



MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION LIQUOR COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021, 4:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-07, Section 6, which was reissued and extended by Executive Order 2021-04, and implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The Liquor Commission convened in regular session virtually via Zoom conferencing with Lindsey Meister, Liquor Commissioner, and Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk, in-person in City Hall’s Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom conferencing at 4:01 p.m., on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tari Renner.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Commissioner	Remote	
Jim Jordan	Commissioner	Remote	
Lindsey Meister	Commissioner	Present	

Staff Advisors

Staff Present	Title	Status	Arrived
Amanda Mohan	Deputy City Clerk	Present	
George Boyle	Asst. Corporation Counsel	Remote	4:03
Timothy McCoy	Assistant Police Chief	Remote	
Theodore Kozinski	Financial Services Manager	Remote	

Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment. Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk, informed the Commission that no individuals had registered speak live and no emailed public comment was received.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 4. Consideration and action to approve Minutes from the December 15, 2020 Special Liquor Commission Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Commissioner Meister motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to approve the minutes as presented.

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

AYES: Jordan, Meister, Renner

Motion carried.

Commissioner Renner asked George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, for a statement in regard to the violations on the agenda.

Mr. Boyle addressed the Commission and explained that there were seven first appearances on the agenda for various citations on violations of the City of Bloomington Liquor Code.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 5. Hearing: First appearance on a Complaint and Citation (#2021-001) issued to Hurley Entertainment Group, Inc., d/b/a Spotted Dog Tavern, located at 1504 Morrissey Drive, as requested by the Legal Department.

Mr. Boyle explained that the Citation was for the alleged violation of the Executive Orders that prohibited indoor dining in the first half of January. The establishment admitted and agreed to one violation, which held a fine of \$500 for the first offense.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 6. Hearing: First appearance on a Complaint and Citation (#2021-002) issued to Richards Services, Inc., d/b/a Parkview Inn, located at 1003 S. Morris Ave., as requested by the Legal Department.

Commissioner Renner asked George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, for an update on the item.

Mr. Boyle informed the Commission that the Citation was for the alleged violation of the Executive Orders that prohibited indoor dining. The establishment admitted and agreed to the violation and paid a fine of \$800 for their second offense.

Rick McCormick, Owner of Parkview Inn, was present but had no comment.

Mr. Boyle explained that the next five citations were for non-payment of food and beverage taxes and that four licensees had reached out to the City and resolved their cases. He stated that Drifters had not and discussed first appearance on citations procedures with Commissioner Renner.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 7. Hearing: First appearance on a Complaint and Citation (#2021-003) issued to Hurley Consolidated Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Drifters, located at 612 N. Main St., as requested by the Legal Department.

Commissioner Renner asked Tanya Minniefield, Owner of Drifters, to address the Commission.

Mr. Boyle stated procedure dictated that staff work through an attorney on these matters and asked Ms. Minniefield if she had attorney representation.

Ms. Minniefield stated their attorney would not represent them in this matter and accepted the violation.

Commissioner Renner confirmed with Ms. Minniefield that she stipulated to the facts. Ms. Minniefield responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Renner and Mr. Boyle discussed the procedure after a first appearance.

Commissioner Renner determined that the item would be continued to the March 9, 2021 Liquor Commission meeting unless a sanctions agreement could be executed before the meeting.

Neither Commissioners Jordan nor Meister had any objections to the decision.

Mr. Boyle explained that the following establishments had made a full payment of the taxes, interest, and penalties in addition to a \$600 fine for their first offenses.

Commissioner Renner explained that the amounts owed were funds that were collected from customers that were to be forwarded to the City.

Mr. Boyle elaborated on Commissioner Renner's statement, and explained that food and beverages taxes were acquired by the licensee at the point of sale from their customers which were then to be remitted to the City. He noted that before a licensee appears before the Liquor Commission, the establishment received several notices and staff attempt to work with the establishments.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 8. Hearing: First appearance on a Complaint and Citation (#2021-004) issued to Aroma Bloomington Corporation, d/b/a Aroma Indian Restaurant, located at 716 S. Eldorado Rd., as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 9. Hearing: First appearance on a Complaint and Citation (#2021-005) issued to Hacienda Leon, Inc., d/b/a Hacienda Leon, located at 407 N. Hershey Rd., as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 10. Hearing: First appearance on a Complaint and Citation (#2021-006) issued to LKH, Inc., d/b/a Cheeks Bar & Grill, located at 1206 Towanda Ave., as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 11. Hearing: First appearance on a Complaint and Citation (#2021-007) issued to ARJA Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Las Margaritas Mexican Bar N Grill, located at 3805 Ballybunion Rd., as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Agenda Item 12. Continued Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Mickey's Kitchen, Inc. d/b/a Mickey's Kitchen, located at 1709 S. Veterans Parkway, Suite A, as requested by the Legal Department.

Commissioner Renner asked George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, for an update on the item.

Mr. Boyle informed the Commission that there have been notice and witness issues as well as issues obtaining documents. He requested the item be continued to the March 9, 2021 meeting where he hoped staff would present a resolution to the issue.

Commissioner Meister motioned, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to continue the item to the March 9, 2021 Liquor Commission meeting.

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

AYES: Jordan, Meister, Renner

Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Jordan motioned, seconded by Commissioner Meister, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Mohan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Mohan".

Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk