



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE
COMMISSION**

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<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

9:00 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-2072)

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (16-1996)

President Sara Vasquez called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell,
Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: Commissioner James Barger

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of April 13, 2016. (16-1746)

During discussion, Commissioner Campbell made the following amendments:

1. Amend Item 1, Approval of Minutes from the meeting of March 9, 2016 - Commissioner Campbell should show as "Abstain"; she was not at the meeting of March 9, 2016;

2. Amend Item 2, for clarification purposes,
 - after "bible studies and" add "they" and change "provide" to "provided";
 - after "15" and "20", add the word "youth"; and

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Shan Lee, seconded by Commissioner Renee Campbell, unanimously carried, this item was approved as amended by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: 1 - Commissioner James Barger

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General, Business License ID# 142717, to issue a new license to Yong Sun, Xinmiao Enterprises Group, Inc./DBA Heavenly Soaking Massage located at 3148 Colima Road, Hacienda Heights , CA 91745 in the Fourth District. (16-1747)

Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported on the application for Heavenly Soaking Massage and noted the applicant had obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of the new license.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. John Ma interpreted on behalf the owner Yong Sun. Mr. Sun provided a portfolio of his business. Mr. Ma highlighted the portfolio which included pictures, a flyer with the hours of operation and the types of services that are provided. The establishment is 1800 square feet with some private rooms. Commissioner Campbell noted that private rooms may have door, just no locks for the rooms. There are a total of 14 chairs and two beds. There are seven licensed practitioners.

During discussion Commissioner Lee questioned why the business only shows the request for 3148 Colima when in the pictures and as noted by the Department of Building and Safety it clearly shows another address of 3146 1/2. Mr. Ma clarified that during the initial request for a business license, the business only leased 3148 of which was initially submitted through the State. When the State relinquished the review of Massage businesses to the County, the business had expanded and now also utilizes 3146 1/2 (next door) as part of its establishment. Mr. Barnes added, the Department of Building and Safety had notified his office and both addresses are noted in the system for reference.

Alice Wong, Department of Regional Planning clarified that the license referral submitted by her Department is not associated with a CUP at this time. The CUP noted on the referral was only a plot plan submitted by the business owner as a tenant improvement. Not all businesses require a CUP; however, do to the zoning, the business will need to reach out to the Department of Regional Planning to assure it meets zoning requirements prior to January 1, 2020. Commissioner Campbell suggested that due to the lengthy processes for a hearing to review a CUP for the business, Mr. Sun should speak to Regional Planning at least one year prior to January 1, 2020. Commissioner Lee also noted a copy of the CUP should be obtained by the business owner for his reference.

Commissioner Campbell also commended Mr. Sun on his business posting on their front door that noted, "Sexual Solicitation is Prohibited".

Christina Hernandez, a member of the public spoke in support of Heavenly Soaking Massage.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Shan Lee, seconded by Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, and unanimously carried, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: 1 - Commissioner James Barger

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3. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General, Business License ID# 142468, to issue a new license to Jie Luo, The Real Massage located at 8133 Arroyo Drive, Rosemead, CA 91770 in the First District. (16-1748)

Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported on the application for The Real Massage and noted the applicant had obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of the new license.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Haleigh Marie Asmus spoke on behalf of the business owner Jie Luo for The Real Massage. Ms. Asmus provided an overview of the business. The business offers mostly Chinese Acupressure massage services including Shiatsu (a Japanese walking massage that have the practitioners walk

on the constituent backs) massages. They are open seven days a week, from 10:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m. Ms. Asmus provided pictures of the business. There are five rooms and three licensed practitioners.

In response to President Vasquez, TTC will reach out to the Department of Health Services regarding laundry services as the business does not have a washing machine in its establishment prior to the issuance of a license. Ms. Asmus stated they utilize the laundry mat business located next door to their establishments.

Ms. Asmus was made aware of a letter received by the Commission that showed some concerns in the business being located near schools, senior citizen establishments, etc. Ms. Asmus reassured the Commission, their business will remain in good standing.

After discussion, on motion of President Sara Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, and unanimously carried, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: 1 - Commissioner James Barger

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4. Hearing on application for Theater-General, Business License ID# 141801, to issue a new license to Charles L. Roemer for Malibu Twin Cinemas, located at 3822 Cross Creek Road, Malibu, CA 90265 in the Third District. (16-1995)

Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported on the application for Malibu Twin Cinemas and noted the applicant had obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of the new license.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Megan Kerlagon spoke on behalf of Charles Roemer, owner. Ms. Kerlagon stated the business is part of the Regal Entertainment Group and it is before the Commission due to a change in ownership. There are over 500 theatres within the Regal Entertainment chain. The business is open Monday through Sunday. In general the hours of operation are from 3:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, with the last showing at 10:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays the business hours are

longer do to the weekend. They open at 12:30 p.m. and usually are closed by 1:30 a.m. She added the times of closure depend on the length of the movie. The theatre is small and is located in a mini mall.. There are no Midnight showings. Private screenings can be provided, but those requests are submitted through the Corporate office.

Mr. Barnes stated and as advised by County Counsel, an Entertainment License may be required under Title 7. Based on the inspector notes, the business has obtained all the necessary approvals for Theatre/General. TTC would still have to review the business file to assure an entertainment license has already been obtained. In addition, Mr. Barnes will review Title 7 to assure clarity for future approvals. If deemed needed for the business within the location, Mr. Barnes will work with the office of Building and Safety and provide the business the necessary documents for filing if needed.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, seconded by Commissioner Renee Campbell, and unanimously carried, this item was approved with the following conditions:

1. File an Entertainment License with the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) within a reasonable time if deemed necessary by Mr. Barnes and the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: 1 - Commissioner James Barger

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III. REPORT

5. Report back by County Counsel on the requirements for Non-Profit organizations that solicit Nationwide. (16-2016)

To address the concerns posed by Commissioner Barger, County Counsel, Emily Issa reported, an information card is required by a non-profit for solicitations of any kind made within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, whether it be by phone, mail or television ads. In addition, staff did an extensive search of their files and found that The Wounded Warrior Project has never submitted a request for a card in the past.

Therefore, as requested by the Commission, County Counsel will be providing staff with a draft letter to finalize and send via certified mail to The Wounded Warrior Project to start the Notice of Intent to Solicit process and appear before the Commission. As an option, if the agency does not comply, Ms. Issa stated the Commission can file a complaint with the Office of the California Attorney General. They oversee charities and charity trusts.

She further stated, as a Commission, it has the authority to grant, deny, or revoke an information card. Under County Code, Section 7.24.080, it defines the Commission's authority. In addition, to the regular applications filed for a charity, the Commission can deny for inefficient operation, payment of one or more salaries in an amount substantially greater than the reasonable value of the services performed, or for any other reasons, percentages of the contributions raised, which will remain available for application for specific purposes, declared in the application as to the object of the solicitation is unreasonably small. Commissioner Barger's main concern in regards to The Wounded Warrior Project, is that over the years, it has grown substantially, and treats itself as a for profit corporation, in a way that it manages money.

Commission Campbell provided County Counsel a brief history of past litigations regarding the parameters that the Commission actually has regarding non-profit versus for profit activities.

During discussion, Ms. Issa clarified that although the Office of the Attorney General may oversee charities and charity trusts and has a registry, each entity still has to abide by Local Code guidelines and requirements.

After further discussion, under Code Section 7.24.300, the Commission may demand a report of expenses of contributions collected from the solicitation, expenses of or connected with the solicitation, and the use and manner of the how the contributions were disbursed and to be disbursed. Staff, Emma De Jesus noted, as part of the Notice of Intent to Solicit process, if this is an applicant that has previously requested for an information card and was granted, a "Report of Results" from their event must first be submitted prior to being granted a new information card. In addition, staff works with the applicant to assure that not only is the application submitted correctly; all required documentation and information is attached to the application. This is done prior to the application even being reviewed by the Commissioners for approval.

In addition, new applicants requesting a new information card must also conform to the requirement of the application and appear before the Commission.

President Vasquez instructed staff to include with their review, the “Report of Results” for a “Notice of Intent to Solicit”.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Campbell requested the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector report back to the Commission regarding Carnival business licenses.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- 6. Commissioners’ Comments. (16-1749)**

The Commission reviewed the calendar the remainder of April and May 2016 and agreed to cancel the following meeting dates:

April 27, May 4, and May 11, 2016.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment

- 7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-1750)**

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

- 8. Adjournment for the meeting of April 20, 2016. (16-1751)**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.