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Arizona State Liquor Board Hearing Minutes
March 5, 2020

Members Present: Troy L. Campbell – Chair, Walter W. Jahn – Vice Chair, Michael N. Widener, Lynn Shulman, and Jeffrey K. Oravits (telephonically)

Members Absent: None

Counsel Present: Michael Raine, Assistant Attorney General

Staff Present: Denise Bale, Board Administrator

A. Call to Order

The hearing of the Arizona State Liquor Board was called to order on March 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. with Mr. Campbell presiding.

Roll Call

All members were present.

B. 10:00 a.m. Agenda: Review, consideration and action

1. Beer and Wine Store Liquor License, Application No. 79498 – Original Application

Vaneet Sapra, Agent
Country Club Estate LLC
Grab N Go 606
757 S. Country Club Drive
Mesa, AZ 85210

Subsequent to this matter being set for hearing, the Applicant filed a request to withdraw its application. This matter is set for hearing because the City of Mesa recommended disapproval. This matter is also set for hearing because of public protest. The Applicant, Country Club Estate LLC, and its Agent, Vaneet Sapra, appeared at the hearing and were represented by H.J. Lewkowitz. Public protestors Jay Perkins and Ron Perkins did not appear at the hearing and were not represented by counsel. Assistant City Attorney Sarah Staudinger appeared telephonically on behalf of the City of Mesa. Ms. Staudinger stated the City of Mesa does not object to the application withdrawal.

Motion to accept application withdrawal -	Widener
Seconded -	Shulman
Yay -	Widener, Shulman, Oravits, Campbell, Jahn
Nay -	None
Abstained -	None
Disposition -	Application withdrawal accepted

2. Wholesaler Liquor License, Application No. 80602 – Original Application

Mariusz Jasinski, Agent
 Jasinski Trading LLC
 20162 N. Windsong Drive
 Surprise, AZ 85374

Subsequent to this matter being set for hearing, the Applicant filed a request to withdraw its application. This matter is set for hearing because the Surprise City Council recommended disapproval. The Applicant, Jasinski Trading LLC, and its Agent, Mariusz Jasinski, did not appear at the hearing and were not represented by counsel. Deputy City Attorney Jeffrey Murray appeared telephonically on behalf of the City of Surprise. Mr. Murray stated the City of Surprise does not object to the application withdrawal.

Motion to accept application withdrawal -	Jahn
Seconded -	Widener
Yay -	Jahn, Widener, Shulman, Oravits, Campbell
Nay -	None
Abstained -	None
Disposition -	Application withdrawal accepted

3. Beer and Wine Store Liquor License, Application No. 68846 – Original Application

Theresa June Morse, Agent
 Islas Meat Market, LLC
 Islas Meat Market
 702 W. Irvington Road, Suite 110
 Tucson, AZ 85714

This matter is set for hearing because of public protest. The Applicant, Islas Meat Market, LLC, and its Agent, Theresa Morse, appeared at the hearing and were not represented by counsel. Margo Howard appeared and testified in support of the Applicant. Public protestor Joe Flores did not appear at the hearing and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Howard and Ms. Morse made opening statements.

Ms. Howard is 50% owner of Islas Meat Market. The purpose of the market is to sell meat with convenience items including groceries and produce. The Tucson City Council made no recommendation because there were no neighborhood residents protesting the application. Ms. Howard completed her basic and management liquor training. Islas Meat Market is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and closed on Monday. Ms. Howard described the surrounding neighborhoods. Many neighbors are her customers and none of them protested this application. The only protestor, Joe Flores, is a competitor. Ms. Howard shared photos of her store's interior. Single serve beer or wine will not be sold. Ms. Howard's work experience includes 20 years at American Meat, which is a liquor-licensed establishment.

Ms. Morse worked 26 years in law enforcement and 13 years at the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control. Ms. Morse discussed the number of other liquor licenses within a one-mile radius.

She also described the neighborhood residents who walk to do their shopping and how this store will be a convenience for the neighborhood.

Mr. Widener made a motion: I move that we approve this original application on the basis, I think that given the testimony of the co-owner, she and her co-owner have the appropriate training, also she's testified that she worked in a store with a liquor department before, so I think she has the capability, qualifications and reliability to do that. As far as the location is concerned, based on the applicant's testimony, this is a brand new location so there is no presumption of the appropriate location. However, I would note that this is in a commercial center on Irvington Road, which is one of the major east-west thoroughfares in this part of Tucson and it is close by to Interstate 19 and near a commercial center just west of it. I am cognizant of the fact that there is a protest, but it seems nothing more than an effort to stymie competition.

Motion to grant license -	Widener
Seconded -	Shulman
Yay -	Widener, Shulman, Campbell, Jahn, Oravits
Nay -	None
Abstained -	None
Disposition -	License granted

C. Minutes: Review, Consideration and Action

Motion to approve minutes of October 3, 2019 -	Widener
Seconded -	Jahn
Yay -	Widener, Jahn, Campbell, Oravits
Nay -	None
Abstained -	Shulman
Disposition -	October 3, 2019 minutes approved

Motion to approve general and executive session minutes of November 7, 2019 -	Jahn
Seconded -	Campbell
Yay -	Jahn, Campbell, Oravits
Nay -	None
Abstained -	Widener, Shulman
Disposition -	November 7, 2019 general and executive session minutes approved

Motion to approve minutes of January 9, 2020 -	Shulman
Seconded -	Widener
Yay -	Shulman, Widener, Campbell, Oravits
Nay -	None
Abstained -	Jahn
Disposition -	January 9, 2020 minutes approved

D. Reports on Current Events, Matters of Board Procedure, Requests and Items for Future Agenda

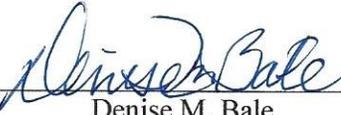
The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2020. One matter is tentatively set for hearing. Mr. Widener reminded the Board that election of Board officers is held in February. Since the Board did not meet in February, and election of officers was not on this month's agenda, elections will take place in April.

E. Call to the Public

None.

Motion to adjourn -
Seconded -
Yay -
Nay -
Abstained -
Disposition -

Widener
Jahn
Widener, Jahn, Oravits, Campbell, Shulman
None
None
Board adjourned at 10:33 a.m.



Denise M. Bale
Administrator of the
Arizona State Liquor Board



Date