



CITY OF VANCOUVER
BUSINESS LICENSE HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

A Business License Hearing of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2005, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, commencing at 9:30 a.m., to determine whether or not a City of Vancouver business license for the year 2005 should be granted to Thuong Thi Nguyen (the License Applicant), doing business as Maxim Convenience Store, for the premises located at 371 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

PRESENT: Councillor Tim Louis, Chair
*Councillor Fred Bass
Councillor Anne Roberts

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

1. Thuong Thi Nguyen dba Maxim Convenience Store (File 2711-105)

The Business License Hearing Panel had before it for consideration an Evidence Brief, prepared by the City of Vancouver's Legal Department (*on file in the City Clerk's Office*) including a Notice of Hearing which was delivered "by hand" to the License Applicant.

Mr. Iain Dixon, Counsel, was present on behalf of the City of Vancouver. Ms. Anna Diep Doa, certified Vietnamese Interpreter, was present to assist the License Applicant. Thuong Thi Nguyen, the License Applicant, was not present.

Mr. Dixon advised the Panel that the License Applicant was not present and the reason for her absence is not known. Mr. Dixon also noted that this license application had been referred to City Council at the request of the License Applicant, upon the refusal by the Chief License Inspector of the City of Vancouver to issue her a business license. He advised that since this is the License Applicant's appeal and if she does not attend, then nothing further would be done with regard to the Hearing.

PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Prior to a decision on this matter, the Panel discussed the amount of allowable delay for the Hearing in order to wait for the License Applicant to possibly appear. The Panel agreed to be available until 10:00 a.m. to continue the Hearing should the License Applicant arrive. In addition, the Panel fixed the time to which to adjourn as 10:00 a.m. if she did not arrive.

MOVED by Councillor Roberts

THAT the Business License Hearing with regard to the rejection of the application for a 2005 City of Vancouver business license by Thuong Thi Nguyen (the "License Applicant") doing business as Maxim Convenience Store, for business premises located at 371 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia (the "Premises"), be adjourned due to the failure of the License Applicant to appear within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the Hearing and, further that the License Applicant's appeal of the rejection of her application be considered abandoned.

CARRIED
(Councillor Bass absent for the vote)

The Business License Hearing Panel adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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