

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of May 24, 2023

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on May 24, 2023 at 5:30P.M. Commissioners: Rosa Espinosa, Andrew Cade, Maria D'Angelantonio, John Ramirez, Peter Sygnator, Attorney Maurice Powe, Esq. 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, May 10, 2023 and Monday, May 15, 2023.

After discussion:

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

SECOND order of business: New Petitions

Petition for a Change of Manager for Bino Inc. d/b/a Center Stage located at 265 Dwight St; from Joanne Askins to Samuel Velazquez, Manager of Record.

Attorney Dan Kelly appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

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

THIRD order of business:

Petition for a Change of Manager for Zamiah Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Malecon Restaurant located at 137 Chestnut St; from Genesis Pujols to Dominga Pujols, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 6/14/2023 to allow licensee to submit New Manager application. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

FOURTH order of business:

Petition for a Pledge of License to Bay State Savings Bank for 447 Summner Inc. d/b/a Chestnut Street Package Store; Raksha Gogri; Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

FIFTH order of business:

Petition for a Transfer of License from Gogri Family Inc. to Pit Stop Food N Fuel Inc. d/b/a Pit Stop Food N Fuel located at 736-740 Boston Rd; Hardik Gogri, Manager of Record.

Licensing appeared Pro Se.

After discussion

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

SIXTH order of business: Pre-Hearing Conference

My Joe Joe Inc. d/b/a Pot Belly's Pub located at 153 Main St; Carlo Sarno, Manager of Record; Incident of 4-1-23, 1. Failure to allow police office entry to licensed premise, 2. Failure to call the police to report a disturbance, 3. Exceeding capacity listed Alcohol Beverage License, and 4. Allowing the use of smoking material without the required smoking permit in violation of MGL Chapter 270 section 22.

Attorney Thomas Rooke appeared on behalf of Licensee.

After discussion

Commissioner Ramirez motioned 10 days suspension, 6 days to be served on June 2, 3, 4 and June 9, 10, 11 and 4 days to be held in abeyance for 1 year from 5-24-2023 to 5-24-2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sygnator, with unanimous vote to approve.

SEVENTH order of business:

Los Muchachos Bar and Restaurant LLC., d/b/a Los Muchachos Bar and Restaurant located at 436 Boston Rd, Suite B; Darlin D. Soriano, Manager of Record; Incident of 4-23-23; 1. Failure to comply with conditions of a license

Licensee did not appear.

After discussion

Commissioner Espinosa motioned to continue to 6/14/2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, with unanimous vote to approve.

EIGHTH order of business: New Business

Discussion of issuance of B.Y.O.B.

After discussion

Attorney Powe motioned to continue to 6/14/2023 to further discuss the changes of the application process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Espinosa, with unanimous vote to approve.

NINETH: order of business: Administrative Reports.

1. Del Rey Taqueria Bar-Incident of 4/28/23 – Pre-Hearing Conference
2. Pot Belly’s Pub-Incident of 4-29-23 - No Action
3. Wing Madness- Incident of 4-30-23 - No Action
4. Top Shelf-Incident of 5-1-23 - No Action
5. Khan’s Food and Drinks-Incident of 5-14-23 - Pre-Hearing Conference
6. Solmar Restaurant-Incident of 5-5-23 - No Action
7. Entertainment District- Incident of 5-6-23 - No Action

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Alesia H. Days, Esq.