

# BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

## Minutes

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

City of West Hollywood

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kazakos called the meeting to order at 6:30P.M.

A. *ROLL CALL:*

*PRESENT:*

Commissioners: Pat Rogers, Sibyl Zaden, Vice-Chair Neill Murchison, Erik Barker, and Gary Reichard.

Commissioner Isleib was excused.

*STAFF PRESENT:*

Tom Benedetti, Code Compliance Manager; Lisa Chilton, Business License Officer, Bruce Robertson, Administrative Staff Assistant.

*OTHERS PRESENT:*

Community Development Director, Susan Keene.

- B. *THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:* Commissioner Zaden led the pledge.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. *Approval of the Agenda.*

**A motion to move Item 6A (commission elections) just prior to Item 3 (Consent Calendar) was moved by Commissioner Zaden and seconded by Commission Rogers. The motion carried unanimously.**

### III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. *Commission Elections*

Commissioner Barker nominated Vice-Chair Murchison to be Commission Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The Commission voted unanimously electing Commissioner Murchison as Chair for the year 2005-06.

Commissioner Barker nominated Commissioner Zaden to be Commission Vice-Chair.

Nominations were closed.

The Commission voted unanimously electing Commissioner Zaden as Vice-Chair for the year 2005-06.

B. *Approval of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 minutes.*

**Vice-Chair Zaden moved the approval of the Consent Calendar. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rogers and carried unanimously.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Susan Healy Keene, introduced herself, to the Commission, as the recently appointed Director of Community Development. Ms. Keene thanked the Commission for all of their work and availed herself to the members should they need her assistance.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Business License Commission shall consider an application for a Gun Dealers License. The applicant, Mr. Alastair Marshall-Andrew is a prop master who supplies firearms to the entertainment industry for use in all types of entertainment media.

Mr. Benedetti presented the staff report. Staff recommended approval of the application with the following conditions:

- 1) Compliance with all conditions pursuant to Section 5.60.040 of the Municipal Code.
- 2) No firearms to be kept/stored at the place of business, 8036 Norton Avenue, at any time or for any reason.
- 3) The applicant must provide the City with the name and address of the storage location, and provide the City with a notarized agreement between the storage facility operator or a signed lease agreement.

Public Testimony

- A. Alastair-Marshall, Andrew, applicant for the license addressed the Commission.

In his statement, Mr. Alastair-Marshall assured the body that his business as a prop master was strictly for the use/storage of firearms as props in the entertainment business and not for any other use.

Mr. Alastair also noted that he is compliant with all regulations of the State Board of Equalization as well as all Federal ATF requirements.

Additionally, Mr. Alastair informed the Commission that he is personally licensed to have/maintain personal firearms and these would be exempt from his Gun License from the City of West Hollywood, should the Commission approve this application.

- B. R. A. Anderson, Anderson, Philips, Davis & Hoffmann, LLP, representing the applicant spoke in Mr. Alastair's behalf.

Commission Discussion

- ✓ The Commission clarified with Staff that this application has been deemed complete by the City.
- ✓ The Commission also clarified that although complete, Staff is awaiting a final recommendation from the City's Sheriff Investigator regarding the background check of this applicant.
- ✓ The Commission also asked that a condition be added to the Gun Dealer's License, if approved, exempting the applicant from storing/maintaining personal firearms already licensed by the required licensing agencies.
- ✓ An additional condition was recommended by the Commission that the applicant be licensed for guns/props ONLY and that the license specifically preclude the storing/maintaining of munitions.

Commissioner Rogers moved to adopt the staff recommendation. Vice-Chair Zaden seconded the motion.

Additional Commission discussion further conditioned the license as follows:

With no further discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the license.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. *The Business License Commission will consider recommending, to the City Council, amending section 5.08.130(e) and 5.08.210(b) of the West Hollywood Municipal Code authorizing the Director of Community Development to place condition(s) on business licenses at the time of renewal.*

**Recommendation:** *Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the Staff proposal, and recommend to the City Council, of the City of West Hollywood, adoption of these amendments to the West Hollywood Municipal Code.*

### Commission Discussion

Commissioner Rogers requested that a caveat be added requiring any change in a business's hours be brought before the whole commission and not left to the discretion of the Director of Community Development.

A motion was moved and seconded to receive and file the staff report. The motion passed unanimously.

### Public Testimony

A. Mindy Bradish, Executive Director, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce agrees and supports the recommendation of the Sub-Committee. Ms. Bradish also suggested that a record of violation be kept on businesses and requested that city staff communicate with businesses prior to imposing of any condition to a regulatory license.

Commissioner Rogers also requested that the Commission be apprised of any condition imposed, on a business, by Staff.

## VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Staff requested direction, from the Commission, regarding the implementation of Security Plans for those businesses holding a Public Eating license with permits for alcohol service.

The Commission requested that staff recommend an occupancy load wherein this condition would be activated.

Staff agreed to research this consideration with various agencies, i.e., Fire, Police etc., and promised to return to the Commission, at a future meeting, with recommendations from these agencies.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. COMMISSION CHAIRS REPORT/ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting of the Business License Commission, to be scheduled as necessary upon the direction of the Director of Public Safety, from 6:30 PM until completion at West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 No. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF

8/9/05

CHAIRPERSON:

Sioyl Faden

ATTEST:

BUSINESS LICENSE OFFICER:

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