



MINUTES
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THE LIQUOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020, 4:00 P.M.

This meeting was conducted under Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order 2020-07, Section 6, which was reissued and extended by Executive Order 2020-74, and implemented in response to COVID-19, which suspended in-person attendance under the Open Meeting Act, 5 ILCS 120.

The Liquor Commission convened in special session virtually via Zoom conferencing with Commissioner Tari Renner and Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk, in-person in City Hall’s Council Chambers and virtually via Zoom conferencing at 4:00 p.m., on Friday, November 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Tari Renner.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Commissioner	Present	
Jim Jordan	Commissioner	Remote	
Lindsey Powell	Commissioner	Remote	

Staff Advisors

Staff Present	Title	Status	Arrived
Amanda Mohan	Deputy City Clerk	Present	
George Boyle	Asst. Corporation Counsel	Remote	
Greg Scott	Interim Police Chief	Remote	

Commissioner Renner provided a statement that stressed the importance of public health and safety. He stated COVID-19 cases statistics on local and national levels. He then reminded the public that the City Code required liquor licensees to comply with all codes and regulations applicable to health and safety. He explained the Illinois Department of Public Health’s COVID-19 emergency rules which the City continued to enforce since Labor Day weekend. He outlined additional regulations that resulted from Emergency Orders, which were issued as a result of Governor Pritzker’s Disaster Proclamation, that had been in effect since early November. He described the Emergency Order regulations and explained that the City would enforce those regulations through proceedings before the Liquor Commission. He acknowledged that liquor license holders expressed confusion on enforcement and acknowledged multiple impacts of the pandemic to local establishments and the community. Commissioner Renner then informed the public that the City would not act against the establishments that were called before the November 20, 2020 Liquor Commission but warned the public that the City would enforce the regulations in the future.

Commissioner Renner clarified that the Liquor Commission could only act when an establishment had a liquor license where the McLean County Health Department could act regardless of liquor license. He expressed his belief that the State’s Attorney’s Office hindered the McLean County Health Department’s ability to enforce COVID-19 regulations.

Commissioner Renner addressed various enforcement messaging and apologized for potentially confusing messaging.

George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel, addressed the license holders and reiterated that based on the confusion expressed by some of the license holders, the City would take no further action on the violations on the agenda. He stressed that the City would enforce Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders on a going forward basis.

Commissioner Renner expressed his appreciation for the small businesses within the community and noted various COVID-19 grant programs available to businesses and individuals.

Mr. Boyle informed the Commission that his experience had shown that local businesses were willing to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Commissioner Renner reiterated comments on enforcement and stressed the importance of voluntary compliance by local establishments.

Public Comment

Commissioner Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment. Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk, informed the Commission no one had registered for public comment, but that Jeff Callahan submitted emailed public comment.

Commissioner Renner and Mr. Boyle discussed the opportunity to open the floor to the individuals in attendance for comments regardless if it was on the agenda. The floor was opened, and the following individuals were required to adhere to the same rules that regulated public comment: (1) Bill Bentley; (2) Tom Devore; and (3) Tyler Holloway.

Commissioner Renner asked Commissioner Jordan if he had any comments

Commissioner Jordan asked if the license holders present understood the expectations of enforcement. Mr. Boyle clarified that mask regulations violations continued to be enforced and that in the future, the City would also enforce Emergency Orders which included on premises consumption through enforcement proceedings before the Liquor Commission.

Commissioner Powell stressed the importance of health and safety especially for the upcoming holiday weekend and warned that the City would continue to enforce regulations.

The following item was presented:

Item 5. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Fat Jack's, Inc., d/b/a Fat Jack's, located at 511 N. Main Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 6. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Everlong, Inc., d/b/a Daddios, located at 527 N. Main Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

Mr. Boyle informed the Commission that the licensee admitted to 2 counts of violation that required face coverings for patrons and staff and the licensee agreed to pay \$500.

Josh Rinker, Attorney representing Daddios, and acknowledged receipt of the complaint and citation and that they had entered into no-contest deal.

The following item was presented:

Item 7. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Arlandria, LLC, d/b/a Reality Bites, located at 414 N. Main Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 8. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to TwoStep, Inc., d/b/a Elroy's, located at 102 W. Washington Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 9. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Jayst, Inc., d/b/a Mulligans, located at 531 N. Main Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 10. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Blue Note Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Six Strings, located at 525 N. Center Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 11. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Dublin Bay, Inc., d/b/a Killarney's, located at 523 N. Main Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 12. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Old English, Ltd., d/b/a Windjammer Lounge, located at 2303 Stern Drive, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 13. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Ralben, Inc., d/b/a Cadillac Jacks, located at 1507 S. Main Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 14. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Europe, Inc., d/b/a Chasers, located at 110 W. Washington Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 15. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to BillHill, Inc., d/b/a Maguire's, located at 220 N. Center Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

The following item was presented:

Item 14. Public Hearing on a Complaint and Citation issued to Hurley Consolidated Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Drifters, located at 612 N. Main Street, as requested by the Legal Department.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Jordan motioned, seconded by Commissioner Powell, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



Amanda Mohan, Deputy City Clerk