

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 13, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on December 13, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio, Attorney Alesia Days Esq, Attorney Maurice Powe Esq, being present and Commissioner John Ramirez being absent. The meeting was held Virtual Public Hearing (ZOOM). To view Public Hearing .CH 17 on Springfield's Comcast <http://focusspringfield.com/watch/goverment>.

FIRST order of business –Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for Springfield Board of License Commissioners Hearing held on Thursday, November 30, 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 Change of Manger for Springfield Hospitality LLC d/b/a Marriot Hotel located at 2 Boland Way; from Peter Marks to Mark Henshaw, 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:

Petition for a Change of Hours from 11:30 pm closing to 2:00 am closing, 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:

Petition for a Change of Manager for Ciro's Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Ciro's Restaurant located at 904-912 Main St; from Gerry Glasser to Nicholas Bruno, 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 Change of Manager and Change of Officers/Directors for East Springfield America Legion Post 420 d/b/a East Springfield America Legion Post 420; from Darrell W. Rollins to Donna M. Mainville.

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 Change of Manager for Harmony Lodge #140 d/b/a Harmony Lodge located at 73 Wilbraham Rd; from Priscilla White to Dorien K Barrow, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

SEVENTH order of business:

Petition for a Change of Ownership Interest (LLC Members/LLP Partners, Trustees) for 896 Allen St, Inc d/b/a Eddie's Package Store located at 896 Allen St; Daniel J. Smith, Manager of Record.

Attorney Katherine Garvey appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

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

EIGHTH order of business: Final 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 Shawn Allyn appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned 5 days suspension, 2 days to be served Friday, December 22 and Saturday, December 23, 2023 the remaining 3 days to be held in advance for one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

NINETH order of business: New Business

Discussion regarding request for Seasonal License Extension.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to grant NO additional Seasonal License. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

TENTH order of business:

Approval of Liquor License for Plan B Springfield LLC d/b/a Plan B Burger Bar located at 1000 West Columbus Ave; Denise Wessing, Manager of Record.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to accepted renewal for 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

ELEVENTH order of business: Old Business

Forest Park Liquor located at 594 Sumner Ave; Jason Einsenbeiser, Manager of Record; Request to be clear for 2024 Liquor License due to pending appeal.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve 2024 renewal with continuance for 3-27-2024 for appeal decision. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

TWELFTH order of business: Administrative Review OF INCIDENT REPORTS

1. Harmony Lodge – Incident of 11-19-23 No Action
2. Nathan Bill's – Incident of 11-23-23 No Action

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.