

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**– Chair Saltzman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**– Chair Saltzman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Eisenberg
Commissioner Lo
Commissioner Vulin
Commissioner Yusupov
Vice Chair Matos
Chair Saltzman

ABSENT: Commissioner Alden

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Public Works, Jackie Rocco
Code Compliance Manager, Danny Rivas
Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez
Code Enforcement Officer, Ana Hernandez
Senior Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Jones
Community and Legislative Affairs Manager, John Leonard
Deputy City Attorney, Isaac Rosen

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission is requested to approve the agenda.

ACTION: Approve the agenda for Tuesday, September 21, 2021. **Motion by Vice-Chair Matos, seconded by Commissioner Yusupov and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission is requested to approve the Minutes of the previous Business License Commission Meeting on September 14, 2021

ACTION: Approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 14, 2021. **Motion by Vice-Chair Matos, seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. REVIEW THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RESULTS FOR THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE PARENT COMPANY AND CONSIDER UNCONDITIONAL FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS VARIANCE REQUEST, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CONDITIONAL VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT (85%) OWNERSHIP IN THE CALMA CANNABIS ADULT-USE AND CANNABIS DELIVERY LICENSES TO THE PARENT COMPANY

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission shall conduct a public hearing to review the criminal background check results for the officers and directors of The Parent Company and consider unconditional final approval of the previous variance request, pursuant to Section 5 of the previously approved conditional variance request regarding the transfer of eighty-five (85%) ownership in the CALMA Cannabis Adult-Use and Cannabis Delivery Licenses to The Parent Company, a publicly traded company.

Chair Saltzman opened the public hearing and asked for the Commission's disclosures.

Code Enforcement Officer, Ana Hernandez, informed the Commission that all notices were posted at the City's three legally required posting locations and mailed to occupants within a 500-foot radius of the business.

Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, presented the staff report dated September 21, 2021.

APPLICANT, JAKE STEVENS, had no presentation and thanked the Commission for their time and consideration.

Commissioner Yusupov inquired about the title role, and authority, the two (2) individuals with the criminal background possess in the business. APPLICANTS, JAKE STEVENS and JUDITH SCHVIMMER responded

Commissioner Eisenberg requested to know when the Presidential Pardon was granted and by which President. APPLICANT, JAKE STEVENS responded.

APPLICANT, JAKE STEVENS concluded the Public Hearing by stating that The Parent Company is a publicly traded company.

Commissioner Yusupov made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Vice-Chair Matos seconded the motion.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. BLC21-0015, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE OWNERSHIP FOR THE CANNABIS ADULT-USE RETAIL AND CANNABIS DELIVERY BUSINESS LICENSES KNOWN AS CALMA" (Attachment A). **Motion by Commissioner Yusupov, seconded by Vice-Chair Matos and approved.**

8. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Code Compliance Manager, Danny Rivas, thanked the Commission for making time for this Special Meeting and indicated that, due to scheduling conflicts, next Commission meeting would be rescheduled for a later time. He also provided an update regarding the requirement for proof of vaccination mandate by Los Angeles County Health Order. He concluded by informing the Commission that the unresolved items and a study session will be scheduled soon.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 6:28 p.m. with Commissioner Eisenberg requesting the meeting be adjourned in memory of Marta Derewlaniuk to its next meeting, which will tentatively be on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via teleconference.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Business License Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a meeting held this 12th day of October 2021.

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ROBERT SALTZMAN, CHAIR

ATTEST:



ANA HERNANDEZ, ACTING COMMISSION SECRETARY