MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION

September 10, 2013

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the application by Parkway Partners, LLC, d/b/a Marriott Residence Inn, located at 2180 Ireland Grove Rd., requesting an RAS liquor license, which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk; and John and James Mann, owner/operator and Applicant's representative, and Julia Davis, Applicant's attorney.

Commissioners absent: Stephen Stockton.

Commissioner Renner opened the Public Comment section of the meeting. No one came forward to address the Commission.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the Applicant address this application. Julia Davis, Applicant's attorney, addressed the Commission. Ms. Davis noted that John and James Mann were present at the hearing. She stated that there needed to be a correction to Liquor License Questionnaire, 3. Impact of Establishment (b) the time need to be changed from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 until 11:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week.

Commissioner Renner questioned the sales percentage for alcohol. Ms. Davis noted that the majority of gross revenue would come from hotel room charges.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned room service and if alcohol would be provided. Ms. Davis informed the Commission that room service would not be available.

Commissioner Jordan cited the City's BASSET training ordinance. Ms. Davis noted the City's requirement. Commissioner Jordan informed the Applicant that Heartland Community College offered certified BASSET training. He added that the Residence Inn offered a small bar for its guests.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, questioned complimentary alcohol service. He questioned the terms and conditions. Ms. Davis noted that the manager's special would be offered during the week from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. for business travelers.

John Mann, owner/operator and Applicant's representative, addressed the Commission. The manager's special was for hotel guests only. This was a nationwide, mandated Marriott program. It was brand standard. Free food and beer and wine only were offered to hotel guests.

This program was established to accommodate hotel guests. There would be a small bar in the hotel. This bar was not for the public and there would be no advertising.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the giving away of alcohol and compliance with state law. Mr. Mann noted that the Residence would comply with standards. A hotel guest's age would be verified. This program was offered at a Residence Inn located in Moline, IL which they also owned.

Commissioner Tompkins noted that these manager's special programs were becoming standard.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the application by Parkway Partners, LLC, d/b/a Marriott Residence Inn, located at 2180 Ireland Grove Rd., requesting an RAS liquor license, which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:12 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the application by Demir Corporation, d/b/a Ephesus Restaurant, located at 1406 E. Empire St., requesting an RBS liquor license, which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioners absent: Stephen Stockton.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that no was present to address the application.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the application by Demir Corporation, d/b/a Ephesus Restaurant, located at 1406 E. Empire St., requesting an RBS liquor license, which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved be laid over until the Commission's October 8, 2013 meeting.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:13 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the application by Saheli 1810 Corp., d/b/a Bloomington Citgo, located at 1810 S. Morris Ave., 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. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst.

Corporation Counsel; Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk; and Ron Mudrick, Applicant's representative.

Commissioners absent: Stephen Stockton.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and requested that the Applicant address this application. Ron Mudrick, Manager and Applicant's representative, addressed the Commission. Sandipkumar Patel, President, owned thirty-two (32) convenience stores in Illinois and Indiana. Fourteen (14) stores held liquor licenses. The gas station would be converted to a Citgo. The store would offer beer and wine for sale. All customer service representatives were BASSET certified. Quarterly refresher courses were also offered. To complete an alcohol and/or tobacco sale, the employee must input the customer's age. The cash registers were connected to the Internet which allowed management staff to check the Date of Birth entries. The goal was to prevent underage sales.

Mr. Mudrick stated that there was another building on the property. The plan was to revive the property and freshen up the corner. Convenient stores operated on tight margins. The current store manager would remain at least through new staff training.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the application by Saheli 1810 Corp., d/b/a Bloomington Citgo, located at 1810 S. Morris Ave., requesting a GPBS liquor license, which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:13 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification by Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon of Springfield, d/b/a Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, located at 903 IAA Dr., currently holding an RAS liquor license, which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioners absent: Stephen Stockton.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that there had been a change of corporate officer. The Liquor Control Commission requires that a License holder inform the municipality and obtain a letter from same stating that the municipality had been informed and the license remains in force.

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, addressed the Commission. She informed them that Patrick A. Droesch, President and Kimberly Snyder, Secretary-Treasurer, had resigned. Scott C. Smith, had been appointed President and Timothy Dungan had been appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to accept the change of corporate officer at Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon of Springfield, d/b/a Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, located at 903 IAA Dr., currently holding an RAS liquor license; said license remains in force.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, informed the Commission that a letter had been provided to the Liquor Control Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:18 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification by AMF Bowling Centers, Inc., d/b/a Circle Lanes, located at 1225 Holiday Dr., currently holding a TAS liquor license, which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioners absent: Stephen Stockton.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that there had been a change of corporate officer. The Liquor Control Commission requires that a License holder inform the municipality and obtain a letter from same stating that the municipality had been informed and the license remains in force.

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, addressed the Commission. She informed them that the former corporate officers were: Frederick Hipp, President; Stephen D. Satterhwhite, Vice President/CFO/COO/Treasurer/Asst. Secretary; John Shearer, Vice President/Asst. Secretary; Rachel Labrecque, Vice President Finance & Controller; Merrell Wreden, Vice President Corporate Communications; and Daniel McCormack, Secretary. The new corporate officers are: Thomas Shannon, President/CEO/Sole Director/0% shares; Brett Parker, Chief Financial Officer/0% shares; Rachel Labrecque, Vice President/Finance/Controller/0% shares, Daniel McCormack, Secretary/0% shares; and John Shearer, Vice President/Asst. Secretary/0% shares.

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, informed the Commission that a letter had been provided to the Liquor Control Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to accept the change of corporate officer at AMF Bowling Center Inc., d/b/a Circle Lanes, located at 1225 Holiday Dr., currently holding a TAS liquor license; said license remains in force.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:18 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Hearing to order regarding the notification by Lutheran Senior Living of Illinois, Inc., d/b/a Luther Oaks, located at 601 Lutz Rd., currently holding an RAS liquor license, which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioners absent: Stephen Stockton.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that there had been a change of corporate officer. The Liquor Control Commission requires that a License holder inform the municipality and obtain a letter from same stating that the municipality had been informed and the license remains in force.

Tracey Covert, City Clerk, information the Commission that City staff had just been informed that a new corporation had been formed. Luther Oaks had operated under Lutheran Senior Living, Inc. A new corporation had been formed Luther Oaks, Inc., d/b/a Luther Oaks.

Commissioner Renner informed the Commission that Luther Oaks, Inc., d/b/a Luther Oaks would appear on the Commission's October 8, 2013 meeting agenda.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:19 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Violation Hearing to order regarding CJ's Catering/Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a CJ's Restaurant, located at 2901 E. Empire St., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Steve Stockton, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this item involved notification of violation payment.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that this was an initial violation for CJ's Restaurant. The violation occurred as part of a Police Department audit. It involved underage sales. The license holder paid a $600 fine.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:22 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Violation Hearing to order regarding Auctus, LLC, d/b/a Parke Hotel, located at 1413 Leslie Dr., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Steve Stockton, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this item involved notification of violation payment.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that this was an initial violation for the Parke Hotel. The violation occurred as part of a Police Department audit. The license holder paid a $600 fine.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:22 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Violation Hearing to order regarding Hooters of Bloomington, LLC, d/b/a Hooters, located at 409 N. Hershey Rd., currently holding an RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Steve Stockton, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this item involved notification of violation payment.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that this was an initial violation for Hooters. The violation occurred as part of a Police Department audit. It involved underage sales. The license holder paid a $600 fine.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:22 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Tari Renner called the Liquor Violation Hearing to order regarding PSM Shell, Inc., d/b/a PSM Shell, Inc., located at 2401 E. Oakland Ave., currently holding a GPBS liquor license which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Tari Renner, Steve Stockton, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk.

Commissioner Renner opened the liquor hearing and noted that this item involved notification of violation payment.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He reviewed the license holder's violation history: 2006 and 2012. The settlement offer included a $900 fine, the employee involved in the sale be terminated and all employees who sell alcohol must be BASSET certified by December 31, 2013. Certificates must be filed with the City Clerk's Office by January 10, 2014. Certificates must also be kept on premise and made available to the Police officers upon request.

Commissioner Tompkins stated his recollection that the City's legal staff would only be allowed to settle first offenses.

Commissioner Renner informed the Commission that he had met with Mr. Boyle and reached a compromise.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He stated that the City's Motion to Dismiss, (Tjolo's, Inc., d/b/a Main St. Grill), would be heard before the Illinois Liquor Control Commission on October 3, 2013.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned the next steps if the City's motion was denied. Mr. Boyle noted a hearing before the Liquor Control Commission.

There being no further business the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully,

Tracey Covert, CRM, CMC, RMC
City Clerk