

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 15, 2025

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on January 15, 2025 at 5:32 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, John Ramirez, Peter Sygnator, Maria D'Angelantonio and Attorney 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/government>.

FIRST order of business: Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for Springfield Board of License Commissioners Hearing held on Monday, December 11, 2024.

After discussion:

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

SECOND order of business: Continued New Petitions:

New Petition for Beer & Wine License for The Farmers House dba the Farmers House located at 600 Belmont Ave, Jose Cuevas, Manager of Record. Newspaper Ad were not posted and not sent to the Abutters

Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approved with 10:00 PM closing Monday through Sunday. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a New Car Dealer, Class I (New Car) License for AJAW LLC dba AJAW LLC located at 890 Boston Rd; Timothy James Riley, Manager of Record. Need a Special Permit.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to take off the agenda until he has a new location, lease and has a special permit. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business: New Petitions:

Petition for a Change of location for Assad & Paul, LLC dba The Hookah Factory from 296 Cooley St, Suite #2 to 436 Boston Rd; Assad M Awan, Manager of Record. Has not met with the Neighborhood Councils or the Planning Board.

Attorney Daniel Kelly requested a continuance.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 2-26-25. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business: Informational Hearing

Power Entertainment LLC dba Dewey's Jazz Lounge located at 232 Worthington St; Kenneth Lumpkin, Manager of Record. Review of Liquor License-Outstanding taxes.

Attorney Mark Esposito

After discussion

Commissioner Cade motioned to continue 4-23-25. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

SIXTH order of business:

One Day Beer & Wine Permit for January 17, 2025 - Indoor from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Event held at 1500 Main St 2nd Floor (Food Court Tower Square) type of event: Brunch, Name of Organization – Iona's Kitchen, Person in charge of event Kelly Dobbins.

Anna Dobbins (Kelly Dobbins wife)

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approved on the condition the applicant submits a letter from the property manager/landlord allowing their space to be used for this event and providing their security. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVETH order of business: Pre-Hearing Conference

Rose Ent LLC dba Rose located at 555 Worthington St; Antron Goodridge, Manager of Record; Incident of 10-26-24, Offering Entertainment after 1:00 am without a late-night Entertainment Permit; No manager of record present. Did the owner applied to be the manager of record?

Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa Commissioner Cade motioned to continue 1-29-25 to address if the owner submitted an application for Change of Manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez with unanimous vote to approve. Completed application for Change of Manager was submitted on 1-15-2025.

EIGHTH: order of business: Section 77- Final Hearing

Assad & Paul, LLC dba The Hookah Factory; Assad M Awan, Manager of Record. Section 77 - Regarding Liquor License / change of location.

Attorney Daniel Kelly requested a continuance.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue on 2-26-25. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade with unanimous vote to approve. Meet with the Planning Board and Neighborhood Council.

NINETH 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. Renovations are complete and the shelves are stocked. If not, expect a Section 77 cancellation in November. Status of the Liquor License.

Attorney Julie A. Dialessi-Lafley (Seller) / Attorney Rachel Fancy represents the buyer

After discussion:

Commissioner Ramirez motioned to continue on 3-12-25 waiting for Certificate of Good Standing and resolve the issue with the lien on the Liquor License. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

TENTH order of business: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF INCIDENT REPORTS

1. Top Shelf – Incident of 12-22-24

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

2. Rose – Incident of 1-1-25

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

3. Noir – Incident of 1-4-25

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.