

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION

February 14, 2012

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of the Caroline Oles and Travis Stone to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at Miller Park Pavilion for their wedding reception on November 10, 2012. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Richard Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp, Steven Petersen, Mark Gibson and Geoffrey Tompkins; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief; and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Caroline Oles and Travis Stone.

Public Comment: Commissioner Stockton opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. No one came forward to address the Commission.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing and requested that Ms. Oles and Mr. Stone address the Commission regarding this request. Caroline Oles addressed the Commission. She informed them that the wedding reception was scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2012. Alcohol service, (beer and wine only), would be provided for the 110 wedding guests. They had spoken with Bruce Williams at Famous Liquors located at 1404 E. Empire St. This would be an evening reception with dinner. The time line for the reception was from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Stockton noted that he had heard good reviews regarding the use of this building. Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Clapp that the request of Caroline Oles and Travis Stone to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at Miller Park Pavilion for their wedding reception on November 10, 2012 be approved.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Stockton informed the requesters that this item would appear on the March 12, 2012 City Council Consent Agenda. He encouraged them to attend this meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:09 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Ragucci's Italian Cafe, Inc., d/b/a Ragucci's Italian Cafe located at 1804 S. Hershey Rd., #10, requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Richard Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp, Steven Petersen, Mark Gibson and Geoffrey Tompkins; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler,

Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Doug Stolfa, owner/operator and Applicant representative.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing and requested that the Applicant address this request. Doug Stolfa, owner/operator and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. Ragucci's would be a small Italian cafe. It would be located at Cafe Italia's former location. He had a signed lease. He planned to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Business hours would be from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The restaurant would be open six to seven (6 - 7) days a week. The request was to serve beer and wine only. He believed that alcohol sales would equal less than twenty percent (20%) of total sales.

Mr. Stolfa added that Ragucci's would also offer catering. He had attended BASSETT, (Beverage Alcohol Sellers & Server Education & Training), training. He cited his past twenty-eight (28) years of experience as manager of CJ's, his father's restaurant, located at 2901 E. Empire St. He planned to send his staff to BASSETT training. Food would also be available for delivery.

Commissioner Stockton noted the proximity of this restaurant to his residence. He welcomed the return of a restaurant to this location. He described it as a nice neighborhood spot. He questioned if Mr. Stolfa planned to deliver alcoholic beverages. Mr. Stolfa responded negatively. Only food would be available for delivery. Alcoholic beverage service would be offered for catered events.

Commissioner Stockton questioned the menu. Mr. Stolfa cited light breakfast, (eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon). Lunch offerings would include four (4) sandwiches, two (2) soups, pasta of the day and thin crust pizza. He noted the dinner menu would offer the lunch menu plus appetizers, six (6) pasta dishes and desserts. The restaurant would seat forty (40).

Commissioner Stockton questioned if Mr. Stolfa had the option to lease additional space. Mr. Stolfa informed the Commission that he had first right of refusal. It would allow an expansion of sixty (60) seats.

Commissioner Stockton questioned outdoor seating. Mr. Stolfa responded affirmatively. He was working with the landlord. He hoped to offer an outdoor patio with four (4) tables and seating for twenty (20). The patio would be landscaped and fenced as needed. Commissioner Stockton informed Mr. Stolfa that the City would need a layout of the area to be added to the premise.

Commissioner Gibson questioned if the Commission needed to determine the premise extension. Commissioner Stockton stated that the drawing needed to be provided to the City Clerk's Office prior to March 12, 2012. Mr. Stolfa stated that a drawing would be provided by next week.

Commissioner Tompkins noted Mr. Stolfa's experience in the restaurant business. He also cited Mr. Stolfa's BASSETT training.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Petersen that the application of Ragucci's Italian Cafe, Inc., d/b/a Ragucci's Italian Cafe located at 1804 S. Hershey Rd., #10, requesting an RBS liquor license which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved.

Commissioner Stockton informed the Applicant that this item would appear on the March 12, 2012 City Council Consent Agenda. He encouraged him to attend this meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:19 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Bond Drug Company of Illinois, LLC, d/b/a Walgreens #02587, located at 2611 E. Oakland Ave., and Walgreens #05188, located at 1525 N. Veterans Pkwy., currently holding PBS liquor licenses which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week for a change of classification to a PAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Richard Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp, Steven Petersen, Mark Gibson and Geoffrey Tompkins; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Billy Walden, Manager - Veterans Pkwy. store, and Montez Jones, Store Manager - Oakland Ave. store, License holder representatives.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing and requested that the License holder representatives address this request. Billy Walden, Manager - Veterans Pkwy. store, addressed the Commission. Mr. Walden noted that the Walgreens located at 1408 N. Main St. was not included in this request. Commissioner Stockton questioned who was Bond Drug Company of Illinois, LLC. Mr. Walden stated that it was a subsidiary corporation. Each Walgreens store was a separate entity.

Commissioner Stockton noted that at one time Walgreens did not offer alcohol for sale. He noted the addition of beer and wine products to three (3) of Walgreens four (4) stores here in the City two (2) years ago. Today, Walgreens was requesting an "A", All types of alcohol, liquor license. He questioned the reason for same.

Mr. Walden cited customers' requests and convenience. Commissioner Stockton questioned the spirit offerings. Mr. Walden stated that each store would offer fifteen (15) varieties of rum, whiskey and vodka. Montez Jones, Store Manager - Oakland Ave. store, addressed the Commission. Walgreens would offer 750 ml bottles for sale.

Commissioner Petersen questioned these stores business hours and days of operations. Mr. Walden informed the Commission that both stores were open seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day. Walgreens would work within the City Code.

Commissioner Buchanan noted that there were non sale hours. He questioned Walgreens planned to identify same. Mr. Walden stated that the stores' POS (Point of Sale) system would only allow liquor sales during certain hours. Commissioner Buchanan recommended that liquor

stock be roped off with signage that identified non sale hours. He suggested that Walgreens develop a plan. Mr. Jones informed the Commission that there would only be one (1) end cap with liquor stock. It would hold the fifteen (15) skewers. Mr. Walden added that the spirits end cap would be located at the end of the beer and wine aisle.

Commissioner Clapp questioned the amount of shelf space. Mr. Walden restated one (1) three foot (3') end cap. Mr. Jones added that the end cap measured three and half feet (3 ½') wide and five feet (5') high.

Commissioner Tompkins questioned why the sale of all types of alcohol was critical to Walgreens' business plan. He noted the various liquor stores, grocery stores, etc. in the area of the Oakland Ave. store. He believed that these businesses adequately addressed the issue of need. He also cited the nearby apartments. Mr. Jones addressed the complete shopping experience and one stop shopping. Walgreens would offer a small selection. Commissioner Tompkins noted that Walgreens only planned to offer 750 ml bottles at this time. Mr. Jones restated that at this time that was Walgreens plan. This action was being taken corporate wide.

Commissioner Stockton stated given these two (2) stores commercial locations and the fact that Walgreens competitors have "A", All types of alcohol, liquor licenses; he had no issues with this request. He expressed his concern regarding late night sales, small liquor bottles, busy streets, etc. The Commission may decide to place a limit on the bottle size.

Mr. Walden offered to check with the corporate office. He noted that Walgreens offered liquor filled candies for sale. Commissioner Stockton cited Walgreens stepped up process. He noted that Walgreens had established the spirit products to be offered for sale at this time. Mr. Walden restated that the corporate office had no plan at this time to offer the small liquor bottles for sale. Commissioner Stockton questioned the type of liquor license held at other Walgreens stores. Mr. Walden cited the Peoria stores which had added all types of alcohol last year. There was one (1) end cap stocked with 750 ml bottles. Commissioner Stockton added that Springfield had five (5) stores which would be changing to all types of alcohol. Mr. Walden stated customers' requests.

Commissioner Tompkins expressed his belief that Walgreens primary business was pharmaceuticals. He believed there was a conflict by offering prescription drugs and alcohol for sale. Mr. Jones readdressed one stop shopping.

Commissioner Stockton questioned the percentage of Walgreens' customers who purchase prescription drugs. Mr. Walden believed the number to be less than fifty percent (50%). Walgreens wanted to be the number one destination for convenience shopping with a focus on health care. Walgreens wanted to be a well-rounded retailer.

Commissioner Gibson noted that the business model had changed. He noted Walgreens' competitors. Consumers want the ability to multi task while shopping for consumer goods. He added that there were limited shopping opportunities east of Veterans Pkwy. Commissioner Stockton described Walgreens as a responsible company.

Commissioner Tompkins informed the Commission that he had visited his children's school this date, (Washington Elementary School). Nine (9) parents expressed their opposition to the change of classification at the Oakland Ave. store. They requested that he convey their concerns to the Commission.

Commissioner Gibson questioned if there was anyone present who wanted to address this request. No one came forward to address the Commission.

Commissioner Petersen did not see the size of the display as a concern.

Commissioner Stockton added that Walgreens request was not unique to the City. He did not plan to take this request for a change of classification before the Council. He requested that Mr. Walden and Mr. Jones check back with the City in a week regarding whether the request would appear before the Council or not.

Motion by Commissioner Petersen, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan that the request of Bond Drug Company of Illinois, LLC, d/b/a Walgreens #02587, located at 2611 E. Oakland Ave., currently holding a PBS liquor license which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week for a change of classification to a PAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week be approved with the following conditions: 1.) signage be in place during non-sale hours specifying same and 2.) sale of spirits be limited to 750 ml bottles.

Ayes: Commissioners Stockton, Buchanan, Clapp, Petersen and Gibson.

Nays: Commissioner Tompkins.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Petersen, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan that the request of Bond Drug Company of Illinois, LLC, d/b/a Walgreens #05188, located at 1525 N. Veterans Pkwy., currently holding a PBS liquor license which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week for a change of classification to a PAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week be approved with the following conditions: 1.) signage be in place during non-sales hours specifying same and 2.) sale of spirits be limited to 750 ml bottles.

Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Stephen Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of LSRE, Inc., d/b/a Laugh Comedy Club, located at 108 E. Market St., currently holding a TA liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week with the following conditions: 1.) that the closing hour on Monday through Thursday shall be midnight and on Saturday and Sunday

shall be 1:00 a.m.; 2.) that last call shall be thirty (30) minutes prior to closing time or one (1) hour after a show ends whichever is later; 3.) a cover charge (ticket) will always be applied for admission with a minimum charge of \$10; and 4.) that patrons who arrive after the comedy act starts shall be charged half the face value of the ticket price with a minimum charge of \$5. for a change of classification to an RA liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Richard Buchanan, Marabeth Clapp, Steven Petersen, Mark Gibson and Geoffrey Tompkins; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, and Tracey Covert, City Clerk, and Adam Weber, owner/operator and License holder representative.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing and requested that the License holder representative address this request. Adam Weber, owner/operator and License holder representative, addressed the Commission. Mr. Weber presented the Commission with a couple of hand outs, (cover letter, Laugh Liquor Hearing Bullet Points and a floor plan). Mr. Weber reviewed items listed in the Bullet Points: 1.) extended hours to host fundraisers and space rental on Friday/Saturday from midnight to 2:00 a.m., to host music events and private parties; 2.) Laugh was not a bar; it is an entertainment venue with a bar; and 3.) remain open an hour later and cater to an eighteen (18) year old and older audience once a week as a necessity. There was an admission charge. He cited the limited liquor stock inventory on hand. Laugh was not interested in inebriated customers as they interfered with the comedy show. During Laugh's first year in business, three (3) customers have been removed/escorted out.

Commissioner Stockton questioned if Laugh benefited from the fundraisers. Mr. Weber responded negatively. The ticket sales revenue was given to the fundraising event. Laugh wanted to extend assistance into the community.

Mr. Weber also had letters from comedians. Laugh needed to expand its offerings to include music, etc. Single focus comedy clubs were failing. He addressed the floor plan. Room A was the bar area and Room B was the show room. He hoped to offer an eighteen (18) year old and over show on Friday nights at 10:00 p.m. Laugh would filter out all of its patrons after the 8:00 p.m. show. He cited his financial interest in the business. Alcohol sales would be restricted to Room A during the 10:00 p.m. show. Bar revenue equaled 40.3 % and ticket sales equaled 59.7%.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if these figures addressed gross sales. Mr. Weber added that the revenue figures had been tracked from January 15, 2012 to the present.

Commissioner Stockton recalled Laugh's original liquor hearing. The Commission was clear that the City had no interest in additional Downtown bars. He cited the impact upon the Downtown at closing time on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The City was not interested in Laugh operating as a tavern a night. He expressed his sympathy to Laugh and its business expenses. The City was interested in having a comedy club as an entertainment offering. He recommended that Laugh close the bar during the second show which would allow those eighteen (18) years old and older to attend. Mr. Weber stated his willingness to work with the City.

Commissioner Stockton stated that an “R”, Restaurant, could remain open twenty-four (24) hours a day. He noted that there were non sale hours. Commissioner Buchanan restated that alcohol could not be sold during certain hours. Commissioner Stockton added that there was no sale and/or consumption after a certain time.

Commissioner Tompkins noted that Laugh was a local business and Mr. Weber was a veteran. Laugh was not a tavern. He recommended that the Commission take a business friendly approach and help a local businessman.

Commissioner Stockton stated that Laugh did not appear be a tavern. He restated his preference that no alcohol be served at the 10:00 p.m. Friday night show. Laugh appeared to qualify as an “R”, Restaurant. The Commission has the authority to impose tavern rules.

Mr. Weber noted that Laugh was currently operating as a tavern. It paid the comedians for five (5) shows but only offered four (4) shows. He restated his interest in a 10:00 p.m. Friday night show with admission which included those eighteen (18) years old and up. Laugh’s hours would be extended by three (3) hours. There would be no alcohol allowed in the showroom. There would also be an additional hour for music.

Commissioner Stockton stated his willingness to give consideration to a second show on Friday nights with admission to include those eighteen (18) years of age and older.

Commissioner Buchanan expressed his opinion that Laugh was not a bar. It had a small bar area which offered a limited inventory. Mr. Weber added that there would be security personnel at the door.

Commissioner Gibson expressed his confusion. The request was to allow those at least eighteen (18) years of age into Laugh Comedy Club. He compared Laugh to Rose’s located at 106 E. Front St. currently holding an RAS liquor license. He questioned the difference between the two (2) establishments.

Commissioner Stockton restated his concern that Laugh would become a tavern during the late night hours. Commissioner Gibson stated his understanding of Commissioner Stockton’s concerns. He compared the two (2) establishments and questioned the differences. Commissioner Stockton restated that the Commission could apply tavern rules late at night.

Commissioner Clapp noted that Laugh did not sell food. Laugh sold tickets. She expressed her concern that the Commission would be setting a precedent. She noted that other Downtown taverns might make the same request.

Mr. Weber noted that twenty-one (21) year olds would still be able to have a drink in the bar, (Room A). He described Laugh as a destination.

Commissioner Petersen described this request as unique. Laugh wanted to invite eighteen (18) year olds to the Downtown.

Commissioner Gibson cited the Castle Theater located at 209 E. Washington St., Unit 1. It was located in the Downtown and held an RAS, (Restaurant, All types of alcohol, Sunday sales), liquor license. He believed that the Commission was over thinking this request.

Commissioner Stockton noted the Council's sensitivity to Downtown liquor establishments. The Council did not want another tavern in the Downtown. Another concern was closing time.

Commissioner Buchanan challenged Commissioner Stockton's statements. He added his opinion that Commissioner Stockton was being unreasonable.

Commissioner Stockton noted the elements of this request: 1.) eligibility for an "R", Restaurant, liquor license; 2.) if eligible, placing appropriate conditions; 3.) closing hours; and 4.) review of current conditions.

Jan Lancaster, 316 N. Main St., addressed the Commission as the Downtown Bar Association's liaison. She stated her fondness for Laugh Comedy Club. She believed that a comedy club in the Downtown was important. The Downtown Entertainment Task Force, (DETF), had recommended the evaluation and potential creation of new license types for the Downtown. She noted that Laugh did not have a kitchen. Door revenue can be manipulated. She believed that there were other Downtown bars which will request the same classification as Laugh. There was support in the Downtown for the concept, (comedy club). The bar area was small. The Commission needed to consider the big picture. Eighteen (18) year olds would be invited to the Downtown. There would be more young adults on the street. She recommended that this request be laid over to allow the DETF the opportunity to address liquor license classifications.

Commissioner Petersen questioned the status of the DETF and recommendations regarding new license classifications. He noted the mention of BYOB, (Bring Your Own Bottle), establishments. The Castle Theater had been mentioned. He stated that there might be a need for another liquor license classification for establishments such as Laugh and the Castle Theater. The bars would be interested in an equal playing field. He believed that the DETF should be given the responsibility to work on same.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted the City's Alcoholic Beverage Code. In the definitions section, a Restaurant was tied to food. However, in the classification section, an "R" must have more than fifty percent (50%) of total sales from non-alcohol items. The Commission set a precedent with the Castle Theater. He suggested that the Commission consider some type of entertainment license.

Commissioner Gibson cited the US Cellular Coliseum located at 101 S. Madison which held an RAS liquor license. He added his belief that the majority of its total revenue came from ticket sales. He also cited the BCPA, (Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts).

Ms. Lancaster expressed her opinion that an establishment with an RAS liquor license should have a kitchen. She believed that the City needed to create a new license classification. She informed the Commission that the Downtown bars were working in a small window. Bar patrons do not start arriving in the Downtown until 11:00 p.m. Ms. Lancaster added that the

license holders would support simplified expectations being placed upon the City's police officers.

Commissioner Clapp informed the Commission that the DETF had discussed this issue. This issue needed to be reviewed. There needed to be a way to describe the establishment. She expressed her concern regarding consistency. She did not want this issue to become too complicated. She recommended that the DETF stay focused on the issue. The issue was entertainment venues.

Commissioner Gibson expressed his interest in the Commission reaching a compromise. Laugh could be given permission to allow eighteen (18) year old and older patrons on Friday nights for the 10:00 p.m. show with the bar area closed. In addition, the DETF should be asked to expedite the new liquor license classification issue.

Commissioner Stockton noted that the DETF and Council represented interested parties in this issue. He believed that this will become an issue. He questioned if Laugh had a separate entrance for the bar area. He questioned how to define the premise. He added that looking long term this was not a totally new issue. He cited bowling alleys as an example.

Clay Wheeler, Asst. Police Chief, addressed the Commission. He cited possible issues. He noted the mix of eighteen to twenty-one (18 - 21) year olds. He believed that the crowds would be difficult to monitor for both the license holders and the Police Department. He added that entertainment venues tend to have lower staffing levels than the bars. If the patrons would be divided by age, he believed that additional staff would be needed. He also cited his attendance at Downtown Bar Association meetings. He believed that every Downtown bar would see their establishment as an entertainment venue. He cited the potential for the bars to increase cover charges. He noted that Laugh hoped for larger crowds by attracting eighteen to twenty (18 - 20) olds to the Downtown. He questioned other Downtown activities for this age group.

Commissioner Buchanan restated the limited space and liquor inventory. He also cited Laugh's occupancy - 197. He had visited Laugh during busy times. He readdressed occupancy.

Asst. Chief Wheeler had not visited Laugh.

Commissioner Clapp believed that Laugh was not well defined. It was not a tavern and also was not a restaurant.

Commissioner Buchanan recommended that taverns could be defined by square footage, volume of liquor sales, and/or liquor inventory.

Commissioner Gibson believed that the USCC was the largest tavern in the City.

Commissioner Stockton believed that the Commission needed to confront the issues. He recommended that the Police Department visit Laugh to determine potential problems.

Asst. Chief Wheeler noted the limited occupancy. He also believed that other Downtown bars would follow suit.

Commissioner Gibson restated that ticket sales were the USCC primary revenue. The issue was entertainment venues.

Commissioner Petersen did not want additional liquor sales in the Downtown. Laugh started a business and wanted to expand its concept.

Commissioner Tompkins recommended that the doors be sealed between Room A, (bar), and Room B, (showroom). He viewed Room A as a tavern. There would be no alcohol service in Room B.

Mr. Weber cited Laugh's reputation in the Downtown. There had not been any issues. Laugh policed itself. Laugh had an earlier closing hour imposed upon it. The Castle Theater can admit those under age twenty-one (21) years of age.

Commissioner Stockton stated that the City would try to craft something. He hoped to retain Laugh in the Downtown.

Mr. Weber noted the number of bartenders. In addition, Laugh was at capacity the previous weekend.

Mr. Boyle readdressed the City Code and license classifications. He restated greater than fifty percent (50%) from sales other than alcohol. Laugh would qualify as a restaurant based upon the Commission's past actions.

Commissioner Stockton expressed his interest in a consensus from the Commission to hold this item over or take action.

Mr. Weber restated his request that Laugh be classified as a Restaurant on Friday night. There would not be any alcohol in the showroom. Alcohol sales and consumption would be limited to the bar room. Laugh would also be allowed to remain open until 2:00 a.m.

Commissioner Clapp questioned if the Commission could temporarily grant Laugh an "R", Restaurant, liquor license on Friday nights.

Mr. Boyle noted that the Commission could reduce the premise of the tavern on Friday nights. This change would not allow alcohol in the showroom.

Commissioner Stockton questioned separation between the two (2) areas.

Asst. Chief Wheeler believed that enforcement could be interesting. The license classification was the key. He expressed his concern regarding the potential impact.

Commissioner Gibson questioned what was important to the License holder. Mr. Weber stated the eighteen (18) year old show. Commissioner Gibson recommended that eighteen (18) year olds and over to be present on Friday night for the 10:00 p.m. show. Liquor sales would not be allowed.

Mr. Boyle noted that Commissioner Gibson's comments addressed the eighteen (18) year old issue. He added that the License holder also requested secondary shows, (music, DJ's, etc.), and closing hour changes.

Commissioner Stockton recommended that the Commission concentrate on the Friday night eighteen (18) year old and over show. He noted the Fire Code and question how to allow separate premises.

Commissioner Petersen stated that on Friday nights during the eighteen (18) year old and over show the bar would be closed. Mr. Weber responded affirmatively. Commissioner Petersen questioned if Laugh had received requests from individuals in the eighteen to twenty (18 - 20) year old age range. Mr. Weber responded affirmatively. He restated that Laugh paid the comedians for five (5) shows.

Commissioner Stockton suggested that Room A could be excluded from the premises on a trial basis. He questioned the Fire Code provisions and if Room A had to remain open.

Commissioner Stockton questioned the time frame for this show. Mr. Weber responded from 9:30 p.m. until close. Commissioner Stockton stated that the Commission could suspend the "T", Tavern Liquor License on Fridays starting at 9:30 p.m. on a three (3) month trial basis.

Commissioner Gibson questioned the time line to craft a new license classification.

Commissioner Buchanan recommended that the trial period be for six (6) months to provide plenty of time. The work may be completed earlier.

Motion by Commissioner Gibson, seconded by Commissioner Tompkins LSRE, Inc., d/b/a Laugh Comedy Club, located at 108 E. Market St., currently holding a TA liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises six (6) days a week with the following conditions 1.) that the closing hour on Monday through Thursday shall be midnight and on Saturday and Sunday shall be 1:00 a.m.; 2.) that last call shall be thirty (30) minutes prior to closing time or one (1) hour after a show ends whichever is later; 3.) a cover charge (ticket) will always be applied for admission with a minimum charge of \$10; and 4.) that patrons who arrive after the comedy act starts shall be charged half the face value of the ticket price with a minimum charge of \$5; have said license suspended on Fridays from 9:30 p.m. until close to allow the admission of patrons under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age for a period of 180 days with the following condition: 1.) no alcohol sales and/or consumption on the premises during this time.

Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting recessed at 6:00 p.m.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission regarding the initial violations listed on the meeting agenda. Mac's Convenience Stores Inc., d/b/a Circle K #1211, located at 515 S. Clinton St., currently holding a GPBS liquor license which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week, had been fined \$500. This fine had been paid.

He addressed MugShots Bar & Grill, LLC, d/b/a Mugshots Bar & Grill, located at 107 W. Front St., currently holding a TAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Mugshots had stipulated to the violation. This was the establishment's second offense. Mugshots would appear on the Commission's March 13, 2012 Meeting Agenda for the sentencing portion of the violation process.

Finally, Mr. Boyle addressed Road Stop, Inc., d/b/a Road Stop, located at 1512 Morrissey, currently holding a GPBS liquor license which allows the sale of packaged beer and wine for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. This was the establishment's second offense. The license holder was not contesting the facts. Road Stop would also appear on the Commission's March 13, 2012 Meeting Agenda for the sentencing portion of the violation process.

Mayor Stockton addressed the white papers. The following papers had been received: 1.) Liquor Commission Issues Part 1, License Factors, Conditions and Enforcement - Commissioner Stockton; 2.) Liquor Commission Issues Meeting Notification - Commissioner Petersen; 3.) Enforcement Option for RAS Liquor Licenses - Commissioner Tompkins; and 4.) Processing of Alleged Law Violations by Licensed Bloomington Establishments - Commissioner Buchanan. He requested that the Commission review same.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully,

Tracey Covert, CRM, CMC, RMC
City Clerk