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LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES
Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.-City Council Chambers
VIRTUAL and in person meeting

Attendees: Chairman Edwards, Commissioner Angus, Commissioner Driscoll, License Commission Clerk Rebecca Ambra, Captain Tracy- HPD

6:00pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2, 2021

COMMISSIONER ANGUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR DECEMBER 2, 2021.

COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL SECONDED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

3. CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS

A. ABCC REQUEST FOR LLA APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE OF ADDRESS. KRUEGER'S FLATBREAD, FORMERLY 144 ESSEX STREET, WAS CHANGED THROUGH THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT TO 6 MOULTON WAY.

COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDRESS CHANGE IN ORDER FOR THE ABCC TO UPDATE THEIR RECORDS. COMMISSIONER ANGUS SECONDED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

5. ONE DAY APPLICATIONS

6. BUSINESS WITH MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

A. JOSHUA SPORTS DINER

252 MAIN STREET

JOSHUA CORREA, MANAGER

1. APPLICATION FOR A NEW ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE TO INCLUDE RADIO, TELEVISION, AND AMPLIFIED MUSIC

*PENDING ENTERTAINMENT ZONING APPROVAL

2. APPLICATION FOR A NEW COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

*PENDING APPROVAL FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

JOSHUA CORREA APPEARED FOR THIS APPLICATION. THE APPLICANT HOPED TO GET THE RESTAURANT OPENED BY THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY AND DESCRIBED THE PROPOSED BUSINESS AS A BREAKFAST AND LUNCH RESTAURANT. PRIOR EXPERIENCE AS A COOK IN NEW YORK AND AS AN EMPLOYEE AT DOMINO'S WAS DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER ANGUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE TO INCLUDE RADIO, TELEVISION, AND AMPLIFIED MUSIC; AND TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE. COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL SECONDED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

B. 200 MAIN GRILL

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BENANCIO DIAZ, MANAGER

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BENANCIO DIAZ APPEARED FOR THIS APPLICATION. THE APPLICANT DISCUSSED HIS CULINARY TRAINING IN EUROPE, PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE FOOD INDUSTRY, AND DESCRIBED THE RESTAURANT AS AN AFFORDABLE QUALITY FOOD RESTAURANT. MR. DIAZ EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN TEACHING THE YOUNGER GENERATION HOW TO COOK AND DO THE JOB THE RIGHT WAY. THE APPLICANT HOPED TO GET THE RESTAURANT OPENED SOON AND STATED RENOVATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE SINCE MARCH. COMMISSIONER ANGUS QUESTIONED AN ADDITIONAL NAME LISTED ON THE LEASE. THE APPLICANT STATED THE INDIVIDUAL WAS NO LONGER PART OF THE COMPANY. COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE TO INCLUDE RADIO, TELEVISION, AND AMPLIFIED MUSIC; AND TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE. COMMISSIONER ANGUS SECONDED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

7. ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

8. COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS

9. OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

10. ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

11. MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

a. TM AUTO GROUP D/B/A DM MOTORS

251 WINTER STREET

TES MERCEDAT, MANAGER

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF CURRENT LICENSE FOR 5 ADDITIONAL SPACES TO BE ADDED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE- 4 SPACES TO BE USED AS COMBINED CUSTOMER PARKING AND EMPLOYEE PARKING, AND 21 SPACES FOR THE DISPLAY OF CARS FOR SALE.

TES MERCEDAT APPEARED FOR THIS APPLICATION VIRTUALLY. COMMISSIONER ANGUS REVIEWED SGT LYNCH'S STATEMENT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS THE APPLICANT HAD TOO MANY CARS ON THE LOT WHICH PROMPTED THE APPLICATION FOR THE INCREASE. COMMISSIONER ANGUS STATED THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING WITHIN THE APPROVED NUMBER OF CARS. THE APPLICANT STATED THAT HE HAS OWNED THE BUSINESS SINCE MARCH OF 2020. COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL REVIEWED THE PLANS APPROVING 25 TOTAL SPACES ON THE LOT AND THE APPLICANT AGREED WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR. CHAIRMAN EDWARDS ASKED THE APPLICANT WHERE REPAIRS ARE MADE FOR THE VEHICLES SOLD. THE APPLICANT STATED BROADWAY AUTO REPAIR IN LAWRENCE DOES ALL THE MAJOR REPAIRS. COMMISSIONER ANGUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR 5 ADDITIONAL SPACES: 4 TO BE USED AS COMBINED EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER PARKING AND 21 SPACES TO BE USED FOR THE DISPLAY OF CARS FOR SALE FOR A TOTAL OF 25 CARS. COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL SECONDED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT. VOTE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

b. MIKE'S 215 WATER STREET SERVICE LLC D/B/A MIKE'S SUNOCO

215 WATER STREET

JOSEPH TUCKER, OWNER

APPLICATION FOR A NEW SECONDHAND MOTOR VEHICLE II DEALER LICENSE – 6 SPACES TO BE USED FOR THE DISPLAY OF CARS FOR SALE, 8 SPACES FOR COMBINED EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER PARKING, AND 8 SPACES FOR SERVICE FOR A TOTAL OF 22 SPACES.

JOSEPH TUCKER APPEARED FOR THIS APPLICATION. THE APPLICANT STATED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THE BUILDING AND STATED HE WAS AWARE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS INVOLVING A SECOND-HAND CAR DEALER LICENSE. COMMISSIONER ANGUS OBSERVED THE BUSINESS APPEARED TO BE VERY BUSY AND REITERATED THE SET NUMBER OF CARS ALLOWED ON THE LOT IF THIS ITEM WAS APPROVED. CHAIRMAN EDWARDS QUESTIONED IF THE APPLICANT WAS CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH AN AUCTION ONLY LICENSEE AND IF HE WOULD BE ACQUIRE CARS FROM THAT LICENSEE. THE APPLICANT STATED HE WOULD NOT BE GETTING CARS FROM THAT LICENSEE. COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW SECOND-HAND MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE; 6 SPACES TO BE USED FOR THE DISPLAY OF CARS FOR SALE, 8 SPACES FOR COMBINED EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER PARKING, AND 8 SPACES FOR SERVICE FOR A TOTAL OF 22 SPACES. COMMISSIONER ANGUS SECONDED. NO PUBLIC COMMENT. VOTE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

12. CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS

13. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

a. DISCUSSION OF SECTION 15 LICENSES AND APPLICATION PROCESS

CHAIRMAN EDWARDS, COMMISSIONER ANGUS, AND COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL DISCUSSED THE SECTION 15 ALCOHOL LICENSE AVAILABILITY AFTER RECEIVING THE FEDERAL CENSUS NUMBERS FOR THE CITY. THE COMMISSION DISCUSSED THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE ADDED TO THE DOCUMENT. CHAIRMAN EDWARDS STATED THE COMMISSION WAS NOT REQUIRED BY ANY TIMELINE TO ISSUE THE LICENSES. DISCUSSION SURROUNDING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BUSINESSES SELL THE ALCOHOL LICENSES FOR WAS DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER ANGUS ASKED THAT A CAVEAT BE PLACED FOR THOSE WHO CURRENTLY HAVE A BEER AND WINE LICENSE COULD NOT SELL THE LICENSE IF ATTEMPTING TO UPGRADE TO ALL ALCOHOL. CHAIRMAN EDWARDS AND COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL AGREED. THE ADVERTISEMENT PROCESS AND THE SUBMISSION PERIOD FOR APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WAS DISCUSSED. THE COMMISSIONERS STATED THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING APPLICATIONS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE AND THE SUBMISSION PERIOD WOULD LAST THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS WOULD BEGIN IN MARCH. CHAIRMAN EDWARDS ASKED COMMISSIONER ANGUS AND COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL TO FINALIZE THE HAVERHILL APPLICATION AS THE ABCC APPLICATION WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION.

14. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

15. COMMUNICATIONS

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

17. OTHER BUSINESS

18. ADJOURNMENT 6:44PM