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Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 16, 2017

1:00 PM

Special Meeting

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

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 1:06 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, Ann Arbor Police Lieutenant Renee Bush, Assistant City Attorney Tom Kent and City Building Official Glen Dempsey were also in attendance.

Present: 4 - Jane Lumm, Sumi Kailasapathy, Chip Smith and Kirk Westphal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17-0926 Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2017

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Westphal, that the Minutes of the Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting of January 27, 2017 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council by 7/3/2017. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

17-0905 Resolution to Approve the Request from Blum Production LLC for a New Small Wine Maker Liquor License to be held in Conjunction with an Outdoor Service Area, Dance/Entertainment Permit, located at 100 S. 4th Avenue, Suite 110, d/b/a Blom Meadworks

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Committee members expressed concerns about the relationship of this new business to the existing Courthouse Square Apartments, noting that many residents of Courthouse Square require accessible ramps and entrances. There were questions about how much space the proposed outdoor service would take from the existing use.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated the proposed plan had been reviewed by City departments, but the outdoor service area overlapping with the Courthouse Square Apartments' entrance had not been raised as an issue. Lt. Bush commented that the AAPD, AAFD and Huron Valley Ambulance are called daily to this location.

Further discussion raised the following questions for additional staff review:

ADA access and barrier free

traffic access in and out of the site in relationship to a portion of the sidewalk converted to outdoor dining

Building access issues

It was decided that once the final reviews had been conducted and approved by staff, the recommendation could be forwarded to City Council for final review and approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Westphal, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the Resolution be recommended as amended, contingent on an additional review and approval of the proposed outdoor seating area by Engineering, Building, Police and Fire Department staff, including the relationship of the proposed outdoor area to existing traffic, ADA access and emergency vehicle and personnel access to the building.

On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

17-0866 Resolution to Recommend Approval of Issuance of a Downtown Development District Liquor License to Ganesh Sai Restaurant Inc.

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There were questions from the committee regarding the applicant's proposed outdoor seating plan and whether a sidewalk occupancy permit had been approved. The applicant had proposed several different arrangements for the outdoor service seating plan. It was requested that the final plan be submitted and approved prior to the recommendation going to City Council.

The committee members expressed concern that the applications were not thoroughly reviewed by staff prior to being sent to the committee. City Clerk Beaudry suggested that she, Lt. Bush and Assistant City Attorney Fales would review the applications after staff approvals to ensure they are ready for the committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Westphal, that the Resolution be recommended as amended, contingent on staff approval of a sidewalk occupancy permit and the proposed outdoor seating area. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

17-0928 Resolution to Approve the Request from Racquet Club for a New Club Liquor License to be held in Conjunction with an Outdoor Service Area, located at 3010 Hickory Lane, d/b/a Racquet Club of Ann Arbor

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With unanimous consent, Councilmember Lumm was recused from the discussion and voting on this item due to conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Westphal, that the Resolution be recommended for approval to the City Council by 6/19/2017. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

The committee decided to add public comment to the beginning and end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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