

CITY OF ANN ARBOR COUNCIL LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE
April 17, 2009

The City of Ann Arbor Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Stephen Rapundalo, at 4:05 p.m. on April 17, 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

Derezinski moved, seconded by Anglin, that the agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Derezinski moved, seconded by Anglin, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2009 as presented.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS

1. Status of Class C Liquor License Issued to HBSP Holdings, Inc.

Chairman Rapundalo updated the committee on the status of the City's recommendation to award a new Class C liquor license to Salsarita's on 401 E. Liberty. It was noted that the business has officially closed and the building has been vacated. The application is currently pending review at the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, as the applicant had notified the MLCC that the business was working on a revised business plan. The State has not taken any further action on the application.

Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales reviewed the process that the committee must take regarding the issuance or revocation of a recommendation for a new Class C liquor license. She noted that the committee and City Council had previously recommended approval of the new license at the 401 E. Liberty address, which the applicant no longer occupies. Ms. Fales stated the committee would need to notify HBSP Holdings, Inc. if they intend to recommend that Council revoke their recommendation of approval of the new license. It was noted that the applicant does not yet have an ownership interest in the license, as the license award is still under review by the MLCC.

Derezinski moved, seconded by Anglin, that the Council Liquor License Review Committee recommend that the Ann Arbor City Council withdraw its previous recommendation of approval of the issuance of a new Class C Liquor License to HBSP Holdings, Inc. (dba Salsarita's) at 401 E. Liberty.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Committee members requested that Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales notify the applicant that the recommendation will be placed on the April 20, 2009 City Council agenda. It was also decided that Ms. Fales would prepare the resolution for City Council.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. New York Pizza Depot – 605 E. William (Redevelopment License)

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated this item would be coming to the committee at their next meeting. The applicant has submitted the missing items from their applications that the committee had previously requested.

2. El Camino Real – 625 Hilton (Transfer of Ownership)

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated this transfer of ownership would be coming to the committee at their next meeting. This transfer involves the currently licensed business, Los Tres Amigos.

3. Chapter 109 Ordinance Revisions (City Attorney)

Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales reviewed with the committee some final proposed changes to the ordinance, including a clarification to Section 9:83 to comply with State law.

The committee requested that this item come to them for a vote on May 1 so that the committee could officially recommend the proposed changes to City Council on May 4.

ADJOURN

With no further business before the committee, the Chair called the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Beaudry
Ann Arbor City Clerk