



MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
April 11, 2017

1. Call to order

The meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order by Commissioner Renner at 4:00 p.m. on April 11, 2017.

2. Present

Commissioners Tari Renner, Lindsey Powell, Jack Bataoel. Staff: George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Asst. Police Chief Greg Scott, and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

3. Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. No individuals provided comments during the meeting.

4. Consideration of approving the Commission Minutes of March 14, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to approve the minutes of March 14, 2017.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

5. Consideration of a change of ownership from MCTH, Inc, d/b/a Lucky Sevens, located at 1804 S. Hershey Rd. Unit 9-10, currently holding a TAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Chase Harris, owner/representative and Joe Dehn, attorney for the corporation, addressed the Commission. Mr. Dehn stated that when the business opened Chase Harris was an equal partner with his father Terry Harris. The elder Mr. Harris has sold his shares to the younger Mr. Harris.

Commissioner Renner noted past issues with the percentage of food sales versus video poker. George Boyle, Corporation Counsel, provided a brief history. Mr. Dehn believed that the expansion had assisted with increasing food sales.

Mr. Boyle questioned whether there would be any changes to the day to day operations. Mr. Dehn responded that there would not be.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to accept notification of the ownership change from MCTH, Inc., d/b/a Lucky Sevens, located at 1804 S. Hershey Rd., Unit 9-10, currently holding a TAS Liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass from consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

- 6. Consideration of the application of Board of Trustees of Illinois State University (ISU), d/b/a Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting an EBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

William Prenevost, Managing Director, addressed the Commission. He provided a brief history of the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. This was the fortieth (40th) season which had a professional production of Shakespeare plays. The season was from June 28th to August 12, 2017 at Ewing Manor.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, noted that in some previous seasons, ISU had utilized a secondary liquor license. An EBS liquor license would allow ISU to hold other events without requesting a liquor license for each. Mr. Boyle noted that there had been no violations in the past.

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel, that the application of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University (ISU), d/b/a Illinois Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset R., requesting an EBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved.

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

Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner noted that this item would appear on the May 8, 2017 City Council meeting agenda.

The following was presented:

- 7. Consideration of the application of Golden House, LLC d/b/a Golden House, located at 2303 E. Washington St., Ste. 600-H requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.**

Hang Dong, owner/representative, speaking through a translator, Mr. Howard, manager, addressed the Commission. Mr. Howard stated that Mr. Dong currently owned and operated a restaurant in the Town of Normal. The plan was to operate both establishments.

Commissioner Renner questioned violations from the Town of Normal. Mr. Dong responded that there had been none.

Commissioner Renner questioned whether Mr. Dong had taken BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) training. Mr. Dong responded that he had not taken the training. Commissioner Renner explained that proof of same would be required prior the issuance of the liquor license. Mr. Dong requested clarification. Commissioner Renner stated that someone at the establishment would be required to take the training and provide proof to the City Clerk's office.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, stated that the Legal Department and City Clerk's office would work with the applicant to ensure they were provided with a copy of Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, section 29, Alcohol Education Training Requirements and a list of approved BASSETT trainers in Illinois. He stated that if the Commission desired they could make a recommendation to the Council contingent upon compliance with the BASSETT ordinance.

Commissioner Bataoel questioned the Bloomington restaurant management. Mr. Howard stated that Mr. Dong would manage the Bloomington restaurant and he would remain that the Town of Normal restaurant.

Motion by Commissioner Bataoel, seconded by Commissioner Powell that the application of Golden House, LLC d/b/a Golden House, located at 2303 E. Washington St., Ste. 600-H requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved contingent upon the general manager obtaining BASSETT training and providing proof to the City Clerk's office prior to the application being sent to the City Council for approval.

Commissioner Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:
Ayes: Commissioners Powel, Bataoel and Renner.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner noted that this item would appear on the May 8, 2017 City Council meeting agenda if the proper BASSETT certification was provided to the City Clerk's office.

The following was presented:

- 8. Notification of a change of officer from Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc, d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill, located at 305 N. Veterans Pkwy Suite 101, currently holding a RAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Changes are as follow: Montgomery F. Moran, Co-CEO, Secretary and Director, has resigned. Matthew Steven Ells is now the sole CEO.**

George Boyle, Corporation Counsel, noted that the Illinois Liquor Commission required that all change of officer changes be presented to the local Liquor Commission for notification purposes only.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bataoel to adjourn. Time: 4:17 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Gooderham, R.M.C.
Chief Deputy Clerk