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Action Minutes

Thursday, May 26, 2016

12:00 PM

Special Meeting

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Second floor, City Council
workroom

Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Council Liquor License Review Committee was called to order by the Chair, Jane Lumm, at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Work Room, Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street, 2nd Floor.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales, Lt. Renee Bush of the Ann Arbor Police Department and Public Services Area Administrator Craig Hupy were also in attendance.

Present: 4 - Jane Lumm, Sumi Kailasapathy, Chip Smith and Zachary Ackerman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-0820 Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2016

Attachments: 2016-04-29 liquor committee minutes as amended

Councilmember Ackerman requested that the minutes of April 29 be corrected to reflect the discussion regarding the change to a March 1 annual renewal date for commercial quadricycle permit applications.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Minutes of the April 29, 2016 Council Liquor License Review Committee be approved by the Commission with changes and forwarded to the City Council by 6/20/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Cicotte, High Five Pedal Pub Tours, spoke about the proposed Commercial Quadricycle Ordinance. He stated as a quadricycle owner, he would prefer that the requirement for seatbelts be removed. He also expressed concern about the game-day restriction, stating Michigan football games are a high visibility day for him and help him get reservations for the rest of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

- 16-0783** Resolution to Recommend Approval of Issuance of a Downtown Development District Liquor License to Zingerman's Delicatessen, Inc., dba The Greyline, 100 N. Ashley

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Resolution be recommended for approval to the City Council on 6/6/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-16-231

- 16-0821** Resolution to Approve New Fees for Commercial Quadricycle Operating Permit

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Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales introduced the proposed resolution to set the Commercial Quadricycle fees. A copy of other Michigan fees was also provided. City staff stated the proposed fee of \$145.00 included cost recovery for staff time and materials.

The Committee also discussed the required signage needed to enforce the ordinance in the downtown.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Resolution be recommended for approval to the City Council by 6/6/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-16-257

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of Commercial Quadricycle Ordinance (currently in 2nd Reading at City Council)

The committee discussed the quadricycle ordinance that was currently before City Council at Second Reading. Issues raised by City Council included the requirement for seatbelts and whether a ban on alcohol on the quadricycle was necessary.

Lt. Bush stated the Police do not enforce seatbelts currently on bicycles. It was also noted that some of the quadricycles have bar stool-type seats and a seatbelt really wouldn't work well.

Councilmember Smith expressed concern that the Committee was making an issue out of something that wasn't a problem currently.

Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the Council Liquor License Review Committee recommend to Council that the requirement in Section 10, 2:141F, regarding seatbelts be removed.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Regarding allowing passengers to bring alcohol on the quadricycle, Lt. Bush stated the Police Department is recommending a prohibition.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Council Liquor License Review Committee enter into Closed Session to discuss attorney/client privileged communication under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCLA 15.268(H). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried and the meeting adjourned in Closed Session at 12:56 p.m.:

Yea: 4 - Jane Lumm, Sumi Kailasapathy, Chip Smith and Zachary Ackerman

Nay: 0

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 1:14 p.m.

Discussion of Commercial Quadricycle Ordinance (currently in 2nd Reading at City Council)

The discussion regarding commercial quadricycles continued. Councilmember Smith stated that the feedback he was receiving from constituents regarding the commercial quadricycles and alcohol was that this was not a big deal and there was no reason to make it into one.

It was decided that the committee could not reach consensus regarding alcohol on board the quadricycles. This would be relayed to the City Council as a whole.

Councilmember Lumm requested that a representative from the Police Department be available at City Council to answer questions.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.