

**MINUTES**  
**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**

NOVEMBER 17, 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 7:07 p.m., by Commission Chair Lester Hirsch.

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tony McDermott.

C. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Ellis, Forbes, Hirsch, Smith

Commissioners Absent: Stribling

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

D. Approval of Agenda

**Action:** To approve agenda, adding a second "Items From Citizens", to appear as Item VII on the agenda and continuing Item III.C. to the regular meeting of January 19, 1988.

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

D. Approval of Minutes

**Action:** To approve the Minutes of October 20, 1987, noting typographical error on Item III.C. and noting that "ADJOURNMENT" should be Item VIII. on agenda.

(Motion: Smith Second: Forbes)

Motion amended by Ellis to include approval of Minutes of October 20, 1987. Amendment accepted by Smith.

Motion Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hirsch also directed staff to include the address of the business which was heard, in the Minutes.

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II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS: None.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. BLC-87-020  
Ciro Orsini dba 'Pizza Pomodoro Restaurant'  
8701 Beverly Blvd., West Hollywood  
Application for Entertainment-General business license  
  
Staff report by Self.

**Action:** To continue the hearing opened to a date uncertain pending the application and approval by the applicant of a major Conditional Use Permit from the City.

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

- B. BLC-87-022  
Romanoff's Restaurants II, Inc. dba "Stephanino's Restaurant"  
9229 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood  
Application for Dance business license

Staff Report presented by Self.

Chairman Hirsch and Commissioner Smith indicated that they had visited the establishment.

Public Testimony:

1. Testimony For:
  1. Joseph Isgro, Los Angeles
2. Testimony Against: None

**Action:** To approve the Dance business license with the following conditions:

1. Applicant must apply and receive approval for a Sign Permit for the awning and facade sign at the applicant's business establishment.

(Motion: Smith Second: Forbes)

IV. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT : None

V. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Smith directed staff to bring a report to the Commission on noticing requirements for Commission hearings with alternatives for noticing requirements, at the regular meeting of December 15, 1987.

Commissioner Forbes directed staff to bring a report to the Commission on the status of taxicab regulations at the next regular Commission meeting.

Commissioner Ellis reported that she had discussed staffing needs for the Business License Commission with Mark Winogron, the Director of Community Development. She said when the Sr. Code Enforcement Officer is hired, that person will attend meetings of the Business License Commission, which should satisfy some of the Commission's staffing concerns.

Commissioner Smith directed staff to bring a report on the inclusion of a second "Items From Citizens" on the Commission agenda, at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

**VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff gave a report on the availability of "safe-sex" literature for adult businesses and distributed samples of literature to the Commission. Staff reported that the West Hollywood CARES program would make the literature available to business establishments which are required to distribute said literature as a condition of the renewal of their license.

Staff also reported to the Commission on the issue of "Other Testimony" as it appears on the agenda. Staff indicated that "Other Testimony" is an optional item on the agenda and need not be included on the agenda if the Commission desires to exclude it.

**VII. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS:**

1. Hal Mintz, West Hollywood

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Action:** To adjourn to the next regular meeting of December 1, 1987.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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*Lester Harris*  
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CHAIR

*Paul Lee*  
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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT