

Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting (Tuesday, December 19, 2017)

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Liquor Commission Members present

Commissioner Jeff Doherty, Commissioner Tom Grant, Commissioner Carolin Harvey, Commissioner Navreet Kang, Commissioner Adam Loos, and Chairman John M. Henry

Liquor Commission Members absent

Commissioner Jessica Bradshaw

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Preliminaries to the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting

1.1 Roll Call

1.2 Approval of the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2017

Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission meeting of November 28, 2017

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

2. General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission

2.1 Acceptance of Police, Fire, and Building and Neighborhood Services 2016-2017 Fourth Quarter Reports and 2017-2018 First Quarter Reports

It was noticed in the Building and Neighborhood Services fourth quarter report that there are establishments with multiple inspections and re-inspections in regards to safety issues. It was asked at what point are citations issued if businesses continue to be noncompliant and require repeated inspections. Currently there is no concrete policy as to how many inspections have to occur before a citation is issued. It was asked for City Staff to provide further information for review.

MOTION: Accept the 2016-2017 fourth quarter reports and the 2017-2018 first quarter reports from Police, Fire, and Building and Neighborhood Services

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Carolin Harvey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

2.2 Application for a Class A2 Liquor License (Restaurant - All Alcoholic Liquors) from Jewel of India, Inc., d/b/a Reema's Indian Cuisine, at 607 South Illinois Avenue

Reema Prabhakar and her husband Ramneesh Prabhakar of Reema's Indian Cuisine were present to address questions from the Commission. Items of concern from the Commission included payment of City and state taxes, bankruptcy status, and other outstanding items to be submitted to the City Clerk's office. Mrs. Prabhakar stated that the City's taxes have been paid in full as of today, December 19, 2017. She has made arrangements with Illinois Department of Revenue to settle the outstanding taxes and has provided proof of withdrawal of the bankruptcy case. Although arrangements have been made, granting approval was a concern for some members of Commission when taxes are due to the State. It was

suggested that approval could be put on hold until the debt has been paid, but it was noted that the applicant's arrangement is for a period of three years and to make them wait until then is unnecessary.

MOTION: Approve both the Class A2 liquor license and beer garden application for Reema's at 607 South Illinois Avenue, contingent upon receipt of outstanding items.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

2.3 Consideration of a Change in Operation for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. d/b/a Wal-Mart #196 to Allow Alcohol Sales through Online Grocery Pickup Orders

Gary Kramy, Carbondale Wal-Mart Store Manager, was present to address any questions or concerns from the Commission. He explained how the online grocery ordering process will work including how the employees will identify alcoholic orders and verify the identity and age of the consumer.

Charlie Howe, 47 Dart Drive, asked how common is this service across the country and has it worked well. Mr. Kramy stated that there are approximately 700 other locations in the country that utilize this service and is expected to grow over the next year.

Donald Monty, 418 South Giant City Road, stated that this may bring up broader issues regarding policy in the future.

MOTION: Approve the request to amend the operation of Wal-Mart to allow alcohol sales through online grocery pickup orders.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Carolin Harvey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Nay: Navreet Kang

3. Citizens' Comments for the Local Liquor Control Commission

None

4. Adjournment of the Local Liquor Control Commission

4.1 Time of Adjournment for Local Liquor Control Commission

The Local Liquor Control Commission adjourned at 7:28p

Clinette C. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk

Date