

City of Ann Arbor

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Action Minutes

Friday, October 16, 2015

3:00 PM

Special Meeting

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

Council Liquor License Review Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Liquor License Review Committee was called to order by the Chair, Jane Lumm, at 3:11 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Larcom Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, 301 E. Huron Street.

City Clerk Jacqueline Beaudry, Assistant City Attorney Mary Fales, and Lt. Renee Bush of the Ann Arbor Police Department, were also in attendance.

Present: 2 - Jane Lumm and Sumi Kailasapathy

Absent: 1 - Mike Anglin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15-1272 Council Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2015

Attachments: 2015-09-04 liquor committee minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Lumm, that the Minutes of September 4, 2015 be approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council on 12/7/2015. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15-1104 Resolution to Approve a Request from SVP Corporation for a New Resort Class C Liquor License to be Located at 2721 Plymouth Road - d/b/a The Wine Seller

City Clerk Beaudry updated the committee regarding this application and noted that a new seating chart had been provided and includes the 100-seat minimum requirement.

Assistant City Attorney Fales concurred that Building and Fire had reviewed the new seating chart and determined that there was space for 101 seats.

A representative for the applicant stated this new plan is not the preferred arrangement and reiterated his belief that the MLCC would approve a Resort License to an establishment serving 100 patrons daily.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Lumm, that the Resolution, with the 100 seat plan, be recommended for approval by the City Council on 10/19/2015. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-15-343

NEW BUSINESS

15-1179 Resolution to Approve a Request from Aquamarine Springs, LLC for a New Micro-Brewer, Small Wine-Maker, Small Distiller Liquor License and Dance/Entertainment Permit, to be Located at 507 S. Ashley Street

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The committee noted that the building is located in the floodway and is also part of the Old West Side Historic District. Committee members discussed the fact that any renovation to the building would require further review by the Fire and Building Departments and may also require site plan approval. It was noted that this approval was only for the applicant to proceed with the liquor license application process.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kailasapathy, seconded by Councilmember Lumm, that the Resolution be recommended for approval to the City Council on 10/19/2015. On a voice vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Enactment No: R-15-344

INFORMATION/UPCOMING BUSINESS

Proposed Commercial Quadricycle Ordinance

Amanda Swan of Trolley Pub was present to talk about her business and any proposed changes to the City's regulation of the State law regarding commercial quadricycles. She stated Trolley Pub operates in other cities, including Raleigh NC, Arlington VA, Madison WI, Austin TX and Charlotte NC. Ms. Swan stated the operation is typically a BYOB style with wine and beer. She stated her quadricycle meets all federal and state regulations for slow moving vehicles.

Councilmembers inquired about safety. Ms. Swan responded that seatbelts, but not helmets, are required. It was also noted that in Madison, a two 48-oz drink limit is enforced, with plastic only, no glass bottles.

Lt. Bush stated she has already been in contact with Ms. Swan regarding her Ann Arbor operation.

Ms. Fales reported that she has reached out to the DDA, University of Michigan, City Parks, Public Services and area business associations for feedback and input. She stated the UM had concerns about quadricycle operation on certain off-campus streets. City Parks did not want the vehicles operating in any parks. Ms. Fales recommended that an approved map for operation be considered.

Councilmembers requested that the City Attorney draft a proposed ordinance for the committee's review. Councilmember Kailasapathy suggested certain "blackout dates" be considered in the ordinance, such as game days. Lt. Bush recommended that the Committee take into consideration approved routes, parking, safety regulations, stakeholder input and restrictions regarding event dates.

Councilmember Lumm requested that stakeholder input be ready for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Committee, Chair Lumm called the meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.