



MINUTES
REGULAR LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022, 4:00 P.M.

The Commission convened in regular session in the Government Center Chambers, 115 E. Washington Street at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mboka Mwilambwe.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Mboka Mwilambwe	Commissioner	Present	
Lindsey Meister	Commissioner	Present	
Jim Jordan	Commissioner	Present	

Staff Advisors

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Amanda Stutsman	Deputy City Clerk	Present	
George Boyle	Asst. Corporation Counsel	Present	
Ken Bays	Assistant Police Chief	Present	
Chris McAllister	Building Official	Present	

Public Comment

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person may register at www.cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.

No individuals registered to provide in-person public comment and no emailed 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.

Council Member Meister made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jordan, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented.

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

AYES: Mwilambwe, Meister, Jordan

Motion carried.

Item 4.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2022, Regular Liquor Commission Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (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. Consideration and action on the Request from Miller Park Zoological Society, whose event will be held at the Miller Park Zoo, located at 1020 S. Morris Ave., on June 10 and 11, 2022, for a Class LB (Limited Service of Beer and Wine Only) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the public hearing at 4:07 p.m.

Paula Pratt, Development Director of the Miller Park Zoological Society, after being sworn, addressed the Commission. She explained that the Brews at the Zoo was a ticketed event for guests 21 years of age and over where samples of food from local restaurants and beer and wine from local and regional breweries would be served. She noted that the event would remain very similar as last year. She highlighted that they sold out at 300 tickets in 2021 and therefore would increase the number of tickets to 500 tickets each night of the event. Mrs. Pratt anticipated to raise \$40,000 at the fundraiser which will be used on Miller Park Zoo exhibits.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked how many years the Brews at the Zoo event had been held. Mrs. Pratt responded that this year would be the 6th or 7th year of Brews at the Zoo with a Brews for the Zoo in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Commissioner Jordan had no concerns so long as the event complied with the Legal Departments' requirements.

George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel, had no concerns.

Commissioner Meister had no concerns and wished Mrs. Pratt good luck at the event.

There were no additional questions from staff.

No individuals were present to speak for or against the application. No emailed comments were received.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the public hearing at 4:13 p.m.

Council Member Meister made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jordan, to send the request to Council with a positive recommendation.

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

AYES: Mwilambwe, Meister, Jordan

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.B. Consideration and action on the Request from Reckless Saint, whose anniversary celebration will be held in Downtown Bloomington, on Saturday, April 2, 2022, to allow for the service of beer and wine for their event by a licensed provider, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the public hearing at 4:14 p.m.

Scott McCormick, Owner of Reckless Saint, after being sworn, addressed the Commission. Mr. McCormick explained that he opened his establishment, a records store, in Downtown Bloomington on April 2, 2021. He explained that, to thank his neighbors and customers, he intended to host an anniversary celebration where there would be light music with one or two performers. He hoped the alcohol would be provided by Keg Grove, where he was an employee. Mr. McCormick stated that the event would be in the parking lane in front of his establishment and a neighboring establishment. He intended the event to be a family friendly event to be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Meister asked how individuals would be indicated of drinking age.

Jeffrey Mroz, Owner of Keg Grove Brewery, stated that wristbands would be issued and that bartenders would check IDs before service. He noted that there would be limited service with only canned beers.

Commissioner Meister verified with Mr. Mroz that his staff was BASSET trained. Mr. Mroz confirmed.

Commissioner Jordan had no concerns so long as the event complied with the Legal Departments' requirements.

George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel, had no concerns with the establishment to host the event or the establishment who planned to provide alcohol.

Commissioner Jordan asked if it was a one-day event; Mr. McCormick confirmed.

No individuals were present to speak for or against the application. No emailed comments were received.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the public hearing at 4:18 p.m.

Mr. McCormick invited all those in attendance to attend the event.

Council Member Meister made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jordan, that the Request be approved.

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

AYES: Mwilambwe, Meister, Jordan

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Public Hearing and action on a Request from Tony's Tacos Downtown, Inc., d/b/a Tony's Tacos, to be relocated to 2303 E. Washington St., requesting a Class RAS (Restaurant, All Type of Alcohol, Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Mwilambwe opened the public hearing at 4:19 p.m.

Heraldo (Jerry) DePaz, an Owner of Tony's Tacos, after being sworn, addressed the Commission. He explained that Tony's Tacos would be relocated from Downtown to new location for additional parking with a focus on counter service. He went on to explained that the cans and bottles of beer would be served from behind the counter. He noted that

margaritas would also be served.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked if Tony's Tacos currently held the same liquor license classification as the one being requested. Mr. DePaz confirmed that they did.

Commissioner Jordan stated that this was simply a transfer from one location to another. He asked if there were any other planned changes. Mr. DePaz confirmed that there was not.

Commissioner Jordan asked if all staff was BASSET trained. Mr. DePaz confirmed that all staff were trained.

George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel, had no additional concerns. He noted that the license was a creation because it was for a new location.

There was no additional questions from staff.

No individuals were present to speak for or against the application. No emailed comments were received.

Commissioner Mwilambwe closed the public hearing at 4:21 p.m.

Mr. Boyle clarified that the item would appear before Council with a positive recommendation from the Liquor Commission. Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk, confirmed it would appear on the first meeting in April.

Commissioner Mwilambwe asked when Tony's Tacos would move to the new location. Mr. DePaz stated that they were in the process of moving.

Council Member Meister made a motion, seconded by Council Member Jordan, to send the request to Council with a positive recommendation.

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

AYES: Mwilambwe, Meister, Jordan

Motion carried.

Old Business

No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

No New Business was discussed.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was discussed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Jordan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meister, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously (Viva Voce).

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Mboka Mwilambwe

Mboka Mwilambwe, Liquor Commissioner

ATTEST

Amanda Stutsman

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

