

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Friday, April 29, 2016

4:00 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 4:10 p.m. in the City Council Work Room, 2nd Floor, 301 E. Huron Street.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales, Public Services Area Administrator Craig Hupy, and two members of the audience were in attendance.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Jane Lumm, Sumi Kailasapathy and Zachary Ackerman

Absent: 1 - Chip Smith

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

16-0661 Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016

Attachments: 2016-04-21 liquor committee minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council by 6/6/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tristan Steven of Trolley Pub Ann Arbor, spoke about the proposed commercial quadricycle ordinance, stating he is currently operating a commercial quadricycle in the City. Mr. Steven noted that his business currently does allow for the consumption of alcohol on the quadricycle, but noted that glass containers are prohibited. He thanked the commission for their time and offered to answer any questions they may have.

Dave Cicotte, owner of High Five Pedal Tours, expressed concern regarding the committee's previous discussion to include a requirement for seat belt use in the new ordinance. He stated in commercial quadricycles, seat belt use can sometimes create more dangerous situations, rather than prevent them. Mr. Cicotte also informed the Committee that he does not currently allow alcohol on his bikes, stating he is more than a bar-hopping bike.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commercial Quadricycle Draft Ordinance

Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales provided copies of a draft ordinance for the regulation of commercial quadricycles.

The committee and Ms. Fales reviewed each section of the draft ordinance and discussed the proposal.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated she had spoken with the Taxicab Board on Thursday morning and they wanted to ensure that the ordinance prevented commercial quadricycles from accepting hailed fares or otherwise acting as a taxicab.

Committee members concurred that the proposed ordinance would be presented to Council with the prohibition of alcohol (Section 10:227) included. The draft ordinance also included a requirement that passenger use seatbelts (10:222).

Committee members discussed the City Clerk's recommendation that permits expire annually on a set date. March 1 was discussed and determined to be an acceptable date for the City and the industry for renewal. (Corrected with the approval of the minutes on 5/26/16.)

Committee members discussed an effective date of July 1 to allow implementation to take place before Art Fair, but also to allow enough time for staff to prepare for the licensing process.

Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales prepare a fee resolution for Council's consideration on June 6 with the Second Reading of the ordinance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Councilmember Kailasapathy moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the proposed ordinance be submitted to City Council for consideration of First Reading at their May 2, 2016 Regular Session. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales provided committee members with an update on the hearings that took place at the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding the City's objection to several annual renewals of licenses. She stated that several MLCC committee members suggested that unpaid personal property taxes was not an appropriate reason for objecting to the liquor license renewal, stating that the City's Treasurer has other means to collect taxes. For this year, the MLCC allowed the City to proceed with the objections.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.