



**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
MEETING MINUTES**

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Local Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC)

Monday, January 29, 2018

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. City Commission Members Present - Chairperson Colleen Pobur, Suzi Deal and Dan Dalton

Approval of the Minutes from October 16, 2017, November 20, 2017 and January 8, 2017 - It was moved by Dalton and seconded by Deal to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2017, November 20, 2017 and January 8, 2018

MOTION PASSED 3 - 0

OLD BUSINESS - Escrowed Licenses - Commonly known as Panache & Plymouth Crossings - There was discussion of this issue due to a number of Ordinance changes that the LLRC is considering recommending to the City Commission and this may affect a previous action by the City Commission from March of 2017; which recommended revocation of those two licenses to the State Liquor Control Commission (MLCC). The MLCC has not taken any action on the recommendation and considering a number of changes that the LLRC is considering it may be reasonable to recommend that the City Commission withdraw that request at this time.

Conrad Schewee appeared on behalf of the Plymouth Crossings and indicated that there are a number of legal issues related to this site.

After discussion it was moved by Member Dalton and seconded by Member Deal:

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has a liquor Management Ordinance related to the operation of all Class C Type Liquor Licenses in the City, and

WHEREAS On March 20, 2017 the Local Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC) and the City Commission after proper notice and scheduled Public Hearing did recommend to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission that they revoke the Liquor Licenses for what is commonly known as Panache/Bamboo and the Plymouth Crossings, and

WHEREAS As of January 29, 2018 there has been no final disposition in this matter before the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and

WHEREAS The LLRC is currently working on and considering a number of changes to the the City's Liquor Management Ordinance and some of these changes may or may not affect the previous request for revocation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Liquor License Review Committee does hereby recommend to the Plymouth City Commission that they rescind and withdraw

their Resolution requesting that the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission revoke the licenses of what are commonly known as Panache/Bamboo and the Plymouth Crossings.

MOTION PASSED 3 - 0

NEW BUSINESS -

Application for Transfer into City - Honey Hole on Starkweather - The City has received an application for transfer of a liquor license into the City for Honey Hole Market, Inc. at 584 Starkweather. City Manager Sincock indicated that the applicant has completed the application and everything is in order as the Building Department and Police Departments have signed off on the review. Sincock stated that the LLRC needs to review the application and make a recommendation to the City Commission.

The members of the LLRC reviewed the application and Steve George representing the establishment along with Aaron Cole one of the owners indicated that they wanted to create a family establishment and talked briefly about their operation.

It was moved by Member Deal and seconded by Member Dalton

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has what is commonly known as a Liquor Management Ordinance and under the terms of this Ordinance an establishment which would like to serve alcohol in the City, the establishment must meet certain criteria outlined in the Ordinance, and

WHEREAS The Local Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC) must review the application and make a recommendation to the City Commission, and

WHEREAS The LLRC did review the application from The Honey Hole Market, Inc. to transfer a liquor license into the City of Plymouth and found that the application meets the criteria of the Liquor Management Ordinance and there is an allowable transfer under the terms of the Liquor License Cap under the Liquor Management Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Liquor License Review Committee does hereby recommend to the City Commission that they approve the transfer of a Liquor License from Rita M. Anguis of Detroit, Michigan to the Honey Hole Market, Inc. at 584 Starkweather in the City of Plymouth.

MOTION PASSED 3 - 0

Annual Review and License Cap - Chairperson Pobur indicated that the group has been receiving input from residents and business people related to the license cap that is in the Liquor Management Ordinance. She went on to say that the majority of the input that has been received at Public meetings has been in favor of lifting the cap. She asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak to the cap issue.

Brian from Westborn Market spoke on behalf of the Market and indicated that they have been good corporate citizens in the community since they opened and he cited several examples of how they have helped the community. In addition, he said that one of the issues that people have had against raising the cap has been the issue of parking. He stated that Westborn has its own parking and this is not an issue for them and in fact that he has had to hire people to watch his lot, so his customers could park in the lot.

Chairperson Pobur asked City Manager Sincock to read some emails that had come in from a group that has been providing input to the City on a number of topics.

Michael Gutelli wrote in an said that he is in favor of lifting the cap on liquor licenses. He went on to say that whenever the topic is brought up with neighbors and friends in the area, the consensus seems to overwhelmingly support his opinion. In his email He suggest more food than bar type establishments.

Tyler Jeleniewski sent an email that he is also in favor of lifting the cap on liquor licenses. There is more room for growth in his opinion.

Katie Bennett stated that she agrees that the liquor license cap should be lifted. Her concern is not the number of businesses that have licenses, but the type of businesses and hours that those businesses are open. Requiring food is important for licensed establishments.

Adam Offerman is also in favor of lifting the liquor license cap. It is vital that the City continues to expand, but he thinks that the requirement of food is extremely important for any new establishment.

There was additional discussion by the LLRC with Chairperson Pobur indicating that she supports raising the cap inside the DDA by at least two at this time.

Member Dalton stated that this long public input process over several months has been helpful to him. He suggested that we raise the cap inside the DDA by one and then not count any license that is held in escrow against the cap. There was a discussion about this proposal and it was determined that it would most likely create a number of unintended consequences.

It was moved by Member Deal and seconded by Chairperson Pobur to raise the cap inside the DDA by two licenses.

MOTION PASSED 3 - 0

After additional discussion related to the cap on licenses outside of the DDA it was moved by Member Deal and seconded by Member Dalton to raise the cap outside of the DDA by one license.

MOTION PASSED 3 - 0

Adjournment - Chairperson Pobur asked if there were any other citizen comments and then it was moved by Member Deal and Seconded by Member Dalton to adjourn the meeting.

MOTTION PASSED 3 - 0

Paul Sincock
Recording Secretary