

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of November 8, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on November 8, 2023 at 5:31 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, October 25, 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 New Annual Beer and Wine Package Store License for AG & J LLC d/b/a Crossroads Convenience Store & Creamery located at 567 Main St I.O; Jenna C. Stewart, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

THIRD order of business:

Request for extension of Liquor License hours from closing time 11:30 pm to 2:00 am on November 17 for Mesa Buffet LLC d/b/a Mesa Buffet located at 1301 Liberty St; Candy Cedeno, Manager of Record.

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:

Request for Seasonal All Alcohol Package Store License extension for Pit Stop Food N Fuel Inc d/b/a Pit Stop Food N Fuel located at 736-740 Boston Rd; Hardik Gogri, Manager of Record. Extension from November 30th to January 15th.

Attorney Rachel Fancy and Attorney Seth Stratton appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to denied. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business: Pre-Hearing

Fuego Sports Bar LLC d/b/a Fuego Sport Bar located at 885 Carew St; Angie Guzman, Manager of Record; Incident of 9-16-23; Allowing the use of smoking material without required smoking bar permit.

Attorney Allen email for continuance for 11-30-2023

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 11-30-2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SIXTH order of business: Final Hearings

60 GEO High, LLC d/b/a Merrill's Superette located at 62 High St; Riswan Raufdeen, Manager of Record; Incident of 12-6-22, 3-8-23, 10-14 & 15, 2023; Receiving Stolen Property.

Licensing did not appear

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 11-30-2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business: New Business

Discussion regarding request for Seasonal License Extension.

After discussion

It was agreed to continue to 11-30-2023 for further review.

EIGHTH order of business: SECTION 77

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

Licensing did not appear

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to cancel of liquor license based on email received by owner Freddy Venegas. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

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NINETH order of business:

The Hookah Factory located at 296 Cooley St; Assad Awam, Manager of Record-Status of License.

Licensing did not appear

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 11-30-2023 based email received by Attorney Dan Kelly. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

TENTH order of business: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF INCIDENT REPORTS

1. Panache Banquet Hall-Incident of 10-18-23 No Action
2. Shadow Lounge- Incident of 10-23-23 No Action

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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