

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Friday, January 8, 2016

3:00 PM

Special Meeting

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

Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Add Election of Chair (immediately following approval of agenda).

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councilmember Jane Lumm was nominated to continue serving as chair.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that Councilmember Jane Lumm be appointed chair of the committee for 2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[16-0020](#)

Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2015

Attachments: 2015-10-16 liquor committee minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the meeting minutes of October 16, 2015 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council on 2/1/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

OPEN THE AGENDA

Councilmembers amended the agenda to allow Public Comment to take place after the approval of the minutes.

Councilmember Ackerman further moved, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, to add a Closed Session at the end of the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the agenda be approved with changes. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people were present to speak at Public Commentary:

Lisa Patrell, 520 Soule, asked the Liquor Committee to reconsider their vote to approve the application of Aquamarine Springs, LLC for a new liquor license at 507 S. Ashley in the Old West Side. She stated Doughty Montessori School is closer than 500 feet away and the State did not alert the school of the application. Ms. Patrell also expressed concerns about parking and compatible uses.

Ed Vielmetti, 1210 Brooklyn, expressed concerns regarding the liquor license approval process, stating that liquor license applications are not made public by the City. He urged the City to review and redact the applications and make them public.

Pat Martz, 514 S. Ashley, stated she lives across the street from the proposed Aquamarine Springs. She expressed concern about noise, parking and the fact that the building is located in a floodplain.

Ethel Potts, 1014 Elder Boulevard, spoke about the application of Aquamarine Springs, stating concerns with contamination, traffic, parking and noise. She stated it is too close to a residential neighborhood.

Marcia Polenberg-Ramsay, 524 S. First, spoke in opposition to the application of Aquamarine Springs, urging the committee to rescind its prior approval. She stated this is a family neighborhood with little children.

Robert Fouser, 618 S. Ashley, spoke about the noise ordinance limitations. He stated you can't really call the police for drunken pedestrians.

NEW BUSINESS

[15-1508](#)

Resolution to Approve a Request from Glass House Brewing LLC for a New Micro-Brewer Liquor License to be Located at 2350 W. Liberty Street

Sponsors: Council Liquor License Review Committee

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry updated the committee regarding the application of Glass House Brewery. The application is for a new Micro Brewer license, to be located at 2350 W. Liberty.

The applicant, Brent Payeur, spoke about his application. He stated they are applying for a family-owned business with half of the building being preserved as a glass company and half will be the brewery. He noted there will be seating for approximately 50 persons. The brewery does not currently have plans to serve food, but they will allow delivery service or takeout from the Mexican restaurant next door.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the Resolution be recommended for approval to the City Council on 1/19/2016. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-16-019

[16-0021](#)

Council Liquor License Review Committee Proposed 2016 Calendar and Annual Renewal Process

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry noted that the next meeting would be January 29.

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the proposed 2016 meeting calendar and annual renewal schedule be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry briefed the committee on the approved schedule and reviewed the dates. She stated staff are available to review their reports regarding the annual renewal process and the next step would be for the committee to approve the list of applicants who have been identified by staff for potential objection. Once the list is confirmed, staff will precede with letters alerting licensees of the potential objection and the next due date (January 29).

Deputy City Treasurer Mike Pettigrew provided the following report for Treasury (objections due to delinquent personal property taxes):

The Arena - \$9552.60

Banfield's Bar and Grill - \$2351.61 and \$90.00 invoice

Burger Fi - \$1710.92 and \$90.00 invoice

Tony Sacco's - \$4754.09 and \$90.00 invoice

What Crepe LLC - \$4754.09 and \$90.00 invoice

Zola Bistro - \$9508.33

Lt. Renee Bush of the Ann Arbor Police Department updated the committee regarding one liquor licensee who has been convicted of a felony OWI. Lt. Bush stated a hearing has been scheduled with the MLCC. She stated at this time the Police Department is not objecting to the annual renewal, but she would update the committee again at the next meeting on this issue. The licensee has three establishments in the City and pled guilty to the offense, which occurred in November 2014.

Jennifer Alexa, deputy city clerk, updated the committee regarding the annual renewal process and the collection of the annual renewal fee of \$90.00.

Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales stated she spoke with Interim Community Services Area Administrator Larry Collins and the Building Department may have additional objections to report at a later date. Following further discussion, it was decided that the City Clerk would proceed with the objections noted by Treasury and send letters to those licensees and any additional administrative objections made by the Building Department within the next week.

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the above identified licensees be contacted by the City Clerk for final payment prior to proceeding with a hearing. The due date would be January 29, per the schedule. It was further moved that any additional objections made by the Building Department could be added to the list administratively in the next week. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the committee enter into Closed Session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Communication as set forth in MCLA 15.268 (H). On a roll call, the vote was as follows with the Chair declaring the motion carried and the meeting recessed into Closed Session at 4:40 p.m.:

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

Nay: 0

MEETING RECONVENED

A motion was made by Councilmember Ackerman, seconded by Councilmember Kailasapathy, that the meeting reconvene. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting reconvened in Open Session at 5:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.