

PUEBLO LIQUOR & BEER LICENSING BOARD
MINUTES -- REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL -- COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 19, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

The Pueblo Liquor & Beer Licensing Board convened the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., with Chairwoman Doris Harrison presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Members Don DiFatta, Mike Ferris, Doris Harrison, Charles Pullaro, Jr. and Tom Rose
Also Present—Assistant City Attorney Greg Styduhar and Deputy City Clerk Lori Bravo-Neff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pullaro, seconded by Mr. Ferris, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5th, 2013. Roll Call: Ayes— DiFatta, Ferris, Harrison, Pullaro and Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Pullaro, seconded by Mr. Rose, moved to remove Item #7 from the agenda at the request of the licensee. (*Note: This item was the Affidavit for Surrender of the liquor license for Blue Moon Saloon at Pueblo, Inc. d/b/a Jose Paisano's, 2501 Lake Avenue*) Roll Call: Ayes— DiFatta, Ferris, Harrison, Pullaro and Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1 HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION-RENEWAL-MCRID, INC. D/B/A GOLD DUST SALOON, 217 S. UNION AVENUE
- 2 TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION-RENEWAL-3 BELOW, LLC D/B/A 3 BELOW, 224 S. UNION AVENUE
- 3 RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION-RENEWAL-EZEQUIEL NAVA D/B/A ZEKE'S LAKE AVENUE LIQUOR, 2601 LAKE AVENUE
- 4 CABARET LICENSE APPLICATION-RENEWAL- 3 BELOW, LLC D/B/A 3 BELOW, 224 S. UNION AVENUE
- 5 SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION-BEER, WINE & SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR- PUEBLO LODGE #90, THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE U.S.A., EVENT MANAGER: DON SPEAKS, (EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 13TH, 2013. ADDRESS OF EVENT: 426 N. SANTA FE AVENUE)
- 6 SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION-BEER, WINE & SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR-THE BISHOP OF PUEBLO, A CORPORATION SOLE D/B/A HOLY FAMILY PARISH, EVENT MANAGER: HOWARD GRIFFITH, (EVENTS TO BE HELD AUGUST 9TH-11TH, 2013. ADDRESS OF EVENTS: 2827 LAKEVIEW AVENUE)
- 7 REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Mr. Pullaro, seconded by Mr. Ferris, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Roll Call: Ayes— DiFatta, Ferris, Harrison, Pullaro and Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

8 NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY: NEW HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE– EL CHARRO RESTAURANT, LLC D/B/A EL CHARRO RESTAURANT, 2042 E. EVANS AVENUE

Neighborhood Surveyor Don Vest, 516 Lincoln was sworn in and presented to the Board the demographics and map of the defined neighborhood for issuance of a new hotel & restaurant liquor license for premises to be known as *El Charro Restaurant, LLC d/b/a El Charro Restaurant*.

Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. DiFatta, moved to receive the survey and set the hearing for July 3, 2013. Roll Call: Ayes—DiFatta, Ferris, Harrison, Pullaro and Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

9 HEARING: TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP—HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE: EL ALAMO, LLC D/B/A EL ALAMO, 1305 E. ROUTT AVENUE, (CURRENTLY LICENSED TO MI PUEBLITO MEXICAN GRILL, INC. D/B/A MI PUEBLITO, LICENSE EXPIRED MAY 18, 2013) CONTINUED FROM JUNE 5, 2013 DUE TO APPLICANT’S INCOMPLETE APPLICATION

Due to the absence of the applicant, this matter was continued to July 17, 2013.

Mr. DiFatta, seconded by Mr. Ferris, moved to continue this item to July 17, 2013 with a letter being sent to the applicant. Roll Call: Ayes— DiFatta, Ferris, Harrison, Pullaro and Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

10 HEARING: TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP—RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LIQUOR LICENSE: MESA JUNCTION WINE & SPIRITS, INC. D/B/A MESA LIQUORS, 105 COLORADO, (CURRENTLY LICENSED TO BETTY L. AMAYA D/B/A MESA LIQUOR STORE, LICENSE EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2013)

Owner/sole officer Justin Holman, 3109 Country Club Drive and manager Shannon Speaks, 126 W. Routt Avenue were sworn in and answered questions from the Board.

The Board first questioned Mr. Holman. The moral character of Mr. Holman was satisfactory to the Board. He has never held or worked in or for a liquor-licensed establishment. There are no silent partners or financial backers not disclosed in this application. Mr. Holman explained the previous owner’s daughter is carrying the note for him to be able to enter into possession of the premises. Mr. Holman stated he is also using personal savings. They will employ approximately 6 employees which includes cashiers and stockers. Mr. Holman stated to his knowledge, his employees do not have criminal backgrounds. He explained he knows his current employees but may conduct background investigations on potential employees he may hire in the future. Mr. Holman stated he has been provided with a list of the State’s approved instructors with regard to Liquor Awareness Classes. Mr. Ferris encouraged to Mr. Holman to consider becoming certified in alcohol management.

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

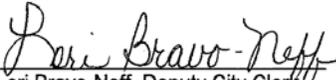
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The Board then questioned Ms. Speaks. The moral character of Ms. Speaks was satisfactory to the Board. Ms. Speaks explained that she has previously worked as the manager at a couple of liquor-licensed establishments. They will employ 5 employees and in the future she will check personal references. Ms. Speaks explained what approved identification is and explained their policy is to check all I.D's. Ms. Speaks stated she has a very good knowledge of the liquor code plus 16 years of experience. Mr. Ferris encouraged Ms. Speaks to become certified in alcohol management.

Mr. Ferris, seconded by Mr. DiFatta, moved to approve this transfer of ownership contingent upon a clear background investigation. Roll Call: Ayes— DiFatta, Ferris, Harrison, Pullaro and Rose. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN – With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Bravo-Neff, Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk's Office