LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – FINAL MAY 14, 2012

A regular meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee was held on Monday, May 14, 2012 in the Lower Level Conference Room of Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road. Chairman Max K. Ehlert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Max K. Ehlert, Chairman
W. Stan Godlewski
Patrick C. Hall
David S. Ogg
Timothy P. Payne
Bohdan L. Ukrainec

ABSENT: Andrew Kaltsounis

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Lancaster, Assistant City Attorney
Jeffrey Oberski, Analyst/Planner
EunJoo Scherlinck, Student Representative
Pat Gladysz

Resolution to Excuse Committee Member Kaltsounis

Resolution #LC2012-05-012
Moved by Hall
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, That the absence of Committee member Kaltsounis at the Liquor Advisory Committee meeting of May 14, 2012 be **EXCUSED**.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Kaltsounis

Resolution to Approve Minutes of Meeting

Resolution #LC2012-05-013
Moved by Hall
Seconded by Ukrainec

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee be **APPROVED**.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Kaltsounis

Agenda Items

1. **Rochester Road Ventures, LLC** requests to transfer ownership of escrowed 2011 Class C licensed business with Outdoor Service (1 Area) and Dance-Entertainment Permit from Mercmiles, Inc; and requests new SDM license to be held in conjunction, and add space to 3946 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083, Oakland County {MLCC Req. #628433}. *This is the Mr. B's Restaurant.*

Present to answer questions from the Committee was James Tavano, operating partner of Rochester Road Ventures.

Mr. Tavano advised the Committee that his corporation had owned the business from 2004 until 2010 and then sold to Mercmiles, Inc. In July of 2011, they regained possession and have been operating under a Management Agreement. The added space mentioned in the request is the space vacated by TCBY and is approximately 1,400 square feet. They are currently operating under the name of Hamlin Pub & Grill with many of the same employees.

Mr. Oberski advised the Committee that there are delinquent tax and water bills. Also, the background investigation revealed that the majority partner, John DeAngelis, was arrested in March 2012 for Reckless Driving and Operating While Intoxicated. The matter is still pending.

Mr. Tavano advised the Committee that they are currently working with the Treasurer's Office regarding the tax and water bills.

Assistant City Attorney Lancaster advised the Committee that the City Ordinance contains language in connection with the criteria for approval which states "past conviction of the applicant for any of the following: a felony, a crime involving the excessive use of alcoholic liquor" or "the applicant's excessive use of alcoholic liquor".

The Committee discussed this issue. They agreed that since the charges of Mr. DeAngelis have not yet been adjudicated, this issue should not be mentioned in the Motion on this item.

Resolution #LC2012-05-014
Moved by Hall
Seconded by Ukrainec

RESOLVED, That the Liquor Advisory Committee recommends that the request of Rochester Road Ventures, LLC to transfer ownership of escrowed 2011 Class C licensed business with Outdoor Service (1 Area) and Dance-Entertainment Permit from Mercmiles, Inc; and a new SDM license to be held in conjunction, and to add space to 3946 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48083, Oakland County be **APPROVED**.

Yes:	6
No:	0
Absent:	Kaltsounis

A Committee member questioned the liquor license at Sanctuary Lake Golf Course and the possibility of alcohol not being available at this location if the management changes. Ms. Lancaster stated that she would research the question.

Ms. Lancaster also advised the Committee that assignments have changed in the City Attorney's Office. Julie Dufrane, another one of our assistant City Attorneys, will next month assume the responsibility of the Liquor Advisory Committee.

Mr. Oberski advised the Committee that two establishments, Thunderbird Lanes and Hooters, recently received violations for liquor sales to a minor during a decoy operation.

Mr. Oberski also advised the old informational item concerning the California Pizza Kitchen is not yet ready for action.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Max K. Ehlert, Chairman

Patricia A. Gladysz, Secretary II