



City of Colorado Springs

City Hall
107 N. Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO
80903

Meeting Minutes - Draft Liquor and Beer Licensing Board

Friday, November 20, 2015

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kouba called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M., opened the meeting as a regular session, and stated that a quorum was present with Board Member Lee being absent.

Present 6 - Joseph Gorman, Jaswinder Grewal, Dianne Holmes, Gregory Howard, Randall Kouba, and Dennis Moore

Absent 1 - Ian Lee

2. Minutes

- 2.A. [M2015-11-06](#) Approval of the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of November 6, 2015.

Attachments: [2015-11-06 Liquor Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion by Moore, seconded by Gorman, that the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of November 6, 2015 be approved as written. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Gorman, Grewal, Holmes, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Lee

3. Communications

There was no action on this item.

4. Transfer Application Hearings

- 4.A. [T-723430](#) Application of Mandarin Bistro, Inc. d/b/a Bamboo Court to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to JT & T, Inc. d/b/a Bamboo Court Restaurant at 4935 Centennial Boulevard, #G.

Attachments: [T-723430 - Bamboo Court](#)

Attorney Erika Kaiser entered her appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Jianchao Lai was sworn and state that he is the President and sole owner of the business. Mr. Lai testified to the elements required for the transfer of the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Howard, that the application of Mandarin Bistro, Inc. d/b/a Bamboo Court to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to JT & T, Inc. d/b/a Bamboo Court Restaurant at 4935 Centennial Boulevard, #G be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Gorman, Grewal, Holmes, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Lee

- 4.B. [T-723488](#) Application of MacKenzie Place Colorado Springs, LLC d/b/a MacKenzie Place to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to MacKenzie Place Union, LLC d/b/a MacKenzie Place at 1605-1655 Elm Creek View.

Attachments: [T-723488 - MacKenzie Place](#)

Attorney Dan Carr entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Joshua Thomas was sworn and stated that he is the General Manager for the business location. Mr. Thomas testified to the elements required for the transfer of the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Grewal, that the application of MacKenzie Place Colorado Springs, LLC d/b/a MacKenzie Place to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to MacKenzie Place Union, LLC d/b/a MacKenzie Place at 1605-1655 Elm Creek View be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Gorman, Grewal, Holmes, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Lee

- 4.C. [T-723504](#) Application of Food on the Fly, LLC d/b/a The Warehouse Restaurant to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to Exigence, Inc. d/b/a The Warehouse Restaurant at 25 W. Cimarron Street.

Attachments: [T-723504 - The Warehouse Restaurant](#)

Attorney Vince Linden entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant.

James Africano was sworn and stated that he is the Managing Member and Executive Chef for the business. Mr. Africano testified to the elements required for the transfer of the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Howard, that the application of Food on the Fly, LLC d/b/a The Warehouse Restaurant to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to Exigence, Inc. d/b/a The Warehouse Restaurant at 25 W. Cimarron Street be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Gorman, Grewal, Holmes, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Lee

- 4.D.** [T-723458](#) Application of Ruffrano's, LLC d/b/a Ruffrano's Hell's Kitchen Pizza to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to Bella Vita Software Solutions, Inc. d/b/a The Front at 1670 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard, #E.

Attachments: [T-723458 - Ruffrano's Hell's Kitchen Pizza](#)

Attorney Vince Linden entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Nelson Rufran was sworn and stated that he is the Managing Member and sole owner of the business. Mr. Rufan testified to the elements required for the transfer of the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Holmes, that the application of Ruffrano's, LLC d/b/a Ruffrano's Hell's Kitchen Pizza to transfer the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to Bella Vita Software Solutions, Inc. d/b/a The Front at 1670 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard, #E be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Gorman, Grewal, Holmes, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Lee

5. Change of Location

- 5.A.** [C-720216](#) Application of FreeSpirits Corp. d/b/a Austin Bluffs Wine & Liquor to Change the Location of its existing Retail Liquor Store License from 4535 Austin Bluffs Parkway to 5975 N. Academy Boulevard, #204, d/b/a American Spirits Colorado.

Attachments: [C-720216 - Austin Bluffs Wine & Liquor](#)

Attorney Vince Linden entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Sharwan Nambiar was sworn and stated that he is the President and sole owner of the company. Mr. Nambiar testified to the elements required for a Change of Location for the Retail Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Todd Haist was sworn and stated that he is the Manager of the business. Mr. Haist testified to the elements required for the Change of Location of the Retail Liquor Store License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor License Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood area which resulted in 102 favoring, 13 opposing, and 15 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in variance to the signatures submitted.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of FreeSpirits Corp. d/b/a Austin Bluffs Wine & Liquor to Change the Location of its existing Retail Liquor Store License from 4535 Austin Bluffs Parkway to 5975 N. Academy Boulevard, #204, d/b/a American Spirits Colorado be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Gorman, Grewal, Holmes, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Lee

6. New Application Hearings

- 6.A.** [N-29760](#) Application of Whistle Pig Brewing Company, LLC d/b/a Whistle Pig Brewing Company for a new Brew Pub Liquor License at 1838-1840 Dominion Way.

Attachments: [N-29760 - Whistle Pig Brewing Company](#)

Appearing Pro Se, Eric Merrell was sworn and stated that he is the 50% owner and member of the company. Mr. Merrell testified to the elements required for a new Brew Pub Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor License Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood area which resulted in 129 favoring, 4 opposing, and 12 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in variance to the signatures submitted.

Robert Beers was sworn but did not testify.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of Whistle Pig Brewing Company, LLC d/b/a Whistle Pig Brewing Company for a new Brew Pub Liquor License at 1838-1840 Dominion Way be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 6 - Gorman, Grewal, Holmes, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 1 - Lee

7. Adjourn.

At 10:22 A.M., there being no further business, the Board Adjourned.

Lee McRae, License Enforcement Officer.