MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
May 9, 2017

1. **Call to order**

   The meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on May 9, 2017.

2. **Present**

   Commissioners Tari Renner, Lindsey Powell, Jack Bataoel. Staff: George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Clay Wheeler, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

3. **Public Comment**

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

4. **Consideration of approving the Commission Minutes of April 11, 2017.**

   Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017.

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

   Ayes: Commissioners Powell, Batoael and Renner.

   Nays: None.

   Motion carried.

   The following was presented:

5. **Consideration of the request from Toby Hoover and Patti Schrock to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their September 1, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.**

   Toby Hoover and Patti Schrock addressed the Commission. Mr. Hoover stated that Nelson's Catering from Springfield would cater the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

   Motion by Commissioner Bataoel, seconded by Commissioner Powell to recommend at the June 12, 2017 City Council meeting, approval of the request from Toby Hoover and

Patti Schrock to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their September 1, 2017 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, Batoael and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

6. **Consideration of the request from Jody Brucker and Rachael Kerrick to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 10, 2017 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.**

   Rachel Kerrick bride and Connie Weaver, owner/operator Ozark House addressed the Commission. Ozark House would cater the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

   Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to recommend at the May 22, 2017 City Council meeting, approval of the request from Jody Brucker and Rachel Kerrick to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 10, 2017 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, Bataoel and Renner.

   Nays: None.

   Motion carried.

   The following was presented:

7. **Consideration of the application of New Vision Cinemas LLC, d/b/a Ovation 10 Bloomington, located at 415 Detroit Dr., requesting an EAS 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.**

   Redmond McGrath, attorney/representative addressed the Commission.

   Commissioner Renner questioned changes to the business model. Mr. McGrath replied that day-to-day operations will remain the same.

Mr. Boyle questioned management changes. Mr. McGrath replied that management personnel will remain the same.

Mr. Boyle questioned BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training certifications. Mr. McGrath stated that same was submitted as part of the application.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel that the application of New Vision Cinemas LLC, d/b/a Ovation 10 Bloomington, located at 415 Detroit Dr., requesting an EAS 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.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Batoael and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner noted that this item would appear on the June 12, 2017 City Council meeting agenda.

The following was presented:

8. **Discussion of proposed text amendment to City Code Chapter 6 for a Class "CS" (Complementary Service) Liquor License authorizing the complementary service of beer or wine to patrons over the age of 21 with provisions.**

Commissioner Renner introduced the item, tonight would begin the discussion on how to handle complementary service.

Mr. Boyle stated that the license could be issued similar to other limited type license. The license requirements could be similar to the Catering license, where the Mayor approved or creation of a license, hearing required. He believed it was important to establish policy if complementary service was allowed. Same should define the service so that it protect the customers served and the establishments providing the service. The draft Code recommendation was similar to the City of Champaign. Same required BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training certifications, DRAM insurance and a nominal fee.

Commissioner Bataoel questioned the ability to obtain DRAM insurance. Mr. Boyle stated he would check with the City of Champaign. Commissioner Renner question if BASSETT would be sufficient.

Commissioner Powel questioned the effect on Merlot and A Masterpiece. Mr. Boyle stated that same could be added.

Mr. Boyle recommended having a public hearing prior to recommendation to the City Council. Commissioner Renner recommended that same be held in June. Commissioner Renner requested copies of the City of Champaign's ordinance prior to the public hearing.

Mr. Boyle questioned concerns from the Police Department. Asst. Chief Wheeler suggested drafting the code change in such a way as to prevent abuse.

Jan Lancaster, owner/operator, The Momma, Inc., d/b/a The Bistro, located at 316 N. Main St., addressed the Commission. Ms. Lancaster believed that establishments were not over serving customers. She noted that the code change would apply city wide. She questioned enforcement. She noted the Bring Your Own Bottle (BYOB) parties and private parties which charge a cover issues the Downtown has. She believed the code change could present other issues. She suggested a public meeting between the Liquor Commission and Downtown Bar owners prior to the suggested public hearing.

Tricia Stiller, Executive Director, Downtown Business Association, located at 106 W. Monroe, addressed the Commission. Ms. Stiller reiterated Ms. Lancaster's comments. First Fridays were an open house. Business hours were extended, business owners invite the public in and some provide refreshments. The alcoholic offerings were completely voluntary. She believed that if same could not be offered anymore it would be okay.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to adjourn. Time: 4:28 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham, R.M.C.
Chief Deputy Clerk