

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 7, 2024
WEST HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eisenberg called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vulin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner Barry
 Commissioner Cockeram
 Commissioner Eng
 Commissioner Hang
 Commissioner Vulin
 Vice Chair Yusupov
 Chair Eisenberg

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Neighborhood & Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis
 Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

ACTION: Approve the agenda of Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Eng, seconded by Commissioner Barry, and approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Hang, seconded by Yusopov, and approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEHO PRIDE 2024 PARADE PARTICIPATION

SUBJECT: The Business License Commission will call for volunteers for members interested in riding on the WeHo Pride Parade float on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Volunteers will be entered into a random selection drawing, conducted by the City Clerk.

Chair Eisenberg opened the floor for volunteers and the following members of the Business License Commission volunteered: Vice Chair Yusupov, Commissioners Barry, Cockeram, Eng, and Hang.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

City staff provided updates regarding the deadlines for submitting Special Event Permits for this year's Pride Event, provided a reminder about the next Business License Commission meeting being held on June 11, shared information about the City's Civic Engagement Academy session being held this coming Saturday, that will include presentations by the City's Community Safety Department, provided a summary of the City Council's actions taken on Monday, regarding the approval of ordinance amendments to the City's cannabis regulations as well as informing the Business License Commission of a future item that will be brought to the Business License Commission for consideration, at the request of the City Council, regarding a review of the City's existing security requirements for cannabis businesses to conduct hourly patrols of adjacent neighborhoods. Lastly, staff provided a reminder about upcoming training for Boards, Commissions and Liaisons, on May 15, in coordination with the City Clerk's Office.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Eng had questions about an item related to a cannabis business that was before the Commission in January of this year, and staff provided responses. Commissioner Eng further shared that the Biden Administration at the end of April, moved to reclassify cannabis as a Schedule 3 drug away from a Schedule 1 drug.

Commissioner Hang wished the community a happy Older Americans Month and a happy Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander month as we celebrate older adults and the AANHPI community in the United States.

Commissioner Vulin inquired about a Cannabis establishment and their original plan. Also, spoke about West Hollywood Small Business Foundation, a non-profit organization, that helps small businesses that are diverse owned. This organization is hosting a fundraiser at The Collective on May 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 6:28 P.M. to its next adjourned meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 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 11th day of June 2024.

ELYSE EISENBERG, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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FALYN KINGI, COMMISSION SECRETARY