



LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES
Thursday, August 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.-Room 202
VIRTUAL and in person meeting

Attending: Chairperson Laura Angus, Commissioner Patrick Driscoll, Lic. Comm Clerk Jennifer Sanchez, Sergeant Kevin Lynch, HPD.
Absent: Commissioner Linda Koutoulas

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the Minutes of July 11, 2024

Commissioner Driscoll stated he had an opportunity to review the minutes, and he would like to approve them.

Chairperson Angus said the minutes have been amended since they were sent out.
Commissioner Driscoll noted the minutes look to be in order.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

3) CONTINUED BUSINESS

No Schedule

4) MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/ REQUESTS

No Schedule

5) ONE DAY APPLICATIONS

5.1 Joseph LeBlanc, River Rukus Chair

70 Washington Street

-Application for one day Beer and Wine Liquor License for River Rukus on September 21, 2024, from 12pm-9pm.

-Has Police approval.

-Pending City Council and Mayoral Approval.

Joe LeBlanc appeared for this item online. They have been doing this event for more than 10 years. Their application is the same as the previous years except that they are hiring an additional person to help that day. Joe said he has used Deb Ingalls in the past.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the application pending City Council and Mayoral approval. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

6) **BUSINESS CERTIFICATES**

No Schedule

7) **ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS**

7.1 Robert J Lapierre, Manager

Big Dawg's Eatery LLC

d/b/a Big Dawg's Eatery

75 South Main Street

-Application for new Entertainment License for Amplifiers, D.J., Karaoke, amplified music, sporting events, dancing by patrons only, Jukebox, Radio, TV, Comedy Show (3 comedians), Performers (3 performers), vocalists (2 vocalists). For the hour of Sunday 9am-9pm, Monday 9am-11pm, Tuesday 9am-11pm, Wednesday 9am-11pm, Thursday 9am-11pm, Friday 9am-11pm, Saturday 9am-11pm.

The liquor license, common victualler license and the entertainment license were heard together.

Robert Lapierre appeared for the applications.

Chairperson Angus reminded Robert that anyone performing counts in the occupancy number.

Robert understands this.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the entertainment license. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.2 Ruben David Appelaniz, Manager

Ruben David Appelaniz

d/b/a David's Coffee and Grill

620 Primrose Street, Unit 5

-Application for new entertainment license for the hours of Sunday-Saturday 6am-3pm for Radio and TV.

-Has police and entertainment zoning approval.

Ruben was present for this application. He plans to have breakfast and lunch there. Ruben has worked in the industry for 10 years. It will be American grill food choices.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the entertainment application. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

8) **COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS**

8.1 Kawus Safie, Manager

PPT Hospitality LLC

d/b/a Haverhill House of Pizza and Subs

249 Lincoln Ave

-Application for new common victualler license for the hours of Sunday 10am-9pm, Monday 10am-9pm, Tuesday 10am-9pm, Wednesday 10am-9pm, Thursday 10am-9pm, Friday 10am-10pm, Saturday 10am-10pm.

-Pending updated lease, business certificate, occupancy.

Kawus appeared for this application. PPT hospitality has another location in Haverhill, and they are looking to expand. They will be leaving the menu and everything the same.

Chairperson Angus asked Kawus is he is working on getting a lease or a assignment of lease. He said the landlord told him he would have the lease on Monday.

Kawus said he might have radio and Tv and that he forgot to put the application in for that.

Commissioner Angus told Kawus that if he applies and there are commissioners available that they can hold a special meeting if not he can keep the radios and TVs off until the next meeting.

She told him that we cannot issue the common victualler until we have the updated lease, business certificate, and occupancy.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the common victualler license pending lease, business certificate, and occupancy. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

8.2 Robert J Lapierre, Manager

Big Dawg's Eatery, LLC

d/b/a Big Dawg's Eatery

75 South Main Street

-Application for new common victualler license for the hours of Sunday 9am-9pm, Monday 9am-11pm, Tuesday 10am-9pm, Wednesday 10am-9pm, Thursday 10am-9pm, Friday 10am-10pm, Saturday 10am-10pm.

-Pending picture of the outside and occupancy.

The liquor license, common victualler license and the entertainment license were heard together. Robert Lapierre appeared for the applications. The menu will be American style with Italian and Spanish flare.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the common victualler license pending business occupancy and picture of the outside. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

8.3 Ruben David Apellaniz, Manager

Rube David Appellaniz

d/b/a David's Coffee and Grill

620 Primrose Street, Unit 5

-Application for new common victualler license for the hours of Sunday -Saturday 6am-3pm.

-Pending business occupancy.

Ruben was present for the application. He plans to have breakfast and lunch. Ruben has worked in restaurants for 10 years. This will be his first time opening his own restaurant. The menu will be American breakfast lunch and grill items.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the common victualler license pending

business occupancy. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

9) OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

No Schedule

10) ALCOHOL/ ABCC APPLICATIONS

10.1 Robert J Lapierre, Manager

Big Dawg's Eatery LLC

d/b/a Big dawg's Eatery

75 South Main Street

-Application for new section 12 all alcohol liquor license for the hours of Sunday 9am-9pm, Monday-Saturday 9am-11pm.

-Pending City Application tips certs, liquor liability, 304 inspection

The liquor license, common victualler license and the entertainment license were heard together. Robert Lapierre appeared for the applications. Robert said he is going to work at this restaurant, and he will not continue with the other liquor license that he has.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the section 12 all alcohol license pending liquor liability, tips cert, 304 inspection. This was seconded by Chairperson Angus. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

11) MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

No Schedule

12) CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS

NO SCHEDULE

13) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

No schedule

14) SHOW CAUSE HEARING

14.1 Jessica Williams, Manager

ACF LLC

d/b/a Big Dawg's Eatery

75 South Main Street

-Application for new section 12 all alcohol liquor license for the hours of Sunday 9am-9pm, Monday-Saturday 9am-11pm.

-Pending City Application, tips certs, liquor liability, 304 inspection.

Attorney Denvers Cherms, Jessica Williams, and Ana Freitas were present for this item. Jessica and Ana were sworn in. Attorney Cherms said they did not get the notification and if they got the notification, they would have been present. He said the DJ they use does karaoke. The DJ plays Karaoke for the people to sing. He said the advertisement was not a DJ just playing music. They must use the DJ for karaoke.

Chairperson Angus told them there are 2 DJs advertised one named DJ Chris the other named DJ Beano.

Attorney Cherms said if they did a google search, they would see that the DJs do karaoke. He

said he looked at other flyers that 978 had done and they usually do a stamp that indicates karaoke, and they did not do it on these and that was an oversight on their part.

Ana said it was a mistake on their part that they called it a DJ. She said they were trying to get the word out that the TVs would be on. She said DJ Chris and DJ Beano were doing Karaoke. Chairperson Angus asked why they keep referring to a DJ.

Ana said a karaoke person is a DJ. She said going forward they will make sure the DJ word is not there. She said they do karaoke only and if there is not anyone who want to sing then they sing, or they will play music in the background until someone comes up to sing.

Attorney Chermis said it is a common occurrence that a bar will rent out someone who is essentially a DJ for the night. They bring along speakers and microphones. They usually take a list of requests. If no one is up there, it's a lull. During the lull they play background music and sometimes the DJ himself will sing.

Commissioner Driscoll is concerned this is falling into the old pattern.

Jessica said they have had a lot of problems getting their mail. She has been using her home address because they are not receiving mail.

Chairperson Angus asked if they could rectify that by getting a post office box.

Chairperson Angus said it is important to keep this information updated.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to place this item on file. Chairperson Angus seconded this item. No public comment. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

15) COMMUNICATIONS

No SCHEDULE

16) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Schedule

17. OTHER BUSINESS

No Schedule

18. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 6:33pm. Chairperson Angus seconded this item. No public comment. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.