



MINUTES
Committee on City Operations
Tuesday, January 18, 2022@ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

Council Member Spitzley, Chair
Council Member Spadafore, Vice-Chair- excused
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, OCA
Eric Brewer, Internal Auditor
Heather Sumner, OCA
Kris Klein, LEAP
Matt Grossman
Cari DeLameilleure, Batter Up Bistro
Scott Bell, RPM
Kevin Meyer, RPM
Scott Quoss
Chris Stralkowski, Red Cedar Development

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2021 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Batter Up LLC; Class C Development District License at 621 East Michigan Avenue

Ms. DeLameilleure provided a brief update on her plans for the business including expanding service to dinner and adding 20 more employees. Mr. Klein was present for any additional questions on the application or project and the Committee had no questions.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 621 EAST MICHIGAN AVENUE; BATTER UP. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Hooked Community LLC, DDA/Redevelopment License at 3124 East Michigan Avenue, Suite F

Mr. Grossman briefly noted the business will be a book store, coffee bar and wine bar located in the Red Cedar Development. He noted he was not sure if the address was correct, therefore would review and provide confirmation of the correct address by Monday night before Council action.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HOOKED COMMUNITY AT 3124 E MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE F. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Mr. Stralkowski updated on the Committee on the progress on a Social District for that area as well, and their intention of coming back in the future for that once all the businesses involved have liquor licenses.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Development District, RBM Properties, 224 S. Washington Square

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Bell were present and provide a brief overview of the property and their intentions to convert it into a live event space occupying the 6,000 sq. foot space.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 224 S WASHINGTON SQUARE; RBM PROPERTIES. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Liquor License; Q5 Distillery; 112 N Larch

Mr. Quoss noted he was still in the process of purchasing American Fifth Spirits, but after the purchase it will still remain as DBA American Fifth.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR 112 N. LARCH STREET FOR Q5 DISTILLERY. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

DISCUSSION – 927 S Washington

Ms. Boak noted that due to the late change in the time, City Staff was advised this topic would be moved to the next meeting on February 1, 2022. Council Member Spitzley added that the property has been red tagged for a period of time and she wants an update.

Other

Ms. Boak noted that in the past letters from the State on liquor licenses have been placed on the Committee agenda for informational purposes. In some cases, even though they do not require local municipality approval, this Committee has sent communications to the State in opposition. In the case of the first one for Lansing Hotel Investors, it was informational. The second one, former Farhenheit, noted in the letter from the State was sent to their investigative department. This would stay on the agenda under Pending Update.

The consensus of the Committee was to add these referral letters to the agendas in the future and create labeling:

INFORMATIONAL – will remain on the agenda once, unless advised otherwise on the record by the Committee.

PENDING UPDATE – will remain on the agenda waiting on updates from the State or local Clerk on status.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on February 1, 2022