

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Action Minutes

Friday, May 14, 2010

3:30 PM

2nd Floor of the Guy C. Larcom Municipal Building, Council  
Chamber

**Council Liquor License Review Committee**

CALL TO ORDER

*The chair, Stephen Rapundalo, called the meeting of the Council Liquor License Review Committee to order at 3:40 p.m.*

*Mary Fales, Assistant City Attorney; Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk; and Kathleen Chamberlain, Fire Marshal; were also in attendance.*

**Present:** 3 - Mike Anglin, Stephen Rapundalo and Tony Derezinski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Councilmember Derezinski, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**10-0500** Council Liquor License Committee - April 9, 2010

**A motion was made by Councilmember Derezinski, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council on 6/7/2010. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

09-1085

Resolution to Recommend Approval of Issuance of a Downtown Development District Liquor License to New York Pizza Depot

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*Councilmember Rapundalo stated he had concerns about this application. Rapundalo noted that no additional staffing was proposed as a result of the license approval and he did not feel that approval of the license would add any economic or other community benefit to the area. He stated the redevelopment licenses were created to provide a benefit to the community and he feels that this application is only for the benefit of the business owner.*

*Councilmember Derezinski noted that the applicant was honest in his response regarding staffing. He stated that the applicant was waiting to see if business improved with the license.*

*Councilmember Anglin concurred with Councilmember Derezinski. He stated the City should try to facilitate redevelopment.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Derezinski, that the Resolution be Recommended for Adoption to the City Council on 5/17/2010. The following reasons were provided in support of the recommendation:**

**Potential for increased employment, restaurant choice, improved community attractiveness, and an improvement to the variety of downtown offerings.**

**On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried with one no-vote by Councilmember Rapundalo.**

10-0516

Resolution to Transfer Ownership of an Escrowed 2009 Class C Licensed Business with Dance Permit, located at 637 S. Main, from Firefly, LLC to Cilantros, LLC, located at 211-213 N. Main, and Approve New Entertainment Permit, New Outdoor Service Permit, and New Official Permit (Food) for Weekdays 2:30 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - d/b/a Sabor Latino

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*City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry questioned if the applicant was applying for an after-hours entertainment permit. The applicant's attorney clarified that his client was only requesting after-hours food service. (The resolution and application were amended to note this change.)*

*Councilmember Anglin stated that currently this business may only attract families due to the lack of a liquor license. He stated a license at this location may help improve business.*

*Councilmember Rapundalo noted that there were very few licenses in this geographic area and that adding a business with a liquor license would be an improvement in this location.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Derezinski, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the Resolution be Recommended for Adoption to the City Council on 5/17/2010. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.**

## OLD BUSINESS

**10-0180** Resolution to Approve the Transfer of Ownership and Location of a Class C Liquor Licensed Business to Club Vintage LLC, a New Dance-Entertainment Permit, New Outdoor Service Permit, New Official Permit (Food) and a New SDM Liquor License to be held in conjunction with the Class C license, located at 523 S. Main - D/B/A Club Vintage

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*Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales updated the committee on the status of this application. She stated this application was previously tabled due to an ongoing investigation with another business owned by the applicant. Ms. Fales stated the prosecutor is not going to move forward with the other investigation so the City does not object further to the committee taking action on this application. Ms. Fales pointed out that in the past the City's Police Department has had concerns regarding this applicant's training practices regarding staff working in a liquor establishment.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Derezinski, that the Resolution be Recommended for Adoption to the City Council on 5/17/2010. On a voice vote, the chair declared the motion carried.**

## Annual Renewals - Staff Objections

*Mary Fales, Assistant City Attorney, presented a revised letter that was drafted for those applicants in the annual renewal process who had some type of staff objection (e.g. Treasury, Fire violations, etc.). The letter highlighted the objections that were raised by staff and encouraged the applicant to review their responsibilities under City Code prior to next year's review process. No further action would be taken this year.*

*The committee concurred with the attorney's recommendations and directed the city clerk to send the letters to the remaining applicants who had not already received approval letters.*

## INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

## ADJOURNMENT

*Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.*