

A regular meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee was held on Monday, July 14, 2008 in the Council Board Room of Troy City Hall, 500 West Big Beaver Road. Chairman Max K. Ehlert called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Max K. Ehlert, Chairman
Henry W. Allemon
Patrick C. Hall
David S. Ogg
Timothy P. Payne
Bohdan L. Ukrainec
Susan Lancaster, Assistant City Attorney
Sergeant Robert Cantlon
Pat Gladysz

ABSENT: W. Stan Godlewski

Resolution to Excuse Committee Member Godlewski

Resolution #LC2008-07-014
Moved by Ukrainec
Seconded by Allemon

RESOLVED, that the absence of Committee member Godlewski at the Liquor Advisory Committee meeting of July 14, 2008 BE EXCUSED.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Godlewski

Resolution to Approve Minutes of May 12, 2008 Meeting

Resolution #LC2008-07-015
Moved by Ukrainec
Seconded by Allemon

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting of the Liquor Advisory Committee be approved.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Godlewski

Agenda Items

- 1. Loccino, Inc.** requests to transfer ownership of 2007 Resort Class C licensed business (MCL 436.1531(4); minimum seating 250; non-transferable and SDM license in conjunction with Official Permit (Food), and new Outdoor Service Permit; located in escrow at 5600 Crooks, Suite 106, Troy MI 48098, Oakland County, from Palm Troy Company, LLC (an Illinois Limited Liability Company). {MLCC Req #441407}

Present to answer questions from the Committee were Frank Shushtari, Farshid Shushtari, and attorney John Carlin.

It was explained to the Committee that the Shushtari brothers are partners in this business. They currently own a restaurant in Farmington Hills and formerly owned restaurants in Rochester Hills and Sterling Heights. They have operated restaurants for more than 20 years. Loccino will be a moderately priced Italian restaurant open for lunch and dinner. They have made extensive interior and exterior modifications and hope to open for business in September. They will transfer staff from their other locations and will also hire additional personnel. All employees will receive TIPS/TAMS training.

Sergeant Cantlon reported that his investigation revealed no disqualifying factors.

Resolution #LC2008-07-016
Moved by Hall
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that Loccino, Inc. be allowed to transfer ownership of 2007 Resort Class C licensed business (MCL 436.1531(4); minimum seating 250; non-transferable and SDM license in conjunction with Official Permit (Food), and new Outdoor Service Permit; located in escrow at 5600 Crooks, Suite 106, Troy MI 48098, Oakland County, from Palm Troy Company, LLC (an Illinois Limited Liability Company).

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Godlewski

- 2. Agrusa International Marketplace, LLC** requests new SDM License to be located at 5047 Rochester, Troy, MI 48085, Oakland County.

Present to answer questions from the Committee were Steven Primavera, Anthony Capizzi, and Salvatore Agrusa.

It was explained to the Committee that they have been operating in this location since June 2007. Their main objective is to offer wine and some imported beer to their customers. The wine will be contained in one area. They are familiar with the required training and will comply. The partners currently operate a market in Sterling Heights and have been involved in retail sales for more than 30 years.

Sergeant Cantlon reported that his investigation revealed no disqualifying factors.

Resolution #LC2008-07-017

Moved by Hall

Seconded by Payne

RESOLVED, that Agrusa International Marketplace, LLC be granted a new SDM License to be located at 5047 Rochester, Troy, MI 48085, Oakland County.

Yes: 6
No: 0
Absent: Godlewski

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- 3. Arbor Drugs, Inc.** requests transfer location of 2008 SDD and SDM licensed business from 2963 E. Big Beaver to 1980 E. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48083, Oakland County.

Present to answer questions from the Committee was Caren Zedro.

This request is merely a transfer of the license from the Big Beaver/Dequindre store to the newly constructed Big Beaver/John R location. The employees will all transfer and they will also hire new staff. There is a planned opening date of August 10, 2008. The store at the current location has been in operation for 25 years and has not had a liquor violation since 2000.

Sergeant Cantlon reported that his investigation revealed no disqualifying factors.

Resolution #LC2008-07-018

Moved by Ukrainec

Seconded by Hall

RESOLVED, that Arbor Drugs, Inc. be allowed to transfer location of 2008 SDD and SDM licensed business from 2963 E. Big Beaver to 1980 E. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48083, Oakland County.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: Godlewski

Discussion Items

1. Class C Quota Licenses

Sergeant Cantlon advised the Committee that we have a quota Class C license available. After discussion, it was agreed to recommend to City Council that the license not be issued, advertised, or made available subject to the Liquor Advisory Committee revisiting the matter as circumstances require.

Resolution #LC2008-07-019

Moved by Hall

Seconded by Ukrainec

RESOLVED, that the Liquor Advisory Committee recommends that the Class C Quota License not be issued, advertised, or made available subject to the Liquor Advisory Committee revisiting the matter as circumstances require.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Absent: Godlewski

2. Proposed City Ordinance

Assistant City Attorney Susan Lancaster stated that City Council revoked the 1993 Resolution related to liquor licensing. The City Attorney's Office has drafted a proposed City Ordinance. A draft of this Ordinance was forwarded to all members of the Committee in advance of this meeting.

There was lengthy discussion on the language of the Ordinance. Ms. Lancaster took note of the Committee's comments and suggestions, and a revised draft will be forwarded to the members in the very near future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Max K. Ehlert

Patricia A. Gladysz, Secretary II