

City of Colorado Springs

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft Liquor and Beer Licensing Board

Friday, May 20, 2016 9:00 AM City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kouba called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., opened the meeting as a regular session, and stated that a quorum was present with Board Member Lee being absent.

Present 6 - Mark Clauss, Joseph Gorman, Jaswinder Grewal, Gregory Howard, Randall Kouba, and Dennis Moore

Absent 1 - lan Lee

2. Minutes

2.A. M2016-05-06 Approval of the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board

meeting of May 6, 2016.

<u>Attachments:</u> 2016-05-06 Liquor Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Moore, seconded by Clauss, that the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of May 6, 2016 be approved as written. The motion passed by a vote of:

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

Absent: 1 - Lee

3. Communications

There was no action on this item.

4. Change of Location

4.A. C-717100 Application of Motif, LLC d/b/a Motif Jazz Cafe for a Change of

Location of its existing Tavern Liquor License from 115 S. 25th Street

to 182 E. Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard.

Attachments: C-717100 - Motif Jazz Cafe

Appearing pro se, Steven Draper requested a postponement of this item to the next available Liquor Board Meeting.

Motion by Clauss, seconded by Moore, to postpone this item to the Liquor Board meeting of June 3, 2016. The motion passed by a vote of:

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

Absent: 1 - Lee

5. New Application Hearings

5.A. N-30328 Application of The Page Connection, Inc. d/b/a Golden Carriage for a

new Tavern Liquor License at 2338 S. Academy Boulevard.

Attachments: N-30328 - Golden Carriage

Attorney Ian Burrell entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Justin Page was sworn and stated that he is the 100% owner and President of the company. Mr. Page testified to the elements required for a new Tavern Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor License Professionals was sworn stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 118 favoring, 4 opposing, and 5 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in no variance to the signatures presented.

Motion by Grewal, seconded by Moore, that the application of The Page Connection, Inc. d/b/a Golden Carriage for a new Tavern Liquor License at 2338 S. Academy Boulevard be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

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

Absent: 1 - Lee

5.B. N-30635 Application of Johnny Martin's Car Central, LLC d/b/a Johnny

Martin's Car Central for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at

1 S. Nevada Avenue, #110.

Attachments: N-30635 - Johnny Martin's Car Central

This application item is a change of class of liquor license from an existing Tavern Liquor License (for private club membership only) to a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License.

Board Member Clauss recused himself from this item.

Board Member Howard disclosed a personal acquaintance with the applicant. There was no objection to Mr. Howard hearing the item.

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

Perry Sanders was sworn and stated that he is a co-owner and member of the company. Mr. Sanders testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Ashlee Martin was sworn and stated that she is the Registered Manager for the business. Ms. Martin testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and

Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor License Professionals was sworn stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 103 favoring, 1 opposing, and 5 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in no variance to the signatures presented.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Grewal, that the application of Johnny Martin's Car Central, LLC d/b/a Johnny Martin's Car Central for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 1 S. Nevada Avenue, #110 be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 5 - Gorman, Grewal, Howard, Kouba, and Moore

Absent: 2 - Clauss, and Lee

6. Suspension/Revocation Hearings

6.A. S-703149-A Suspension/Revocation hearing regarding the Retail Liquor Store

License issued to Ryan C Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Cheyenne Mountain

Liquors at 730 Cheyenne Meadows Road.

<u>Attachments:</u> S-703149-A - Cheyenne Mountain Liquors

Chief Prosecution attorney Michael Curran entered his appearance on behalf of the City.

Attorney Damon Cassens entered his appearance on behalf of the licensee.

Mr. Curran stated that this item is to request that the Liquor Board order the imposition of the nine (9) days previously held in abeyance from the August 7, 2015 Liquor Board Suspension Order for a Sale to Minor, and submitted a proposed Finding, Conclusion and Order. Mr. Curran outlined the previous Board Order and a subsequent State Liquor Enforcement Division action against the licensee for a violation of a Sale to Minor, which was within the one year abeyance period from the previous Board Order.

Mr. Cassens confirmed the Licensee's understanding of this order and entered no objection to the request.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Howard, that the Board adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, and impose nine (9) active suspension days previously held in abeyance for the Retail Liquor Store License issued to Ryan C Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Cheyenne Mountain Liquors at 730 Cheyenne Meadows Road, and that the active suspension days be served beginning May 20, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. The motion passed by a vote of:

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

Absent: 1 - Lee

6.B. Suspension/Revocation hearing regarding the Hotel and Restaurant

Liquor License issued to Trappers Rendezvous, LLC d/b/a Trappers

Rendezvous at 5905 Corporate Drive.

Attachments: S-722226 - Trappers Rendezvous

Chief Prosecution attorney Michael Curran entered his appearance on behalf of the City.

Attorney Damon Cassens entered his appearance on behalf of the licensee.

Mr. Curran stated that the City and the Licensee have reached a stipulated agreement reflecting an admission of violation as outlined in the Order to Show Cause for conduct of the establishment, and submitted a proposed Finding, Conclusion and Order that mirrors the stipulated violations and penalty. The proposed order contemplates a 45 day suspension with 14 active days to be served with 31 days held in abeyance for one year.

Mr. Cassens confirmed the Licensee's understanding and conditions of the stipulated agreement, and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Gorman, seconded by Howard, to accept the Stipulated Agreement and adopt the Findings, Conclusion and Order suspending the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License issued to Trappers Rendezvous, LLC d/b/a Trappers Rendezvous at 5905 Corporate Drive for 45 days, with 31 days held in abeyance for one year, and 14 active days to be served beginning May 22, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. and ending June 5, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. The motion passed by a vote of:

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

Absent: 1 - Lee

7. Adjourn.

At 10:15 A.M., there being no further business, the Board Adjourned.

Lee McRae, License Enforcement Officer