

FEBRUARY 25, 2004 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Present

Commissioners

Steven Afriat, President
Renee Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood

Absent

James Barger, Secretary
Sylvia Robledo

County Representatives

Richard Townsend, County Counsel
Jonathan Geller, County Counsel
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer-Tax
Mel Cunningham, Sheriff
Jacqueline Harris, Sheriff
Mark Stevens, Sheriff

Commission Staff

Gloria Williams
Steve Erickson

Court Reporter

Michele Diaz

American Sign Language Interpreter

Margaret Cobb

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all applicants and witnesses were sworn prior to the hearing.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of February 18, 2004 – Approved

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SOLICIT APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF INFORMATION CARD

Young America's Foundation
111 Elden Street
Herndon, Virginia

Jason Barber, Director of Development, provided background on the 501-3c organization, which has a West Coast office in Santa Barbara. He explained their purpose and reviewed their educational and nonprofit activities, including lectures and seminars. Highlighting their financial operations, he indicated the Board of Directors has seven members and that the foundation has its own separate checking account.

ACTION TAKEN: The Information Card was granted

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Wood

Ayes: Vice President Campbell and Commissioner Wood

Nays: President Afriat

Vote: Duly carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the Notice of Intention to Solicit Application

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

RECOMMENDATION TO DENY MESSAGE TECHNICIAN LICENSE

Lisa C. Ruderman
26111 Bouquet Canyon Road – A7
Saugus, CA - Fifth District

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer-Tax Collector, reported that the Sheriff's Department recommended denial of the license following a background check on the applicant.

Sergeant Mark Stevens, Sheriff's Department, explained why the department is recommending denial of the license. He alleged that the applicant had applied for a license in late 2002 and was aware of licensing requirements and responsibilities. He reported that she advertised massages on a website which had explicit nude and semi-nude pictures of herself. He then described how an undercover investigator made a massage appointment with the applicant, resulting in her arrest for prostitution and offering massage without a license. She subsequently pled guilty to disturbing the peace and applied for a massage technician's license on September 16, 2003.

Mel Cunningham, Sheriff's Department, added that the applicant offered massage and sex via email. Sergeant Stevens then presented written evidence of the investigation to the Commissioners.

The Commission recessed at 9:45 a.m. and President Afriat reconvened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The applicant acknowledged she made mistakes, but said she will do things right in the future. She also indicated the website has been taken down.

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer-Tax, pointed out the applicant needs to have a legally licensed facility to conduct massages. The applicant noted she currently doesn't have a licensed facility to work out of. Mr. Dangerfield indicated Treasurer-Tax could hold the application until the applicant provides a licensed work location.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission referred the matter back to Treasurer-Tax.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

APPLICATION FOR BINGO MANAGER LICENSE

Sharon Goger
Brahma Booster Bingo
21400 E. Pathfinder Rd.
Diamond Bar - Fourth District

The applicant reported on bingo operations for Brahma Booster Bingo and that she read the ordinance pertaining to bingo operations.

Jacqueline Harris, Sheriff, reported that the department has no objections to granting the license.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the license.

Motion: Commissioner Wood, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS

Peninsula Committee Children's Hospital Los Angeles
PMB 7000-PCCH
Rolling Hills Estates

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Health Foundation (2 Notices)
23845 McBean Parkway
Valencia

ACTION TAKEN: The Information Cards were granted.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING):

There were none.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Richard Townsend and Jonathan Geller, County Counsel, reported they would be presenting a procedural manual on Business License Commission matters. They also indicated that for special matters they would provide counsel with expertise in that area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Steven Afriat
President