

PUEBLO LIQUOR & BEER LICENSING BOARD
MINUTES -- REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL -- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 19, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

The Pueblo Liquor & Beer Licensing Board convened the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Jan Shafer presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Members Mo Montgomery, Charles Pullaro, Tony Pullaro, and Jan Shafer.

Absent: Ashley Sowinski.

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Lisa Macchietto and City Clerk Brenda Armijo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tony Pullaro, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2019 as distributed. Roll Call: Ayes — Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

AMENDMENTS TO REGULAR AGENDA

Mr. Tony Pullaro, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, moved to add #14 – Modification of Premises for the Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center to the end of the agenda. Roll Call: Ayes — Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- 1 TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWAL – ONE RENEWAL**
Sunset Inn Bar & Grill, Inc d/b/a Sunset Inn Bar & Grill, 2808 Thatcher Avenue
- 2 RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LIQUOR LICENSE – RENEWAL – ONE RENEWAL**
Oscar's Liquor Lane, LLC d/b/a Oscar's Liquor, 838 S. Prairie Avenue
- 3 ALCOHOL BEVERAGE TASTINGS PERMIT – RENEWAL – ONE RENEWAL**
Oscar's Liquor Lane, LLC d/b/a Oscar's Liquor, 838 S. Prairie Avenue
- 4 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION – BEER, WINE & SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE – HARP FOUNDATION, MAILING ADDRESS: 125 RIVERWALK PLACE, EVENT MANAGER: CRYSTAL ESTRADA, (EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 4, 2019. ADDRESS OF EVENT: PUEBLO RIVERWALK, MAIN STREET FROM D STREET TO RICHMOND AVENUE, ALAN HAMEL AVENUE FROM UNION AVENUE TO SANTA FE AVENUE**
- 5 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION – BEER, WINE & SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE – JUNETEENTH ORGANIZATION OF PUEBLO, INC., P.O. BOX 2335, EVENT MANAGER SILVESTER ABRON (EVENT TO BE HELD JUNE 22, 2019. ADDRESS OF EVENT: 843 W. NORTHERN AVENUE)**
- 6 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION – BEER, WINE & SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE – LA GENTE YOUTH SPORTS, INC., 2804 E. 12TH STREET, EVENT MANAGER: ZACHARY VALDEZ, (EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 19, 20, 21, 2019. ADDRESS OF EVENT: 1200 JUAN MADRID AVENUE)**

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- 7 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION – BEER, WINE & SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE – THE BISHOP OF PUEBLO, A CORPORATION SOLE, D/B/A OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, 421 CLARK STREET, EVENT MANAGER: RONALD MARTINEZ SR., (EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 13 AND 14, 2019. ADDRESS OF EVENT: 400 BLOCK OF CLARK STREET)**

Mr. Tony Pullaro, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as distributed. Roll Call: Ayes — Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

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- 8 SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION – BEER, WINE & SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE – HARP FOUNDATION, MAILING ADDRESS: 125 RIVERWALK PLACE, EVENT MANAGER: CRYSTAL ESTRADA, (EVENT TO BE HELD AUGUST 3, 2019. ADDRESS OF EVENT: PUEBLO RIVERWALK, MAIN STREET TO SANTA FE AVENUE; CONFLUENCE AREA WEST OF ALAN HAMEL AVENUE; UNDER VETERAN’S BRIDGE; LAWN AREA OF ALAN HAMEL AVENUE**

Event Manager Crystal Estrada, 5105 Manor Ridge Drive, Pueblo, CO and Brian Lucas, of Big Bear Wine & Liquor, 3124 Bobcat Lane, Pueblo, CO were sworn in and answered questions from the Board. This is a tasting event. There will be approximately 80 distribution points with two servers at each location. Eight food vendors will be on-site. Approved forms of identification were described and examples given. Wristbands will be utilized for bar patrons. Epic Security will provide 17 guards and Pueblo police officers will be on-site. Bike rack barricades will be provided by A-1 Barricades. The applicant is hoping for 1500 attendees.

The amended diagram was admitted as Exhibit A.

Ms. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Tony Pullaro, moved to approve the special events permit application for the HARP Foundation. Roll Call: Ayes — Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

- 9 REPORT OF CHANGES – CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND PARTNERSHIP – TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE – JOHN & JEANNE’S STAR BAR LLC D/B/A JOHN & JEANNE’S STAR BAR, 300 SPRING STREET (SAMUEL J. ROMERO REPLACES JEANNE A. GALLEGOS AND CHARITY A. ALCON AS MANAGING MEMBER AND 100% OWNER)**

New owner Samuel J. Romero, 9 Flintlock, Court, Pueblo, CO and Jeanne Gallegos, 1305 East 13th Street were sworn in and answered questions from the Board. The moral character and financial questions were directed to Mr. Romero. Mr. Romero plans to hire two employees and will perform background checks on prospective employees. Approved forms of identification were described and examples given by Mr. Romero. Anyone appearing under the age of 35 will have their identification checked. The moral character of the applicant was found to be satisfactory to the Board.

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Mr. Charles Pullaro, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, moved to approve the Report of Changes – Tavern Liquor License – John & Jeanne’s Star Bar LLC d/b/a John & Jeanne’s Star Bar. Roll Call: Ayes — Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

10 REPORT OF CHANGES – CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND PARTNERSHIP – TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE – PEACHEE-LEWIS INC D/B/A LAKEVIEW BAR, 2330 LAKE AVENUE (LORY LYNN ESPINOZA ADDED AS VICE-PRESIDENT AND 15% STOCKHOLDER)

Corporate Officers Lory Lynn Espinoza, 3511 Devonshire Lane, Pueblo, CO and Henry Johnston, 2408 Poplar Street, Pueblo, CO were sworn in and answered questions from the Board. The moral character and financial questions were directed to Ms. Espinoza. The Lakeview Bar currently has five employees. Approved forms of identification were described and examples given by Ms. Espinoza. The moral character of the applicant was found to be satisfactory to the Board.

Mr. Charles Pullaro, seconded by Mr. Tony Pullaro, moved to approve the Report of Changes – Tavern Liquor License – Peachee-Lewis Inc d/b/a Lakeview Bar. Roll Call: Ayes — Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

11 PERMIT APPLICATION & REPORT OF CHANGES – MODIFICATION OF PREMISES — FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION – PESTER MARKETING COMPANY D/B/A ALTA CONVENIENCE #6256

Antoinette Lenzotti, 6090 W. Highway 78, Pueblo, CO was sworn in and answered questions from the Board. This permanent modification of premises will allow the applicant to move beer doors out of the walk-in cooler to a cooler area that would be specifically for fermented malt beverages.

Mr. Tony Pullaro, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, moved to approve the Report of Changes – Modification of Premises – Pester Marketing Company d/b/a Alta Convenience #6256. Roll Call: Ayes — Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

12 PETITION TO PAY FINE IN LIEU OF SUSPENSION – THE SENATE LLC D/B/A THE SENATE, 219 S. GRAND AVENUE, (POLICE CR#19-005917, VIOLATE DATE: MARCH 23, 2019)

Member Kenneth Sciacca, 1 Remington Court, Pueblo, CO was sworn in and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Sciacca testified that he has implemented additional security measures including a 9:00 p.m. curfew for minors being allowed in the establishment, security on duty at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, security checking identification at the door after 9:00 p.m., security at the front and back doors on Friday and Saturdays nights and two staff members roaming the bar.

Ms. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Tony Pullaro, moved to approve the Petition to Pay Fine in Lieu of Suspension – The Senate LLC d/b/a The Senate. Roll Call: Ayes – Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

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13 COMMUNICATION RE: ALLEGED LIQUOR CODE VIOLATION – BRILLANTE LLC D/B/A LA FAVORITA, 119 WEST B STREET. (POLICE CR#19-008434, VIOLATION DATE: APRIL 26, 2019)

Assistant City Attorney Trevor Gloss entered his appearance on behalf of the City of Pueblo. The licensee, Anthony Nunez, 1041 Lynn Drive, Pueblo, CO was sworn in and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Nunez testified that the establishment will now be open on Sundays to see if it is worthwhile and profitable. He also testified that he currently employs three security guards but will probably utilize one guard on Sundays.

Mr. Gloss read the Stipulated Findings and Order into the record. In lieu of further proceedings and disciplinary action, Licensee stipulates and agrees to a suspension of its liquor license. The liquor license shall be suspended for a period of five (5) days, including the day previously held in abeyance per the terms of the Stipulation, of which all five (5) days shall be imposed.

The five (5) days imposed suspension shall be served within four (4) months from the date of this Order, and the dates of suspension shall be set by the Board. The Licensee may not petition to pay a fine in lieu of the suspension and must serve all suspension days.

The Board imposed the following suspension days: July 5, 6, 7, 2019 and July 12 and 13, 2019.

Mr. Tony Pullaro, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, moved to approve the Stipulated Findings and Order. Roll Call: Ayes – Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Nays – Montgomery. Motion carried 3-1.

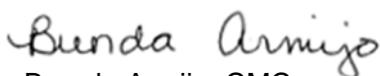
14 PERMIT APPLICATION AND REPORT OF CHANGES – MODIFICATION OF PREMISES – LODGING AND ENTERTAINMENT LIQUOR LICENSE – SANGRE DE CRISTO ARTS & CONFERENCE CENTER, INC. D/B/A SANGRE DRE CRISTO ARTS & CONFERENCE CENTER, 210 N. SANTA FE AVENUE

Director of Finance & Administration Patricia Rooney, 15 Erica Court, Pueblo, CO and Director of Facilities & Conference Services Maria Todisco, 210 N. Santa Fe Avenue, Pueblo, CO were sworn in and answered questions from the Board. The temporary modification of premises is needed to allow food vendor trucks and a bar to be set up in the roundabout during Festival Friday events. There is one liquor distribution point. There is one entrance into the event and the site is roped off with six on-site security guards during the events.

Mr. Charles Pullaro, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, moved to approve the modification of premises for the Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center. Roll Call: Ayes – Montgomery, Pullaro, Pullaro, and Shafer. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURN – With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Armijo, CMC
City Clerk