

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 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 Cockeram 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
Commission Secretary, Falyn Kingi
Deputy City Attorney, Scott Shapses

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approve the Business License Commission agenda of Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

ACTION: Approve the agenda for Tuesday, Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. A REQUEST TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. BLC24-0005, SPECIFICALLY CONDITION NO. 18 TO ALLOW AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME WHEN THE BUSINESS MUST BEGIN TO OPERATE UNDER THE CANNABIS ADULT-USE RETAIL BUSINESS LICENSE NO. CAU-000011 AND CANNABIS MEDICAL USE DISPENSARY BUSINESS LICENSE NO. CMU-000004, FOR THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS “GREEN QWEEN” TO BE LOCATED AT 802 SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD

SUBJECT: The West Hollywood Business License Commission shall conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to Resolution No. BLC24-0005, temporarily suspending Condition No. 18 until September 28, 2025.

Commission Secretary, Falyn Kingi 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 March 19, 2025.

The Commission inquired about the ownership, permits required for the business to begin construction, and questioned the purpose of the deadline/timeline set for cannabis applicants to open their businesses. Code Enforcement Supervisor, Yessica Benitez, responded.

TAYLOR BAZLEY, APPLICANT, provided background on the purpose of their request, explained the need for the extension, outlined the proposed buildout and design, and stated that the goal is to open soon.

The Commission further engaged with **TAYLOR BAZLEY, APPLICANT**, discussing the business's opening timeline, the environmental review and West Hollywood building permit process, product availability, and how the business plans to cater to the demographics of West Hollywood.

J.P DUPREY, West Hollywood, spoke in opposition to item 7A.

TAYLOR BAZLEY, APPLICANT, clarified that they anticipate opening by September, shared their timeline for furniture delivery, and emphasized their ongoing efforts to meet the required deadlines.

The Commission deliberated and shared their perspectives on the matter. Some Commissioners expressed support for the extension, citing the potential benefit of filling vacant storefronts and the challenges involved in business buildouts. Others reflected on the necessity of the additional six-month extension and considered the potential impact of the decision. Overall, there was discussion on balancing the applicant's needs with broader considerations for the community.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution No. BLC25-0003, “AN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. BLC24-0005 TO ALLOW AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME WHEN THE BUSINESS MUST BEGIN TO OPERATE UNDER THE CANNABIS ADULT-USE RETAIL BUSINESS LICENSE NO. CAU-000011 AND CANNABIS MEDICAL-USE DISPENSARY BUSINESS LICENSE NO CMU-000004, FOR THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS GREEN QWEEN, TO BE LOCATED AT 802 SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD.” **”Motion by Commissioner Barry , seconded by Commissioner Eisenberg, and approved, (6-0) Vote.”**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis, announced that the next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. He also updated the Commission on preparations for this year's Pride Event and expressed thanks and congratulations to Commissioner Catherine Eng on her recent appointment to the City's Public Safety Commission and also congratulated the other Commissioners who were reappointed.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Barry and Commissioner Eisenberg congratulated Vice Chair Eng on her appointment to the Public Safety Commission and acknowledged her value to the Business License Commission.

Commissioner Vulin congratulated Vice Chair Eng on her appointment to the Public Safety Commission and acknowledged her contributions to the Business License Commission. He also inquired about how the Commission and staff could work together to monitor cannabis licenses that have undergone ownership transfers, ensuring they align with the intent of the originally approved applications. Additionally, he asked what actions are taken when a business deviates from its original approval.

Vice Chair Eng reflected on her appointment to the Commission, expressed gratitude to her fellow Commissioners and staff for their support during her time on the Business License Commission. Lastly, she encouraged to continue support the cannabis industry.

Chair Yusupov also congratulated Vice Chair Eng on her appointment and inquired about the monitoring of cannabis businesses. Neighborhood and Business Safety Manager, Vyto Adomaitis, responded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Business License Commission adjourned at 6:55 P.M. to its next adjourned meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 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 20th day of May 2025.

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Mark Yusupov

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MARK YUSUPOV, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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FALYN KINGI, COMMISSION SECRETARY