# MINUTES BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

## April 7, 1992

#### 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 7:10 p.m. by Chairperson Forbes.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Hamlet.
- B. Roll Call: Present Chairperson Forbes,

Comm. Sonnenburg, Comm. Elliott, Comm. Ellis Comm. Maggio

Absent - None.

c. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve BLC agenda as drafted by staff.

Motion - Comm. Elliott Second - Comm. Maggio

Motion passes with all ayes from the BLC.

#### II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

## III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Resolution 91-001 approving a Dance business license for Opera Cabaret.

Motion - Comm. Sonnenburg Second - Comm. Ellis

Chairperson Forbes asked if there had been any parking problems at Opera Cabaret.

Staff responded that there were no incidents to report on Opera Cabaret. All conditions of BLC have been adhered to by the applicants.

Motion to approve Resolution 91-001 passes with all ayes from the BLC.

Before proceeding to the public hearing Chairperson

Forbes hands over the chair authority to Vice Chairperson Elliott as the item to be discussed concerns a business (Studio One/Backlot) which the Chairperson (Scott Forbes) has a direct financial interest.

### IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Acting Chairperson Elliott asks for a continuance of the public hearing (BLC 92-03) until the next regularly scheduled BLC meeting of May 5, 1992.

> Motion: Comm. Maggio Second: Comm. Sonnenburg

Motion to continue public hearing passes with all ayes from the BLC (with exception of Chairperson Forbes who abstains from voting on item).

## V. COMMISSION CONSIDERATION

A. Update on direction from the City Council to review the Dance and Entertainment license sections of the Business License Ordinance.

A staff report was presented by John Jakupcak.

Commissioner Sonnenburg requested staff to contact the City Attorney's office and ask about the legal use of the word "indecent" being used in the draft presented to the BLC. A suggestion was made by Comm. Sonnenburg to have the word "indecent" replaced by the word "obscene" because of concerns relating to Constitutional issues.

Commissioner Elliott stated concerns regarding over-the-counter approvals that would be allowed by the staff at Community Development. Indicated that he did not agree with Council and staff's recommendations.

Commissioner Sonnenburg agreed stating that the BLC would be "put out of business" if changes were implemented according to Council recommendations.

Commissioner Maggio echoed concerns of Comm. Elliott and Comm. Sonnenburg.

Commissioners discussed whether the BLC should continue to operate as a viable Commission if staff recommendations were implemented.

Chairperson Forbes stated that the BLC responsibilities were being continually eroded.

Commissioners continued discussion stating that a letter would be drafted by BLC members which would indicate concerns of all BL Commissioners.

Commissioners questioned staff as to reasons for the changes/recommendations as outlined in report.

Staff indicated that the City has been implementing a process to streamline all permit procedures throughout all departments at City Hall.

BLC agreed to draft a joint letter stating all concerns relating to changes being recommended by the City Council.

A motion was made by Comm. Sonnenburg which stated that the BLC repudiated the City Council proposal because it would not allow the BLC to service a useful purpose in the community and, that the BLC would draft a formal letter to the City Council stating outlined concerns regarding same.

Motion: Comm. Sonnenburg Second: Comm. Maggio

Motion passes with all ayes from the BLC.

# VII. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

Chairperson Forbes indicated a new enforcement procedure being implemented by the Sheriff's department in relation to loitering/panhandling on private property.

## VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

# VIII ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Nightclub report update presented by Tom Hamlet.

Commissioners gave brief comments as to the effectiveness of present enforcement procedures.

## IX. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled

meeting of May 6, 1992.

Shairperson

Motion: Comm. Maggio Second: Comm. Elliott

Motion to adjourn passes with all ayes from the Business License Commission.

\_ 4 --