

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saltzman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Saltzman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Eisenberg
Commissioner Lo
Commissioner Yusupov
Vice-Chair Matos
Chair Saltzman

ABSENT: Commissioner Alden
Commissioner Vulin

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas
Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez
Code Compliance Supervisor, Dan Mick
Commission Secretary, Falyn Kingi

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

ACTION: Approve the agenda of Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Motion by Vice Chair Matos, seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg and approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the previous Business License Commission Meeting of Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. SPECIAL ITEMS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMUNITY SAFETY FOCUS GROUP.

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission will receive an update regarding the development of a comprehensive community safety and well-being strategy for the City of West Hollywood.

Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, provided background information regarding the Community Safety Focus Group as provided in the staff report dated May 3, 2022.

Chair Saltzman, informed the Commission that Vice Chair Matos and Commissioner Vulin were interested in serving in the Community Safety Focus Group.

Vice Chair Matos, shared with the Commission his concern for public safety for the City of West Hollywood and his desire to serve as the representative of the Business License Commission.

ACTION: The Commission selected Vice Chair Matos to participate as the Commission's focus group representative.

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

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.

Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, reported on the monthly Health Officer Order updates and provided background information as provided in the staff report dated May 3, 2022.

ACTION: Receive and file.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, welcomed the Commission to the first in-person Commission meeting since the pandemic began. He spoke about the new Granicus software system which allows the public to view through WeHoTV. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, congratulated Vice Chair Matos for representing the Commission on the Community Focus Group and assured that staff would provide updates on the progress of the focus group. Lastly, the Commission was advised that the election for Chair and Vice Chair would take place in July.

Commissioner Lo. requested that an item be added to the agenda that would allow Vice Chair Matos to report back to the Commission on the Community Focus Group, Vice Chair Matos agreed.

Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, confirmed that an item would be added to the agenda to include an update from Vice Chair Matos.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Matos, requested that staff obtain feedback from the Chamber of Commerce on the results of the Business Impact survey and provide an update to the Commission. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, confirmed that staff would work with the Chamber of Commerce and provide any information received to the Commission.

Vice Chair Matos, inquired about placing an item on the agenda to receive an update on the roving security guard requirement for cannabis businesses. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, responded.

Vice Chair Matos, motioned to receive an update from staff on the efforts to ensure compliance with the municipal code that requires cannabis license holders to have a roving security guard on site. Commissioner Eisenberg seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued about protocols in place. Acting Director of Public Works, Danny Rivas, and Code Compliance Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, responded accordingly.

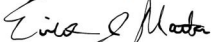
The Commission agreed to receive a report on the infrastructure that staff has put into place to monitor the roving security schedules at the June meeting and look at any other findings regarding complaints and inspections at the July meeting.

A roll call vote was taken and unanimously passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 6:30 p.m. in the potential death of Roe v. Wade, to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Business License Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a meeting held this 7th day of June, 2022.

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ERICK MATOS, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:


FALYN KINGI, COMMISSION SECRETARY