

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saltzman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Saltzman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas
 Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez
 Commission Secretary, Falyn Kingi

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

ACTION: Approve the agenda of Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Vulin, seconded by Vice-Chair Matos and approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the previous Business License Commission Meeting of Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Lo, seconded by Commissioner Alden and approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CITY EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND ITEMS RELATED TO BUSINESSES.

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission will receive an update regarding the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and City Executive Orders and items related to businesses.

Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, reported on the monthly Health Officer Order updates and provided background information as provided in the staff report dated April 5, 2022.

Chair Saltzman, inquired about the upcoming Commission training for Granicus Software. Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, responded.

ACTION: Receive and file.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, touched on the Health Officer Order update and encouraged the Commission to reach out for questions/concerns. He then provided a summary of logistics regarding the transition from telecommunication to in-person Business License Commission meetings at the Council Chambers.

Commissioner Yusupov, requested to know if all City Commissions would be meeting in-person. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Chair Saltzman, suggested that staff continue to provide a monthly update on the Health Officer Orders. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, agreed.

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, pointed to the Business Tax Certificate data provided in the staff report dated April 5, 2022. Commissioner Lo suggested this information be provided yearly.

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, informed the Commission of the success the Bystander Intervention Training has had with the business community and thanked Staff for making the training a success.

Commission Eisenberg, inquired about the undercover program, provided by the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department, mentioned during the last City Council meeting. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Commissioner Alden, expressed her gratitude for the Bystander Intervention Training (BIT), shared her personal experience in having been targeted, and expressed concern with human trafficking. Commissioner Lo echoed Commissioner Alden concern. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, thanked the Commissioners and informed them that UCLA Rape Treatment Center, host of the BIT, is the only Rape Treatment Center on the westside of Los Angeles County. He then stated that the City would be providing GHB testing strips to members of the public at City's upcoming special events.

Commissioner Eisenberg, suggested that, given the number of on-site alcohol serving businesses, the City of West Hollywood have its own Rape Crisis Center. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Vice Chair Matos, expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Alden for sharing her experience and to the city staff for their efforts.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Matos, suggested that the request to have random inspections conducted by Code Enforcement, ensuring cannabis businesses are abiding by all security operation conditions, be formalized. He then reminded staff and the Commission of additional agreements made during previous Business License Commission meetings. Commissioner Vulin agreed and expressed concern about implementing the patrol inspection for licenses that have already been approved. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Commissioner Lo, thanked City Council for rescinding the COVID-19 mandates and keeping the City safe.

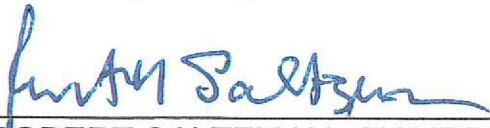
Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, requested that the Commission contact Staff if an Official Business Parking permit is needed for the upcoming Commission meetings.

Commissioner Lo, requested to know when the West Hollywood Park pool would be open. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 6:58 p.m., to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Business License Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a meeting held this 3rd day of May, 2022.



ROBERT SALTZMAN, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



FALYN KINGI, COMMISSION SECRETARY