



License Commission

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Peter Sygnator

Thursday, January 11, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall--Room 220

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on January 11, 2018 at City Hall--Room 220, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Peter Sygnator		Present	
Robert G. Casey		Present	
Andrew Cade		Present	
Rosa Espinosa		Absent	
Ronald Senez		Present	

II. Public Portion

III. Statement

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 11, 2018

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on January 11, 2018 at 5:33 P.M. Commissioners: Peter Sygnator, Robert Casey, Andrew Cade, and Ronald Senez were present. Commissioner Rosa Espinosa was absent. The meeting was held at Springfield City Hall, 36 Court Street - Room 223-2nd Floor, Springfield, MA.

FIRST order of business - Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for Springfield Board of License Commissioners Hearing held on Thursday December 28, 2017.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Casey with a unanimous vote to approve.

SECOND order of business- Petitions:

Petition for a New Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License for Frontera Grill of Springfield, Inc. d/b/a Frontera Grill located at 1411 Boston Road; Ana Cristina Gomez, Manager of Record.

Attorney Benjamin Coyle appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve with a 12am closing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cade with a unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for Change of hours for Le Souk Hookah Lounge, LLC, d/b/a Le Souk Hookah Lounge located at 1 Worthington Street; Khadija Hussain, Manager of Record.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to continue until Licensee meets with the Armory Quadrangle neighborhood council. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Casey with a unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

Petition for Change of Hours for Palate, Inc. d/b/a Palate located at 8 Temby Road; Jose Hernandez, Manager of Record.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve the change of hours with a 2am closing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Casey with a unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business- Informational Hearings:

Discuss City of Springfield BYOB Rules & Regulations.

After discussion:

No action taken.

SIXTH order of business- Old Business:

Le Souk Hookah Lounge, LLC, d/b/a Le Souk Hookah Lounge located at 1 Worthington Street; Khadija Hussain, Manager of Record; Incident of October 29, 2017 and November 10, 2017- Remaining Open after 1AM (2 Counts).

Attorney Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned a 1 day suspension to be held in abeyance for 1 year. Licensee stipulated to the facts of the violation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cade with a unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business:

Torcia & Sons, Inc. d/b/a Fat Cat Bar & Grill located at 232 Worthington Street; Shavone Gauthier, Manager of Record; Incident of October 29, 2017- Allowing a patron to exit premise with an alcoholic beverage (1 Count) and Violation of Security plan- No working video cameras (1 Count).

Attorney Daniel Kelly appeared on behalf of the Licensee.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned a 1 day suspension to be held in abeyance for 1 year. The licensee was asked to revise their security plan to include a plan of 2 security posted at the door at closing time and the retention of security camera to be kept for 30 day. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Senez with a unanimous vote to approve.

EIGHTH order of business- Section 77 Hearing:

Vote to accept the surrendered license of Corporation at 1716, Inc. d/b/a Paramount Annex located at 1716 Main Street; Toni A. Tortoriello, Manager of Record.

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion:

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to accept and refund the renewal fee that was paid for year 2018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cade with a unanimous vote to approve.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.
Director of Licensing