

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 28, 2024

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on February 28, 2024 at 5:32 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, John Ramirez, Andrew Cade, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio, Attorney Anthony Bonavita, Attorney Alesia Days, 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, February 14, 2024.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 3-13-2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SECOND order of business: New Petitions

Petition for a Change of Manager from Majid Nizam Din to Moheet Ahmad and Change of Hours of operation for Sunday only From 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM To 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM, for GEO 195 Pine, LLC d/b/a Summit Package Store located at 195 Pine St; Majid Nizam Din, current Manager of Record.

Attorney Josh Goldstein appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve hours of operation for Sunday only from 10:00AM to 11:00PM and change of manager to Moheet Ahmad. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Change of Manager from Riswan Raufdeen to Majid Nizam Din and Change of Hours of operation for Sunday only From 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM To 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM, for 60 GEO Hill, LLC d/b/a Merrill's Superette located at 62 High St; Riswan Raufdeen, current Manager of Record.

Attorney Josh Goldstein appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve hours of operation for Sunday only from 10:00AM to 11:00PM and change of manager to Majid Nizam Din. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business: Informational Hearing

***United Auto Sales located at 874 Berkshire Ave; Joseph Nigro, Manager of Record.
Complaint***

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 3-13-2024 the complaint did not appear. With Commissioners Sygnator, Cade, Espinosa and Ramirez voting in favor and Commissioner D'Angelantonio voting against. Motion carried.

FIFTH order of business:

Mojitos Bar & Restaurant located at 497 Belmont Ave; Jamie Romero Ceden, Manager of Record. Incident of 12-28-23, 1-4-24 and 1-10-24. Manager of Record Jamie Romero Ceden be charge with the following; Violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2). TWO COUNTS; to wit; 1) Failure to call the police, and 2) Allowing the use of smoking materials in violation of MGL Chapter 270 Section 22.

Attorney Dan Kelly appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to take No Action on incident report of 12-28-23 and 1-4-24. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

Commissioner Sygnator motioned 5 days suspension, 3 days to be served March 7, 8 and March 9, 2024 the remaining 2 days to be held in abeyance for one year from 2-28-24 to 2-28-25. The sign must be displayed at eye level in the main door of the establishment for the days the licensee is closed. Motioned seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

SIXTH order of business: Old Business

Petition for New Annual Wines and Malt Restaurant License for Blaze Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Island Blaze Restaurant located at 708 Main St; Guyseymore Wilson Manager of Record. Fail to notify Abutters

Attorney Dan Kelly appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned No Action. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business:

Petition for Change of Manager, Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers, Alteration of Licensed Premises, Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder, Change of Hours, Change of DBA for Boulevard Tavern Inc. d/b/a The Boulevard Tavern & Grill located at 664-666 Page Blvd; Richard Hutchinson Manager of Record. Fail to notify Abutters.

Attorney Dan Kelly appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned No Action. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

EIGHTH order of business:

Palate, Inc. dba Palate at 8 Temby Rd; Jose Hernandez Manager of Record – letting La Taqueria Del Pueblo Bar & Restaurant operate and purchase liquor with Palate Liquor License.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to continue on 3-27-2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

NINETH order of business:

3 Key Cahoot, LLC dba Loophole Brewing at 51-59 Taylor St; Jeffrey Goulet Manager of Record. 1st Floor not finished. No certificate of Occupancy issued for intended use (Brewery).

Licensing submitted an email for continuance

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 3-13-2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.