

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of October 11, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on October 11, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, John Ramirez, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio, Attorney Maurice Powe 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 27, 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; Michael A. Navarro, Manager of Record.

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

After discussion

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

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Change of Ownership Interest (LLC members/LLP Partners, Trustees), Change of Officers Directors/LLC Managers, Change of Hours and Change of Manager for 301 Bridge, LLC d/b/a Osteria located at 301 Bridge Street; from Matthew J. Hubeny to Lyndsay M. Bousquet, Manager of Record.

Attorney Dan Kelly, Esq. appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, 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.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

FIFTH order of business:

Petition for a New Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License for Urban Food Brood, LLC d/b/a Urban Food Brood located at 250 Albany St; Timothy Monson, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

SIXTH order of business:

Petition for a New Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License for The Artist Café LLC d/b/a The Artist Café located at 1365 Main St, Suite 110; David Maynard, Manager of Record.

After discussion

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

SEVENTH order of business: Informational Hearings

Springfield Liquor Mart located at 1785 Allen St; Jerome Francis, Manager of Record; Incident of 8-8-23- Sale of alcoholic beverages to intoxicated person (s)

After discussion

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

EIGHTH 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 10/25/2023 for Final Hearing Conference. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

NINETH order of business: SECTION 77 - FINAL HEARING:

The Hookah Factory located 296 Cooley St; Assad Awam- Status of License.

Attorney Dan Kelly, Esq. appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 11-8-2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

TENTH order of business:

Aquarius located at 1217 State St; Freddy Venegas-Status of License.

Licensing do not appear Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 10-25-2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

ELEVENTH order of business:

Donovan's Irish Pub located at 1655 Boston Rd; Justine K. Garaughty, Manager of Record-Status of License.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

TWELFTH order of business:

Mardi Gras located at 87-91 Taylor St; Sherri Via, Manager of Record-Status of License.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned accepted surrender of liquor license. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRTEENH order of business:

Palate located at 8 Temby Rd; Jose Hernandez; Manager of Record- Status of License. --- Dismissed restaurant is open.

After discussion

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

FOURTHTEENTH order of business:

Cozy Café located at 666 State St; Ellen Boyton, Manager of Record; Status of License.

Licensing do not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 10-25-2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTHTEENTH: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF INCIDENT REPORTS

1. The Zone – Incident of 9-2-23 **No Action**
2. Christophers Package Store-Incident of 9-17-23 **No Action**
3. Fuego’s Sports Bar-Incident of 9-16-23 **Pre-Hearing Conference**
4. Sophia’s Pizza & Sports Bar-Incident of 9-10-23 **No Action**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Alesia H. Days, Esq.**