

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

1:30 PM

Ann Arbor Municipal Center, 301 E. Huron Street, 2nd Flr.

Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Tony Derezhinski, called the meeting of the City Council Liquor License Review Committee to order at 1:40 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 301 E. Huron Street, Ann Arbor.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, Fire Marshal Kathleen Chamberlain, Sgt. Bob Pfannes of the Ann Arbor Police Department, Ralph Welton, Chief Building Official, and Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the Agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12-0196

Council Liquor License Review Committee - January 24, 2012

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A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the Minutes be Approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council by 3/19/2012. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

12-0185

Resolution to Approve a Request to Transfer Ownership of a 2011 Class C Liquor Licensed Business with a Dance Permit, Located at 312 S. Main, from 314 S. Main, L.L.C. to Mélange Bistro LLC, d/b/a Mélange Bistro

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A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Lumm that the resolution be recommended for approval.

Enactment No: R-12-079

Sgt. Pfannes stated he received a letter from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission with concerns about an unauthorized transfer in ownership of the license. He stated the AAPD was not ready to recommend approval until this issue was resolved with the State.

It was decided to postpone the item until the next meeting to allow time for this issue to be reviewed.

A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Lumm, that the Resolution be Postponed to the Council Liquor License Review Committee and should be returned by 2/23/2012. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-12-079

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Renewals

The Committee discussed the annual renewal process. It was determined that any objections to the annual renewal of a license would need to go before City Council by March 19.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry updated the committee on the status of the renewals. She stated the following businesses still had objections from staff:

Clarion Hotel - Building Department and Treasurer (\$2070.97)

Dream Night Club - Attorney and Police

Live at PJs - Building Department and Treasurer (\$2161.86)

Rush Street - Treasurer (\$8040.42)

Yamato - (\$697.49)

Ashley's - Building Department

Fraser's - Building Department

Elk's Lodge - Building Department and Attorney

Mediterrano - Building Department

Miki Japanese - Building Department

Paesano's - Building Department

Theory - Building Department

UMI Sushi - Building Department

West End Grill - Building Department

A motion was made by Councilmember Lumm, seconded by Councilmember Anglin, that the committee direct the City Clerk to send annual renewal letters recommending approval for all on-premised licensed businesses who were not identified by any staff departments for further review and/or objections. It was further moved that the City Clerk send letters to all identified business who had delinquent personal property taxes and/or building department issues a letter stating the applicant had until February 23 to address the staff concerns to avoid further action from the committee. The Elks Lodge was removed from the list to allow the City Attorney to follow-up on some other concerns from Planning and Development regarding the zoning, and the use of the Club License. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Anglin, seconded by Councilmember Lumm, that the committee direct the City Attorney to proceed with an objection to the annual renewal of the license for Dream Nite Club due to objections raised by the Ann Arbor Police Department and the City Attorney. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23 at 2:30 p.m.