

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
WEST HOLLYWOOD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

6:00 PM – SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Yusupov called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vulin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Neighborhood & Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis
Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez
Deputy City Attorney, Scott Shapses
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Sgt. Duron
Assistant City Clerk, Lulu Morales

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

ACTION: Approve the agenda for Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. AN APPLICATION BY W.H.B.T. INC., DBA MICKY'S, LOCATED AT 8857 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, FOR AN EXTENDED HOUR BUSINESS LICENSE TO OPERATE UNTIL 4:00 A.M., ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHT OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission shall conduct a public hearing to consider the application for an Extended Hour Business License to operate until 4:00 a.m., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night operations for an existing nightclub known as Micky's, located at 8857 Santa Monica Boulevard.

Assistant City Clerk, Lulu Morales, informed the Commission that the public hearing was posted as required by law.

Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, provided background information as reflected in the staff report dated February 11, 2025.

Commissioner Vulin inquired about the specific days of the Extended Hour Business License request. Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, confirmed it would cover Saturday, Sunday, and Monday operations.

The Commission engaged in discussions with staff and City representatives regarding various topics, including WeHo Sheriff missing person reports, the business's existence prior to cityhood, the number of years it operated under extended hours before the change in ownership, and neighboring businesses with extended hours business licenses.

Assistant City Clerk, Lulu Morales, stated that Commissioner Cockeram arrived at 6:10 p.m.

ADAM ERAMIAN, REPRESENTATIVE, spoke on behalf of Micky's and provided background on the previous owner's extended hours operations and stated that the new ownership intends to continue extended hours only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which is a reduction on the number of days from seven nights to three nights.

DALE WARNER, and RUBEN LOPEZ, APPLICANTS, introduced themselves, highlighting their longstanding presence in the City, and their ownership of Hamburger Mary's.

ADAM ERAMIAN, REPRESENTATIVE, outlined the after-hours menu and confirmed that alcohol sales would cease at 1:40 a.m.

Commissioner Eisenberg inquired about Sunday operating hours and concerns raised in public comments regarding noise from patrons leaving the business. DALE WARNER, APPLICANT, clarified that the business would not open every Sunday but would utilize the permit for special occasions. He attributed noise concerns to hot dog carts operating in the area and emphasized the business's collaboration with City Partners, Block by Block, Code Enforcement, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The Commission and staff further discussed ongoing enforcement issues related to hot dog vendors. Additional discussions with the business covered noise complaints, the use of Special Event Permits, live entertainment, patio operations, and after-hours sales.

Neighborhood & Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis, reiterated the complaints documented by the Code Enforcement Division. He spoke about the City's enforcement efforts regarding the unpermitted vendors and highlighted the challenges surrounding this issue. He also discussed the City's partnership with the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Chair Yusupov inquired about business operations, serving and collection of alcohol leading up to 2am. ADAM ERAMIAN, REPRESENTATIVE, responded.

Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, read into the record the proposed language to BLC25-0002 to accurately state, "to allow the hours of operation for a nightclub to be extended until 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday."

SCOTT SCHMIDT, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of item 7A.

The Commission continued its deliberations and encouraged the public to voice any concerns.

Public Hearing closed at 6:57 PM.

ACTION: Adopted Adopt Resolution No. BLC25-0002, "A RESOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING EXTENDED HOUR BUSINESS LICENSE NO. EXT-000045-2025 TO ALLOW HOURS OF OPERATION OF A NIGHTCLUB TO BE EXTENDED UNTIL 4:00 A.M., ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY FOR THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS MICKY'S, LOCATED AT 8857 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD. "Motion by Commissioner Eisenberg, seconded by Commissioner Barry, and approved as amended.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

The Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis, shared that the next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 4, 2025, informed the Commission about preparations for this year's Pride Event, shared information about the City's new "WeHo Pages" pamphlet and communicated information from the City Clerk's Office about the upcoming appointments to the Commission by the City Council, a process that will start in March. Staff added that additional information via email from the City Clerk's Office was being sent to the Commissioners.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barry presented adjournment motions honoring three individuals: Julie Chovanes, a civil rights lawyer, transgender rights advocate and football player in the Stonewall league, Bobby Marshall, an avid gardener, birder and devoted Philadelphia Eagles fan, and Carrie Gorn, a well-known publicist and significant contributor to the Philadelphia theater industry.

Commissioner Cockeram thanked staff for their support and appreciation for the people who send in comments in opposition to the Commission, that the Commission appreciates these comments and cares about the people in our community.

Commissioner Eisenberg support and good wishes for all of the people affected by the fires and expressed solidarity with all of the people who are hurting right now.

Vice Chair Eng wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year, Happy Valentine's Day and also acknowledged Black History Month, she asked for people to remain informed diligent and active during these times.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 7:27 P.M. to its next adjourned meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 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 19th day of March 2025.

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Mark Yusupov

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MARK YUSUPOV, CHAIR

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