

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on December 27, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. Commissioners: John Ramirez, Andrew Cade, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio, Attorney Alesia Days Esq, Attorney Maurice Powe Esq, being present and Commissioner Rosa Espinosa being absent. 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, December 13, 2023.

After discussion:

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

SECOND order of business: New Petitions

Petition for a New Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License/Late Renewal for Republica Hookah Bar LLC d/b/a Republica Hookah Lounge located at 762 Boston Rd; Charlie Melo Perez, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Change of Manager for John Boyle O'Reilly Club of Springfield, Inc. d/b/a John Boyle O'Reilly Club located at 33 Progress Ave; from Bryan Christofori to Matthew Keating.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

FOURTH order of business:

Petition for Change of Manager, Change of Officer/Directors/LLC Managers, Change of Ownership Interest (LLC Members/LLP Partners, Trustees) for Pride Operating LLC d/b/a Pride located at 77 West St; Enrique Siu to Alexis A. Ruiz.

Attorney Channing appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

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

FIFTH order of business:

Petition for Change of Manager, Change of Officer/Directors/LLC Managers, Change of Ownership Interest (LLC Members/LLP Partners, Trustees) for Pride Operating LLC d/b/a Pride located at 1225 Parker St; from Andrea Van Keuren to Tammy Hayward.

Attorney Channing appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

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

SIXTH order of business:Informational Hearing

Hatwood Auto Sales located at 50 Chapel St; Derrick Hatwood, Manager of Record. Complaint

Licensing email for continuation

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to continue on 1-10-2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business:Pre-Hearing Conference

Merrill's Superette located at 62 High St; Riswan Raufdeen, Manager of Record. Incident of 10-15-23, 10-14-23, 12-6-22, 3-8-23 Receiving Stolen Property.

Attorney Joshua M. Goldstein appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned 5 days suspension, 2 days to be served Friday, January 5 and Saturday, January 6, 2024 the remaining 3 days to be held in advance for one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

EIGHTH order of business: New Business

Discussion regarding Common Victualler Tax Failures.

After discussion

Attorney Alesia Days, Esq. advised to extend the 2023 Common Victualler License until February 2024 due to late tax certification.

NINETH order of business: Final Hearing

Rose Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Rose located at 555 Worthington Street; Antron Goodridge, Manager of Record- License Status.

After discussion:

Commissioner Ramirez motioned to continue on 1-24-2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

TENTH order of business: Administrative Review OF INCIDENT REPORTS

1. Sophia's Pizza-Incident of 12-2-23 No Action

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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