

A regular meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee was held on Monday, June 14, 2004 in Conference Room C of Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road. Chairman Max K. Ehlert called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Max K. Ehlert, Chairman
Henry W. Allemon
Alex Bennett
Anita Elenbaum
W. Stan Godlewski
James R. Peard
Carolyn Glosby, Assistant City Attorney
Sergeant Thomas J. Gordon
Pat Gladysz

ABSENT: James C. Moseley
Emily Polet, Student Representative

Resolution to Excuse Committee Member James C. Moseley

Resolution #LC2004-06-113
Moved by Allemon
Seconded by Bennett

RESOLVED, that the absence of Committee member Moseley at the Liquor Advisory Committee meeting of June 14, 2004 BE EXCUSED.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Moseley

Resolution to Approve Minutes of May 10, 2004 Meeting

Resolution #LC2004-06-114
Moved by Elenbaum
Seconded by Ehlert

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the May 10, 2004 meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee be approved.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Moseley

Agenda Items:

1. **BABYLON RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.** requests a **new full year (quota) Class C** license with Sunday Sales and Official Permit (Food) to be located at 888 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County. *Proposed restaurant to be called The Melting Pot, featuring fondue based menu*

Present to answer questions from the Committee were Aaron VanDeMark, Ryan Husaynu, and Jonathan Brateman.

Mr. VanDeMark informed the Committee that The Melting Pot is an upscale, dinner-only restaurant with a fondue-based menu that will occupy space on the first floor vacated by Fidelity Bank. There are currently Melting Pot establishments in 30 states in the nation, with the proposed Troy location being the first in Michigan. There is the possibility for future restaurants in Ann Arbor and Novi. The Melting Pot attracts couples for special occasion and romantic events, with over 80% of the revenue resulting from food sales. There will be 198 seats in the restaurant and 14 seats at the bar. Mr. VanDeMark has been in the restaurant management business for several years, the past two years spent as manager of a Melting Pot in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is an owner with a 60% share of the business and will be the on-site manager with approximately 40 employees. His partner, Bill Holt, will own 40% of the business. All employees will be trained in the TIPS/TAMS program and will be required to sign the company's "Statement of Liquor Dispensing Policies" at the time of hire.

Sgt. Gordon reported that his background investigation revealed one incident in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1998 involving restaurant employees smoking marijuana while on duty. At the time of this incident, Bill Holt was the manager of the restaurant. The employees were terminated.

Resolution #LC2004-06-115
Moved by Allemon
Seconded by Elenbaum

RESOLVED, that BABYLON RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. be granted new full year (quota) Class C license with Sunday Sales and Official Permit (Food) to be located at 888 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Moseley

Informational Items

PIDGEON RIVER IMPORTS, LLC, requests a new Outstate Seller of Wine license, to be located at 3250 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County. [MLCC REQ ID #232608] *Office use only, no storage of alcoholic beverages on site*

This item will be handled by Sgt. Gordon and no action is required by the Committee.

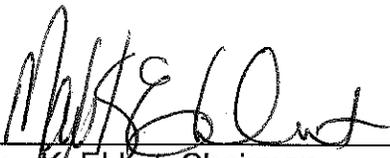
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ST. JOSEPH CHALDEAN COUNCIL NO. 9154, requests to **transfer location (governmental unit)** of 2003 Club licensed business from 35220 Mound, Sterling Heights, MI 48310, Macomb County, to 36949 Dequindre, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County. [MLCC REQ ID# 233780] *Current site of Asia Mart market; Zoning issues may prevent transfer*

No information to report on this item.

EMERALD FOOD SERVICE, INC. requests a **new full year (quota) Class C** license with Sunday Sales, Official Permit (Food), and Outdoor Service Area, to be located at 1450 E. South Blvd., Troy, MI 48085, Oakland County. *This request is anticipated to be made by the food service vendor for the new Sanctuary Lakes golf course; not yet in process*

Assistant City Attorney Carolyn Glosby reported that the City is currently negotiating a food vendor contract for Sanctuary Lakes Golf Course. There was a discussion by the Committee as to the anticipated request for a quota Class C license and the small number of seats available in the club house.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



Max K. Ehlert, Chairman



Patricia A. Gladysz, Clerk-Typist