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The License Commission held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 21, 2017 in the G.A.R. Room at City Hall. Present were Chairman Henry Tartaglia; Commissioners Paul Merian, Harold Marrow, Jr., Paul Sullivan and alternate Larry Siskind; License Agent Lieut. Kenneth LeGrice, City Solicitor Philip C. Nessralla, Jr. and standing in for Administrative Assistant Synthia Olivier.

1. Approval of Minutes of the License Commission regular meeting of September 14, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marrow to approve the minutes of the before said meeting which motion was second by Commissioner Siskind and made unanimous by vote of Chairman Tartaglia and Commissioner Sullivan.

2. Approval of the following police officers as license agents for the month of September, 2017; Lieuts. Kenneth LeGrice and Paul Bonnanca; Sgts. George Khoury, Frank Vardaro and Michael Dennehy; Dets. Thomas Hyland, Nazaire Paul, Eric Clark, Santiago Cirino, Jackie Congdon, Chris McDermott, Michael Bunker, Michael Cesarini, Patrick Donahue and Erin Cummings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve the license agents as listed for the month of September, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Marrow and made unanimous by vote of Chairman Tartaglia and Commissioner Merian.

3. Request for Common Victualer License:

- (a.) Hearing on request from Pigoo, LLC dba Delicious, Roody Musac-Owner, for a Common Victualer License at 1753 South Main Street, Brockton.

Present was Roody Musac of 44 Edward Street, Brockton. He is looking to open a Caribbean Cuisine restaurant on the south side of Brockton. There was a restaurant there previously but has since been closed for some time now. Mr. Musac is looking to have about 30 to 40 seats and doing delivery. He is looking to open in October for 7 days a week. City Solicitor asked if the ZBA was done and it was not. The City Solicitor stated that ZBA must be done before proceeding. Commissioner Merian said to make contingent upon approval of ZBA. Chairman Tartaglia stated he would like to make a motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to table until ZBA is complete, seconded by Commissioner Marrow and unanimous by Chairman Tartaglia, Commissioner Merian and Commissioner Siskind.

(b.)Hearing on request from Tony Liu, Inc. dba Charlie Chan's, Wei Liu-Owner, for a Common Victualer License at 1270 Main Street, Brockton.

Present was Chi Liu of 53 Foundry Street of South Easton who is the owner of Charlie Chan's looking to obtain a Common Victualer license for its location at 1270 Main Street, Brockton, MA. Mr. Liu does not speak English very well and had difficulty explaining to the Chairman and Commissioners what he was requesting. Chairman decided to table it until he either has a translator or have his lawyer come and represent him.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to table it until proper representation is obtained and seconded by Commissioner Merian and made unanimous by Chairman Tartaglia, Commissioner Marrow and Commissioner Siskind.

4. Hearing on request from Radhe Ram, Inc. dba Smart Stop Convenience, Bharatkumar Patel- Owner, for a Malt & Wines Beverage License at 984 North Main Street, Brockton.

Present were Attorney Scott Rubin of 71 Legion Parkway, 3rd Fl, Brockton and owner Baratkumar Patel of 947 North Main Street, Brockton. Attorney Rubin has stated that the owner has invested over 1 million dollars into the establishment; parking lot was done over, has a nice presentation and feels that neighborhood is good to have a Beer & Wine License. The business was purchased in 2014 and the owner lives a few doors down from the establishment. He has a tobacco license and everyone that will work there will be TIP certified and they also will be having a private individual come in to train the employees on the point of sale system. Commissioner Siskind asked, if there were any prior problems down in that area, police wise, and Attorney Rubin stated no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marrow to approve the Beer & Wine license and seconded by Chairmen Tartaglia and unanimous votes of the members were Commissioners Siskind, Sullivan and Merian.

5. Hearing on request from Jose Cruz, Manager of Sunset Café located at 1110 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301 looking to extend their closing time from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Present was owner Joao Cruz of 928 Warren Ave, Brockton and some supporters. Mr. Cruz started off by saying the main concern for wanting to stay open till 2 a.m. is due to the rent going up. They also had a fire that recently took place at the establishment and caused a lot of damage which hurt the business for a while financially. Currently they have a 1 a.m. closing and Lt. Legrice stated that they have had conversations about Sunset Café letting people in after the cut

off time. We then heard from the members of the audience who were opposed to the 2 a.m. closing. Lynn Smith of Carl Ave, Brockton stated what type of an establishment is this, a café or a nightclub? She went on to say extending the hours would only increase neighborhood noise, exposure to violent behavior and/ or fights, increase in DUI, public urination (inadequate facilities in the establishment), strain on already overwhelmed code enforcement and strain on underfunded police and fire departments. She also made reference to other successful establishments in the area that are not open till 2 a.m. such as; Cape Cod Café, Italian Kitchen, Arizona Chicken, Jeanos, M&M Seafood, Deftos Liquors and Walgreens. Councilor Paul Studenski, Ward 4, could not make it to the meeting due to illness but called to say he is opposed to Sunset Café having a 2 a.m. closing. Councilor at Large, Winthrop Farwell of Breamore Rd stated looking at Public Property prospective, if you can't drink what is needed by 1 a.m., then something is wrong. Councilor at Large, Robert Sullivan of Rockland Meadow Dr has served 12 years on Council. He stated that Mayor and License has tried to minimize 2 a.m. closings and is not in support. Councilor Dennis Eaniri, Ward 3, has received complaints. He understands that fire did hurt them and they are trying to recoup but none the less he stands firm on being against a 2 a.m. closing. Ron Bethany of N. Main Street has been a resident in Brockton for over 30 years is also against the 2 a.m. closing; for the reasons that Sunset Café does not have adequate parking for their guests, music is too loud, concerned with the swing of the exit door. Debora Bethany of N. Main St is also against the 2 a.m. closing for reasons of noise and feels there is no need for a 2 a.m. closing. There were some supporters in favor of a 2 a.m. closing such as Antonio Olivera of Heath Street has been going to Sunset Café for many years and is in support of 2 a.m. closing. Albert Lima of Main Street is also in favor of a 2 a.m. closing. Augusta Lopes of Market Street has been working at the establishment since 2004 and can vouch that they have never had any problems. Commissioner Siskind stated that there are concerns based on residents and councilors and is not in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to deny the request for a 2 a.m. closing for 6 months, seconded by Commissioner Merian and made unanimous by Chairman Tartaglia and Commissioner Marrow.

6. Request for Special One-Day Permits:

- (a.) Hearing on a request for a Special Permit to Sell All Alcoholic Beverages for Brockton Firefighters Local 144 for a Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight located at 80 Perkins Ave, Brockton, MA 02301 and another event scheduled for October 27, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight for a Fundraiser to be held at 80 Perkins Ave, Brockton.

Present was William Hill of 80 Ellis Street looking to host these events to raise money for the people in Florida.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan to approve both events and seconded by Commissioner Marrow and made unanimous by Chairman Tartaglia and Commissioner Merian.

(b.)Hearing on a request for Special Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a Dance Party for a DJ- Contact Person, Arnie Danielson, to be held on Friday, October 13, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. located at 33 Dover Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Arnie Danielson of 603 Summer Street expecting to have 40-50 people for a dance party of a disc jockey. The hours of the party will be 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and looking to host with an approval to serve beer and wine.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marrow to approve and seconded by Commissioner Sullivan and made unanimous by Chairman Tartaglia and Commissioner Merian.

(c.)Hearing on request from Animal Protection Center Southeastern MA, Kim Kokkotos- Contact Person, for a Special Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a Dogtoberfest Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at 1300 West Elm Ext, Brockton.

Present was Kim Kokkotos of 19 Copeland Drive, Sharon. Ms. Kokkotos has stated that the hours have changed and is now from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. This is a fundraiser to help fund for the adoption of the animals.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marrow to approve the event for beer and wine, then seconded by Commissioner Siskind and made unanimous by Chairman Tartaglia and Commissioner Merian.

7. New Business- interviews of finalist for the License Administrative Assistant position.

The finalists were given interview questions at the beginning of the meeting to review. The Chairman along with the Commissioners was given two questions each to ask the finalists. Each finalist was brought in one at a time for the interview. The questions are as follows:

- 1.) Tell us something about your past work experience both current & previous
- 2.) Give us an example that best describes your organizational skills
- 3.) How would you handle a difficult co-worker or customer?
- 4.) How do you keep track of tasks that you need to complete?

- 5.) Please give me an example of a time you made a suggestion to improve the work assigned to you?
- 6.) What three character traits would your current or previous supervisor use to describe you?
- 7.) What computer applications are you proficient in, please be specific?
- 8.) What do you consider your strengths and weaknesses to be in the job environment?
- 9.) The position of Administrative Assistant, License Commission is a one person operation who reports to the License Commission and on a daily basis is supervised by the City Solicitor or his designee. Currently the Paralegal and Principal Clerk in the Law Department are learning the functions of the position as they were not fully trained prior to the departure of the previous Administrative Assistant. Therefore you will be somewhat responsible to train yourself for the position, how would you go about handling training yourself and learning the functions of the position and the department?
- 10.)The Administrative Assistant is responsible to attend monthly or special meetings of the License Commission, will you be able to attend these meetings? Have you any experience in taking and typing meetings of open meetings?
- 11.)While it is not a requirement do you speak any additional languages?

Silvia Carvalho has been in her position for over 20 years, speaks 4 languages; English, Spanish, Cape Verdean Creole and Portuguese. Ms. Carvalho applies the golden rules of being treated and listening to individuals. She keeps a calendar and works her way up. Ms. Carvalho deals with issues by going back to fix them but moving forward is more careful. Ms. Carvalho describes herself as honest, dependable and independent. She is proficient in filing, Excel, Power Point, Munis and Word. Her weakness is being too critical and strengths are that she works well with others. She has been the sole person to train incoming employees and Mayor. Ms. Carvalho has been involved with Licensing previously such as dealing with the Special One Day Alcohol Permits for the War Memorial building rentals and assisting the previous License Administrative Assistant with translation.

Jill Picanzi has been with the City for over 32 years. She has also worked for Coca Cola Company and has dealt with real estate property. Ms. Picanzi became manager and was well trained in charge of charitable properties, deals with regulation of deeds. Ms. Picanzi hasn't had any issues with co-workers. She tries to empathize with customers, offers exemptions to the elderly. She has also worked with Howard Newton to obtain the deeds on a monthly basis which she implemented. Ms. Picanzi would describe herself as hard working, very efficient and dedicated. She is proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Munis and the abutters program. She is not good at delegating. What attracted Ms. Picanzi to Licensing is that it is a one person department and she has experience training herself. Ms. Picanzi took municipal classes to get familiar and is self taught. She has researched License and has found it interesting. Ms. Picanzi does not speak any additional language.

April Troxell has been with the city for over 20 years. She deals with media data, head of billing, developed policy and procedure. She enjoys working but also enjoys learning. Ms. Troxell has worked in Mortgage and Loans at Crescent Credit Union and was in management retail. She is very good at multi tasking, has run 5 departments and as handled over 25 accounts, deals with data base system. Ms. Troxell has trained over 13 people and handles individuals with respect and private, goes by rules and regulations. Ms. Troxell sets tasks on a priority basis and delegates if need be. She is involved with contracts and scans documents into system to eliminate paperwork. Ms. Troxell is proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Munis. She describes herself as dedicated and trust worthy. She has no problems learning and asking questions. She will try and the key is to never give up. Ms. Troxell's weakness is caring too much, she likes to see people happy and believes you should enjoy what you do. She is use to training herself by looking back on records, files, gather info and look online for detailed info for License. Ms. Troxell is able to attend meetings and already has in the past. Ms. Troxell does not speak any other languages.

Each finalist was scored on their interview by the Chairmen and Commissioners with scores ranging from 1-5 for their overall interview. All scores were then added by Synthia twice per the Chairman's request. The score were as followed with Silvia Carvalho receiving a total of 25, Jill Picanzi receiving a total of 17 and April Troxell receiving a total of 20.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan that based on the scores, Silvia Carvalho with a total of 25 to be approved for the position of License Administrative Assistant, then seconded by Commissioner Marrow and made unanimous by vote of Chairman Tartaglia and Commissioner Merian.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Tartaglia
Chairman

APPROVED:

Paul D. Sullivan, Commissioner

Harold C. Marrow, Jr., Commissioner

Paul Merian, Commissioner

Lawrence Siskind, Alternate Commission