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LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES Thursday, November 3, 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, October 6, 2022 Motion to approve by Comm Driscoll, seconded by Comm Angus. No public comment. Vote unanimous.
- 3) <u>CONTINUED BUSINESS</u>
- 4) MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS
- 5) <u>ONE DAY APPLICATIONS</u> BUSINESS CERTIFICATES
- 6) <u>ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS</u>
 - A. Plaza Food Market and Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Plaza Food Market and Restaurant Inc. 236 Winter Street New Entertainment Application and New Common Victualler Application

This will be takeout food only and does not have any on premises dining. No tables and chairs. This does not require a common victualler application or entertainment license.

Motion to place on file by Comm Driscoll, seconded by Comm Angus. No public comment. Vote unanimous

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

 A. GDX Realty Trust d/b/a Village Square Restaurant 109 South Main Street Common Victualler Transfer application Pending letter from owner that she will surrender her licenses upon transfer. No one appeared for this matter.

Motion by Comm Angus to continue this until December 2022 meeting. Seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public discussion – vote unanimous

8) OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

9) ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

a) Circle K Massachusetts LLC d/b/a Circle K 4707503, Mary Locke, manager

32 Knipe Road Amendment- Change of Manager New Manager Mary Locke appeared. She has over twenty years' experience working in a convince store and selling alcohol.

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

b) Circle K Massachusetts LLC d/b/a Circle K 4707503 32 Knipe Road Amendment- Change of Officer

Change of corporate officers

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

c) Wilbur M. Comeau Post #4, American Legion Inc. d/b/a American Legion, Anne Decosta, Manger

1314 Main Street Amendment- Change of Officer Change of Officer

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

d) Hetal, Inc. d/b/a Academy Liquors
699 South Main Street
Transfer of license- Pledge of Collateral – License

Continued from October 6, 2022, meeting. Transfer will include the pledge of collateral. The license will be the collateral.

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

10) MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

a) Mercedes & sons automotive Sammy Mercedes, Manager 102 White Street New MV II car dealer

> Has 6 years' experience selling cars. Police will be checking in and reviewing the books. There are 8 places for used cars. **PROVISION- NO BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MERCEDES AND SONS AND**

MR. KONG. MR. KONG IS LANDLORD ONLY.

Motion by Comm Angus to approve this application with the provision there is no business relationship with Mr. Kong. Seconded by Comm Driscoll. No public discussion – vote unanimous

11) CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS

12) ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

13) SHOW CAUSE HEARING

A. ANNE DECOSTA, MANAGER WILBUR M. COMEAU POST #4, AMERICAN LEGION, D/B/A AMERICAN LEGION 1314 MAIN STREET <u>ALLEDGED VIOLATION OF 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed</u> 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. <u>The licensee shall be responsible therefor, whether present or not.</u> <u>--Possible Over serving</u> --Incident that occurred on or about September 4, 2022, at approximately 17:14

HPD spoke on this and stated they were called to the American Legion for the report of a male unconscious and having a possible medical emergency. Upon arrival on scene, they noticed strong smell of alcohol. HPD were told that the man consumed 3 jack and cokes, root beer shots, and hard seltzers. Paramedics told HPD they did not think this was a medical issue but more of an alcohol issue.

Anne Decosta, Manager spoke on this report. The bartender who served him was not available. Ms. DeCosta stated that the man was singing karaoke and did not appear to be intoxicated. She stated further that he was admitted to the hospital with a heart condition and believes this contributed to him being unconscious and not the alcohol.

HPD agreed their explanation was reasonable and they do not have problems with American Legion. They requested to take no action and keep this on file.

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

14) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

15) OTHER BUSINESS

a) UPDATE ON AD HOC COMMITTEE CLUB LICENSES-

CLUBS ATTENDED THE CLUB MEETING AND THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON CLUB RULES. THE RULES ARE STILL IN PROCESS AND WILL BE COMPLETE SOON.

16) ADJOURNMENT

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