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CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: October 31, 2006

TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Business License Hearing Panels for November 2006

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for November 2, 2006, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, November 9, 2006, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, November 28, 2006, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and November 30, 2006, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2006 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

November 2, 2006 - 7:30pm Councillor Heather Deal, Chair Councillor Peter Ladner Councillor Tim Stevenson Councillor BC Lee, Alternate

November 9, 2006 - 9:30am Councillor George Chow, Chair Councillor Suzanne Anton Councillor Kim Capri Councillor Raymond Louie, Alternate

November 28, 2006 - 9:30am Councillor Raymond Louie, Chair Councillor Kim Capri Councillor BC Lee Councillor Peter Ladner, Alternate November 30, 2006 - 7:30 pm Councillor David Cadman, Chair Councillor Elizabeth Ball Councillor George Chow Councillor Suzanne Anton, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

COUNCIL POLICY

Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter gives Council the power to delegate the holding of a Business License Hearing under Section 275 or Section 278, or an appeal under Section 277, by Resolution to one or more Council Members. On November 30, 1999, Council adopted a procedure relating to Business License Hearings whereby the Hearings will generally be conducted before a panel of three Members of Council, although Council may designate that a Hearing be conducted before a panel comprised of a greater number of Members of Council.

PURPOSE

To establish a panel for the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for November 2, 9, 28 and 30, 2006.

DISCUSSION

The *Vancouver Charter* confers on Council the power to delegate the holding of Business License Hearings to one or more Members of Council. Council must designate, by Resolution, Members of Council who will deal with each specific Hearing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that Council pass the recommendation contained in this report.

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