

# BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

## Minutes

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
City of West Hollywood

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Murchison called the meeting to order at 6:30P.M.

A. *ROLL CALL:*  
*PRESENT:*

Commissioners: Erik Barker, Gary Reichard, Pat Rogers, James Kazakos, Vice-Chair Sibyl Zaden, Chair Neill Murchison.

Commissioner Isleib was excused.

*STAFF PRESENT:*

Tom Benedetti, Code Compliance Manager; Bruce Robertson, Administrative Staff Assistant.

B. *THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:* Commissioner Zaden led the pledge.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. *Approval of the Agenda.*

**A move to approve the Agenda by Zaden, and seconded by Rogers carried unanimously, noting Commissioner Isleib's absence.**

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. *Approval of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 minutes.*

Commissioner Reichard asked that the minutes be amended to reflect his noe vote on the motion to "impose a 30 day suspension of the business license", under item 5A. **A move to approve the minutes as amended was made by Vice-Chair Zaden and seconded by Commissioner Roger. The motion carried unanimously, noting**

**Commissioner Isleib's absence.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. The Business License Commission is asked to further consider amending section 5.104 of the West Hollywood Municipal Code – Public Eating Places and Food Establishments, as recommended by Staff, and to forward the Commission's recommendations, to the City Council, for final review and adoption to the City's Municipal Code.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the Staff proposal, and recommend to the City Council, of the City of West Hollywood, adoption of these amendments to the Municipal Code.

Tom Benedetti presented the staff report.

Mr. Benedetti addressed the Commission by giving a brief overview of the sub-committee meeting held regarding this matter. The sub-committee was formed per the direction of the Commission to review and make a recommendation, on this matter, to the full Commission.

The one concern raised by the Sub-Committee was regarding occupancy and at what level would the recommended security plan be triggered. It was the consensus of the body that occupancies of 49 or fewer should be considered restaurants on not be required to submit a plan to the City, whereas occupancy of 50 or greater would trigger the requirement which would mandate that a security plan be submitted and approved by the Director.

Staff assured the Commission that the exact wording would be presented to the City Attorney for his review and final recommendation.

Additionally, a requirement that all security guards, employed by a business, must be licensed and show proof of having completed PC 832 training, a required training for all California peace officers.

And finally, Staff would present the final recommendation, from the Commission to the Public Safety Commission for their review and comment.

Commissioner Discussion

Commissioner Rogers expressed concern that the requirement for security guards might negatively impact smaller businesses with regard to the financial impact of this requirement.

Staff assured the Commission that the City would work closely with each business keeping in mind matters of financial or other impacts of requirements imposed by the City.

Commissioner Rogers also asked that plan requirements not be duplicated by both the City and Los Angeles County Fire, but that these entities work together to simplify this process for businesses while maintaining a high level of safety at these businesses.

**Commissioner Rogers moved the Staff recommendation adding that the proposed changes be forwarded to the City Council for adoption to West Hollywood Municipal Code. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

IX. LEGISLATIVE

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XI. COMMISSION CHAIRS REPORT/ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission, to be scheduled as necessary upon the direction of the Director of Public Safety, from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 No. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF**

July 11, 2006.

**CHAIRPERSON:** 

**ATTEST:**  
**BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER:** 