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Action Minutes

Friday, January 29, 2016

3:00 PM

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

Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The January 29, 2016 meeting of the Council Liquor License Review Committee was called to order by the Chair, Jane Lumm, at 3:40 p.m. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Alexa, Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales, Lt. Renee Bush of the AAPD, and Deputy Treasurer Mike Pettigrew were in attendance.

Present: 3 - Jane Lumm, Chip Smith and Zachary Ackerman

Absent: 1 - Sumi Kailasapathy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Agenda be approved with the following changes:

Move Public Comment to immediately following New Business.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-0146 Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2016

Attachments: 2016-01-08 liquor committee minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Minutes of January 8, 2016 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council by 2/16/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcia Polenberg-Ramsay, 524 S. First, spoke about the Council Liquor License Review Committee's previous action to recommend approval of the liquor license application of Aquamarine Springs at 507 S. Ashley. She stated she felt like the process did not follow appropriate procedures, particularly expressing concern regarding the close proximity to Dougherty School (less than 450 feet). She stated she has filed her objections with the MLCC. Ms. Ramsay stated the proposed site is in a flood plain, there is lack of available parking for a bar/restaurant, and the noise would negatively affect the neighborhood.

The committee members discussed Ms. Ramsay's comments and noted that many of the issue raised would be appropriately addressed in the site planning process, noting that they were outside the scope of the liquor license review process. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated she would follow-up with City staff in Planning and Development, as well as the historic district coordinator, regarding the concerns. (Ms. Ramsay provided her email information to the clerk.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16-0155 Resolution Accepting Annual Renewal Recommendations of the Council Liquor License Review Committee and Setting Hearings for Non-Renewal of Liquor Licenses

Sponsors: Council Liquor License Review Committee

Deputy Treasurer Mike Pettigrew presented his updated report regarding the outstanding personal property taxes owed by five liquor licensed businesses:

The Arena - \$9,552.60

BurgerFi - \$17,110.92

Tony Sacco's - \$4,754.09

What Crepe? - \$4,754.09

Zola Bistro - \$9,508.33

Mr. Pettigrew noted that Treasury was withdrawing its previous recommendation for objection to Banfield's Bar and Grill and The Bar at 327 Braun as they are paid in full at this time to the City. He also noted that What Crepe? and Tony Sacco's are both currently closed and out of business.

The Committee unanimously decided that Jane Lumm should continue as the Liquor Hearing Officer.

Chair Lumm thanked City staff for all of their hard work on the annual liquor license renewal process.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Resolution be recommended for adoption to the City Council on 2/1/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-16-038

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.