

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

JULY 21, 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 7:20 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ralph Feeley.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Crane, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Ellis, Forbes

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; Debbie Trunkenbolz, Code Enforcement Officer; Early Lincoln, L.A. County Sheriff's Licensing Detail; Michelle Beal Bagneris, Asst. City Attorney

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda, continuing Items IV.C. and IV.D.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

1. June 21, 1987

Action: To approve minutes of June 21, 1987 with the following corrections:

1. P.1, Item I. Meeting Called to order by Chairperson Lester Hirsch.

2. P.1, Item I.C., include Commissioner Hirsch in roll call approval of agenda.

3. P.2, Item I.D.2, change "Item I.D." to "Item I.D.(3)"

4. P.4, Item I.D.4., change Action of Commission to continue hearing to August 4, 1987.

(Motion: Smith Second: Crane)

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II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:

1. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
Addressed Commission on compliance by American Red Cross with conditions of approval for their annual Garlic Festival. Staff noted that conditions had been met prior to event.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. BLC-87-005
Twentieth Century Travel Advisors, Inc.
dba Beverly Hills Massage Parlor
Accusation No. 463

Action: To approve Resolution No. 87-01, as prepared by Staff.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. BLC-87-015
RHA, Inc.
dba The Four Star
Application for Dance business license

Staff report presented by Self.

Public Testimony

1. Testimony of Applicant:
 - a. Arlen Andelson, West Hollywood, Counsel for Applicant.
2. Testimony For:
 - a. Roberta Droukas, West Hollywood
 - b. Tony Melia, West Hollywood
 - c. Stephen Michaels, West Hollywood
 - d. Budd Kops, West Hollywood
 - e. Lee Sweet, Los Angeles
3. Testimony Against:
 - a. Ralph Feeley, West Hollywood

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4. Other Testimony:

- a. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood
- b. Doug Behr, West Hollywood
- c. Robert Davis, West Hollywood

Action: To continue hearing to August 4, 1987 without closing public testimony.

(Motion: Smith Second: Hirsch)

Roll Call:

Crane: No
Smith: Yes
Hirsch: Yes

Motion Carried.

- B. BLC-87-019
Mark Nottoli
dba Second Story
Application for Game Arcade license
(Continued from June 16, 1987)

Staff report presented by Self.

Action: To continue hearing to regular meeting of September 1, 1987.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment to Business License Ordinance Task Force

Action: To appoint Commissioner Smith to the Business License Ordinance Task Force.

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

VI. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT: None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

The Commission asked for an item to be put on the agenda for the next regular meeting regarding street closures for street

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festivals in the City. The Commission also asked to receive information on the occupancy load of establishments which come before the Commission for hearing.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff addressed the Commission on the need to set a hearing regarding the establishment of a definition for nightclubs and proposed text amendments to the Business License Ordinance regulating nightclubs. Staff suggested holding the hearing at the regular meeting of August 18th and the Commission directed staff to set a hearing for August 18th.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

1. Budd Kops, West Hollywood

Addressed the Commission on number of on-site liquor licenses authorized in the city. Cited specific Census Tract and the number of authorized liquor licenses as opposed to those granted.

The Commission directed staff to agendize an item on liquor licenses and recommend to the Council that the number of licenses be limited. The Commission also directed staff to research the information presented by Mr. Kops and to report back to the Commission.

2. David Behr, West Hollywood

Asked the Commission to put addresses of business establishments which require a hearing to be put on the Commission agenda. Also addressed Commission on need for establishment's occupancy load to be included as a condition for approval of business license and that a closing time be stipulated in approving license.

The Commission directed staff to ask the Fire Department to indicate the occupancy load for a given establishment on the Agency Inspection Form.

3. Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood

Addressed the Commission on the distinction between the occupancy load for an establishment given by the Building and Safety department and the occupancy load given by the Fire Department. Also mentioned code violations at Rage bar.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Action: To adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Business License Commission on August 4, 1987 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Lester Gorsich

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Paul Kemp

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT