

**MINUTES
BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
MEETING**

November 5, 1991

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date in the City Council Chambers in the Werle Building, 626 N. Robertson Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA, was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Forbes.

A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. Elliott

B. Roll Call: Present - Comm. Elliott,
 Comm. Maggio. Comm. Sonnenburg
 Chairperson Forbes, Comm. Ellis

Absent - None.

C. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to pull Consent Calendar made by Comm. Elliott

Motion - Comm. Elliott

Second - Comm. Maggio

Motion carries with all ayes from the BLC.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar:

Motion - Comm. Sonnenburg

Second - Comm. Ellis

Motion carries with all ayes from BLC

D. Approval of Minutes - October 1, 1991

Motion to approve Minutes with minor amendments as provided by Comm. Elliott.

Motion - Comm. Elliott

Second - Comm. Sonnenburg

Motion to approve carries with all ayes from BLC.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Peanuts Resolution No. 91-06

Brief comments we offered by BL Commisioners.

Minor language changes were read into the record by staff (J. Davis).

Motion to approve Consent Calendar w/language changes as recommended by BLC.

Motion - Comm. Sonnenburg

Second - Comm. Elliott

Motion to approve carries with all ayes from BLC.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Introduction of Code Enforcement Officers:**

(Bill Cossabaum, Tom Hamlett, Sue Wilcox,
and Gary Walsh)

B. **Public Review of Proposed Nightclub Standards:**

A brief report was presented by staff (A. Browning & J. Davis) of proposed draft with changes as recommend previously by BLC.

Commissioners mentioned concerns regarding language used in setting up of standards.

City Attorney answered questions to BLC (re: Zoning Ordinance approval by City Council, future enforcement by BLC or Council, etc.)

Additional comments were made by BLC members regarding maintaining enforcement abilities of the BL Commission.

Staff (A. Browning) recommended that the BLC establish a timeframe for establishing a complete program for establishing Nightclub Standards.

Commissioners requested that a meeting be set up with the City Council and the Chair of the Planning Commission to discuss who will have have purview over the soon-to-be established Nightclub Standards.

C. Nightclub Code Enforcement Matrix:

A brief staff report was presented by J. Davis and Gary Walsh.

The BLC asked Mr. Walsh how they could be assisted by the BLC in order to effectuate a more responsive system of enforcement in the City (i.e. recommendations, ideas, etc.).

Tom Hamlett gave a brief report of his night-time Code Enforcement activities on Sunset Blvd. Spoke about limitations of CEO's in enforcing the City's municipal/zoning codes.

Sue Wilson mentioned that Bill Cossabaum was hired by the City on a temporary basis and that the CEO's will be reduced to three (3) persons.

Bill Cossabaum spoke about the importance of working with law enforcement (Sheriff's Dept.).

Motion was made to approve matrix:

Motion - Comm. Ellis

Second - Comm. Maggio

Motion to approve carries with all ayes.

D. Memorandum re: Hotel TUP's:

A. Browning presented a brief staff update to the BLC.

Commissioners made comments regarding previous TUP's given to hotels (i.e. excessive number of permits being issued to certain hotels, etc.)

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

VI. COMMISSION CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Forbes deferred the presentation of a report that he and Vice Chair Elliott were preparing for the BLC (re: changes to BL ordinance). Asked that item be continued to next meeting (December 3, 1991).

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ellis asked for a staff update on Fleetwood's.

A. Browning indicated that the owners (the Lepore's) had applied for an ABC license.

Commissioner Ellis asked staff if there had been any complaints against temporary club leases at Peanut's.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

Jeanne Dobrin, W. Hollywood - spoke regarding TUP's at hotels, problems with enforcement of City's existing codes (municipal, zoning, etc.)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to next regularly scheduled BLC meeting (December 3, 1991):

Motion: Comm. Maggio

Second: Comm. Ellis

Motion passed with all ayes from the BLC.

Chairperson

Staff Liaison to BLC