



MINUTES
LIQUOR COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022, 12:00 P.M.

The Liquor Commission convened in a continued regular session in the Barb Adkins Conference Room at 12:02 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2022. Commissioner Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order. Commissioner Mwilambwe explained that the meeting was continued from the regular December meeting, which was originally scheduled to take place on December 13, 2022. He stated it was now December 15, 2022, at 12:02 p.m., and the Commission would proceed with the agenda Items originally set forth on the December 13, 2022, agenda.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Chair & Liquor Commissioner	Present
Lindsey Meister	Liquor Commissioner	Absent

Staff Advisors

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Amanda Stutsman	Deputy City Clerk	Present
George Boyle	Asst. Corporation Counsel	Present
Ken Bays	Assistant Police Chief	Absent
Chris McAllister	Building Official	Present
Catherine Dunlap	Downtown Development Specialist	Absent

Public Comment

No Public Comment was received.

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed and voted on separately.

Chair & Liquor Commissioner Mwilambwe made a motion approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2022, Regular Liquor Commission Meeting, as requested by the the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Regular Agenda

All license creations, amendments or transfers are contingent upon compliance with all building, health, and safety codes.

The following Item was presented:

Item 5.A. Consideration and action on the Request from Four Rows, LLC, d/b/a The Mystic Kitchen & Tasting Room, located at 306 N. Center St., Unit 102, to allow for the service of beer and wine for their Ice Bowl Wine Tasting Event to be held directly outside of their establishment, on Saturday, December 17, 2022, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the hearing hearing at 12:05p.m.

Terri Vanderlant, an Owner of Four Rows, LLC, after being sworn, addressed the Commission. She explained that they hoped to have a wine tasting to celebrate the holidays with 30-minute increments for wine tasting, and was advertised to be held between 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She explained there would be complimentary chili and mulled wine. She stated that two tables would be set up outside on the sidewalk, weather permitting, and if there was inclement weather, one table will be moved inside. She explained that a rope barrier would be in place around the area.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how many staff would be present per table. Ms. Vanderlant stated that there would be one staff member per table with additional staff to run food and glasses for tasting. She assured the Commission that no table would be left unattended and any purchases would be packed up before participants left the table.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how IDs would be verified. Ms. Vanderlant stated that Chelsea Heffernan, an Owner of Four Rows, LLC, would be inside the establishment, with other full-time employees who were BASSET trained, to check IDs when patrons purchase an event ticket. They would then be directed to a tasting table. She explained all customers who did not look her age or older were carded.

Catherine Dunlap, Downtown Development Specialist, reported the Public Works Department would place additional barricades in the parking spaces directly outside of the establishment to allow for additional space for Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") compliance. She stated the event organizers were required to keep a five-foot parameter for ADA considerations. She explained that individuals could use the sidewalk ramp to go off the sidewalk to go around the event area. She explained further that there would be barriers on the sidewalk on either side of the event area to delineate the event space.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, had no issues. Mr. Boyle stated he was asked by the Police Department to report they had no issues with the event.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the floor for public testimony. No individuals came forward.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the hearing at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioner Mwilambwe approved the Item.

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk, notified the applicant that Clerk staff would follow up that day with next steps.

The following Item was presented:

Item 5.B. Public Hearing and action on an Application from Around the Corner, Inc., d/b/a DR McKay's Bar & Grill, located at 909 N. Hershey Rd., Unit 2, requesting an approval of a change of ownership for their Class TAS (Tavern, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the hearing at 12:12 p.m.

Whitney Leifheit, appearing on behalf of Robert Porter, Counsel for Around the Corner, Inc. She reported that Rachel Jones, Owner of Around the Corner, Inc., would purchase the remaining shares of the corporation from the previous majority shareholder which would result in Mrs. Jones to become the sole owner.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there were any anticipated changes. Mrs. Leifheit stated there would be no change in operations and that the request was simply a change in ownership. She stated that Mrs. Jones was previously involved in the business but would move from the minority shareholder to primary shareholder. Chris McAlister, Building Official, had no concerns.

Mr. Boyle stated that the Legal Department had no concerns.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the floor for public testimony. No individuals came forward.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the hearing at 12:14 p.m.

Commissioner Mwilambwe motioned to send the Item to Council with a positive recommendation.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Stutsman notified representative that the Item would appear on the January 9, 2023, City Council meeting.

The following Item was presented:

Item 5.C. Continued Sanctions Review Hearing on Violation #2022-020 issued to Barmania, LLC d/b/a Euphoria Nightclub at 610 N. Main Street, for violating Section 27(b)(2) of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code relating to a minor in a tavern, as requested by the Legal Department.

Mr. Boyle stated the Item was continued to the January 10, 2023, meeting.

Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Mrs. Stutsman reported that the 2023 meeting dates for the Liquor Commission were approved and would be posted on the website by the end of the week.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was had.

Adjournment

Chair & Liquor Commissioner Mwilambwe motioned to adjourn.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST



Mboka Mwilambwe, Commissioner



Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk