at the hour of 8:53 p.m.

Council Member Morales returned to the Council Chambers at the hour of 9:00 p.m.

Council Member Franklin left the Council Chambers at the hour of 9:03 p.m. and returned at 9:04 p.m.

Mayor Dorn expressed his disappointment that citizens did not give any input in reference to the use of CDBG funds and commented that it is important they become involved and indicate how they would like for these funds to be spent. He also commented that Congress is contemplating cutting back on these funds, but with the help of Mayors across the nation, they have been able to hold off from cutting these funds. He spoke concerning after school programs and gang intervention and commented that money needs to be spent before young

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people become involved in gangs and commit crimes. He also spoke concerning jobs, drug rehabilitation, the homeless and sidewalk repairs. Finally, he commented that he was hopeful that there would be more public participation at the upcoming meetings and requested from staff the dates of these meetings.

Pamela Thigpen commented that the dates were as follows:

May 8, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. Community Room A  
May 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Community Room A  
May 11, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. Senior Citizens Center  
May 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Community Room A

She commented that there will be translators available for Spanish speaking residents and there were 48,000 brochures sent out to every resident in the City identifying the use of CDBG funds. She further commented that there were 5,000 surveys available in English and Spanish at the lobby table outside the Council Chambers and that these notices will appear in the April and May issue of the Inglewood Today Magazine, community newspapers, El Sol and La Opinion. She also commented notices were included in water bills and encouraged residents to contact her staff at 310-412-8800.

Mayor Dorn encouraged residents to attend these meetings.

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**PUBIC REMARKS.** Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda.

Paul Russell commended Pamela Thigpen for giving a good presentation. He commented that there are still many problems in the City, the first being law enforcement/crime, and the importance of making it safe so it attract new businesses. He spoke concerning education in the City and commented that the City needs to be drastically upgraded in order to draw new businesses and their employees. He commented that there are good students at Inglewood high schools that go on to college, but recent test results were very low. He noted that the agenda was not included on the website until Monday. He commented on the appeal at the reopening of Rocky's and the level of support. Finally he commented that there were many people present because of a public hearing that had been pulled from the agenda.

Michael Benbow spoke concerning the future of the City now that the development at Hollywood Park has been defeated and he would like to hear the City Council's solutions to the money problems that still exist within the city. He commented that the loss of Wal-Mart has cost the City \$1 million and 3,500 jobs. He expressed his concerns about a news item he heard that Hollywood Park is considering a move to Irvine and commented that it would be a tremendous loss if Inglewood loses Hollywood Park.

Roosevelt Douglas complimented staff on doing a good job. He commented that he had worked very hard on the Wal-Mart initiative and since that is now over he would like to see the City Council address other issues in the City such as problems with the sidewalks, trees, senior citizen parks, after school activities, gang intervention, and medical attention for people with drug problems.

Gil Mathieu commended Council Members on the recent election and stated that the issue was not about Wal-Mart but about the Inglewood legislative body maintaining authority. He commented on a traffic problem at the west-bound left turn traffic signal at Crenshaw and Century, which needs to be extended, as it does not allow enough cars to go through. He requested Council to consider initiating a foundation to fund the performing arts center to attract people into the City and spoke concerning the seating arrangement of the Mayor.

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Carol Ashley commented that she would like to present a proposal to the appropriate person in the City about opening a business with a destination concept for Inglewood that would include fine dining, entertainment, after school activities and computer labs.

Willie Agee spoke concerning up coming police negotiations and salary increases. He commented that he would like to hear from the representatives to find out what they are going to do to make things better, and what they are going to bring to the table now that the Wal-Mart initiative was defeated.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning visiting Independence Hall in Buena Park and the honesty required by our founding members. She commented that many cities, some with high priced homes, have a Wal-Mart store and it hasn't hurt but has helped the communities. She also commented on an article in the Daily Breeze that talked about the horses from Hollywood Park being moved to Irvine, but the slot machines staying in Inglewood. She said that Inglewood residents were never asked if they wanted slot machines at Hollywood Park. She closed by asking all the members of the City Council to read the Declaration of Independence.

Council Member Morales left the Council Chambers at the hour of 9:24 p.m.

Frederick Davis spoke concerning the fact that he was misquoted at the last meeting. Between the freeway and Ash Street, there is no parking at any time on Arbor Vitae, not just during traffic hours, yet cars continue to park there. He asked that the meeting be dedicated to our troops who have fallen in recent weeks and to Margaret Mayfield-Lewis and Charles "Chuck" Perez.

Johnny Inghram commented that Council Members need to be more business-friendly. He spoke concerning those who appealed the liquor license for the restaurant and noted that most people opposed don't live nearby, but those who live closer to the restaurant voted in favor. He also talked about the proposal of turning apartments into condos at La Brea and 64<sup>th</sup> Street, and that most people opposed live in a different area of Inglewood. He also mentioned that pride of ownership means so much more and always improves a community.

Council Member Morales returned to the Council Chambers at the hour of 9:27 p.m.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned in memory of our fallen heroes and Margaret Mayfield-Lewis and Charles 'Chuck' Perez at the hour of 9:43 p.m.

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City Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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Mayor