



MINUTES
LIQUOR COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024, 4:00 PM

The Liquor Commission convened in regular session at 4:00 PM, March 12, 2024. Commissioner Mwilambwe called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

Staff Advisors

Attendee Name	Title	Status
George Boyle	Asst. Corporation Counsel	Present
Amanda Stutsman	Deputy City Clerk	Present
Paul Williams	Asst. Police Chief	Present
Chris McAllister	Building Official	Present

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

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

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action on Approving the Minutes of the February 13, 2024, Regular Liquor Commission Meeting. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

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. Continued Public Hearing and Action on an Application from Family Dollar, LLC, d/b/a Family Dollar Store # 21742, located at 1512 W. Market St., Requesting Approval of the Creation of a Class PBS (Package, Beer & Wine Only, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, informed the Commission that the applicant requested the Item be continued to the April 9, 2024, Liquor Commission at 4:00 P.M. to be held in the Government Center Chambers.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Public Hearing and Action on an Application from Taqueria Porton, Inc., located at 901 N. Main St., Requesting Approval of the Creation of a Class RBS (Restaurant, Beer & Wine Only, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the public hearing at 4:03 P.M.

Jose Montenegro, speaking on behalf of Gabelinda De Paz, Owner of Taqueria Porton, Inc., after being sworn in, addressed the Commission.

Mr. Montenegro explained that the owners were looking to continue the business similarly to the past owners by serving beer and wine, in addition to food.

Commissioner Meister asked if all employees would be BASSET Certified. Mr. Montenegro explained the employees, employed by the previous owner, were trained to operate in the new restaurant.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how many of the employees were being retained. Mr. Montenegro answered 4.

Commissioner Meister asked what the hours of operation were. Mr. Montenegro answer 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, asked if there would be any changes to service from the previous ownership. Mr. Montenegro answered no.

Staff had no questions or concerns.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the application. No one spoke up.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the hearing at 4:09 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. First Appearance on a Citation Issued to Braize, LLC, d/b/a Empire Coffee, Located at 1406 E. Empire St., for Violating Chapter 6, Section 106B(14) of the Bloomington City Code Relating to an Establishment Maintaining a Liquor License Whose Primary or Major Focus is Video Gaming and Violating Chapter 6, Section 6- 112A(15) of the Bloomington City Code Relating to Violating the Requirements of Holding a Restaurant Class Liquor License That States an Establishment Shall Maintain a Premises Kept, Used, Maintained, and Held Out to the Public as a Place Where Meals are Sold and Served.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, explained that there were two counts of violations. He notified the Commission that the attorney for the business requested the

hearing be continued to the April 9, 2024, Liquor Commission at 4:00 P.M. to be held in the Government Center Chambers.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. First Appearance on a Citation Issued to Grand Café, LLC, d/b/a Grand Café, located at 2205 E. Oakland, Suite A2, for Violating Chapter 6, Section 37(e)(12) of the Bloomington City Code Relating to Failure to Pay City of Bloomington Food and Beverage Taxes.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, explained that the licensee had paid their taxes, \$1,026 in penalties and interest, as well as a fine of \$600.

New Business

No New Business Was discussed.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Mwilambwe directed the clerk to call roll:

AYES: Mwilambwe; Meister

Motion carried (viva voce).

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Mboka Mwilambwe, Commissioner



Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

