MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
December 12, 2017; 4:00 PM

1. **Call to order**

   The meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2017.

2. **Present**

   Tari Renner and Lindsey Powell; and Jack Bataoel Commissioners; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Ken Bays, and Cherry Lawson, City Clerk.

3. **Public Comment**

   Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No individuals provided comments.

4. **Consideration of approving the Commission Minutes of November 14, 2017.**

   Motion by Commissioner Powell seconded by Commissioner Bataoel approve the minutes of November 14, 2017 with corrections.

   Motion carried, (viva voce).

   The following was presented:

5. **Consideration of the application of HARITHA, Inc. d/b/a as Bloomington CITGO located at 1810 Morris Avenue, Bloomington, 61701 requesting a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Benny Abraham, owner operator of Bloomington CITGO addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Renner asked Mr. Abraham if he currently works at the Bloomington CITGO Gas Station, whether there have been any violations in the past, and has he received Bassett Training. Mr. Abraham stated, he does work at the gas station, has not had any violations, that he has not had Bassett Training.

Commission Bataoel asked whether Mr. Abraham owned the gas station. Mr. Abraham stated he owns the CITGO station.

Commissioner Bataoel asked whether Mr. Abraham has any previous experience managing a gas station. Mr. Abraham responded, in the south-side of the Chicago area, that his gas station there did not have any violations either. This location is his primary place of business.

Mr. Boyle asked when the business officially open for business, whether Mr. Abraham has a lease on the building, and the hours of operation. Mr. Abraham stated, he officially took over on or about September 17, 2017, that he does have a lease for the building, and his hours are from 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mr. Boyle asked what type of items are sold at the gas station. Mr. Abraham responded groceries, soda, and tobacco products. Mr. Boyle inquired as to whether Mr. Abraham had registered to receive tax information from the City. Mr. Abraham stated his accountant was processing the information. Mr. Boyle stated, as of this day, no taxes have been paid and some of them are currently due.

Commissioner Renner stated that if the license were approved, the Commission would make it conditioned upon paying the taxes up-to-date. Mr. Abraham stated he understood, that his accountant is currently working on it.

Motion by Commissioner Bataoel, second by Commissioner Powell to approve the application submittal to the Council for its consideration with the contingencies of completion of Bassett Training and that all delinquent taxes are paid current on the business.

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

6. **Notification of Officer Change for Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill – Bloomington, located at 305 N. Veterans Pkwy., Ste. 101 currently holding a RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcoholic liquor for consumption only on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

   Commissioner Renner stated that the notification was for an officer change only.

7. **Notification of Officer Change for Bloomington Country Club d/b/a Bloomington Country Club, located at 605 Towanda Avenue currently holding a CAS (Club, All Types of Alcohol, Sunday Sales) liquor license which allows the sale of all types alcohol for consumption on the premises seven days a week.**

   Commissioner Renner stated that the notification was for an officer change only.

8. Consideration of recommending to the City Council a proposed ordinance clarifying authority of the Local Liquor Commissioner to fine liquor licensees, or to suspend or revoke liquor licenses for failure to pay taxes.

Mr. Boyle provided a brief overview of the item stating that this is a draft ordinance that essentially clarifies a long-standing practice in Bloomington of sanctioning liquor license holders for failure to pay taxes. After some discussion, Commissioner Renner asked for a motion to hold the item over until January to allow the Commission additional time for review and consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Bataoel, seconded by Commissioner Powell to table this item until the January 9, 2018 Liquor Commission Meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Powell, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Renner to adjourn. Time: 4:23 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Cherry L. Lawson, CMC
City Clerk