

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**6:00 P.M. – SPECIAL MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Saltzman called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Saltzman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne administered the Oath of Office to Danny Hang into the Business License Commission.

Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne expressed her gratitude for Commissioner Hangs' agreement to serve on the Business License Commission and thanked the Business License Commission for their service.

Commissioner Lo joined the Special Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**4. ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas  
Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez  
Commission Secretary, Falyn Kingi

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

**ACTION:** Approve the agenda of Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

**Motion by Vice Chair Matos, seconded by Commissioner Yusupov and approved.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the previous Business License Commission Meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

**Motion by Vice Chair Matos, seconded by Commissioner Lo and approved.**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember Erickson congratulated Commissioner Hang on being appointed as a Commissioner to the Business License Commission and expressed gratitude for the service.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. A VARIANCE REQUEST TO TRANSFER FIFTY-EIGHT-POINT-SEVENTY-THREE PERCENT OWNERSHIP OF THE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION AREA (SMOKING, VAPING AND EDIBLES) BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS ORIGINAL CAFÉ LOCATED AT 1201 LA BREA AVENUE**

*SUBJECT:* The West Hollywood Business License Commission shall conduct a public hearing to consider a variance request from Flore Flora, LLC to allow the transfer of a total of fifty-eight-point-seventy-three percent ownership in the Cannabis Consumption Area (Smoking, Vaping and Edibles) Business License to Hightimes Holding Corporation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Continuance of this item to an undetermined date.

**9. 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 Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, reported on the monthly Health Officer Order updates and provided background information as provided in the staff report dated July 12, 2022.

Vice Chair Matos requested that future COVID-19 updates be amended to include information related to Monkeypox. Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, responded.

**ACTION:** Receive and file.

**B. UPDATE ON ACTIVE CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS**

*SUBJECT:* The West Hollywood Business License Commission will receive an update regarding complaints, violations, and the City's Code Enforcement efforts to monitor the cannabis establishments' neighborhood security patrols.

Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas joined the Special Meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, provided background information as provided in the staff report dated July 12, 2022.

Vice Chair Matos asked that the Commission be informed of enforcement outcomes following inspections of licensed cannabis establishments. Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, responded.

Vice Chair Matos motioned to have the Business License Commission receive a quarterly report of the enforcement outcomes, for all future inspections of cannabis businesses. Seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg.

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed his gratitude for the responsibility shown by the cannabis industry, addressed issues that occurred during WeHo Pride, and pointed to the efforts made by Emerald Village to promote responsible cannabis use.

**ACTION:** Received, filed, and City staff will report on inspection outcomes of cannabis businesses on a quarterly basis.

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

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### A. ELECTION OF CHAIR

City Clerk, Melissa Crowder, opened the nomination for Chair.

Chair Saltzman nominated Vice Chair Matos, seconded by Commissioner Lo.

**ACTION:** The Business License Commission unanimously elected Vice Chair Matos as Chair.

**Motion by Chair Saltzman, seconded by Commissioner Lo and approved.**

### B. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

City Clerk, Melissa Crowder, opened the nomination for Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Matos nominated Commissioner Vulin, seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg.

**ACTION:** The Business License Commission unanimously elected Commissioner Vulin as Vice Chair.

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

## 11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, congratulated Commissioner Hang, Chair Matos and, Vice Chair Vulin on their new appointments. He then reminded the Commission that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

He then informed the Commission that the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station extended an invitation to engage community members in a dialogue. More information will be provided via email.

Lastly, he informed the Commission that the next Business License Commission Meeting will include a public hearing for a Cannabis business.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

The Commission thanked Commissioner Saltzman for his exemplary leadership as Chair of the Business License Commission and congratulated all newly elected and appointment Commissioners on their new roles.

Commissioner Hang thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Shyne for being allowed to serve the Business License Commission.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 6:38 P.M. to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 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 9th day of August, 2022.

  
ERICK MATOS, CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
FALYN KING, COMMISSION SECRETARY