

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMISSION

February 9, 2010

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Steve Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the application of G/JAMN, d/b/a Bandana's Bar B-Q, located at 502 IAA Dr., for an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Rich Buchanan, and Marabeth Clapp; George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Anthony Barnes, General Manager and Applicant representative.

Absent: Commissioners Steve Petersen and Mark Gibson.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. He requested that the Applicant present the business plan. Anthony Barnes, manager and Applicant representative, addressed the Commission. He had twenty (20) years experience in restaurant service. Previously employed Bandana's District Manager in Columbia, MO. Based on past experience with the company he was asked to relocate. His goal is to have the restaurant break even. Emphasis would be placed on the food rather the alcohol sales. He will advertise according to corporate standards. It was his belief that to be successful he has to draw people to the restaurant. He hopes to accomplish this through community volunteerism. His preference was to be General Manager over a District Manager. There was more opportunity to meet people.

Commissioner Stockton questioned as General Manager if there were previous issues with alcohol. Mr. Barnes responded only as District Manager and the employees involved were terminated.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if the restaurant was a franchise. Mr. Barnes responded affirmatively. He would enter into a three (3) year sublease with the corporation. The philosophy of the corporation was sweat equity.

Commissioner Clapp questioned if all types of alcohol were provided at other restaurants. Mr. Barnes responded at the Creve Coeur and Rockford restaurants.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned the percentage of gross alcohol sales. Mr. Barnes stated that alcohol sales were less then ten percent (10%). Currently there were six (6) beers on tap. It was his belief that people come in for the food.

Commissioner Stockton inquired about the transfer. Mr. Barnes replied the transfer was scheduled for February 22, 2010. Commissioner Stockton noted that a letter must be

received requesting permission for a temporary liquor license. Mr. Barnes stated his belief that the request had been provided at the time of the application. Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk, located the request within the applicant file. He was reminded that the current license holder must maintain current liquor liability. The temporary liquor license could be picked up on February 23, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Clapp that an RBS liquor license for of G/JAMN, d/b/a Bandana's Bar B-Q, located at 502 IAA Dr., contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Stockton informed the Applicant that this item would appear before the City Council at their March 8, 2009 meeting at 7:30 p.m. The item would appear on the consent agenda. He encouraged his attendance.

There being no further business the hearing recessed at 4:21 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Steve Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of Sodexo Marriot Management, Inc., d/b/a Illinois Wesleyan University, located 103 E. University currently hold an W liquor license which allows the licensee to pour and serve at private parties and Sodexo Marriot Management, Inc., d/b/a Tommy's, located at 300 E. Beecher St., currently holding an RBS liquor license which allows the sale of beer and wine by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week regarding the change of licensee name to one of their subsidiaries, SA, LLC. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Rich Buchanan, and Marabeth Clapp; George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Commissioners Steve Petersen and Mark Gibson.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. The City had received a letter from Syini Wilson, Consultant. The City had been informed that the existing management agreement between the Sodexo Marriot Management, Inc., and Illinois Wesleyan University had been assigned to the subsidiary Sodexo America, LLC. No changes in liquor operations were noted. The local manager and corporate officers would remain the same. It was noted that the Commission must be informed of the corporation change.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Clapp that the Commission had been informed, approved the change of corporation and authorized the City Clerk to make the appropriate changes to the current liquor licenses for Sodexo America, LLC, d/b/a Illinois Wesleyan University, located 103 E. University currently hold an W liquor license which allows the licensee to pour and serve at private parties and Sodexo America, LLC, d/b/a Tommy's, located at 300 E. Beecher St., currently holding an RBS liquor license which

allows the sale of beer and wine by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week

Motion carried.

There being no further business the hearing recessed at 4:22 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Steve Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear the request of American Drug Stores, LLC, d/b/a Osco Drug Store #3116, located at 2201 E. Oakland and American Drug Stores, LLC., d/b/a Osco Drug Store #3775, located at 2103 N. Veterans Parkway, both currently holding a PAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week regarding the change of officers. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Rich Buchanan, and Marabeth Clapp; George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Commissioners Steve Petersen and Mark Gibson.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. The City had received a letter from Constance Zaio, Assistant Secretary, Jewel – Osco a SuperValu Company. The City had been informed of the recent officer change for American Drug Stores, LLC. It was noted that the Commission must be informed of a change to corporate officers and the Illinois Liquor Control Commission requires proof of notification to the City.

Motion by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner Clapp that the Commission had been informed, approved the officer change and authorized the City Clerk to confirm receipt of change for American Drug Stores, LLC, d/b/a Osco Drug Store #3116, located at 2201 E. Oakland and American Drug Stores, LLC., d/b/a Osco Drug Store #3775, located at 2103 N. Veterans Parkway, both currently holding a PAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of packaged alcohol for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week.

Motion carried.

There being no further business the hearing recess at 4:25 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Steve Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to order to hear discussion by Abdel Qattoum to allow a PAS liquor license at 1001 W.

Market 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, Rich Buchanan, and Marabeth Clapp; George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Commissioners Steve Petersen and Mark Gibson.

Commissioner Stockton opened the discussion. He asked Mr. Qattoum to present his business plan to the Commission. Mr. Qattoum addressed the Commission. He provided the Commission with a store diagram. This would be a small full service market similar to Kroger's. The store would not be a convenience store. His goal was to reduce the amount of time spent going from store to store. His family has twenty (20) years experience running similar stores throughout Peoria.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned the location. Mr. Qattoum responded that the store would be located north of Wilsons Bike Shop. Commissioner Buchanan also inquired if the family owned/managed convenience stores. Mr. Qattoum responded affirmatively. He cited BP gas station located at on W. Market St.

Commissioner Stockton questioned the area competition. Mr. Qattoum noted that there were convenience stores in the area. His belief was a full service market was needed.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned Pop's Groceries located at 918 W. Market St. Mr. Qattoum noted that Pop's was more of a convenience store. They do not provide milk, fresh fruit and vegetables. His plan was to go beyond snack items.

Commissioner Stockton asked about the store size. Mr. Qattoum stated 4000 square feet.

Commissioner Buchanan questioned if Mr. Qattoum was aware of Pop's Grocery's history. Mr. Qattoum responded negatively. Commissioner Buchanan noted the history at the location.

Commissioner Stockton commented that the liquor license was revoked due to continued problems. He explained that the neighborhood continues to face challenges. He warned that the neighborhood association could be against the creation of this license.

Commissioner Buchanan was encouraged by Mr. Qattoum's willingness to discuss his proposal prior to applying for the liquor license. He had driven the neighborhood today and could envision the potential need and service to the neighborhood. He would recommend approval once the application was received, suggesting a conditional probationary period.

Commissioner Stockton recommended the following 1.) survey the neighborhood; 2.) obtain feedback; 3.) create a list of products that the neighborhood would support. He cautioned that the neighborhood could attend the Liquor Hearing in opposition. The Commission would take all factors into consideration.

Commissioner Buchanan recommended conducting market research. The information gained could be submitted with the application.

Commissioner Stockton strongly advised Mr. Qattoum not begin work on the building, (enter into a tentative lease).

Commissioner Clapp suggested finding out the resident's experience with the stores in the area.

There being no further business the hearing recess at 4:55 p.m.

The Bloomington Liquor Commissioner Steve Stockton called the Liquor Hearing to hear the request of Edith Brady – Lunny, to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at her son's March 20, 2010 wedding reception to be held at Lake Bloomington's Davis Lodge. Present at the hearing were Liquor Commissioners Steve Stockton, Rich Buchanan, and Marabeth Clapp; David Hales, City Manager, George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel; and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Absent: Commissioners Steve Petersen and Mark Gibson.

Commissioner Stockton opened the liquor hearing. He asked that David Hales, City Manager attend the meeting. He noted that a representative from the wedding party was not in attendance. He stated his interest in allowing liquor service at City facilities, (Miller Park Pavilion and Davis Lodge). At this time the City did not have a policy/procedure in place that would allow same. The Commission could forward a recommendation to the Council to suspend City ordinance. He noted that there might be jurisdictional issues as the City owned the facility which was located in McLean County.

In addition, he noted the following: 1.) if consumption is allowed, the liquor provider must hold an appropriate liquor license from the City, or McLean County or an other Municipality; 2.) if the liquor provider has a license other then the City's they must provide a copy of said license, and 3.) must provide appropriate liquor bond and liquor liability insurance which would list the date and time of the event.

George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel, addressed the Commission. He noted that Craig Cummings, Director – Water, was developing a contract based on the Commission January 12, 2010 discussion. He expressed concern regarding a barrier to be placed at the patio's edge.

Commissioner Stockton reminded the Commission that the caterer would be held responsible. City staff would not to supervise the event. He suggested having at least a half dozen events before recommending a text amendment. Events would not be allowed when the park is heavily populated. Commissioner Stockton introduced Mr. Hales. A brief history of alcohol service at Miller Park Pavilion and Davis Lodge was presented.

There being no further business the hearing adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Commissioner Buchanan requested that administrative standards set by Robert's Rules of Order be placed on the meeting agenda of March 9, 2010.

Respectfully,

Renee Gooderham
Chief Deputy Clerk