

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 8, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on February 8, 2023 at 5:33P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, Maria D'Angelantonio, John Ramirez and Peter Sygnator being present and Attorney Maurice Powe, Esq. 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, January 25, 2023.

After discussion:

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

SECOND order of business: Petitions

Petition for Change of DBA for Amapola Bakery and Bistro, LLC from Bori Chino to Mojitos Bar & Restaurant located at 497 Belmont Ave; Jamie Romero Cedeno, Manager of Record.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

THIRD order of business: Petitions

Petition for a Change of Hours Massachusetts Convention Center Authority d/b/a Mass Mutual Center; From 12pm-2am to 8am to 2am; Christopher Hayes, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

FOURTH order of business:

Petition for a Change of Hours for Tu Casa Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant located at 427 White St; From 8am to 12am to 8am to 2am Lourdes Jimenez, Manager of Record.

Licensee appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to continue to 4-8-23 to allow time for licensee to met with Neighborhood Council. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business: Pre-Hearing Conferences

Assad & Paul LLC d/b/a The Hookah Factory located at 296 Cooley St; Assad Awan, Manager of Record; Incident of 12-23-221. Failure to call police 2. Failure to identify self in licensed premise. 3. Hindering a police investigation. 4. Violation of Security plan # 3) Failure to wand patrons prior to entrance. 5. Violation of Security plan # 4) Failure to provide cooperative assistance in investigation. 6. Violation of Security plan # 5) Failure to notify police when an act of violence occurs inside the premise outside the premises in area that would be considered in view of the premise.

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 2-22-23. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SIXTH order of business: Section 77 Hearings:

Cozy Café located at 666 State St; Ellen Boyton, Manager of Record. -Status of License.

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 2-22-23. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business: Administrative Reports

- 1. Center Stage-Incident of 1/7/23- Motioned a Pre hearing Conference**
- 2. Forest Park Liquors-Incident of 1-29-23- No Action**
- 3. Hemil's Bar & Grill-Incident of 1/21/23-No Action**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

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