

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Friday, April 9, 2010

3:30 PM

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

Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rapundalo called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom Jr., Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 100 N. Fifth Avenue.

Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales, Sgt. Bob Pfannes of the Ann Arbor Police Department and Anissa Bowden from the City Clerk's Office were also in attendance.

Present: 2 - Mike Anglin and Stephen Rapundalo

Absent: 1 - Tony Derezinski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Rapundalo, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10-0360 Council Liquor License Review Committee - March 12, 2010

A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Rapundalo, that the minutes of March 12, 2010, be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council on by 5/3/2010. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

10-0279 Resolution to Transfer Ownership of a 2008 Class C Liquor Licensed Business Located at 3010 S. State Street, from Brinker Michigan, Inc. to Mac Acquisition, LLC - d/b/a Ramano's Macaroni Grill

A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Rapundalo, that the Resolution be recommended for Adoption to the City Council on 4/19/2010. On a voice vote, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

10-0359 Resolution for a New Outdoor Service Area (2nd area) Located on City Sidewalk at 309-311 S. Main from Northern United Brewing Company, LLC - d/b/a Jolly Pumpkin

A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Rapundalo, that the Resolution be recommended for Adoption to the City Council on 4/19/2010. On a voice vote, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Renewals - Status of Staff Reviews

Mary Fales, Assistant City Attorney, updated the committee on the liquor license annual renewal process. Departments are working on updating their analysis processes. The next step in the process is to create letters to send to businesses. The letter would consist of identifying violations. Lyn Badalamenti in the City Clerk's office prepared a first draft of the letters for the commission to review.

(Councilmember Derezinski arrived at 3:53 p.m.)

Councilmember Anglin said that the renewal letter for 2010 should explain this process and what the City would be looking for in the 2011 review. It was also suggested that the ordinance be included with the renewal letters, so that businesses know exactly how the ordinance reads.

The committee narrowed the three proposed letters down to two; the letter one that had no objections and the letter that lists the reasons why the application was not approved (Letter 3). Letters should be sent to those businesses without objections, as indicated on the list presented at the meeting.

Sgt. Pfannes of the Ann Arbor Police Department said that MLCC is automatically notified of any liquor violations. The department looks at calls for service violations, determines if the activity is done by the bar or patrons at the bar, and a case is built from there. There are normally approximately 10 establishments per year with liquor violations. Sgt. Pfannes stated that the most common MLCC violations are selling to minors and fighting in the bar. There are other MLCC violations, but these are the common ones.

The committee asked that Police staff keep track of violations annually.

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

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.