

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

JUNE 16, 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 7:15 p.m., by Commission Vice-Chair Rachelle Sommers Smith.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by _____.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Crane, Ellis, Forbes, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Hirsch

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; Howard Zelefsky, Planning Manager; Deputy Early Lincoln, L.A. County Sheriff's Licensing Detail; Jan Plum, L.A. County Counsel; Michelle Beal Bagneris, Asst. City Attorney

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as prepared by Staff with the following changes:

To continue Item III.D and to remove from calendar Item III.E

(Motion: Ellis, Second: Forbes)

Roll Call: Crane: Aye
Ellis: Aye
Forbes: Aye
Smith: Aye

Motion Carried Unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. June 2, 1987

Action: To approve minutes of June 2, 1987 with the following correction:

1. P.6, Item VIII., change Action item to read as follows:

"To establish a rotational method of

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choosing officers and to ask that the acting Chair and Vice-Chair be elected as the Chair and Vice-Chair for the first year of the permanent Commission."

2. P.4, Item III.C., change Action item to delete the word "staff" from the line "...to require an updated staff report..."

3. P.3, Item III.A., change Action item to delete second portion of Motion regarding Commissioner Crane's amendment to delete reference in motion to parking requirements. Staff indicated that they would review tape transcript of this amendment to verify accuracy of minutes and report to the Commission.

(Motion: Crane Second: Forbes)

Motion Carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. David Behr, West Hollywood.

Asked Commission to direct staff to indicate address of business license applicant on staff report.

Presented copy of advertisement for Club L.A., showing that club is open "after hours". Asked Commission to place restriction on all Dance licenses except for those businesses that have self-contained parking. Also suggested 50% tax on all amounts charged for admission and that a Dance license not be granted unless parking requirements are met.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. BLC-87-008
Alhar Enterprises, Inc.
dba Peanuts
Application for renewal of Adult-Entertainment license
(Continued from June 2, 1987.)

Staff report presented by Self.

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Action: To re-notice the public hearing for the renewal of the Adult Entertainment license and to re-open the hearing pending the licensee's availability and to direct staff to research and develop possible conditions on the license.

(Motion: Crane Second: Smith)

Motion amended to delete "re-open the hearing pending the licensee's availability" and insert "continue the hearing to July 21, 1987".

(Motion: Smith)
Accepted by Commissioner Crane.

Motion amended to delete "July 21" and insert "August 4".

(Motion: Ellis)
Accepted by Commissioner Crane.

Motion Carried unanimously.

- B. BLC-87-012
Halima S. Mila Moursi dba Institut de Beaute
Application for Massage Parlor-General business license
(Continued from June 2, 1987.)

Staff report by Self.
Deputy Lincoln introduced photographs of applicant's establishment.

Public Hearing opened at 7:44 p.m.

Public Testimony

1. Mila Moursi, West Hollywood.

Applicant for license.

Public Hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

Commissioner Smith stated that she had visited premises.

Action: To grant the application for a Massage Parlor General license to Halima S. Mila Moursi, dba Institut de Beaute with the following

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condition:

1. The license applies only to facial massages, and to therapeutic body massages such as cellulite treatments, slimming treatments, etc.

(Motion: Ellis Second: Crane)

- C. BLC-87-017
Christopher Street West/Los Angeles, Inc.
Application for Outdoor Festival license
Annual Gay Pride Festival, June 27-28, 1987
West Hollywood Park

Staff report by Self.

Public Hearing Opened at 7:55 p.m.

Public Testimony:

1. Testimony of Applicant:

Robert Craig, President, Christopher Street West, Inc.

2. Testimony in Favor: None
3. Testimony Opposed: None
4. Other Testimony:

- a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
Stated concerns about parking for Festival.

Public Hearing Closed at 8:08 p.m.

Action: To grant application for Outdoor Festival license to Christopher Street West/Los Angeles, Inc. for their annual Gay Pride Festival on June 27-28, 1987, in West Hollywood Park, West Hollywood with the following conditions:

1. Recommendations for approval must be given by the City's Building and Safety Department and the County's Health Department and Sheriff's Department, prior to the commencement of the event. A recommendation for denial of the license by any of the aforementioned agencies will result in denial of the license application and the halting of

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the event;

2: The applicant shall submit the information required under Section 7.60.050, Items A-L and Section 7.60.060, Items A-F, specifically those items requested from the applicant as stated in the letter to the applicant shown on Attachment F;

3. The applicant shall only allow to be consumed on the premises those alcoholic beverages specifically sold by the applicant on the festival grounds. No bottles or cans of alcoholic beverages are allowed on the festival grounds and alcoholic beverages served are restricted to beer and wine only. Alcoholic beverages must be paid for with tickets purchased at a separate location on the festival grounds.

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

--Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m.--
--Meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m.--

- D. BLC-87-005
Twentieth Century Travel Advisors, Inc.
dba Beverly Hills Massage
Accusation Hearing
(Continued from May 19, 1987)

Testimony of Respondent resumed.

1. Hal Mintz, Owner, Beverly Hills Massage Parlor.

Exhibit 35, a ledger sheet showing business activity at Beverly Hills Massage Parlor on July 29, 1986, was introduced into evidence.

Exhibit 36, a ledger sheet showing business activity at Beverly Hills Massage Parlor on August 1, 1986, was introduced into evidence.

Public Testimony in Support of the Defendant

1. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood.
2. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood.

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Action: To continue the public hearing to an adjourned meeting of June 30, 1987 at Council Chambers or at an available room.

Motion withdrawn for lack of a second.

Action: To hear closing arguments this evening.

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

--Recess at 10:25 p.m.--
--Meeting resumed at 10:42 p.m.--

Closing arguments given by County Counsel and Attorney for the Respondent.

Action: To continue hearing to next regular meeting of July 7, 1987.

(Motion: Crane Second: Smith)

Roll Call: Forbes: No
Smith: Yes
Crane: Yes

Motion Carried.

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT
None.

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS
A. Placement of Podium
The Commission discussed the placement of the podium during Commission meetings.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF
A. Effective Commissions
Staff recommended that the Commission adjourn to a Study Session on July 7, to review the material included in the agenda packet on "Effective Commissions".

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS
A. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood.
Addressed Commission on composition of Business License Ordinance Task Force; mentioned proliferation of handbills for nightclubs.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

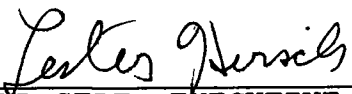
Action: To Adjourn to a Study Session on Tuesday, July 7, 1987, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.



LESTER HIRSCH, CHAIR, BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION



PAUL SELF, EXECUTIVE ASST., BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION