

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR AD-HOC LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE
JULY 20, 2007 MINUTES**

The City of Ann Arbor Ad-Hoc Liquor License Committee Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen Rapundalo, at 4:05 p.m. on July 20, 2007, in the City Council Workroom, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104.

The members present were Councilmembers Stephen Rapundalo and Robert Johnson. Councilmember Ronald Suarez was absent. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales, Police Chief Barnett Jones and Fire Marshal Kathleen Chamberlain were also present.

DISCUSSION OF NEW APPLICATION AND ANNUAL REVIEW PROCESS

The committee discussed the pros and cons of initiating an annual liquor license review process. Chief Jones and Fire Marshal Chamberlain provided input from the perspective of their departments. Chief Jones discussed his experience with liquor enforcement and the revocation or suspension of a license. Fire Marshal Chamberlain expressed concerns regarding the Fire Department's ability to conduct annual inspections due to staffing and other budgetary constraints. A memorandum from the Treasurer's Office regarding personal property taxes owed by licensed establishments was also provided. There was general consensus from the committee that annual review should be explored further. The committee requested a memorandum from the City Attorney's Office outlining the next steps and the possible options regarding an annual process.

Assistant City Attorney Fales provided the committee with a revised draft application for the new license. The committee agreed that the application was ready to be issued to the applicants pending a few minor clerical corrections and changes. It was agreed that the application would be submitted electronically to the committee for final approval by Friday, July 27. Two notices will be published in the Ann Arbor News and the Detroit Free Press by the City Clerk announcing the liquor license availability and the application deadline of August 31. The City Clerk will mail the application to all applicants currently on the list and make available applications to any other interested parties.

MINUTES

The committee agreed by unanimous consent to approve the draft minutes from July 6, 2007.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the committee, the Chair called the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 3, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Beaudry
Ann Arbor City Clerk