

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PEORIA  
SPECIAL LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING  
June 13, 2011**

A special meeting of the City of Peoria Liquor Commission was held in Room 112, City Hall, Peoria, Illinois, on June 13, 2011, Chairman Frank McCabe presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chairman Frank McCabe; Commissioners Ted Arndt; Andrew Cassidy – 3

Absent: Don Jackson; Virginia White - 2

Others present: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Eric Turner; Corporation Counsel Randy Ray; Assistant Corporation Counsel Sonni Williams; Building Inspector Jim Stevens; Secretary Kristin Cannaday-Stash and concerned citizens and media.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. EXTENSION OF SITE APPROVAL**

**Peoria Speakeasy, Inc.**

**d/b/a Big Al's**

**400 Blk SW Jefferson**

**Has: Class A (tavern)**

**Subclass 1 (4:00 a.m. closing)**

**Subclass 2 (live entertainment)**

**Requesting: Extension of Site Approval**

Al Zuccarini, owner, presented a request on behalf of the Main Street Land Trust, Peoria Speakeasy, Inc., that the site approval for the retail sale of alcohol in the 400 block of SW Jefferson be extended for a period of one year from the current site expiration date of February 22, 2012. He explained that because of unforeseen problems with Ameren and a Closing Date with the new hotel developer, there was a possibility of his new building not being completed and selling alcohol by February 22, 2012. The extension of the site approval for this location would make site approval expire on February 22, 2013.

In further discussion with the Commissioners regarding an easement exchange being completed with AmerenCilco and the time it was planned to take to complete electrical wires in that area, Mr. Zuccarini stated there was a possibility that his business would not be up and running by the February 22, 2012 date and he wanted assurances that he would be able to have liquor in the new building before investing all the money.

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Turner stated he had spoken with Mayor Ardis who asked that the Commission support this request because of the important tie-in of this project with the downtown hotel project.

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In discussion with Commissioner Cassidy, Attorney Williams stated that under Section 13-97 of the City of Peoria Code, this Liquor Commission shall have the authority, without approval of the City Council, to extend the time for commencing the service of alcoholic liquors if the applicant can meet the criteria that the construction of a structure has been unexpectedly delayed.

Hearing no further questions or comments from the audience, Chairman McCabe, called for the vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cassidy to **APPROVE** the extension for the site for the Class A (tavern) with a Subclass 1 (4:00 a.m. closing) and Subclass 2 (live entertainment) liquor license in the 400 block of SW Jefferson until February 22, 2013; seconded by Commissioner Arndt.

Yeas: Arndt, Cassidy, McCabe - 3;

Nays: 0

### III. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Liquor Commission Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

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Kristin Cannaday-Stash  
Commission Secretary