



LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION June 11, 2013

The Local Liquor Control Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, in City Council Chambers, Room 108 of the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Chairman Joel Fritzler 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 Lee Fronabarger, Commissioner Jessica Bradshaw, Commissioner Carolin Harvey, Commissioner Donald Monty, Commissioner Jane Adams, Chairman Joel Fritzler

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, City Manager Kevin Baity, and various members of City Staff.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Fronabarger moved, Commissioner Monty seconded, to approve the minutes from April 16, 2013. DISCUSSION: None. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

3. Consideration of an Application for a Class B2 Liquor License for Kenneth Lynon, as an individual, d/b/a University Lounge, 520 South Illinois Avenue

Commissioner Bradshaw moved, Commissioner Harvey seconded, to approve the issuance of a Class B2 liquor license from Kenneth Lynon, as an individual, d/b/a University Lounge, 520 South Illinois Avenue. Mr. Lynon was present to answer questions from the Commission. Commissioners Monty and Adams questioned the Assistant City Attorney, Lenoard "Jamie" Snyder, about the applicant's eligibility to hold a Class B liquor license. Mr. Snyder indicated that based on his review of the State and City regulations, as well as case law, Mr. Lynon would not be eligible based on his employment status. Commissioner Monty shared his thoughts about the possible ramifications or perceptions of Mr. Lynon's employment with the City as a Code Enforcement officer while holding a liquor license. Mr. Lynon addressed the Commission and offered his interpretation of the State's Code, the responsibilities outlined in his job description, and noted that the State did not object to him holding a liquor license. He also discussed his intentions for the business. Commissioners Monty and Bradshaw questioned Mr. Lynon about his plans for the location. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey. Nays: L. Fronabarger, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. J. Bradshaw abstained. Motion denied. Following the vote, Commissioner Monty remarked that Mr. Lynon had other avenues he could choose to explore in pursuing the liquor license.

4. Consideration of an Application for the Transfer of an Existing A2 Liquor License from Evelyn's, Inc. d/b/a La Fogata to La Fogata Taqueria, Inc. d/b/a La Fogata Taqueria, 519 South Illinois Avenue

Mr. Ramirez was present to answer questions from the Commission. Commissioner Monty asked about an unnamed investor noted on the application. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5. Consideration of Liquor License Renewal Applications for the 2013-2014 License Year

Commissioner Monty moved, Commissioner Adams seconded, to approve the renewal of all liquor

licenses pending receipt of outstanding items. Commissioner Monty shared his concerns relative to the noted outstanding safety approvals. Mr. Monty remarked that historically, cases where establishments which served alcohol to minors came before the Liquor Commission and requested that Staff look into that matter. Chairman Fritzler noted that the Commission has previously requested that Staff to investigate ways to stagger inspections. Mr. Fritzler also commented on the necessity of having strict inspections. Commissioners Bradshaw, Fronabarger, Harvey and Monty asked about the start of and outstanding safety inspections, as well as the delays in receiving outstanding items. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Local Liquor Control Commission, Chairman Fritzler declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved by the Commission:

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk