



LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES

Friday, December 16, 2022 at 3:00 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) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
No Schedule
- 3) **CONTINUED BUSINESS**
NO SCHEDULE
- 4) **MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS**
NO SCHEDULE
- 5) **ONE DAY APPLICATIONS**
NO SCHEDULE
- 6) **BUSINESS CERTIFICATES**
NO SCHEDULE
- 7) **ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS**
No Schedule
- 8) **COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS**
No Schedule
- 9) **OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS**
No schedule
- 10) **ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS**
No Schedule
- 11) **MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS**
No Schedule
- 12) **CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS**
NO SCHEDULE
- 13) **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**
No Schedule
- 14) **SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

A) Irwin Edwards, Manager

Irwin Enterprises LLC d/b/a East West Tavern
27 Lafayette Square

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises. To wit: (2) No licensee for the sale of alcoholic beverages shall permit any disorder, disturbance, or illegality of any kind to the place in or on the licensed premises. The licensee shall be responsible therefor, whether present or not.

--Incident that occurred on or about June 16, 2022, at approximately 17:59

HPD was called to the East West Tavern for a report of a woman who was asked to leave the bar because she was being loud. When they arrived they spoke with the woman who was outside she was upset that she was asked to leave.

Mr. Edwards was present and stated that the woman was asked to leave the bar because she was being loud and vulgar. The woman did leave the bar and she called the police when she was outside. She had water and food. He put a trespass on her and she has not been back since. Her father called Mr. Edwards after the incident and said that she had mental health problems.

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--Incident that occurred on or about August 30, 2022, at approximately 23:25

HPD were called to East West Tavern for a male in the bar yelling and refusing to leave. When police arrived on the scene, he was in the parking lot. He was asked to leave the area and he complied.

Mr. Edwards stated that the man was never in the bar that he was outside in the parking lot picking up cigarettes and yelling at his staff.

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--Incident that occurred on or about November 5, 2022, at approximately 01:36

When HPD arrived at East West Tavern there was a female party outside assaulting people on the deck. When Police approached her the other people left and the female continued to assault people. She assaulted police officers and was arrested.

Mr. Edwards stated this incident occurred as everyone was leaving, and he had a person stationed on the deck. She left the bar went to her car and came back and started assaulting people. The police were not called for this incident, they were patrolling and saw this occur.

Lauren Dembowski was the bartender that night. She said that the female party was at the bar 2 to 2.5 hours and had only 2 drinks and that she did not show any signs of intoxication. She said the female appeared to be verbally angry about someone from the past.

LLA said that the person on the deck should not have allowed the female back onto the deck. If there are two entrance/exits on the deck a person should be positioned at each entrance/exit to ensure that no one who leaves comes back in and unwanted people are not allowed on the deck.

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--Incident that occurred on or about November 30, 2022, at approximately 02:08

At 2:08 am HPD was called to east West Tavern for a report of a couple arguing. The female party (who works at East West Tavern) stated they got back from the Bruins game, and they came to East West Tavern to drink more. The female party stated that her friend wanted to leave, and she did not and they got into a verbal argument outside. She had a cut on her knee and cameras confirmed that she fell outside.

Mr. Edwards stated that the bar was not open for business on this day, and they were closed all day. He said they went to the Bruins game in a limousine. They met at East West Tavern, and they got dropped off at East West Tavern after the event. When they got dropped off, they went inside to gather belongings and they were cleaning, organizing, and making future plans. Irwin said he was drinking water only.

Mr. Edwards said that Sophia did not drink inside his bar that day and that the male friend she was with also did not drink that day inside of his bar. The limousine brought them back to east West Tavern at 12:30. They went to the game with 4 other people. The four other people gathered their belongings and left 1240/1250. Mr. Edwards stated his cameras did not work that day and they have not been working for 2 months.

LLA stated that he should not be open if his cameras are not working. Having his cameras out for so long is not acceptable. If the cameras go out, they should be repaired within two days. Having people inside the bar and cleaning and organizing on a day the bar is not open is not a good idea and that Irwin should be more mindful of the choices that he is making.

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--Incident that occurred on or about December 3, 2022, at approximately 01:31

On December 3 HPD was monitoring the East West Tavern during closing time. They observed a man leaving the bar yelling and getting into a van. He was subsequently arrested.

Mr. Edwards said that the man that was yelling was denied service because he was intoxicated when he arrived.

LLA told Mr. Edwards that he has the responsibility to call the police when there is an intoxicated individual on premise. You cannot just tell them to leave without notifying the police because they pose a danger to the public. They may leave and attempt to drive. East West Tavern also has

the responsibility to make sure that all patrons leave the parking lot safely. Someone should be monitoring the parking lot and stay there until it is clear, and everyone has safely exited this is to ensure the patrons safety and the safety of the public.

Overall, the Police have had several incidents at the East West Tavern, and they do not have the resources to station people at the East West tavern every day. The issues that the HPD sees at this establishment are overserving, lack of security cameras, and lack of security. All these things have contributed to the issues that have been ongoing.

LLA stated that this shows a clear pattern, it does not sound like they have done enough to prevent problems. The cameras must be fixed if they want to continue to operate, they need to be more mindful of the parking lot and increase the security. LLA strongly encourages them to post a sign that they will not allow intoxication at their establishment.

HPD requests that East West Tavern close early for 30 days. LLA agreed with this recommendation. Mr. Edwards requested that they close early starting on December 19, 2022, because he already had events booked for the up coming weekend. HPD and LLA agreed to this request. LLA decided that East West Tavern will close early for 30 days at 11pm starting on December 19, 2022, and lasting until January 18, 2023, increase security on the deck having a person stationed at both deck entrances, be more aware of the parking lot, and have their cameras up and running by December 22, 2022, and provide proof to the city clerks office when complete.

Motion by Commissioner Angus for the East West Tavern to close early for 30 days at 11pm starting on December 19, 2022, and lasting until January 18, 2023, increase security on the deck having a person stationed at both deck entrances, be more aware of the parking lot, and have their cameras up and running by December 22, 2022, and provide proof to the city clerk's office when complete seconded by Commissioner Driscoll Vote unanimous

15) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NO SCHEDULE

16) OTHER BUSINESS

THE 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 5, 2023, FEBRUARY 2, 2023, MARCH 2, 2023, APRIL 6, 2023, MAY 4, 2023, JUNE 1, 2023, JULY 6, 2023, AUGUST 3, 2023, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, OCTOBER 5, 2023, NOVEMBER 2, 2023, DECEMBER 7, 2023.

Motion by Comm Angus to approve the 2023 schedule seconded by Comm Driscoll Vote unanimous

17) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Angus for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Angus, Vote unanimous,