CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION THURSDAY, MAY 23, 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: Chair Wright lead 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: Acting Rent Stabilization Manager Gloria Aviles, Legal Counsel John Natalizio, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Diane Garcia

ABSENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies and Vice Chair Tina Moore

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda of May 23, 2024. Motion by Commissioner Bass to approve the May 23, 2024, agenda, seconded by Commissioner Rorie and approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of April 25, 2024. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian, seconded by Commissioner Rorie and approved.**

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- 7. MANAGER REPORT: Acting Rent Stabilization Manager Gloria Aviles reviewed the look-ahead calendar.
- **8.** APPEAL:

A. D-4840 638 N. West Knoll Dr #1

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

SCOTT BRODY AND ANGEL MARTINEZ, presented their oral arguments.

PAUL HEINJUS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to adopt RSC Resolution 24-648 affirming the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to application No. D-4840. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bass and passed with a vote of 4-0.

B. D-4864 700 Huntley Dr #3

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

BRIAN REDFERN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument.

HAL BIRTRAN, presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, a motion was made by Chair Wright to reverse and remand the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to application No. D-4864 with an order for staff to return with an updated RSC Resolution 24-649. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Topchian and approved with a vote of 3-1, noting the 'no' vote of Commissioner Rorie.

- 9. NEW BUSINESS: None.
- 10. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.
- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
- **12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Bass reported his attendance at WeHo Mishka Festival and thanked Commissioner Topchian for the invitation.

Commissioner Topchian thanked Commissioner Bass and highlighted the WeHo Mishka Festival event.

Commissioner Rorie thanked the appeal parties for their cordiality towards each other and other Commissioners for the thought-out discussions.

Chair Wright requested the Commission receive additional information regarding noticing requirements and potential policy recommendations to define terms related to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) and Rent Stabilization Regulations (RSR).

Mr. Natalizio and Ms. Aviles provided additional information on the processes of the request.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 13th day of June 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

Roger Vinalon Jr., Commission Secretary

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