

Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2021

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Commissioners present:

Commissioner Ginger Rye Sanders, Commissioner Jeff Doherty, Commissioner Lee Fronabarger, Commissioner Tom Grant, Commissioner Carolin Harvey, Commissioner Adam Loos, and Chairperson John M Henry

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

1. Preliminaries to the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting

1.1 Roll Call

2. General Business of the Local Liquor Control Commission

2.1 Minutes of the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting of July 13, 2021

It was suggested that the minutes do not properly reflect everything that was stated in the meeting pertaining to the Hearing Officer's Report and Recommendation for Hollywood Lounge; it was also noted that the minutes are a reflection of the Commission's actions, not the remarks made.

MOTION: Approve the minutes from the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting of July 13, 2021

Motion by Carolin Harvey, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Ginger Rye Sanders

2.2 Appointment of a Hearing Officer for the Carbondale Liquor Control Commission

Commissioners indicated their individual preferences and whether utilizing fixed costs versus flat rates for the fees would be a better option. Staff's rationale for their recommendation was requested and City Attorney Snyder responded.

MOTION: Appoint John Rendleman as the Hearing Officer for the Carbondale Liquor Control Commission

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Nay: Ginger Rye Sanders, Tom Grant

2.3 Application for a B4 Liquor License for Oak Manor LLC d/b/a Oak Manor at 3100 West Striegel Road

The applicant, Wes Gibson, was in attendance to address any questions or concerns from the Commission. The applicant described the layout and location of the property and how the venue would be utilized.

MOTION: Approve the Class B4 Liquor License for Oak Manor, LLC, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items.

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, John M Henry

2.4 Application for a Class A2 Liquor License (Restaurant, All Alcoholic Liquor) from Gud Cooking, LLC d/b/a Gud Cooking, LLC

MOTION: Approve the issuance of the Class A2 liquor license for Gud Cooking, LLC d/b/a Gud Cooking, LLC, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, John M Henry

2.5 Application for a Class A2 Liquor License (Restaurant, All Alcoholic Liquor) from Indigo Event Space and Lounge, LLC d/b/a Indigo Event Space and Lounge

The Commission's main concern was that the proposed operation seems more like a bar than a restaurant, noting restaurants must adhere to the 51% food service requirement. Based on the application and the proposed menu submitted, it might be difficult for the applicant to achieve the minimum percentage, and the last three tenants of this location had similar issues.

The applicant, Unree Westley, was in attendance to address any questions or concerns from the Commission. Mr. Westley explained his plan for achieving the minimum percentage requirement.

An exception to the 100' minimum distance restriction for a bar to operate due to its proximity to a church could be made, but only if the Council adopts an Ordinance to allow for such an action. The financial impact for the applicant on waiting for such an Ordinance to be adopted was discussed.

The Liquor Commission debated whether to grant the license as a Class A2 or a B2, reevaluating the operation at the time of renewal, and taking action in the near future to adopt an Ordinance allowing the operation of a bar upon approval by the Commission.

MOTION: Approve the issuance of the Class A2 liquor license for Indigo Event Space and Lounge, LLC d/b/a Indigo Event Space and Lounge, contingent upon receipt of all outstanding items.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Ginger Rye Sanders.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, John M Henry

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 7:05 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date