

CITY OF ANN ARBOR COUNCIL LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE
August 7, 2009

The City of Ann Arbor Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen Rapundalo, at 3:37 p.m. on August 7, 2009, in the City Council Chamber, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

The members present were Councilmembers Stephen Rapundalo, Tony Derezinski and Mike Anglin. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry and Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Derezinski moved, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the agenda be approved as presented.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Anglin moved, seconded by Councilmember Derezinski, that the minutes of July 10, 2009 be approved as presented.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Northern United Brewery Company, LLC, 309 – 311 S. Main – Request for New Small Wine Maker, Micro Brewer, Small Distiller, Outdoor Sales, Before/After Hours (for food), Sunday Sales Application (recommendation for staff review)

A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Derezinski, that the application be opened for discussion and consideration. The motion carried.

Kelly Allen, Attorney for the petitioner, was available to answer any questions of the Committee.

Anglin noted that the proposed business was open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. After further discussion, the applicant's attorney informed Committee members that liquor would not be served during the morning hours.

Rapundalo stated the business was a very unique concept in that all beer, wine and spirits would be produced onsite. He stated this is a one-of-a-kind operation. Rapundalo also noted that the applicants have a good reputation in the community and are good community stewards. It was also noted that the business will bring in approximately 80 new jobs.

Councilmember Derezinski moved, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the Council Liquor License Review Committee recommend to the City Council, pending staff review, that the license be forwarded to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission with a recommendation of Approval "Above All Others." The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

1. Tacotero, 613 E. William St. – Redevelopment District License Application – withdrawn

The city clerk informed the Committee that the applicant had withdrawn his application due to landlord concerns.

2. Tios on Liberty, LLC – request for Dance/Entertainment Permit

The city clerk informed the Committee that an amended resolution had been sent from the MLCC requesting Council approval of a Dance/Entertainment Permit for Tios on Liberty, LLC. Committee members requested that the city clerk contact the applicant to request additional information regarding this request.

3. Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales – ID Requirement Incident Update

Ms. Fales updated the Committee regarding an alleged incident at Bar Louie, which involved a refusal to serve a patron with a State ID as opposed to a Driver License.

Committee members decided that the City Clerk would inquire with Bar Louie regarding their policy on valid ID for service.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the committee, the Chair called the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Beaudry
Ann Arbor City Clerk