# CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 - 7:00 PM WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS 625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD

#### **MINUTES**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Zekiah Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. ROLL CALL: Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Diane Garcia took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Adam G. Bass, Commissioner Frank D. Rorie Jr., Commissioner Agassi Topchian, and Chair Zekiah Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization Information Coordinator Yazmin Spiteri, Legal Counsel John Natalizio, Rent Stabilization Intern Josephine Dine, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Diane Garcia

ABSENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Kellan Martz, and Vice Chair Tina Moore

# 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda of March 14, 2024. Motion by Commissioner Bass to approve the March 14, 2024 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Rorie and approved.

# 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of February 22, 2024. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian, seconded by Commissioner Rorie and approved.** 

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- MANAGER REPORT: Acting Rent Stabilization Manager Yazmin Spiteri reviewed the look-ahead calendar.

# 8. APPEAL:

# A. D-4741CD1 1237 N. Orange Grove Ave #6

Ms. Spiteri stated that the tenant requested and was granted the following accommodations: requesting Commissioners ask one question at a time, an interpreter to translate the questions and answers, and an additional two minutes for their oral argument.

Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

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ALEXANDER KONOVODOV, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument in Russian and was translated into English by the interpreter.

CHARLES EBERLY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to adopt RSC Resolution 24-645 affirming the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to application No. D-4741CD1 with the addition of waiving the six-month filing requirement in accordance with Regulation 60005(A)(4). The motion was seconded by Chair Wright and passed with a vote of 3-1, noting the 'no' vote of Commissioner Bass.

- 9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:** Ms. Spiteri announced the monthly education forum in partnership with the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) will occur on March 26, 2024, at 6 pm via Zoom, for more information contact the Rent Stabilization Division at (323)848-6450 or RSD@weho.org to RSVP.

She read a letter from Commissioner Martz thanking the Commissioners, city staff, Block by Block, and Sheriff teams.

Ms. Spiteri thanked Commissioner Martz on behalf of the Rent Stabilization Division for his years of service on the Commission.

- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- **12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Topchian, Bass, Rorie, and Chair Wright wished Commissioner Martz well in his future endeavors and thanked Commissioner Martz for his service and advocacy on behalf of renters.

Commissioner Bass mentioned he appreciates that the Commission can debate and disagree in a way that moves the city forward.

Commissioner Rorie mentioned he appreciates how detailed the Commission is regarding the appeals and requested the meeting be adjourned in honor of Commissioner Martz's service.

Chair Wright wished a Happy Women's History Month and highlighted events and programs occurring throughout the month, more information on <a href="https://www.weho.org/calendar">www.weho.org/calendar</a>. They highlighted the 8th annual Hollywood Now HERstory Awards event held on March 13, 2024, and congratulated Abbe Land on her award.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned in honor of Commissioner Martz's service in the Rent Stabilization Commission at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

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These minutes were submitted by Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings.

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Zekiah Wright, Chair	Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary

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