

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 22, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on February 22, 2023 at 5:32 P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, Maria D'Angelantonio, John Ramirez, Peter Sygnator Attorney Maurice Powe, Esq. and Attorney Alesia Days 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, February 8, 2023.

After discussion:

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve with correction on 4th order of business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SECOND order of business: Petitions

Petition for Alternation of Premises of Black Buddah Associate, LLC DBA The Zone located at 30 Worthington Street; Paul Ramesh, Manager of Record.

Attorney Daniel Kelly appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

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

THIRD order of business:

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

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to approve Licensee to extended hours till 1am for a period of 6 months. Licensee can file for a change of hours in September if there have not been any violations. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

Petition for a Change of New All Alcohol Package Store Seasonal License of Pit Stop Food N Fuel, Inc. d/b/a Pit Stop N Fuel, Inc. located at 736-740 Boston Rd; Hardik Gogri, Manager of Record.

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to continue to 3-8-23. 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 wandle 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 Sygnator motioned to suspend license for a period of 32 days to be served every Thursday through Sunday starting February 23rd and ending April 16th, 2023 and security plan to be amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

SIXTH order of business:

Bino Inc. d/b/a Center Stage located at 265-271 Dwight St; Joann Askins, Manager of Record; Incident of 1-7-2023. 1. Violation of City Springfield License Commission Rules and Regulations Section 2.32 subsection H. 2. Violation of City of Springfield License Commission Rules and Regulations Section 7.8 subsection A. Touching, caressing or fondling of the genitals of another person; any sexual act prohibited by law in a public place or other undue familiarity between the sexes shall be prohibited, discouraged and such offenders ejected from the premises if necessary;

Attorney Daniel Kelly appeared on behalf of Licensee

After discussion

Commissioner Sygnator motioned to continue to 3-22-23. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH 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 3-8-23. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business: Administrative Reports

- 1. Solmar Restaurant & Bar - Incident of 1/15/23- No Action**
- 2. Top Shelf - Incident of 1-29-23- No Action**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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