

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 27, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on September 27, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, John Ramirez, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio, Attorney Maurice Powe, Esq. and Attorney Alesia Days, Esq being present. The meeting was held Virtual Public Hearing (ZOOM). To view Public Hearing .CH 17 on Springfield's Comcast <http://focusspringfield.com/watch/government>.

FIRST order of business –Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for Springfield Board of License Commissioners Hearing held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SECOND order of business: New Petitions

Petition for a Transfer of License from One Stop Boston Road, Inc. to One Springfield Market, Inc. d/b/a One Stop Market located at 469-475 Boston Rd; Jamin B. Patel, Manager of Record.

Attorney Philip Soloperto, Esq. appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 10/11/2023 to allow Licensee to appoint a New Manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Change of Hours for Level 5 Restaurant d/b/a Level 5 Restaurant located at 892-892 State Street; Rasan J Jacobs, Manager of Record, Closing time 1:00 am to 2:00 am.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

Petition for a New Pool Table License for Café & Varieties, LLC d/b/a Café and Varieties located at 261 Locust Street; Pascacio Reynoso, Manager of Record.

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 10/11/2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business: Informational Hearing

Khi and Eli Food for the Soul locate at 882 Sumner Ave; Melvin Lockett, Manager of Record. Change of Hours from 12:00 am closing on Friday and Saturdays to 2:00 am closing.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve 12:00 am closing Sunday through Saturday and revisit in 5 months. With Commissioners Cade, Espinosa and D'Angelantonio voting in favor and Commissioner Ramirez voting against. Motion carried.

SIXTH order of business: Pre-Hearing Conference

Le Souk Hookah d/b/a Le Souk Hookah located at 1 Worthington Street; Genesis Pujol, Manager of Record; Incident of 9-3-23. (1) Violation of City of Springfield Rules and Regulations Section 2.06 Subsection D (Employee not aware of regulation allowing police officers to enter licensed premise for inspection without a warrant); (2) Violation of security plan failure to enforce "strict dress code"; (3) Violation of security plan failure to call police in a timely manner; (4) Violation of City of Springfield Rules and Regulations Section 2.17 Subsection M failure to notify the Springfield Police Department immediately of a disturbance upon the license premises, and (5) Hindering Police Investigation (Providing misleading statements to officers).

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 10/11/2023 for further review. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

Attorney Days left meeting at 6:48 PM.

SEVENTH order of business: Administrative Reports.

1. The Zone – Incident of 9-2-23 -- Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 10/11/2023 for review. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by,
Alesia H. Days, Esq.**