

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Friday, November 18, 2016

4:00 PM

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

Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The chair, Jane Lumm, called the meeting of the Council Liquor License Review Committee to order at 4:07 p.m. in the Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 301 E. Huron Street.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry was in attendance.

Present: 4 - Jane Lumm, Sumi Kailasapathy, Chip Smith and Zachary Ackerman

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Smith, that the Agenda be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edward Vielmetti, Fourth Ward resident, expressed concern that the City Clerk's Office does not publish the liquor license applications online or in Legistar. He urged the Committee to reconsider this practice. He also questioned the timeliness of the scheduled meeting, noting that the application was received by the City in late July.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[16-1665](#)

Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2016

Attachments: 2016-05-26 liquor committee minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the Minutes of the May 26, 2016 Council Liquor License Review Committee be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council by 12/5/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AMEND THE AGENDA

Committee members questioned the City Clerk regarding the scheduling of the meeting and why the application wasn't provided to them sooner. City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated that Redevelopment District applications are given to the committee ahead of staff review in case there is a need to have a meeting and discussion prior to staff resources being used to review the application and conduct inspections. Unlike most liquor license requests, redevelopment licenses begin at the local level, requiring a local recommendation prior to State review. Ms. Beaudry stated this application was not a redevelopment district license, so the City initially waited for the MLCC to request their review of the application. She noted that there has been some confusion with the changes at the State level as to which licenses require Council approval and which do not. Ms. Beaudry noted that when Building and Fire inspections are required, it is not unusual for the staff review process to take several months. She stated this application was ready for the committee in late October and due to the election, the meeting was scheduled for November 18.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the Agenda be amended to allow the Committee to discuss the public speaker's comments regarding the delayed review of the application. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

[16-1422](#)

Resolution to Approve a Request from Divergent Brewing Company, LLC for a New Micro-Brewer and Beer and Wine Tasting Liquor License to be Located at 2290 S. Industrial

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City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated this application was for a new microbrewer license to be located at 2290 S. Industrial, Divergent Brewing Company. The applicant, Mr. James Howe, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the Resolution be recommended for approval to the City Council on 11/21/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-16-449

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

Annual Renewal Process

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry stated it was time for staff and the committee to get started with the annual renewal process for the City's on-premise liquor licensees. Ms. Beaudry provided a draft of the proposed 2017 schedule and stated staff would begin the process of mailing renewal invoices in the next few weeks, and requesting departments provide their reviews.

The committee reviewed the proposed changes to the schedule from the previous year and it was decided that the meeting time would remain on Fridays, but would change to 4:00 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, January 6, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the meeting adjourn. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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