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LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.-City Council Chambers VIRTUAL and in person meeting

Attending: Chairman Joseph Edwards, Commissioner Laura Angus, Commissioner Driscoll, Lic. Clerk Jennifer Sanchez, City Clerk Linda Koutoulas, Captain Wayne Tracy, HPD, Sgt Kevin Lynch, HPD.

- 1) <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>
- 2) <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES</u> Minutes of regular meeting, November 3, 2022 Motion to approve by Comm Angus, seconded by Driscoll. No public comment. Vote unanimous.
- 3) <u>CONTINUED BUSINESS</u> NO SCHEDULE
- 4) MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS NO SCHEDULE
- 5) ONE DAY APPLICATIONS NO SCHEDULE
- 6) <u>Business Certificates</u> No Schedule
- 7) <u>ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS</u>
 - A. Robert Lapierre, Manager

GDX Realty Trust d/b/a Village Square Restaurant 109 South Main Street Application for entertainment license- music and radio.

Robert Lapierre appeared for this application. He has started renovations on the inside of the restaurant. The restaurant will serve breakfast and lunch. The hours will be 6am until 2pm. It will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. He wants to have music and radio in the restaurant.

Motion to approve pending entertainment zoning approval by Comm Angus, seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public comment. Vote unanimous

B. Siddhartha Bhalodia, Manager
 S &S Kitchen LLC, d/b/a Burrito Spice
 225 Lincoln Ave
 Application for entertainment license- Music and Radio.

Siddhartha Bhalodia appeared for this application. This is a new Mexican restaurant it is located in the market basket plaza. They are ready to open and are applying to have music and radio. It is pending entertainment zoning approval.

Motion to approve pending entertainment zoning approval by Comm Driscoll, seconded by Comm Angus. No public comment. Vote unanimous

C. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR ALL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR 2023 UPON COMPLIANCE.

Approval of all of the entertainment renewal applications upon compliance. Not all are in compliance yet. They are not due until December 26, 2022.

Motion to approve all entertainment renewal applications upon compliance by Comm Angus, seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public comment. Vote unanimous

8) <u>COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS</u>

A. Robert Lapierre, Manager

GDX Realty Trust d/b/a Village Square Restaurant 109 South Main Street Common Victualler Transfer application <u>Application for common victualler license</u>

Robert Lapierre appeared for this application. He owned a restaurant in the past for a long time. He did change the name of the restaurant to Bradford Village Square. He was told that he needs to come into amend his business certificate. Restaurant will serve breakfast and lunch.

Motion by Comm Angus to approve this application pending business occupancy. Seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public discussion – vote unanimous

B. Siddhartha Bhalodia, Manager S &S Kitchen LLC, d/b/a Burrito Spice 225 Lincoln Ave Application for common victualler license.

Siddhatha Bhalodia appeared for this application. This is a new restaurant and is ready to open. They primarily serve Mexican food and are located in the market basket plaza. They will serve lunch and dinner. This establishment has already been approved for a section 12 all alcohol license.

Motion by Comm Driscoll to approve this application. Seconded by Comm Angus. No public discussion – vote unanimous

C. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR ALL COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSES FOR 2023 UPON COMPLIANCE.

Approval of all of the common victualler renewal applications upon compliance. Not all are in compliance yet. They are not due until December 26, 2022.

Motion to approve all common victualler renewal applications upon compliance by Comm Angus, seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public comment. Vote unanimous

9) OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

A. APPROVAL OF ALL OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS.

All outdoor dining renewal applications are in compliance. The outdoor dinning renewals will be pending the city engineer approval in the spring.

Motion to approve all outdoor dining renewal applications pending city engineer approval by Comm Angus, seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public comment. Vote unanimous

10) ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

A. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR ALL SECTION 12 AND 15 LICENSES FOR 2023 UPON COMPLIANCE.

All are in compliance with the exception of Marias family restaurant pending tips certifications and the application from Barrio Tacos.

Motion to approve all section 12 and section 15 renewal applications upon compliance by Comm Angus, seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public comment. Vote unanimous

B. Barbara Glicklich, Manager

Wicked Axe LLC d/b/a Wicked Axe 721 South Main Street Requesting condition on current license to be changed concerning wristbands. Currently everyone who enters the establishment must wear wristbands. She requests that bands are no longer needed.

Barbara Glicklick appeared on this. Currently everyone who enters her establishment must be banded. This is a condition on her license. There are 2 colors of bands. One color for under 21 and one color for over 21. Ms. Glicklich feels singled out because she is the only business that has to do bands.

HPD states that everything is going well at Wicked Axe. But they still do request the bands. They have a concern because Sargent Lynch has entered the establishment on many occasions and never been carded. Also, there is an open concept inside and it will be confusing to identify who is over 21 and who is under 21.

LLA stated that Ms. Glicklich is not being singled out out but Wicked Axe has an unconventional setting and people are mingling around and it is difficult to tell who is above age and who is under age. LLA stated that everyone who is selling alcohol should have an ID scanner and they strongly consider Wicked Axe to obtain one.

Ms. Glicklick also stated that she has certain days that are family days and certain days that are 21plus days. Everyone is screened at registration and there is no place in the establishment that is not visible from the bar and that all of her staff are trained on safe service of alcohol. If there is a question of age they do not serve.

LLA agreed they will band only the 21 plus patrons in the establishment. They will not need to band on 21 plus days and they will not need to band the under 21 patrons in the establishment. This will be on a 6-month trial basis. HPD was in agreement with this decision.

Motion by Comm Angus to band only 21 plus patrons on a 6 month trial basis. Seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public discussion – vote unanimous

11) MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

A. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES FOR 2023 UPON COMPLIANCE.

Not all renewals are in compliance yet. They are not due until December 27, 2022. LLA would like to discuss increasing the late fee renewal applications. This will be added to the January agenda.

Motion by Comm Angus to approve these applications upon compliance. Seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public discussion – vote unanimous

12) <u>CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS</u> NO SCHEDULE

13) <u>ITEM FOR DISCUSSION</u>

A. Anthony Hans, Manager

Hans Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Hans Garden 114 Washington Street -Incident that occurred on or about October 22, 2022, at 1:26 am.

HPD got a call of a suspicious person under the deck at the tap. When police arrived, they witnessed a man getting into a car and driving away. He stopped in an alley and was waiting in his car. HPD spoke with him, and he stated he was waiting for someone. HPD noticed while speaking with him that he had slurred speech and red eyes. He was arrested for OUI. During the arrest he told the police on scene that he was drinking at Hans Garden.

Anthony Hans appeared on this. Mr. Hans stated that he did not know who the person is and he could not confirm if the person was in his establishment or not. He said they had the sports game on that day, and he was there that day. He did not see an intoxicated male in the establishment, and he did not see an intoxicated male leave the establishment. This was called in by a concerned citizen who saw the man under the tap deck. They did not see him leave Hans Garden.

LLA stated they will place this incident in the file and take no action.

Motion by Comm Driscoll to keep on file and take no action. Seconded by Comm Angus. No public discussion – vote unanimous

B. Dharmesh Dave Anrush LLC d/b/a Bradford Liquors
91 South Main Street
-Incident that occurred on or about October 18, 2022, at approximately 18:00

HPD got called to Bradford liquors for a well being check. A female in an Acura was unsteady on her feet. When HPD arrived, they saw a black Acura driving towards the registered owner's address. Upon arrival at the address, they witnessed the female operator of the vehicle very unsteady on her feet holding onto the garage for support. She was given sobriety tests and performed poorly. She had a plastic bag on the top of her car.

HPD is concerned because the woman was viably intoxicated and still able to purchase alcohol from Bradford Liquors. HPD observed the woman in the store and exit with a bag.

Dharmesh Dave was here on this. He said that all of his employees have been safe service of alcohol trained. He was not there that night. Mr. Dave checked his security cameras however by the time he got the letter to appear the camera had already recorded over itself. He did not show any credit card transactions that day for this woman.

LLA stated this will go on the agenda for a show cause hearing. Due to scheduling it will be March agenda. LLA also requested that the officer on scene be present show cause hearing for questions.

Motion by Comm Angus to add this incident for a show cause hearing in March 2023. Seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public discussion – vote unanimous

14) <u>SHOW CAUSE HEARING</u> No Schedule
15) <u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> NO SCHEDULE
16) <u>OTHER BUSINESS</u> NO SCHEDULE
17) <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Angus Vote unanimous,