

MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 1, 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 7:17 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam Bennett.

B. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Self, Business License Officer; Debbie Trunkenbolz, Code Enforcement Officer; Deputy Early Lincoln, L.A. County Sheriff's Licensing Detail.

C. Approval of Agenda

Action: To approve agenda as written.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

1. August 4, 1987

The following correction was made to the Minutes of August 4, 1987:

Under Item I.B. (Staff Present), change "Carol Ellis" to "Deputy Carol Willis".

The following correction was made to the Minutes of August 18, 1987:

Under Item V., the roll call vote should appear as follows:

Ellis: No
Forbes: Yes
Smith: No
Hirsch: Yes

Under Item I.B., (Staff Present), change "Lt. Dan Murrow" TO "Lt. Tony Denis".

Action: To approve the Minutes of August 4, 1987 with the indicated corrections.

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

Action: To approve the Minutes of August 18, 1987 with the indicated corrections.

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

II. ITEMS FROM THE CITIZENS

1. Stephen Michael, West Hollywood

Asked Commission if Commissioner Hirsch should excuse himself from hearing on nightclubs.

2. Budd Kops, West Hollywood

Questioned proprietary interest of Commissioner Forbes in property subject to nightclub regulations; asked Commission to direct staff to prepare ordinance addressing code violation problems and the lack of enforcement of conditions placed on a business license.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
Text Amendment to Establish a Special Event Peddler's Permit and Fee

Public Testimony: None

Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Action: To recommend approval to the City Council of the proposed text amendment.

(Motion: Smith Second: Ellis)

Roll Call:

Ellis: Yes
Forbes: No
Smith: Yes
Hirsch: Yes

Motion Carried.

- B. BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT
Text Amendment to Establish Nightclub Regulations and

Definitions

Staff Report presented by Self.
Deputy Lincoln presented information from the Sheriff's Department regarding proposed text amendment to require security guards in each nightclub establishment and regarding training by Sheriff's Department for security personnel in nightclubs.

Public Testimony:

The following individuals spoke in favor of the proposed text amendments:

1. Jeffrey McDonald, West Hollywood.
2. John Benedek, West Hollywood.
3. Ruth Komer, West Hollywood.
4. Dennis Doph, West Hollywood.
5. Sarah Kattus, West Hollywood.
6. Irene Oppenheim, West Hollywood.
7. Betty Rees, Los Angeles
8. Dick Rosengarten, West Hollywood.
9. Paul Oppenheim, West Hollywood.
10. Carl Jud, Los Angeles.
11. Avery Rennick, Los Angeles.

The following individual spoke in opposition to the proposed text amendments:

1. Bill Knorr, West Hollywood
2. Susan Lane, Los Angeles
3. Chuck Weiss, Los Angeles
4. Steve Michael, West Hollywood
5. Gabrielle Boone, Los Angeles
6. Spyder Mittleman, Los Angeles
7. Juan Alvarez, West Hollywood
8. Lee Sweet, Los Angeles
9. Michael Tolman, West Hollywood
10. Tony Fox, West Hollywood
11. Martin Tunick, West Hollywood
12. Barbara Zampelli, West Hollywood

The following individuals spoke **neither for nor against** the proposed text amendments:

1. Hal Mintz, West Hollywood
2. David Curtin, West Hollywood
3. Budd Kops, West Hollywood
4. George Heisserman, West Hollywood
5. Harriet Segal, West Hollywood
6. Patrick Wall, West Hollywood

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7. Joyce Heftel, West Hollywood
8. Paul Fredrix, West Hollywood
9. James Norrington, West Hollywood

Public Testimony closed at 9:00 p.m.
Public Hearing closed at 9:02 p.m.

--Recess at 9:09 p.m.--
--Meeting resumed at 9:24 p.m.--

Action: To recommend approval to the City Council of the proposed text amendment providing definitions of nightclubs, appearing as Attachment "C" in the staff report.

(Motion: Smith Second: Hirsch)

Roll Call:

Ellis: No
Forbes: No
Smith: Yes
Hirsch: Yes

Motion Fails.

Action: To not adopt an ordinance requiring the posting of quiet signs at nightclub exits.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Smith)

Ellis: Yes
Forbes: Yes
Smith: Yes
Hirsch: Yes

Motion Carries.

Action: To not adopt an ordinance requiring the hiring of security guards.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Smith)

Ellis: Yes
Forbes: Yes
Smith: Yes
Hirsch: Yes

V. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Hirsch mentioned that he and Commissioner Smith

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had a meeting with members of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Hirsch also addressed the public on the recent use of the terms "Nazi", "Hitlerian", "Fascist", etc. to describe himself and the Commission.

VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Commissioner Smith asked about the starting date of the Business License Ordinance Taskforce and the remaining vacancy on the Business License Commission.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff informed the Commission that a training session for the Commission will be conducted by the Center for Learning Excellence on October 14. Staff also mentioned that an updated Hearings Calendar was presented to the Commissioners and Staff would try to keep the calendar updated.

VIII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn the meeting to the next regular meeting of September 15, 1987.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Lester Hirsch

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Paul Self

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT