

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

MAY 19, 1987

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the City Council Chambers of West Hollywood City Hall, 8615 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 6:18 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by John McKinney.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Crane, Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; John McKinney, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer; Deputy Early Lincoln, L.A. County Sheriff's Licensing Detail; Jan Pluim, L.A. County Counsel; Michelle Beal Bagneris, Asst. City Attorney

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as prepared by Staff.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Crane)
Motion Carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. May 5, 1987

Action: To approve minutes of May 5, 1987 with the following correction:

1. P.2 , insert Item IV., "Staff Report".

(Motion: Smith, Second: Crane)
Motion Carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Dick Rosengarten, West Hollywood.

Notified Commission of party at Speakeasy nightclub going on this evening.

III. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT: None.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Staff reported that Commissioner Ellis had indicated she would like the meeting of June 2 to begin early since she had a previous commitment and could not attend the full meeting. Staff also reported that no action had yet been taken on the issue of what criteria allows a re-hearing of an already approved license application by the Commission.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. BLC-86-005
Twentieth Century Travel Advisors, Inc.
dba Beverly Hills Massage Parlor
Accusation Hearing
(continued from April 17, 1987)

Attorney Bagneris noted for the record that affidavits were filed by the attorney for the Respondent, Mr. Anthony Glassman, for the subpoena of Mr. Mike Talla, Mr. Ed Glass, Mr. Stanley Hrstich, Det. Fred Clapp, and Mr. Anthony Melia, to testify during the Accusation hearing. Attorney Bagneris recommended to the Commission that the witnesses not be subpoenaed.

Action: To not issue a subpoena for any of the individuals requested to be subpoenaed by the attorney for the Respondent, but that they be heard if they appear voluntarily.

(Motion: Crane, Second: Hirsch)

Crane: Aye
Forbes: No
Smith: No
Hirsch: Aye

Motion Fails.

Action: To subpoena Mr. Talla and Mr. Glass before the Commission.

(Motion: Forbes, No second.)
Motion Fails for lack of second.

Action: To accept the recommendation of the City Attorney to not subpoena the witnesses requested by the attorney for the Respondent.

(Motion: Smith, Second: Crane)

Crane: Aye
Forbes: No
Smith: Aye
Hirsch: Aye

Motion Carried.

County Counsel continued Sheriff's Department presentation.

1. Paul L. Self, Business License Officer, City of West Hollywood.

Testified to documents presented to Commission on meeting of March 3, 1987. Exhibit 30, the Agenda Packet for the Business License Commission of March 3, 1987 was presented into evidence.

Copy of list of exhibits was requested by Mr. Glassman.

No public testimony supporting Accusation.

TESTIMONY OF RESPONDENT

Motion: To dismiss the Accusation pursuant to Section 7.10.210 of the Business License Ordinance.

Motion denied for insufficient grounds.

Mr. Glassman introduced Exhibit 31, a copy of an advertisement from the Pacific Bell Yellow Pages, dated February, 1987.

Testimony

1. Howard Gottlieb, restaurateur and President of Corporation which owns the property where the Respondent's property is located.
2. Deputy Early Lincoln, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Licensing Detail.
3. John McKinney, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer.
4. Paul Self, Business License Officer.
5. Sgt. Stanley Hrstich, retired Pasadena police officer.
--Hearing Recessed at 8:49 P.M.--
--Hearing resumed at 9:07 P.M.--
6. Ruben Lua, employee of Respondent.
7. Jennifer Lloyd, licensed Massage Technician and employee of Respondent.
--Hearing Recessed at 10:17 P.M.--
--Hearing resumed at 10:32 P.M.--

Mr. Glassman introduced letters from the City of Alhambra, the City of Monterey Park, and the Los Angeles Police Department regarding code enforcement activity in those agencies. Mr. Glassman also introduced two letters from colleagues of the Respondent from East Los Angeles College.

Exhibit 33, a letter from Mr. Arthur D. Avila, President of East Los Angeles College, was introduced into evidence.

Exhibit 34, a letter from Dr. Frank Alderette,

Vice-President of East Los Angeles College, was introduced into evidence.

8. Hal Mintz, Owner/Operator, Beverly Hills Massage Parlor.

Exhibit 35, a ledger of activity at Beverly Hills Massage Parlor from July 29, 1986 was introduced into evidence.

Exhibit 36, a ledger of activity at Beverly Hills Massage Parlor from August 1, 1986 was introduced into evidence.

Mr. Glassman requested material on other adult licenses which have had other conditions imposed regarding lewd conduct activity. Request denied; irrelevant.

--Hearing Recessed at 12:29 A.M.--

--Resumed at 12:38 A.M.--

Commissioner Ellis excused.

County Counsel introduced Exhibit 37, a copy of the Hollywood Press, Vol. XIV, No. 52, Issue 692, February 20, 1987, showing advertisements for the Respondent's business establishment on pp. 1, 22, 23, and 25.

Action: To continue hearing to the regular meeting of the Business License Commission on Tuesday, June 16, 1987.

(Motion: Smith Second: Forbes)
Motion Carried unanimously.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Forbes asked if the agenda packets could be distributed earlier.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

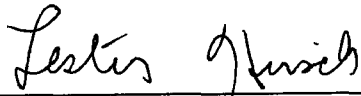
Action: To adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting of the Business License Commission on June 2, 1987, to begin at 6:00 p.m

(Motion: Smith Second: Crane)

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 A.M. on Wednesday, May 20, 1987.



PAUL SELF, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION



LESTER HIRSCH, CHAIRPERSON