



## LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

August 3, 2010

The Local Liquor Control Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, in City Council Chambers, Room 108 of the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Chairman Brad Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following-named members of the Commission present/absent:

### 1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Steven Haynes, Commissioner Lance Jack, Commissioner Joel Fritzler, Commissioner Corene McDaniel, Commissioner Chris Wissmann and Chairman Brad Cole

Absent: Commissioner Mary Pohlmann

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Allen Gill and various members of the City's administrative staff. Chairman Cole noted that Commissioner Pohlmann had notified the Commission that she would be unable to attend this meeting.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Commission approve the minutes of the Liquor Control Commission meeting held on July 20, 2010. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

### 3. Consideration of a Class A1 liquor license for Compass Group USA, Inc., d/b/a Chartwells, for the SIU Arena, 1400 Arena Drive

The City Clerk said that the that the Commission had originally reviewed this application on July 20th and had questions about the decision to license only the Arena Club area in the SIU Arena but not the entire facility. With the representative of Chartwells unable to answer the questions about this decision and with no representative of SIUC present, the Commission took no action on the application and asked that the application be returned for further consideration at the August 3rd Commission meeting. The Liquor Advisory Board expressed no concerns about the issuance of this liquor license and there are no items outstanding.

Matthew Kent, Director of Dining Services for Chartwells, and Mario Moccia, Director of Athletics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, were present to answer questions.

In response to Board inquiry, Director Moccia explained that the University made the decision to offer alcohol only in the club area of the Arena and only in 12 suites and club area in the Stadium primarily because atmosphere that could result from allowing beer and wine throughout all venues is not in line with the educational focus of SIUC. Director Moccia said specifically about selling only in the clubs and suites, in addition to the funding from the City and the

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students, 150 individuals made gifts totaling \$9.3 million to help pay for Saluki Way and there are some expectations that come with that. Also, it is rare to see an educational institution sell beer and wine in the stands. The University feels that there is a family atmosphere in the football stadium and in the arena and to have the sale of alcohol available for people who are sitting behind families with children does not contribute to that family atmosphere. Director Moccia said another issue is the control of 15,000 people from a policing and a staffing standpoint, adding that is not something they are prepared to take on. The possibility of underage drinking would be the biggest factor, especially because a football game generally has between 3,000 and 4,000 students in attendance and they would have difficulty policing the activities of that many students. Director Moccia said it is for these reasons that they are asking for the sale of beer and wine in these limited spaces as a type of test run. Director Moccia noted that the sale of beer and wine will be allowed in the club areas only two hours before the game, stopping at kick off, and then allowing it again only during half time. Alcohol at basketball games will be allowed in the club room about an hour or an hour and a half prior to game time. Director Moccia said they want to see how the football and basketball seasons go with the rules currently in place before they begin discussions with the University administration about expanding the availability of alcohol, but those discussions could possibly take place in the future.

Following additional Council discussion, L. Jack moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Commission approve the Class A1 liquor license for Compass Group USA d/b/a Chartwells at the SIU Arena Club located within the SIUC Arena at 1400 Arena Drive. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: J. Fritzler. Motion declared carried.

#### **4. Consideration of a Class A1 liquor license for Compass Group USA, Inc., d/b/a Chartwells, for the SIU Football Stadium, 1415 Arena Drive**

Matthew Kent, Director of Dining Services for Chartwells, and Mario Moccia, Director of Athletics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, were present to answer questions.

The City Clerk noted that this application had also been scheduled for review on July 20th, but as with the prior application the Commission had questions about the availability of alcohol only in the suites at the football stadium but not in the stands. Therefore, action on this application was also postponed to this meeting. The Liquor Advisory Board had no concerns about the issuance of this license and there are no items outstanding.

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Commission approve the Class A1 liquor license for Compass Group USA d/b/a Chartwells for the private club room and 12 suites located within the SIU Football Stadium at 1415 Arena Drive. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: J. Fritzler. Motion declared carried.

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**5. Review of Final Reports from the Police Department, Fire Department and Building and Neighborhood Services for License Year 2009-2010**

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, that the Final Reports from the Police Department, Fire Department and Building and Neighborhood Services for License Year 2009-2010 be accepted and placed on file. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chairman Cole declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Janet M. Vaught  
City Clerk

Approved by the Commission on:

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