

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 14, 2024

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on August 14, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, John Ramirez, Andrew Cade, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio, Anthony Bonavita being present. 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 Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

After discussion:

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

SECOND order of business: New Petitions:

Petition for a Transfer of License from Peacocks MA Inc. dba Peacock Chinese Restaurant to Dragon Castle Inc. dba Peacock Chinese Restaurant located at 338 Cooley Street; Mei Nuan Li, Manager of Record.

Attorney Don McDonald appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approved hours of operation Monday thru Saturday hours of operation are from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM and Sunday from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM All Alcoholic Beverages. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business: Informational Hearing

Fast Lane Auto Sales & Service, Inc dba Fast Lane Auto Sales & Service, Inc. located at 18 Berkshire Avenue; Noemi De Leon, Manager of Record. Complaint regarding Car Title

Attorney Jared Olanoff appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 8-28-24 due to complaint did not appear. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

Evinshir, Inc. dba Panache Banquet Hall located at 827 State St; Charles G. Lee; Manager of Record. No Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Ramirez motioned to continue on 10-23-24. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator with unanimous vote to approve. Status on Bernard and renovation completion

FIFTH order of business: Pre-Hearing Conference

Le Souk Hookah Lounge, LLC dba Le Souk Hookah located at 1 Worthington Street; Genesis Pujol, Manager of Record. Incident of 6-28-24: be charged with the following: Violation of 204 CMR 2.05(2) TWO COUNTS: to with; 1) Permitting outdoor entertainment in violation of Entertainment License, and 2) Violation of security plan- failure to enforce "strict dress code,"

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned 14 days suspension on consecutive Friday and Saturday, 9 days were held in advance and 5 days security plan failure to enforce "strict dress code". 14 days to be served Fridays and Saturday starting August 23, 24, 30, 31 – September 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 – October 4 and 5, 2024 with a SIGN to be posted on the door as to why they are closed. Manager in charge agree with the suspension regarding violation: security plan and dress code. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade. With Commissioners Sygnator, Cade, Espinosa and D'Angelantonio voting in favor and Commissioner Ramirez voting abstain. Motion carried.

SIXTH order of business: Section 77 – Final Hearing

Graham's Package Store Inc. dba Graham's Package Store located at 1649-1651 Main Street; Richard L. Lafley Jr. Manager of Record. Status of the Liquor License

Attorney Julie A. Dialessi-Laflay appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to continue on 10-23-24. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio with unanimous vote to approve. These renovations are complete and the shelves are stocked. If not, expect a Section 77 cancellation in November.

SEVENTH order of business: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF INCIDENT REPORTS

1. Irish Ale House – Incident of 7-26-24

After discussion of Report – Commissioner Sygnator motioned to take No Action. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio with unanimous vote to approve.

2. Rose – Incident of 8-4-24

After discussion of Report – Commissioner Sygnator motioned to take No Action. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio with unanimous vote to approve.

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by,
Alesia H. Days, Esq.**