

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
LIQUOR COMMISSION
November 2, 2009

A meeting of the City of Peoria Liquor Commission was held in Room 404, City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, on November 2, 2009, Chairman Frank McCabe presiding.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Frank McCabe; Commissioners Ted Arndt; Drew Cassidy; Don Jackson; Virginia White - 5

Absent: 0.

Others present: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Eric Turner; Assistant Corporation Counsel Sonni Williams; Liquor Investigator Scott Jordan; Fire Inspector Otis Leach; Building Inspector Jim Brownfield; Kristin Cannaday-Stash, Secretary, and concerned citizens and media.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McCabe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman McCabe made an announcement that there would be no discussion regarding the Water Street issue.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2009 Liquor Commission Meeting; seconded by Commissioner Arndt.

Approved by roll call vote:

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, Jackson, McCabe; White – 5;

Nays: 0

III. LIQUOR SITE APPLICATIONS

09-23 J&K Sports Page, Inc.
d/b/a The Sports Page
2509 N. Sheridan Road
Requesting: Subclass 2 (live entertainment)
Has: Class A (tavern)
Subclass 1A (2:00 a.m. closing)

Kim and Josh Sank, owners of The Sports Page, presented an application to add a Subclass 2 (live entertainment) license to their Class A (tavern) Liquor License at 2509 N. Sheridan Road.

Mr. Sank explained that they were planning to have karaoke on Friday nights and a small band on Saturday nights and around the holidays. He stated that they did not have a large space so it would be just a two or three piece band.

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In response to Chairman McCabe's concern about the noise level if the backdoor was open, Mr. Sank stated they owned the house directly behind them and rent it so the closest residence would be across the alley.

Ms. Sank stated they had a 2:00 a.m. closing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but that they would stop the entertainment at 1:00 a.m. so they could get everyone out on time.

In response to Commissioner Jackson's concern about increased crowds and parking problems, Mr. Sank stated they had a small parking lot in the back and Mr. Ghantous gave permission for them to share his lot at night.

Liquor Investigator Jordan stated that Lt. Doyle, Traffic Commander, had stated there were not parking or traffic issues with this application.

In further discussion, Attorney Williams stated that the Zoning Department had stated in their memo that there was no issue with the parking lot or the spaces. She also stated that this was just adding a subclass to a liquor license that had already been granted.

In discussion with Commissioner Arndt, Ms. Sank stated the purpose of adding the entertainment license was to increase their patronage to what it was in the past. She also said that they had discussed this license with their Councilperson.

Hearing no more questions or discussion, Chairman McCabe called for the vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to recommend the approval of the addition of the Subclass 2 (live entertainment) license to the Class A (tavern) and Subclass 1A (2:00 a.m. closing) Liquor License at 2509 N. Sheridan; seconded by Commissioner Cassidy.

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, Jackson; McCabe; White – 5;

Nays: 0.

**09-24 PMO, Inc.
d/b/a AmericInn
9106 N. Lindbergh Drive
Requesting: Class D (hotel)**

Janet Quinton, Manager of AmericInn, presented an application for a Class D (hotel) liquor license for 9106 N. Lindbergh Drive.

Ms. Quinton stated that AmericInn wanted to be able to add complimentary beer and wine to the hors d'oeuvres they provide at their Manager's Receptions which are held Tuesday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She indicated that all of the hotels were providing this service now.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to recommend approval of the application for a Class D (hotel) Liquor License at 9106 N. Lindbergh Drive; seconded by Commissioner White.

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, Jackson, McCabe; White - 5;

Nays: 0.

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**09-25 PV II, Inc.
 d/b/a PV II
 8305 N. Allen Road
 Requesting: Class B (restaurant, full-service bar)
 Has: Class G (restaurant, beer & wine only)**

Commissioner Jackson stated he would be abstaining from this application because of a possible conflict with Ms. Wand.

Amy Wand and Josh Utech, owners of PV II, presented an application for a Class B (restaurant, full-service bar) liquor license for 8305 N. Allen Road.

In discussion with Chairman McCabe regarding the restaurant moving from Sheridan Village to the old ChiliWorks, Ms. Wand stated that the former owner of Ponte Vecchio had some issues and by Court order he had to close that restaurant. She explained that they planned to reopen a restaurant similar to Ponte Vecchio in their new location.

Ms. Wand stated they hoped to open in two weeks. She explained that they were opening with the Class G (restaurant, beer and wine only) that their new location was licensed for until they were approved for the new Class B (restaurant, full service bar) liquor license. She said they had a large following of patrons.

Liquor Investigator Jordan stated that the Police Department had already investigated and approved the Class G Liquor License change to PV II, Inc. at the site-approved location.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arndt to recommend approval of the application for a Class B (restaurant, full-service bar) Liquor License at 8305 N. Allen Road; seconded by Commissioner White.

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, McCabe; White - 4;
Nays: 0
Abstention: Jackson - 1

**09-26 Petersen Hotels
 d/b/a Hampton Inn
 7806 N. Route 91
 Requesting: Class D (hotel)**

Jill Crowder, Manager of Hampton Inn, presented an application for a Class D (hotel) liquor license for 7806 N. Route 91.

Ms. Crowder stated that the Hampton Inn held Manager Receptions Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and they wanted to be able to provide complimentary beer and wine, along with hors d'oeuvres, to their registered guests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cassidy to recommend approval of the application for a Class D (hotel) Liquor License at 7806 N. Route 91; seconded by Commissioner Arndt.

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, Jackson, McCabe; White - 5;
Nays: 0.

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IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business discussed at this meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

VI. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled regular meeting of the Liquor Commission is Monday, December 7, 2009.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner White moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Liquor Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Kristin Cannaday-Stash, Secretary