



MINUTES
LIQUOR COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024, 4:00 PM

The Liquor Commission convened in regular session at 4:00 p.m., June 11, 2024. Commissioner Mwilambwe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Lindsey Meister	Commissioner	Absent
Mboka Mwilambwe	Commissioner	Present

Staff Advisors

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Leslie Yocum	City Clerk	Present
George Boyle	Asst. Corporation Counsel	Absent
Chris McAllister	Building Official	Present
Paul Williams	Asst. Police Chief	Present

Public Comment

Commissioner Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. Rachel Guerra and Bill Brady spoke in-person. The following emailed public comment was received: (1) Mike Larson; (2) Rachel Guerra; and (3) Jeff Scott.

Consent Agenda

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

Commissioner Mwilambwe approved the Consent Agenda as presented.

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action on Approving the Minutes of the May 14, 2024, Regular Liquor Commission Meeting. (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. Public Hearing and Application on a request from the City of Bloomington, d/b/a Bloomington Arena, requesting a Class SA (Secondary Premises, All Types of Alcohol) Liquor License for the Special Event titled "Autorama at the Arena", in which alcohol will be allowed on Front St. between Madison St. and Lee St. and in the Butler Lot, on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

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

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, spoke on behalf of Anthony Nelson, Director of Arts & Entertainment. Mrs. Yocum shared information about the event, based on an email from Mr. Nelson. She stated that alcohol would be sold inside the arena, but people would be allowed to leave with it outside and carry it across the street to the Butler Lot. She explained that the event would be held both inside the arena and on the Butler Lot, which was just north of the building. She mentioned that Front Street, which runs along the arena, would be closed and that there would be security on both ends of Front Street and in the Butler Lot to make sure no one left with alcoholic beverages. Mrs. Yocum also emailed Staff prior to the meeting to check if they had any questions or concerns, but none were expressed.

Commissioner Mwilambwe confirmed that there would be security and that the people drinking would be monitored. Ms. Yocum said yes.

Staff had no additional questions.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there was anyone in the audience present to speak for or against the item. No one came forward.

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

Commissioner Mwilambwe approved the Item as presented.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from Mady-K, LLC, d/b/a Killarney's Irish Pub, located at 523 N. Main St., Requesting Approval of a Change in Ownership and Reduction in Classification from a Class TAPS (Tavern, All Types of Liquor, Package, and Sunday Sales) to a Class TAP (Tavern, All Types of Liquor, and Package Sales) Liquor License.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 4:13 p.m.

Dylan Cote, Co-Owner of Mady-K, LLC, after being sworn, addressed the Commission. Mr. Cote said they were requesting approval to transfer the liquor license from the current owner of Dublin Bay, LLC to themselves to continue operating the establishment, which had been in business for more than 25 years.

Madalynn Camp, Co-Owner of Mady-K, LLC, after being sworn, addressed the Commission. Ms. Camp said she graduated from Illinois State University and worked at the establishment with Mr. Fabrizio. She stated she would continue working there.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if the management would change. Ms. Camp noted that all employees would be the same with the addition of Dylan Cote.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if any employees serving liquor would be BASSET certified. Mr. Cote said most of the employees were BASSET certified but that all would be.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if the hours of operation would remain the same. Mr. Cote answered yes, and explained they were currently open Thursday through Saturday. He mentioned they would potentially add a day of operation on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Paul Williams, Asst. Police Chief, asked if food would be served. Mr. Cote said popcorn and frozen pizza would be served.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there would be a change in the LLC. Mr. Cote said they were going to originally purchase the bar and form their own LLC, but instead of the change in ownership to the new LLC, they would like to modify their request to a change in ownership for Dublin Bay, LLC.

Mrs. Yocum wanted to clarify for the record that Mady-K, LLC was no longer asking for a change of ownership, but instead, the change in ownership was for Dublin Bay, LLC. Mr. Cote confirmed.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there was anyone in the audience present to speak for or against the item. No one came forward.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 4:17 p.m.

Commissioner Mwilambwe positively recommended the Item to Council as presented.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from Mauli, Inc., d/b/a Galaxy Liquor & Smoke, located at 2210 Cottage Ave., Unit B, Requesting Approval of the Creation of a Class PAS (Packaged Sales, All Types of Liquor, Sunday) Liquor License.

Commissioner Mwilambwe reported that, due to noticing concerns, Item 5.C. will appear at the July 9, 2024, Liquor Commission Meeting.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from R.J. Just, Inc., d/b/a Rob Dobs Restaurant & Bar, located at 801 N. Hershey Rd., Requesting Approval of a Redefinition of Premise for their Class RAPS (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol, Package, and Sunday Sales) liquor license.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the Public Hearing at 4:18 p.m.

Robert Dobski, Owner of R.J. Just, Inc., after being sworn, addressed the Commission. Mr. Dobski had requested approval to expand the establishment's existing dining room to add another 50 seats.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if alcohol would be served in the additional seating. Mr. Dobski replied yes.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if more staff would be hired. Mr. Dobski said no and that the existing employees would work the additional hours.

Staff had no additional questions.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there was anyone in the audience present to speak for or against the item. No one came forward.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 4:21 p.m.

Commissioner Mwilambwe positively recommended the Item to Council as presented.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.E. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from WFR, LLC, d/b/a A & P Tap, located at 721 W. Chestnut St., Requesting Approval of the Creation of a Class TAPS (Tavern, All Types of Liquor, Packages Sales, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License.

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

Jeff Roley, Owner Cof WFR, LLC, after being sworn, addressed the Commission. Mr. Roley mentioned that the previous owner, Ruth Roley, had recently passed away and the

business had been in the family for the past 30 years. When his father passed away in 2014, he and his wife oversaw the operations of the bar. He requested the liquor license, so the establishment could continue to stay in business.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if the employees managing the establishment would remain the same and if they were Basset-trained. Mr. Roley answered yes.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how many employees they had. Mr. Roley stated five.

Staff had no additional questions.

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, stated for the record that Mr. Roley submitted three letters of reference that were provided to the Liquor Commission and Staff prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there was anyone in the audience present to speak for or against the item. No one came forward.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the Public Hearing at 4:25 p.m.

Commissioner Mwilambwe positively recommended the Item to Council as presented.

New Business

No New Business was discussed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Mwilambwe adjourned the meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON


Mboka Mwilambwe, Commissioner


Leslie Yocum, City Clerk

The seal of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, is circular. It features a central emblem with a stylized building and the text "CITY OF BLOOMINGTON" around the top and "ESTABLISHED 1850" around the bottom.