

MINUTES

BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 3, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the West Hollywood Business License Commission held on the above date at City Hall, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Commission Chairperson Forbes.

A. Roll Call:

Commission Members Present: Bonbright, Forbes,
Seif, Sonnenburg

Commission Members Absent: Cacy

Staff Members Present: Lisa Chilton, Business License
Officer

A. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bonbright.

B. Approval of Agenda:

Action: To approve the agenda.

(Motion: Forbes Second: Sonnenburg)
Motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM CITIZENS

None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of minutes for December 2, 1997.

Action: Minutes of December 2, 1997 approved by Forbes,
Sonnenburg and Seif with Bonbright abstaining

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Staff presented oral report and summary of Westside Cities Business License governing bodies. Staff reported that of the five cities researched, none were found to have a Business License Commission set up similar to West Hollywood. As staff explained, most of the cities canvassed have their own Police and Fire Departments that issue permits, conduct hearings, and handle revocation of permits. This is unlike West Hollywood, where we contract for these services. Staff answered several questions from commissioners regarding this report.

B. Commission viewed tape of City Council meeting of December 1, 1997, wherein Council was presented a report on boards and commissions from city clerk's office. The main focus of viewing, councils directive to the Business License Commission to "look into Economic Development " as a possible avenue for this commission to explore as a viable function to add to the Business License Commission's purview making the existence of this commission meaningful. A discussion followed viewing of tape, with commissioners exploring other possible avenues for this commission's future and purview. The other avenues discussed were, Extended Hours, Alcohol sales and use permits, Taxicab licensing, as well as disbanding commission. Commissioner Seif was selected and agreed to draft a letter from the business license commission to Council regarding items discussed and this commission's future existence.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Action: To adjourn to the regular meeting of the Business License Commission, to be held Tuesday **March 3, 1998** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, California.

(Motion: Bonbright Second: Forbes)
Motion carried unanimously

BOARD CHAIR

STAFF LIAISON