



LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

December 22, 2015

The Local Liquor Control Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, in City Council Chambers, Room 108 of the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Chairman John M. Henry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following-named members of the Commission present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Navreet Kang, Commissioner Jessica Bradshaw, Commissioner Carolin Harvey, Commissioner Lee Fronabarger, Commissioner Tom Grant, Commissioner Adam Loos, and Chairman John M. Henry

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, Interim City Manager Gary Williams, and various members of City Staff.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2015

MOTION: Commissioner Grant moved, Commissioner Fronabarger seconded, to approve the minutes of November 17, 2015. DISCUSSION: None. VOTE: Ayes: N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

3. Consideration of first quarter reports from the Police Department, Fire Department, and Building and Neighborhood Services for license year 2015-2016

MOTION: Commissioner Loos moved, Commissioner Bradshaw seconded, to accept and place on file the first quarter reports. DISCUSSION: The City Clerk responded to Commission questions and comments pertaining to violations and comparisons to the prior license year. VOTE: Ayes: N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

4. Consideration of a request to renew an expiring 180-day permit for Best Western/Saluki Inn to operate with a D2 liquor license (on-premises consumption at a hotel/motel) at 801 North Giant City Road

MOTION: Commissioner Loos moved, Commissioner Fronabarger seconded, to approve the issuance of a consecutive 180-day permit to Best Western/Saluki Inn. DISCUSSION: Chris Huber, General Manager, responded to questions about the application and the cause of delay, and further noted the progress which has been made. Ayes: N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5. Consideration of a transfer request for a C1 liquor license (package liquors – off-premises consumption only) from Pick & Son, Inc. to American Tap Liquors, LLC at 518 South Illinois Avenue

MOTION: Commissioner Loos moved, Commissioner Bradshaw seconded, to approve a transfer request for a C1 liquor license from Pick & Son, Inc. to American Tap Liquor, LLC, at 518 South Illinois Avenue contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items, including corrections to the application regarding proximity to residential property. DISCUSSION: Srinivas Gundala, sole member of American Tap Liquors, LLC, was present to respond to questions. He detailed his business plan with a presentation to the Local Liquor Control Commission.

The Liquor Commission questions and comments included the effect of clustering liquor stores versus other

types of businesses, the applicant's experience in retail and liquor, the inability to control the types of liquor sold, other liquor classifications which might be better for the location, remarks about the size of the business and how it will impact sales, for which type of liquors there may be a market, and what alternate plans the applicant might have. The Commissioners gave their individual thoughts regarding the application and whether it should be approved, tabled, or denied.

Persons speaking in opposition included: Chandrakant Patel, owner of Blue Fish Liquors and Old Town Liquors and Chris Huber, General Manager of Best Western Saluki Inn. Persons speaking in favor: None.

VOTE: Ayes: J. Bradshaw, L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, and J. Henry. Nays: N. Kang, C. Harvey, and J. Henry. Motion declared carried.

6. Citizens' Comments

None.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Local Liquor Control Commission, Chairman Henry declared the meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Date Approved

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk