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LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 21, 2023 Via ZOOM

The License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023, via ZOOM. Present were Commissioners, Robert P. Simpson, Paul Studenski, Scott D. Uhlman, and Janet Landerholm. Also, present were License Agent Paul Bonanca, Deputy Chief Edward Williams, and Administrative Assistant Synthia Olivier.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the License Commission Meeting of August 17, 2023, and Special Meeting of August 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the previously mentioned meeting of August 17, 2023, and Special Meeting of August 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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 Approval of the following police officers as license agents for the month of September 2023: Lieuts. Paul Bonanca and David Farrell; Sgts. Christopher McDermott, Timothy Stanton; Captain John Hallisey; Dets. Erin Cummings, Jackie Congdon, Eric Clark, Thomas Hyland, Donald Macmillan, Nazaire Paul, James Cronshaw, Ryan Quirk, Michael Micciche.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the license agents as listed for the month of September 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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3. Hearing on a request from Roberts Auto Body for a Change in Business entity to incorporate dba Robert's Auto Sales on the Used Car Dealer II license located at 954 Centre Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Brent Wilmot of 10 Powers Avenue, Taunton, MA 02780.

Mr. Wilmot was in front of the board back in February to apply for a license, when he looked on his paper it did not have the dba. He took care of it with the City Clerk but did not know if it requires a transfer. Commissioner Simpson stated that he would have to refer to council. Commissioner Uhlman stated that the application was already approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the Change in Business entity to incorporate dba Robert's Auto Sales. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

4. Hearing on a request from Sodade Restaurant, Inc., dba Sodade Restaurant for a Change of Hours on an All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant license and an Entertainment license located at 1145 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Ms. Inilda Monteiro of 91 Florence Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Ms. Monteiro informed the board that she is looking to change the closing time of her business to 2:00 a.m. with the addition of entertainment. Commissioner Uhlman stated that the Workers' Compensation form was not filled out completely.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to postpone the agenda item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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5. Status update on Lodging License granted at 220 North Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Jason Cohen of 240 Jamaica Way, Jamaica Plains, MA.

Mr. Cohen informed the board that everything is going amazing, and since the purchase of the property he has gotten to know the tenants. Everything has been cleaned up, he has an in-house manager Ruso, and a local manager and he could not be happier. Hopefully, the Police and Fire will notice less calls, and he is trying to make it better than before. Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone was in favor or opposition. He then opened the meeting up to the Commissioners. Deputy Chief Williams stated that renewals are coming up in November and he should have a better idea of what is going on. Lt. Bonanca stated that he concurs with Deputy Chief Williams.

6. Hearing on a request from 65 Court Street, LLC, for a Transfer of a Class II Used Car Dealers license at 65 Court Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was No One.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to continue the agenda item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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7. Hearing on a request from Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts located at 1300 West Elm Street Extension for a Special One Day Permit to Sell All Alcoholic Beverages for a Fundraiser on October 21, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Present was Mr. Vinnie Myles of 1300 West Elm Street, Extension, Brockton, MA 02301.

Mr. Myles informed the board that they are hosting a fundraiser from 2:00-6:00 p.m., on Saturday, October 21, 2023. They are in the process of obtaining a detail for the day and have coordinated with Brockton for parking. The crowd manager is all set and in place to card as people come in the door.

Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone was in favor or opposition. Commissioner Uhlman asked Mr. Myles for a list of the breweries that would be present that day. He stated Brockton Beer, Shovel Town Brewery, Tito Vodka, Vitamin C Brewer. There is a total of nine brewers. Deputy Chief Williams stated that he did not have any issues. Lt. Bonanca stated that the applicant covered all the recommendations, and crowd management is all set.

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

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8. Hearing on a request from Mickey's Gaming Lounge located at 21 Torrey Street for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt for a Party/Celebration on September 29, 2023, from 9:0 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Present was Ms. Shelby Odies of 8 Colleen Drive, Brockton, MA 02301.

Ms. Odies informed the board that they opened a new business, and they are struggling to get foot traffic. She was informed that if they hosted more events, it would bring traffic. There are distributors in Taunton that have games, and board games. Deputy Chief Williams stated that he would have to oppose there are several issues that need to be addressed. The sprinkler system needs work, as well as the egress and he plans on working with them to get into compliance but cannot get it done in a week. Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public and asked if anyone was in favor or opposition.

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

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9. Hearing on a request from People Affecting Community Change to serve All Alcoholic Beverages for a Boxing Match Fundraiser to be held at 340 Warren Avenue on October 19, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Present was Mr. Jamal Gooding of 16 Shirly Avenue, Brockton, MA.

Mr. Gooding informed the board that this is their first annual fundraiser. They offer thirty-five different programs out of their building, food, and community programs. They are hosting a boxing match and hoping to serve alcohol. Mr. Gooding stated that they have a license from the Mass Boxing Commission and have obtained insurance. Commissioner Uhlman asked about the alcohol, Mr. Gooding stated they would like to work with Brockton Beer Company but have not made any agreements until they have permission as a title 501c3. He informed the board that Jenny, who works with him has a catering license but wanted to keep options open.

Mr. Gooding would like to work with Brockton Beer Company, but Commissioner Uhlman stated that they must provide a copy of the license to the Police and License Commission. Deputy Chief Williams stated the Fire Department has no objections. Lt. Bonanca stated that he recommends one police detail officer. They must provide proof from the Mass Boxing Commission that they have been sanctioned and a certificate from the 12c caterer, other than that he has no issues. Commissioner Simpson asked Mr. Gooding about the capacity of the building. Mr. Gooding replied three hundred. A crowd manager must be present, and the certificate provided to the License Commission. Deputy Chief stated Mr. Gooding is a crowd manager, and those needs are met.

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

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10. Hearing on a request from Dunkin Donuts located at 1001 Main Street, Brockton for a Common Victualer license.

Present was No One.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to continue to the next meeting. 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 Uhlman to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Simpson

APPROVED

Paul Studenski, Commissioner

Christina Derome, Commissioner

Scott D. Uhlman, Commissioner