

SPECIAL LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 27, 2023

Virtual ZOOM Meeting

The License Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, via ZOOM. Present were, Commissioners Jeffrey Charnel, John McGarry, Robert P. Simpson, Paul Studenski, Christina Derome, Executive Assistant Silvia Carvalho, Lt. Paul Bonanca and Deputy Chief Edward Williams.

1. Hearing on a request from Ann's Palace, LLC, dba Ann's Palace, Manager Jacquicy Calixte makes application for an All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant, Common Victualer, and Entertainment license at 275-277 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney Mark Lawton, and Attorney Rick Lawton of 157 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA, and Rose Andre and Jacquicy Calixte of 134 Candy Lane, Brockton, MA 02301.

Attorney Mark Lawton stated that his clients have invested a lot of money into the venue and the final piece is approval of the liquor license. It reminds him of Chris Tsangnus when they opened up Christo's II. This is as dramatic as that was back in the 70s. These are wonderful applicants and fine citizens. Their son is a stellar student at Cardinal Spellman High School. Attorney Lawton stated that he worked alongside Mayor Bill Carpenter to build the city from the inside out, and this is a transformative venue.

The applicants have worked hard to get this venue going. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor of opposition? he closed that portion, and opened it up to any elected officials and then he asked the Commissioners if they had any questions?

Commissioner McGarry stated that he is in receipt of an e-mail from Commissioner Uhlman stated that the storefront is blocked out from the street. There is no ability to see into the facility. Johnny Lawton informed the board that one side is still being worked on and it will be removed and will have a shade they only have it blacked out during construction.

Commissioner McGarry stated that he tended bar across the street, at Sweeney's it was a great place to go on the weekends, and he has concerns with a 2:00 AM license. Will they take all measures, and have security guards or detail? Commissioner Simpson stated the inspections are his concern and some of the building is not ready, and that a license will not be issued until the building is approved by all departments. Lieutenant Bonanca shares the same concerns as Commissioner McGarry, he does not think a 2:00 AM license should be given. Being a police officer for the last 27 years, he has seen many things happen at that hour.

Lieutenant Bonanca would like to see police detail, Thursday's, Friday's, and Saturday's, they should have two police officers and the occupancy is about 200. The board has concerns that the building is not finished, and that they do not have proper signoffs. Her husband will be the manager, as well as Joseph Francois, and herself.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to approve the application with stipulations that the inspections are completed, and bartenders are TIPS Certified. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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2. Hearing on a request from Hartley's Jamaican Restaurant for a Common Victualer license located at 748 North Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Hartley Thompson and Flore Thompson of 15 Steven Terrace, Randolph, MA.

Mr. Hartley informed the board that he is in the process of opening a Jamaican restaurant with seating for 36 people. He worked in the restaurant business for a long time and is seeking to build his own legacy. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting up to the public and asked if anyone was in favor or opposition? he asked if there were any elected officials that would like to speak? he closed that portion and asked the Commissioners if they had any questions?

Deputy Chief Williams stated that they did everything by building permit, and they are good to go. Lieutenant Bonanca stated he had no objections.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to approve the Common Victualer license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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3. Hearing on a request from Brockton Firefighters Relief Association for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a Charity Event to be held on March 11, 2023, at 631 North Main Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Present was No one.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to move the agenda item to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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4. Renewal of a late file Class II Used Car Dealers license.

George Daher, dba Mikes, Gas, 212 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the late file Class II Used Car Dealers license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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5. Hearing on a request from La Loft, Venue, - Yolanda Medina for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages at 1340 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA, on the following date.

***March 12, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

Present was Ms. Yolanda Medina of 80 Thayer Circle, Randolph, MA.

Ms. Medina stated that the event is 80th birthday party, they will be serving beer and wine. The event is being held from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. She informed the board that she is in the process of applying for a full liquor license. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting up to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor opposition? he then asked if there were any elected officials that would like to speak? he closed that portion of the meeting and ask the Commissioners if they had any questions?

Commissioner McGarry stated that she should be careful and make sure that she's checking IDs for anyone under 21, that she has a crowd manager. Lieutenant Bonanca stated that the alcohol be kept away from minors. It is a private event so no detail officer is required, and that the police and fire department can enter at any time without notice or cause.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to approve the Permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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6. Hearing on a request from Brockton Firefighters Relief Association for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a Charity Event to be held on March 11, 2023, at 631 North Main Street, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Present was Mr. Peter Reardon of 8 Nancy Lane, Brockton, MA.

Mr. Reardon stated that it is a Saint Patty's Day public safety fundraiser they are holding it at the school. They will be serving corned beef and cabbage it is held at the parish. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting up to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor opposition? he then asked if there were any elected officials that would like to speak? he closed that portion and asked Commissioners if they had any questions? Deputy Chief Williams stated that he will be there, and he will make sure that all goes well.

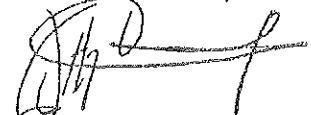
A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGarry and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

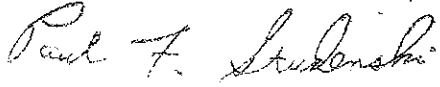
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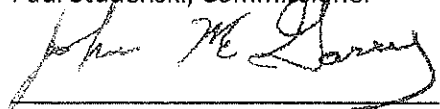


Jeffrey Charnel, Acting Chairman

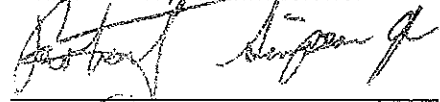
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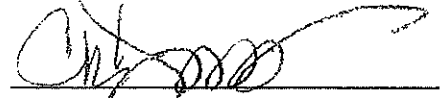
Paul Studenski, Commissioner



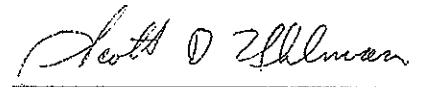
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