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THE LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

The Liquor Commission convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Commissioner Renner directed the Deputy City Clerk to call the roll and the following:

Present: Commissioner Tari Renner

Absent: Commissioners Jim Jordan and Lindsey Powell

Staff present: George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Gregory Scott, Asst. Police Chief; and Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, cited State of Illinois and local laws that allowed a municipality's Mayor to act as the sole Liquor Commissioner, as well as their ability to appoint additional Liquor Commissioners to assist them.

Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment. No public comments were received.

The following was presented:

Item 4. Consideration of and action on Minutes from the February 11, 2020 Regular Liquor Commission Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Renner tabled the February 11, 2020 Regular Liquor Commission Meeting Minutes until the April 14, 2020 Liquor Commission meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 5. Public Hearing and action on the Application of Aroma Bloomington Corporation, d/b/a Aroma Indian Restaurant, located at 716 S. Eldorado Road, requesting a Class RAS, (Restaurant, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) liquor license, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Renner opened the Public Hearing at 4:02 p.m.

Commissioner Renner asked if anyone who would like to speak for or against the application; no one came forward.

Shiva Busa, owner and applicant of the business, after being sworn, addressed the Commission.

Commissioner Renner questioned the owner on his experience serving alcohol and the status of the BASSET training for all service staff.

Mr. Busa stated he was BASSET certified and that all of the staff would be certified before the issuance of the license. He also stated he previously owned a restaurant that had held a liquor license.

Mr. Boyle questioned how long the current establishment had been in operation. Mr. Busa stated that the business had been open for two years.

Mr. Boyle questioned the benefit alcohol would have for the establishment. Mr. Busa stated there was customer demand for alcohol.

Commissioner Renner stated competitors of Aroma also sell beer at a minimum. Mr. Busa responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Renner asked Asst. Chief Scott if he had concerns there would be issues if the establishment received a liquor license. Asst. Chief Scott had no concerns.

Mr. Boyle stated that the Food and Beverage taxes for Aroma had not been paid for January 2020. Mr. Busa stated the outstanding taxes would be paid the next day (March 11, 2020).

Commissioner Renner closed the Public Hearing at 4:08 p.m.

Commissioner Renner recommended the application to the City Council for approval, contingent upon compliance with all building, health, and safety codes and full payment of taxes.

The following was presented:

Item 6. First appearance on Europe, Inc., d/b/a Chasers, located at 110 W. Washington Street, on a Complaint and Citation alleging violations of Chapter 6, Section 27(b) of the Bloomington City Code prohibiting minors in a tavern, as requested by the Legal Department.

Commissioner Renner asked Mr. Boyle for detailed information.

Mr. Boyle informed the Commission the establishment had hired a lawyer to dispute the alleged violations and advised the item should be tabled until the April 14, 2020 Liquor Commission meeting.

Commissioner Renner tabled the item until the April 14, 2020 Liquor Commission meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7. First appearance on TwoStep, Inc., d/b/a Elroy's, located at 102 W. Washington Street, on a Complaint and Citation alleging violations of Chapter 6, Section 27(b) of the Bloomington City Code prohibiting minors in a tavern, as requested by the Legal Department.

Commissioner Renner asked Mr. Boyle to provide more information.

Mr. Boyle provided background on the alleged violations and explained the establishment provided exculpatory evidence of a sufficient ID system. Mr. Boyle stated this complaint had been dismissed.

The following was presented:

Item 8. First appearance on Dublin Bay, Inc., d/b/a Killarney's, located at 523 N. Main Street, on a Complaint and Citation alleging a violation of Chapter 6, Section 27(b) of the Bloomington City Code prohibiting a minor in a tavern, as requested by the Legal Department.

Commissioner Renner asked Mr. Boyle to provide more information.

Mr. Boyle provided background on the alleged violation and explained the establishment provided exculpatory evidence of a sufficient ID system. Mr. Boyle stated this complaint had been dismissed.

Old Business

No discussion was had.

New Business

No discussion was had.

Adjournment

Commissioner Renner adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk