

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saltzman called the meeting to order at 6:03 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
Code Compliance Specialist, Ana Hernandez
Deputy City Manager, Jackie Rocco

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

ACTION: Approve the agenda of Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the previous Business License Commission Meeting of Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 7, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Vulin, seconded by Commissioner Yusupov and approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. APPLICATION BY TAT SPA, LLC FOR A CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSE FOR CONSUMPTION AREA (SMOKING, VAPING AND EDIBLES) FOR THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS THE ARTIST TREE, TO BE LOCATED AT 7700 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission shall conduct a public hearing to consider the application by TAT SPA, LLC for a Cannabis

Business Consumption Area (Smoking, Vaping and Edibles), for the business known as The Artist Tree, to be located at 7700 Santa Monica Boulevard.

ACTION: Continuance of this item to February 1, 2022.

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

8. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S EXTENDED HOUR BUSINESS LICENSE PROCESS.

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission will receive an update on the City's Extended Hour Business License process.

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, provided background information and a chronology report as to how the Extended Hour Business License transitioned from Director of Community Development to the Business License Commission as provided in the staff report dated January 11, 2022.

Chair Saltzman, inquired to know when exception can be made requiring security guard(s) to be on-site. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Vice-Chair Matos, extended his gratitude for the detailed report and requested to know if modifications and conditions could be made when businesses have a shared security guard. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Commissioner Vulin, expressed concern with the fees associated in having businesses hire security guards and suggested businesses be made aware that they can have share security guards. Deputy City Manager, Jackie Rocco, and Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Commissioner Yusupov, requested clarification regarding the change of ownership for an existing business, the approval requirements for Extended Business License under a new business owner, and the number of security guards required to be on-site. Deputy City Manager, Jackie Rocco, and Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Vice-Chair Matos, inquired about the need to set conditions on the business licenses when having shared security guards. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, and Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, responded.

ACTION: Receive and file.

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.

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, reported on the monthly Officer Health Order updates and provided background information as provided in the staff report dated January 11, 2022.

Commissioner Lo, requested to know the if the City is keeping track of establishments that are going out of business, and expressed his concern for these establishments. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Commissioner Eisenberg, echoed Commissioner Lo's concern. Deputy Director, Jackie Rocco, acknowledged the Commission's concern and responded.

ACTION: Receive and file.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, informed the Commission that there will be five (5) Public Hearings scheduled for the next Business License Commission Meeting, to be held on February 3, 2022, and provided potential solutions to ensure a successful meeting.

Vice-Chair Matos, suggested there be a second Business License Commission scheduled for the same week.

Commissioner Vulin, proposed all Public Hearings be heard on the scheduled meeting of February 3, 2022, and this opened a detailed discussion between the Commission and City Staff.

ACTION: Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, advised the Commission he will follow-up with each Commissioner individually.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 7:30 p.m., to its next Special Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., to be held via teleconference.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Business License Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a meeting held this 1ST day of February, 2022.

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ROBERT SALTZMAN, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



FALYN KINGI, COMMISSION SECRETARY