



**MINUTES**  
**LIQUOR COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, 4:00 PM**

The Liquor Commission convened in Regular Session at 4:00 PM, June 13, 2023. Commissioner Mwilambwe called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

| Attendee Name   | Title               | Status  |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|
| Mboka Mwilambwe | Liquor Commissioner | Present |
| Lindsey Meister | Liquor Commissioner | Present |

**Staff Advisors**

| Attendee Name    | Title                           | Status  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Amanda Stutsman  | Deputy City Clerk               | Present |
| George Boyle     | Asst. Corporation Counsel       | Present |
| Chris Spanos     | Corporation Counsel             | Present |
| Paul Williams    | Asst. Police Chief              | Present |
| Chris McAllister | Building Official               | Present |
| Ashley Lara      | Records & Licensing Specialist  | Present |
| Taylor Kern      | Downtown Development Specialist | Present |
| Hannah Horn      | Downtown Development Specialist | Present |

**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.*

**Commissioner Meister made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mwilambwe, to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2023, Special Liquor Commission Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

**Commissioner Mwilambwe directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Mwilambwe; Meister

**Motion carried.**

**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. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from LKH II, Inc., d/b/a 1107 West Bar & Grill, located at 1107 W. Locust St., Requesting Approval of a Change of Ownership for their Class TAPS (Tavern, All Types of Alcohol, with Package and Sunday Sales) Liquor License.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 4:02 p.m.

Erin Killian, the Proposed Owner, and Tom Hubbard, Current Owner, after being sworn, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Mwilambwe clarified with Ms. Killian that she was a Manager at the establishment for the last couple of years. Ms. Killian stated she was previously the Manager since the establishment opened in 2020 but left for seven months.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if Ms. Killian planned to keep the operation the same. Ms. Killian responded yes.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how many employees there were. Ms. Killian stated there were three bartenders and three cooks and she planned to keep everyone who was employed.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked what the capacity was. Mr. Hubbard stated the capacity was around 99.

Commissioner Meister asked what the hours would be. Ms. Killian responded that she planned to keep the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if everyone was BASSET trained. Ms. Killian responded yes.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, reported no concerns from Legal.

Paul Williams, Asst. Police Chief, noted that Ms. Killian had at least three years of experience running a liquor establishment and asked if she had additional experience. Ms. Killian responded that she had been in the food service industry for 15 years and had previously managed Mugsy's.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 4:10 p.m.

**Commissioner Meister made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mwilambwe, to positively recommend the Item to Council.**

**Commissioner Mwilambwe directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Mwilambwe; Meister

**Motion carried.**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.B. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from Oasis Nails, LLC, to be located at 2103 N. Veteran's Pkwy, Ste. 324, requesting the Creation of a Class EAS (Entertainment, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 4:12 p.m.

Long Nguy, Proposed Owner, after being sworn, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Nguy explained he hoped to obtain a liquor license to serve wine to clients while they receive services.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if the establishment was a nail salon. Mr. Nguy answered yes and stated they had not opened yet.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there would be a bar inside. Mr. Nguy answered yes.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how many employees they planned to have. Mr. Nguy responded they planned to have 20 employees total, but only 2-3 would serve alcohol.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if Mr. Nguy planned to be BASSET trained. Mr. Nguy answered yes.

Commissioner Meister asked what the hours were and if alcohol would be served the entire time they were open. Mr. Nguy responded that they would be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if alcohol would be served at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Nguy answered yes.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked what the capacity was. Mr. Nguy stated it was around 100.

Commissioner Mwilambwe stated the proposed license was an Entertainment License classification and expressed concern that nail services did not seem like entertainment. He stated that since there was no category that would best fit, down the line, there was a possibility that a different type of license would be created.

Commissioner Meister stated that with an Entertainment License, there should not be more than 40% of sales towards liquor. Mr. Nguy responded that sales would not be more than 40% and that clients might want a glass of wine while they get services.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how long services took. Mr. Nguy responded that it could take half an hour to an hour.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, asked if Mr. Nguy was just interested in only selling beer and wine or if he was interested in selling other spirits. Mr. Nguy responded there would be cocktails as well. Mr. Boyle stated there was a difference in cost based on the type of license.

Mr. Boyle asked if anyone connected with the establishment had any experience with serving alcohol. Mr. Nguy answered no.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if the employees serving alcohol would be BASSET trained. Mr. Nguy answered yes.

Paul Williams, Asst. Police Chief, asked where on the map Suite 324 would be located and asked if there was a business that would be moving from the location. Mr. Nguy responded that HuHot Mongolian Grill was previously in the building.

Asst. Police Chief Williams asked if there were plans to rent out the facility for events. Mr. Nguy answered no.

Commissioner Mwilambwe clarified there were a lot of reclining chairs from the floor plan. Mr. Nguy responded they hoped to have 28 chairs.

Chris McAllister, Building Official, noted he did not remember seeing a bar area from the submitted plan and asked Mr. Nguy to clarify where the bar would be located. Mr. Nguy

stated that there was an island in the middle of the premises which he planned to use for the bar area.

Mr. McAllister stated that if there were mixed drinks to be served, the Health Department would need to be involved.

Asst. Police Chief Williams asked if there would be a lounge area for people who were waiting to receive services. Mr. Nguy responded that the facility would be mostly for people receiving services, but there would be a waiting area as well.

Commissioner Meister asked when they planned to open. Mr. Nguy answered Labor Day weekend.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 4:22 p.m.

**Commissioner Meister made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mwilambwe, to positively recommend the Item to Council.**

**Commissioner Mwilambwe directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Mwilambwe; Meister

**Motion carried.**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.C. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from Keg Grove Brewing Company, LLC, d/b/a Keg Grove Brewing Company, requesting the Creation of a Class FM (Farmer's Market) Liquor License.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel recused himself at 4:23 p.m. due to a conflict of interest with the establishment. Chris Spanos, Corporation Counsel, sat in his place.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 4:24 p.m.

Jeffrey Mroz, Manager, after being sworn, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Meister clarified that small samples would be served. Mr. Mroz responded yes, and that there would be four packs of beer to go.

Commissioner Meister asked if there would be wristbands or identification checks. Mr. Mroz stated they would ID people only and that people would just consume and go.

Commissioner Meister asked if everyone was BASSET Certified. Mr. Mroz answered yes.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how long they have been in business. Mr. Mroz responded 5 years.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 4:28 p.m.

**Commissioner Meister made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mwilambwe, to positively recommend the Item to Council.**

**Commissioner Mwilambwe directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Mwilambwe; Meister

**Motion carried.**

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, returned and Chris Spanos, Corporation Counsel, stepped out at 4:28 PM

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.D. First Appearance on a Citation Issued to No Ceiling Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a Shake It Up Cocktail Lounge, located at 104 W. Front St., for Violating Chapter 6, Section 37(e)(12) of the Bloomington City Code Relating to Unpaid Food & Beverage Taxes.

Mr. Boyle provided an update. The establishment would be fined \$600 in addition to unpaid taxes. The Item would be continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**Old Business**

No Old Business was discussed.

**New Business**

No New Business was discussed.

**Executive Session**

No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Meister made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mwilambwe, to adjourn.

Commissioner Mwilambwe directed the clerk to call roll:

**AYES:** Mwilambwe; Meister

**Motion carried (viva voce).**

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**



Mboka Mwilambwe, Liquor Commissioner



Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk