

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION**  
**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**  
**6:00 PM – TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Eisenberg called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Chair Eisenberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner Eng  
Commissioner Hang  
Commissioner Lo  
Commissioner Yusupov  
Vice-Chair Eisenberg

ABSENT: Commissioner Saltzman  
Chair Vulin

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas  
Neighborhood & Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis  
Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez  
Commission Secretary, Falyn Kingi

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Yusupov, seconded by Commissioner Eng, and approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the Minutes of the previous Business License Commission Meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2022.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Yusupov, seconded by Commissioner Hang and approved.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

## 8. 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 reflected on the staff report dated February 7, 2023.

Commissioner Yusupov inquired about the OUTZone permit process. Yessica Benitez, Code Enforcement Supervisor, responded.

The Commission began to ask questions that did not pertain to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health update. Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, advised the Commission that the questions would be addressed during item 12, Items from Commissioners.

**ACTION:** Receive and provide direction, as needed.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

## 10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, introduced the new Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis.

Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis, expressed his excitement to serve as the new Business License Commission liaison and looks forward in working collaboratively with the Commission.

Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, spoke regarding the OUTZone program and Code Enforcement process. He shared about the proposed temporary cannabis events and explained that the item will be brought before the City Council soon. He then proceeded to provide an update on the cannabis businesses AEON and High Times. Additionally, he provided an overview of the items that will be on the next Business License Commission meeting agenda and will plan to provide a comprehensive cannabis update in April. Lastly, he informed the Commission that the upcoming Business License appointments will be made by the first City Council meeting in March and explained the process.

Commissioner Hang inquired about the election for Chair and Vice Chair positions. Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, stated that new appointments would be made in June of 2023.

Vice Chair Eisenberg inquired about temporary cannabis Special Events. Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, responded.

Vice Chair Eisenberg and Commissioner Eng inquired about temporary cannabis events. Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, responded.

Vice Chair Eisenberg and Commissioner Eng inquired about the role of The Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager. Director of Community Safety Rivas and Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager Adomaitis, responded.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Hang spoke about the business license appeal in December and requested that the Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Background Investigator provide a presentation on the business license background investigation process. He also asked about the public hearing fees. Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, provided information on the fees and process for preparing for a public hearing.

The Commission agreed to have the Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department Major Crimes Bureau provide a presentation on how background investigations are conducted.

Commissioner Hang asked if the City has relief programs for businesses that petition to have a public hearing that may have financial hardships. Director of Community Safety, Danny Rivas, responded.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 6:57 P.M. to its next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at West Hollywood 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

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ANTHONY VULIN, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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YESSICA BENTEZ, CODE ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR