

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 24, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on August 24, 2022 at 5:35 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, John Ramirez, Andrew Cade, Maria D'Angelantonio and Peter Sygnator 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, August 10, 2022.

After discussion:

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

SECOND order of business: Petitions

Petition for New Annual Beer and Wine Package Store License for Ora Care Inc. d/b/a Ora Care located at 878 Sumner Ave; Troy Delacruz, Manager of Record.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve with a restriction for sales from 10 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday no Sunday hours and no sales of single bottles of beer. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Change of Manager for Kumar & Andy Inc. d/b/a One Stop Liquor Store located at 145-147 Boston Rd; from Jose Luis Martinez Jr. to Shruti Arora, Manager of Record.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

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

FOURTH order of business: - Information Hearings:

NEMC, LLC d/b/a New England Motors Cars located at 720 Berkshire Ave; Mohamed Rizan, Manager of Record. Complain of 4-7-22.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 9-14-22 after Licensee agreed to pick up the vehicle withing 5 business days for repairs. Mr. Feliciano agreed to pay half of the expenses (\$1,000) after the vehicle is returned to Mr. Feliciano with Commissioners Sygnator, Cade and D'Angelantonio voting in favor and Commissioner Ramirez against. Motion carried

FIFTH order of business:

Easthampton Cider Project located at 25 Bourne St, Three Rivers, MA; Event Planner, Joshua Bromale; Mattoon St. Arts Festival; Date (s) 9-10 & 11, 2022 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Event Planner would like to give out Cider for attendees to consume off premises.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

SEVENTH order of business: -Pre-Hearing Conferences:

Mardi Gras located at 87-91 Taylor St; Sherri Lynn Via, Manager of Record. Incident of 6-26-22; (1) Violation of City of Springfield License Commission Rules and Regulations Sec 2.32 sub-H. (2) Violation of City of Springfield License Commission Rules and Regulations Sec 7.08 sub-A.

Attorney Daniel Kelly appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to a 5 days suspension with 2 to be served and 3 to be held in abeyance for one year from August 24, 2022 to August 24, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

EIGHTH order of business:

Center Stage located at 265-271 Dwight St; Joanne Askins, Manager of Record; Incident of 6-6-22; (1) Failure to call the police to report a disturbance (2) Violation of security plan-item #11-Failure to wand suspect upon entry and re-entry to the licensed establishment (3) Violation of security plan-item #14-Allowing a bag other than a purse into licensed premise. (4) Violation of security-plan item #15-Failure to have at least two security personnel on duty.

Attorney Daniel Kelly appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to a 5 days suspension with 2 to be served and 3 to be held in abeyance for one year from August 24, 2022 to August 24, 2023 with Commissioners Cade and Ramirez voting in favor and Commissioners Sygnator and D' Angelantonio voting against, motion carried.

NINETH order of business:

Fuego Sports Bar located at 885 Carew St; Pedro DeLeon, Manager of Record; Incident of 6-4-22 (1) Exceeding Posted Occupancy Limit of 40 (2) Employee (Jose Ortiz) Consuming Alcohol on Licensed Premise. (3) Violation of City of Springfield Noise Ordinance (4) Offering Entertainment after 1:00 am without the required Late Night Entertainment Permit.

Attorney Daniel Hagan appeared in behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned a 5 days suspension with 1 day to be served and 4 days to be held in abeyance for one year from August 24, 2022 to August 24, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

TENTH order of business: -Administrative Reports

Discussion regarding New License Type annual fee; Farmer Series Pouring Permit.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 9-14-22. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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