



City of Colorado Springs

City Hall
107 N. Nevada Avenue
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Meeting Minutes - Final Liquor and Beer Licensing Board

Friday, December 15, 2017

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lee called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M., opened the meeting as a regular session, and stated that a quorum was present with Board Members Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal being absent.

Present 4 - Mark Clauss, Vice Chair Joseph Gorman, Chairperson Ian Lee, and Dennis Moore

Absent 3 - Murray Arenson, Sean Fitzgerald, and Jaswinder Grewal

2. Minutes

- 2.A. [M2017-11-17](#) Approval of the Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of November 17, 2017.

Attachments: [2017-11-17 Liquor Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Moore, that Minutes of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting of November 17, 2017 be approved as written.
The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal

3. Communications

The City Clerk's Officer announced that the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board meeting scheduled for January 5, 2018 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be January 19, 2018.

The City Clerk's Office reported that on December 12, 2017, the City Council on final reading passed Ordinance #17-114 and also passed Resolution #160-17, both of which changes Liquor and Beer license hearing authority from the current Liquor and Beer Licensing Board to a Hearing Officer. This change becomes effective on February 1, 2018, and the last meeting of the Liquor and Beer Licensing Board will be January 19, 2018. Beginning February 2, 2018, Liquor and Beer License Hearings will then be held in the Municipal Court Building at 224 E. Kiowa Street, next door to City Hall. These meetings will remain scheduled for the first and third Friday of each month at 9:00 A.M., and will generally be held in the Division 3 courtroom.

4. New Application Hearings

- 4.A. [N-33081](#) Application of Sodos 424, LLC d/b/a The Bench in Sodo for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 424 S. Nevada Avenue.

Attachments: [N-33081 - The Bench in Sodo](#)

Chairman Lee disclosed a personal relationship with members of the applicant. There was no objection to Mr. Lee hearing the item.

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

Jenny Schnakenberg was sworn and stated that she is the Registered Manager and a beneficial member of the business. Ms. Schnakenberg testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Tyler Sherman was sworn and stated that he is a beneficial member of the business. Mr. Sherman testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor Licensing Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 138 favoring, 1 opposing, and 6 no opinion signatures.

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

Motion by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of Sodos 424, LLC d/b/a The Bench in Sodo for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 424 S. Nevada Avenue be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal

- 4.B. [N-33107](#) Application of PigLatin Cocina, LLC d/b/a PigLatin Cocina for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 2825 Dublin Boulevard.

Attachments: [N-33107 - PigLatin Cocina](#)

Chairman Lee disclosed a personal knowledge of one of the owners of the applicant. There was no objection to Mr. Lee hearing the item.

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

Aaron Ewton was sworn and stated that he is a 30% owner of the business. Mr. Ewton testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Andres Velez was sworn and stated that he is a 60% owner and Registered Manager of the business. Mr. Velez testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor Licensing Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 148 favoring, 5 opposing, and 2 no opinion signatures.

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

Motion by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of PigLatin Cocina, LLC d/b/a PigLatin Cocina for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 2825 Dublin Boulevard be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal

- 4.C.** [N-33121](#) Application of Garza Family Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Vinum Populi for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 6165 Barnes Road, #170.

Attachments: [N-33121 - Vinum Populi](#)

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

Miguel Garza was sworn and stated that he is a 50% owner and Registered Manager of the business. Mr. Garza testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor Licensing Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 135 favoring, 8 opposing, and 2 no opinion signatures.

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

Motion by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of Garza Family Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Vinum Populi for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License at 6165 Barnes Road, #170 be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal

- 4.D.** [N-33119](#) Application of Cinemark USA, Inc. d/b/a Cinemark Carefree Circle for a new Lodging and Entertainment Liquor License at 3305 Cinema Point.

Attachments: [N-33119 - Cinemark Carefree Circle](#)

Attorney Adam Stapen entered his appearance on behalf of the applicant.

Max Scott of Oedipus, Inc. was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 174 favoring, 25 opposing, and 4 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in the deletion of one favoring signature.

Matt Dunn was sworn and stated that he is the Director of Alcohol Development for the national company. Mr. Dunn testified to the elements required for a new Lodging and Entertainment Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Registered Manager Norman White was sworn but did not testify.

Motion by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of Cinemark USA, Inc. d/b/a Cinemark Carefree Circle for a new Lodging and Entertainment Liquor License at 3305 Cinema Point be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal

- 4.E.** [N-32996](#) Application of Thai Mint Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Thai Mint Restaurant for a new Beer and Wine License at 1725 Briargate Boulevard.

Attachments: [N-32996 - Thai Mint Restaurant](#)

Appearing pro se, Pete Srisen was sworn and stated that he is the son of the applicant owner, and would be asking qualification questions of the applicant.

Appearing pro se, Samai Srisen was sworn and stated that he is the 100% owner and Registered Manager of the business. Mr. Srisen testified to the elements required for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License, and answered questions from the Board.

Richard Whaley was sworn and testified to the moral character of the applicant.

Tom Murray was sworn and stated that he conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 84 favoring, 3 opposing, and 12 no opinion signatures.

The City Clerk's Office presented its audit of the petition which resulted in the deletion of two favoring and one no opinion signatures.

Motion by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of Thai Mint Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Thai Mint Restaurant for a new Beer and Wine License at 1725 Briargate Boulevard be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal

- 4.F. [N-33088](#)** Application of Kum & Go, LC d/b/a Kum & Go #685 for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 6615 Dalby Drive.

Attachments: [N-33088 - Kum & Go #685](#)

Appearing pro se, Christopher Burton was sworn and stated that he is the district supervisor for the company, which includes the location. Mr. Burton testified to the elements required for a 3.2% Beer Off Premises License, and answered questions from the Board.

Eva Garretson of Liquor Licensing Professionals was sworn and stated that the company conducted a petition survey of the defined neighborhood which resulted in 129 favoring, 12 opposing, and 2 no opinion signatures.

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

Motion by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Moore, that the application of Kum & Go, LC d/b/a Kum & Go #685 for a new 3.2% Beer Off Premises License at 6615 Dalby Drive be approved, as it appears all criteria have been met. The motion passed by a vote of:

Aye: 4 - Clauss, Gorman, Chairperson Lee, and Moore

Absent: 3 - Arenson, Fitzgerald, and Grewal

5. Adjourn.

At 10:40 A.M., there being no further business, the Board Adjourned.

Lee McRae, License Enforcement Officer