

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of April 12, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on April 12, 2023 at 5:30P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, Maria D'Angelantonio, John Ramirez, Attorney Maurice Powe, Esq. being present. Commissioner Peter Sygnator being absent. 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, March 22, 2023.

After discussion:

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

SECOND order of business: Petitions

Petition for a Farmer Winery License to sell at a Farmers Market for Home Fruit Wine located at 200 Trafton St, Cyr Arena Parking lot in Forest Park; Lori Perkins, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Transfer of License from Chestnut Street Package Inc. to 447 Summer Inc. d/b/a Chestnut Package Store located at 492 Bridge St; Toralben P Patel, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 4/26/2023 Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

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

Attorney Seth Stratton appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Cade motioned to approve Seasonal License from April 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

FIFTH order of business:

Petition for Alteration of Premises for Student Prince LLC d/b/a Student Prince located at 8 Fort St; William Porter, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

SIXTH order of business:

Petition for a New Annual GOP All Alcohol License for Saint Anthony Masonite Catholic Church of Springfield, Inc. d/b/a The Cedars Banquet Hall located at 375 Island Pond Rd; Joanne Gagliarducci, Manager of Record.

Attorney Frederick Frangie appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 4/26/2023, to review Neighborhood Council in favor letter, with Commissioners Ramirez, D'Angelantonio voting in favor and Commissioner Cade voting against. Motion carried.

SEVENTH order of business: Pre-Hearing Conference

GEO 195 Pine Inc. d/b/a Summit Package Store located at 195 Pine St; Majid Nizam, Manager of Record; Incident of 2-21-23, Selling Alcohol to a Minor.

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 5/10/2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

EIGHTH order of business:

Tyler John Inc. d/b/a TJ's Wine and Spirits located at 1716 Boston Rd; Joyce Wilson, Manager of Record; Incident of 2-21-23, Selling Alcohol to a Minor.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Cade motioned a 5 days suspension with 1 day to be served on Saturday, 4/15/2023 and 4 days to be held in abeyance for a period of one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

NINETH order of business:

RICKAA, Inc. d/b/a Racing Mart located at 685 Sumner Ave; Rizk Abiassaf, Manager of Record; Incident of 2-21-23, Selling Alcohol to a Minor.

Attorney Thomas Rooke appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned a 5 days suspension with 2 days to be served on 4-14-2023 (Friday) & 4-15-2023 (Saturday) and 3 days to be held in abeyance for a period of one year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cade, with unanimous vote to approve.

TENTH order of business: New Business

2023 Seasonal License approval.

- 1. Springfield Lodge of Elks located at 440 Rear Tiffany Street.***
- 2. Clubhouse Café LLC located at 617 Dwight Road***

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 4/26/2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner D'Angelantonio, with unanimous vote to approve.

ELEVENTH: order of business: Section 77 Hearing:

Club Aquarius located at 1271 State St; Freddy Venegas, Manager of Record; Status of business License.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to take no action. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

TWELFTH: order of business: Administrative Reports.

The Zone-Incident of 3-11-23 – No Action
Benton Package- Incident of 3-25-23 – No Action
Pot Belly's-Incident of 3-17-23 – No Action
Wing Madness-Incident of 3-18-23 – No Action
Entertainment District-Incident of 4-1-23 – No Action

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.