



CITY OF TAUNTON
 BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
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PRESENT:
 Peter C. Lamb, Chairman
 Brendan Mullen, Commissioner
 Steven Turner, Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to accept the minutes to the January 18, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Old Colony History Museum, 66 Church Green – Application for Special Alcohol Permits:

Community Programming Coordinator Saria Sweeney present on behalf of the applicant. The museum will be hosting the same events as last year.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve the request for all 6 dates, 2/16/23, 2/24/23, 4/28/23, 6/23/23, 8/25/23, 10/27/23 and 12/15/23. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Joao Vaz Restaurant LLC Amendment Transfer of License from Ilhia Brava, Inc. d/b/a T J's Diner at 4 Alger Avenue: (continued hearing)

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the transfer of license from Ilhia Brava, Inc. d/b/a T J's Diner to Joao Vaz Restaurant, LLC. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Chaddy's LLC d/b/a Torched Kitchen & Bar Application for a New On-Premises Section 12 All Alcohol License at 15 School Street:

Owner and proposed Manager Chad McGrath is present on behalf of the applicant. He is going to operate as a family bar and grill with upscale pub food. Hours of operation will be Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. He does not plan on

having entertainment to start, but will submit an application if that changes. Mr. McGrath is TIPS certified and he will have all employees TIPS certified. He has 25 years of experience in the bar/restaurant business. No pledge is needed. Detective Sergeant Marques states that the background check is all set and there aren't any issues.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve the application for an On-Premises Section 12 All Alcohol License for Chaddy's LLC d/b/a Torched Kitchen & Bar. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Request for Waiver of Police Detail Requirements:

Sherwood Entertainment, LLC – Bar Manager Colleen Jordan present. Colleen states that events are mostly presold tickets. They have been watching sales daily and if they look like they are going to get close to needing a detail, they order one. Detective Sergeant Marques states that they are good about ordering details and they haven't had any problems with them. Commissioner Mullen thinks that the system in place is working and Commissioner Turner agrees.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve the waiver request for police details for Sherwood Entertainment, LLC with the same system in place. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Taunton Portuguese American Civic Club – Manager Dennis Smith present. Mr. Smith states that the downstairs of the club holds about 89 people and the primary entertainment is a juke box. Once in a while they bring in one guy with a guitar. For the function hall upstairs, they don't have any live bands and they usually rent it out for weddings, retirement parties and so forth. All entertainment stops at 11:00 p.m. They usually hold fundraisers in outside pavilion and all entertainment stops at 9:00 p.m. The police department hasn't heard any complaints from the neighbors. They no longer have festas. They address the need for details when the function hall is being booked. They call for a detail when needed. Since COVID, they haven't had much going on. They currently do not have any events with entertainment booked.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion for a conditional waiver excluding ticketed events for anything with over 100 people and live entertainment. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Taunton Lodge of Elks #150 – Facility Manager and Function Coordinator Bob Folcik present. Mr. Folcik states the majority of their events are for birth parties, baby showers and events like that with usually a total of 70 people. Occasionally they have fundraisers with comedy shows and he calls Kevin Medas regarding details. They are operating as a function hall and members lounge and they limit the amount of people. They could go over 100 people, but usually do not.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion for a conditional waiver where if it's a ticketed event with over 100 people and live entertainment a detail is needed. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Brack's Taunton, LLC - Owner Frank Brack and Manager Bill Herring present. Mr. Brack states that occasionally on Wednesdays and Saturdays they have a person playing acoustic dinner music. Mr. Herring states that it's not drawing a large crowd and they are not at capacity at any point. The restaurant seats 309 people. They have a door person on Saturday nights and their usual capacity is between 125 and 150 and that is including the lounge and dining room. The restaurant is not set up to have a function with entertainment. A lot of their events are posted on Facebook and if they got a lot of hits then they would know how large of a crowd they would draw. Detective Sergeant Marques states that he thinks the purpose of having the detail is to take the burden off of the patrol division so that they don't have to respond there. He states that there haven't been any consistent calls for that location. Mr. Brack states that the entertainment is a thrown in and is not the focus, the food and beverage are. The building wasn't designed for entertainment.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to issue a conditional waiver that would exclude ticketed events over expected larger crowds than average expecting attendance over an extra 100 people that would put them in the 250 range. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Taunton Eagles Soccer Club – Louie Viveiros present. Mr. Viveiros states that they haven't had that many bookings, but they are usually for baby showers, birthdays and family parties. He's not sure who it was, but he states that someone had told him that they don't need police there anymore.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion for a conditional waiver excluding ticketed events for anything with over 100 people and live entertainment. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to continue Holy Ghost Request for Waiver to March 15. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Late Applications for Common Victualler Licenses:

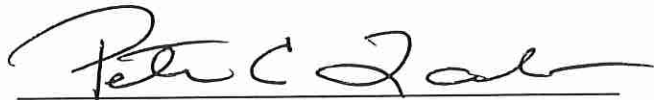
- Jade Lee Kitchen, 239 Broadway
- Hometown Tacos Locos, 264 Broadway
- The Wendy's Company, 2089 Bay Street
- DOJE Enterprises d/b/a Edible Arrangements, 537 County Street
- Uplifted Nutrition, 7 Main Street
- Tex Berry's Coney Island Hot Dogs, 15 Main Street
- Associates for Human Services, Inc., 68 Allison Ave.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the applications for Common Victualler Licenses as presented. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Old Business/New Business: Detective Sergeant Marques states that there was an incident at Yamato on Saturday evening. The report will be ready next week and he has some more leg work to do on it. Chairman Lamb would like to bring in the Italian Clubs to discuss detail waivers.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Peter C. Lamb, Chairman



Brendan Mullen, Commissioner



Steven Turner, Commissioner