

MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 31st, 2023
Via Zoom

The License Commission held a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 31st, 2023 via ZOOM. Present were Commissioners Jeffrey Charnel, Robert P. Simpson, Christina Derome, Lt. Paul Bonanca, and Recording Secretary, Synthia Olivier of the Law Department.

1. Hearing on a request from Cape Verdean Association of Brockton for a Special One-Day Permit to Sell All Alcoholic Beverages at 340 Warren Avenue on the following dates:

September 9, 2023 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

September 16, 2023 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Commissioner Simpson makes a motion to take the dates collectively. Seconded by Commissioner Derome and unanimously approved by vote of all members present.

Present is Councilor-At-Large Rodrigues, he thanks the committee for taking time to hear him out on the item being discussed. He is aware that they do not have a liquor license and that he appreciates them considering one for their event. Event is a fundraiser in order to help raise money to construct a church in Cape Verde. This church, according to Councilor At-Large Rodrigues, is very sentimental to the migrant community who have come to Brockton from Cape Verde. The Priest of the church is currently visiting Brockton. First date is the fundraiser, and the second date is the annual dinner hosted by the Cape Verdean Association, which has been put on for 40 years. Chairman Charnel opens the meeting up to any members of the public, none in favor or in opposition, closes this portion of the meeting. No elected officials present, closes this portion of the meeting and Chairman Charnel opens the meeting to the Commissioners for discussion.

Lieutenant Bonanca wants to clarify if the event is open to the public and if anyone can buy a ticket. Councilor Rodrigues states it is typically the members of the church and Cape Verdean Association. Lieutenant Bonanca requests a police detail in order to make sure things go smoothly and members of the public can safely exit and enter the premises. Councilor-At-Large Rodrigues has no objections and states he will coordinate the details the following day as long as he is granted the license.

Commissioners Simpson recommends a crowd manager. Councilor At-Large Rodrigues states that the facility already has a crowd manager, regularly operating function halls without a liquor

license. They will have a professional bartender and crowd manager. Commissioner Simpson wants to clarify that they are purchasing liquor through a local wholesaler which they are.

Chairman Charnel states that these events have been going on annually for years and he has no objections with granting the license. Councilor At-Large adds that this is a church-going crowd and tends to be a mature or older crowd, not a younger crowd who they may assume could create a problem. Councilor-At-Large will be using Domingo's to bring liquor. There will be 400 tickets created with little intention that they will actually sell all of them.

Commissioner Simpson asks about rain dates although Councilor-At-Large states they will be indoors rain or shine.

Commissioner Simpson makes a motion to approve, Commissioner Derome seconds the approval. Unanimously approved by vote of all members present.

Commissioner Simpson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Derome. Unanimously approved by vote of all members present.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey Charnel, Chairman

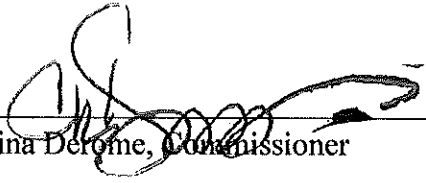
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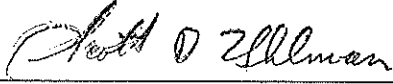
Paul Studenski, Commissioner



Robert Simpson, Commissioner



Christina Derome, Commissioner



Scott D. Uhlman, Commissioner