CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
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TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019, 4:00 P.M.

The Liquor Commission convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Commissioner Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following answered present:

Commissioners: Tari Renner, Lindsey Powell, and Jim Jordan.

Staff present: George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Asst. Police Chief Dan Donath; and Leslie Yocum, City Clerk.

Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment and no one came forward.

The following was presented:

Item 4. Consideration of approving the Liquor Commission minutes of April 9, 2019.

Commissioner Jordan made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Powell, to approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Renner, Jordan, and Powell.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 5. Consideration of the Request from Stephani Hieronymus and Donny Braun to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their July 20, 2019 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington.

Stephani Hieronymus, bride-to-be, addressed the Commission. She told the Commission that approximately 90 guests are anticipated to attend the event which would be catered by Redbird Catering. She confirmed that only beer and wine would be served and that the event would be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Commissioner Powell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to recommend the City Council approve the request made by Stephani Hieronymus and Donny Braun including suspension of the appropriate ordinances to allow moderate consumption of alcohol on July 20, 2019, for their wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powell, Jordan, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 6. Consideration of the Request from Lacey Steidl and Brian Fulks to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their August 17, 2019 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington.

Kathy Fulks, bride-to-be's mother, addressed the Commission. She told the Commission that approximately 75 to 80 guests are anticipated to attend the event which would be catered by Nelson's Catering. She confirmed that only beer and wine would be served and that the event would be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Commissioner Powell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to recommend the City Council approve the request made by Lacey Steidl and Brian Fulks including suspension of the appropriate ordinances to allow moderate consumption of alcohol on August 17, 2019, for their wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powell, Jordan, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7. Consideration of the Request from Janet Wiser to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at her June 8, 2019 65th Birthday Celebration to be held at Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington.

Janet Wiser, requester, addressed the Commission. She told the Commission that approximately 50 guests are anticipated to attend the event which would be be catered by Lake Road Inn. She confirmed that only beer and wine would be served and that the event would be held from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to recommend at the May 28, 2019, City Council meeting, approval of the request from Janet Wiser and suspension of the appropriate ordinances to allow moderate consumption of alcohol on June 8, 2019, for a Birthday Celebration to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powell, Jordan, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8. Consideration of the Request from Brittney Glendenning and Zachary Castleman to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 22, 2019 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge at Lake Bloomington.

Zachary Castleman, the groom, addressed the Commission. He told the Commission that approximately 120 guests are anticipated to attend the event which would be catered by the Alley Bar and Grill from El Paso, IL. He confirmed that only beer and wine would be served and that the event would be held from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Powell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to recommend the City Council approve the request made by Brittney Glendenning and Zachary Castleman including suspension of the appropriate ordinances to allow moderate consumption of alcohol on June 22, 2019, for their wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Jordan, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 9. Consideration of the Request from the Castle Theatre for Suspension of Portions of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code Prohibiting Possession of Open Alcohol in Public for a Black Dirt Music Festival on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Government Center parking lot, corner of Washington St. and East St.

Rory O'Connor, representative for the Castle Theater, attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the event. This event's special event permit lists the event from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and the original request for liquor sales was listed as 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Mr. O'Connor requested an amendment to the liquor sales schedule. He asked that sales begin at 4:00 p.m. as there are an increased number of bands expected and the schedule has been bumped up. The Castle Theater has held numerous festivals and events in Downtown Bloomington. If approved, beer and wine will be sold by The Castle Theater via a secondary liquor license.

Assistant Chief Donath had no concerns with the time amendment.

Commissioner Jordan asked questions regarding the perimeter, exits, barriers present and monitoring of barriers. Mr. O'Connor responded by explaining the layout of the event.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Powell, to approve the item.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Powell, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 10. Public Hearing on the Request by the Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary Club, whose event will be held on August 2, 2019 in Downtown Bloomington on Jefferson St. between Main St. and Center St. and on Main St. between Jefferson St. and Washington St., for Suspension of Portions of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code Prohibiting Possession of

Open Alcohol in Public, and requesting a Class LB liquor license, which allows the sale of beer and wine by the glass for consumption on the premises on the date of the event.

Kristen Kubsch and Brian Shoemaker were present as representatives of the Bloomington-Normal Sunrise Rotary Club. Kristen Kubsch spoke on behalf of the event and reminded the Commission this would be the event's eleventh (11th) year, if approved. The event supports Midwest Food Bank, Boys and Girls Club, and other local rotary initiatives. It is a brat lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a bags tournament in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 9:30 p.m. with beer and wine being served from 4:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jordan posed questions regarding how the perimeter would be monitored and how many entrances and exits were anticipated. Ms. Kubsch stated that additional volunteers were going to walk around the perimeter to ensure no one was coming in or out with alcohol. There are no barriers for the perimeter but there would be an I.D. check station manned by BASSET trained staff and guests over 21 years old would receive wristbands. Only guests with wristbands and a beer/wine ticket would be served alcohol.

Catherine Dunlap, City of Bloomington representative who manages Special Event Permits, was asked by Commissioner Renner to comment on the event. Mrs. Dunlap stated that she had no concerns as the Bloomington Normal Sunrise Rotary Club had already addressed concerns brought up by the City's Special Event Permit Review Team.

The Police and Legal Departments had no concerns.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Renner, to approve the item.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan and Renner.

Nays: None.

Recused: Commissioner Powell (4:10 p.m.)

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 11. Public Hearing on the Application of MBD Bros, LLC d/b/a Iron Coyote Challenge Park, located at 4113 E. Oakland Ave., requesting a Class RBS (Restaurant/Beer and Wine/Sunday Sales) liquor license, which would allow the sale of beer and wine by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Derek Williams, representative for MBD Bros, LLC d/b/a Iron Coyote Challenge Park, addressed the Commission. Mr. Williams explained the business will be an indoor challenge park that offers ninja courses and a high ropes courses. Participants will be strapped into harnesses while completing various obstacles 15 feet in the air. The maximum occupancy of the facility is 260. Mr. Williams provided the Commission with photo renderings as Exhibits.

Commissioner Jordan posed questions about alcohol consumption and participants. Mr. Williams responded with additional detail. He stated that no one drinking will be allowed to participate. Participants will be required to wear wristbands and if a guest has a wristband, they will not be served alcohol. Alcohol will also be confined to the Mezzanine level where seating is located. I.D.s will be checked at every point of sale location and for each

transaction. If a customer has completed participating in the obstacle courses, they will be able to remove their wristband and go to the Mezzanine Level to enjoy an alcoholic beverage should they choose. Additional concerns over the wristband system were raised.

Commissioner Renner proposed the wristband system currently set in place by Iron Coyote would be approved. However, if there was an issue in the future, a new system would need to be developed.

Commissioner Jordan asked about the age range of participants. Mr. Williams explained that the minimum age to participate is five (5) years old and that the facility will also have a soft play area for children younger.

Alcohol would be served on weekdays from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and served on weekends from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. when food is also available.

The Police Department did not raise any concerns.

Commissioner Powell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to approve the item.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Powell and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 12. Public Hearing on the Application of R. J. Just, Inc. d/b/a Rob Dobs Restaurant and Bar, located at 801 N. Hershey Rd., requesting a Class RAPS (Restaurant/All Types/Package/Sunday Sales) liquor license, which would allow the sale of all types of alcoholic liquor by the glass for consumption on the premises and sale of packaged alcoholic liquor for consumption off premises seven (7) days a week.

Mr. Robert Dobski, owner of R. J. Just, Inc. d/b/a Rob Dobs Restaurant and Bar, addressed the Commission. Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, swore in Mr. Dobski.

Mr. Dobski described the restaurant to the Commission. The restaurant will be a full menu restaurant with a piano in the lounge area. The restaurant will have indoor seating for 260 and an outside patio that will seat an additional 65. The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and will open at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Police Department had no concerns.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Powell, to approve the item.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Powell, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 13. Public Hearing on the Application of Two Cherries, LLC d/b/a The Pass Pub and Grill, located at 2303 E. Washington, Suite 600 H, requesting a Class RAS (Restaurant/All Types/Sunday Sales) liquor license, which would allow the sale of alcoholic liquor by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Sarah Morgan and her attorney Richard Marvel were present as representatives for Two Cherries, LLC d/b/a The Pass Pub and Grill. Leslie Yocum, City Clerk, swore both individuals in separately.

Mr. Marvel stated the establishment can seat up to 40 patrons inside with additional seating for 20 patrons outside. The business anticipated food sales being 50% of the business and beverage sales also being 50%.

Commissioner Jordan inquired about the hours of operation. Ms. Morgan stated they will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The Police Department discussed concerns with the proximity of the business to high traffic roads, Washington Street and Veterans Parkway. Ms. Morgan stated that the patio where people would be outside would be completely fenced in and that the only way in or out of the outside patio would be through the main bar.

Both Ms. Morgan and Mr. Marvel confirmed they were aware of the video gaming moratorium.

Commissioner Powell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to approve the item.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Powell, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 14. First Appearance of a Violation Citation of PSM Shell, Inc., d/b/a PSM Shell, 2401 E. Oakland Ave., for violating Section 26(a) of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code prohibiting the sale of alcohol to a minor.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, notified the Commission that this Item had been settled. A six-hundred-dollar ($600) payment had been made in addition to an admission form PSM Shell that the sale took place. This was part of a monthly sting operation with the Bloomington Police Department.

The following was presented:

Item 15. Continuation of a hearing on a Citation of Europe, Inc., d/b/a Chasers, 110 W. Washington Street, for violating Section 27(b) of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code prohibiting minors in taverns.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Powell, to table this item until the July Liquor Commission Meeting or until final signatures had been retrieved, whichever came first.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Powell, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 16. Continuation of a hearing on a Citation of TwoStep, Inc., d/b/a Elroy's, 102 W. Washington Street, for violating sections of Chapter 6 of the Bloomington City Code prohibiting minors in taverns and sale of alcohol to underage persons.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Powell, to table this item until the July Liquor Commission Meeting or until the final signatures have been retrieved, whichever comes first.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Commissioners Jordan, Powell, and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 17. Notification of Change of Officers for Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc., d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill, located at 305 N Veterans Pkwy, Unit 101.

The following was presented:

Item 18. Notification of Change of Officers for Green Top Grocery Cooperative, d/b/a Green Top Grocery, located at 921 E. Washington St.

The following was presented:

Item 19. Notification of Change of Officers for John H Kraus VFW Post - 454, d/b/a John H Kraus VFW Post #454, 2412 S. Main Street and Circle K # 1421, 1006 E. Lincoln St.

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

Commissioner Powell made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Yocum, City Clerk