

Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Meeting opened at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Mark Rossi.

Commission members present: Michael McAteer (McAteer), Roseann Bongiovanni (Bongiovanni), Mark Rossi (Vice Chair)

Also present: Captain Keith Houghton on behalf of Chelsea PD and Licensing Administrator Jenny Builes.

Bongiovanni moved to adopt the minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting. McAteer second. Vote unanimous.

Clerk's Update/New Business:

Communication from Mass State Lottery Commission as to Keno at 7-Eleven, 936-942 Broadway, Chelsea MA 02150 was motioned to accept and file by Bongiovanni. McAteer Second. Vote unanimous.

Public Hearing: The Winnisimmet Lounge- 73 Winnisimmet Street

Vice Chair Rossi opened the public hearing to consider an All Alcoholic Beverage License to The Winnisimmet Lounge LLC d/b/a The Lounge at Winnisimmet located at 73 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea, MA 02150. Edson Coimbra appeared as the owner of the establishment. Vice Chair Rossi requested a copy of the affidavit for notifying the abutters. Coimbra did not provide proof of notification. Vice Chair Rossi continued the public hearing until the next meeting in November and advised Mr. Coimbra to bring a copy of an affidavit or Certified mail, notifying the abutters. McAteer Second. Vote unanimous.

2017-18 Hackney Driver Appeals:

Vice Chair Rossi opened the public hearing to consider the Hackney Driver License appeals for Jose A. Umanzor and Leonel Colindrez Dubon. Jose A. Umanzor appeared but can only speak in Spanish. Vice Chair Rossi explained to Mr. Umanzor that every licensing meeting must be conducted in English. Mr. Umanzor asked the commission if he can call someone to translate. Vice Chair commenced a ten minute recess. At 6:28 p.m. the meeting resumed. Wilber Ramos of 118 Elm Street, Everett MA appeared on behalf of Jose A. Umanzor to translate. Captain Houghton spoke regarding the surcharge accident in 2014 for failing to stop in East Boston. Mr. Umazor has no criminal record but does have a surcharge which he was found responsible in May of 2016. Vice Chair questions Mr. Umanzor about this particular surcharge. Mr. Ramos translates that Mr. Umanzor appealed the 2016 surcharge and forgot the appeal date because his wife was in the hospital. He explained that by not attending the hearing, he was found responsible. Afterwards, he paid the ticket. Vice Chair Rossi opened the public speaking portion. Stephen Powers of 139 Arlington St. Chelsea MA spoke and commented that he knows people personally that have four surcharges in two years and are still able to drive. No one else spoke. Public speaking portion was then closed. McAteer questioned Mr. Umanzor about the incident he was charged for. Mr. Umanzor responded that he seen a pedestrian on the sidewalk but, did not want to cross the street at that moment. The police officer on duty pulled him over for not stopping for a pedestrian. McAteer also questioned him about a surcharge in 2015. Mr. Umanzor stated he did not remember a surcharge in 2015. Captain Houghton stated the surcharge in 2012 was found not responsible in East Boston. He received a ticket in Everett for failure to keep right on September 6, 2012. Captain Houghton

recommends the commission a six month check up with the Trafficking Division. McAteer questioned how many years has he been driving. Umanzor responded that he has been driving as a Taxi driver for four years. He also worked in a rent a car company. Bongiovanni motioned to approve the hackney license with the conditions of a quarterly driving record checkup with the Trafficking Division. If he is found responsible in any accident or ticket the license will be automatically revoked. McAteer Second. Vote Unanimous.

Vice Chair Rossi opened the public hearing to consider the Hackney Driver License appeal for Leonel Colindres Dubon. Mr. Dubon appeared along with Wilber Ramos as his translator. Captain Houghton spoke and strongly suggested the commission to view the three surcharge events in September. One was failure to stop in Chelsea. He has five violations since 2014 and also has speeding violations. Four speeding violations was in 2007. Captain Houghton suggests that the license should be denied for safety reasons. Vice Chair Rossi opened the public speaking portion. No one spoke, the public portion was then closed. Captain Houghton also mentioned that Mr. Dubon's license was suspended because of three surcharges. His license was then reinstated on October 9, 2017. Vice Chair Rossi questioned Capt. Houghton on how many times Mr. Dubon's license was reinstated. He responds that his license has been reinstated three times. Vice Chair asks Dubon if he ever drove while his license was suspended and how did he find out his license was suspended. Dubon does not recall driving with a suspended license, and he received a letter in the mail stating that his license was going to be suspended if he did not take the classes required. Bongiovanni questioned where he is working at the moment, since he does not have a hackney license. Dubon stated that he is currently working in construction with his brother. McAteer motioned to deny the appeal. Bongiovanni second. Vote unanimous.

Public Hearing: S&L Subs-139 Arlington Street

Vice Chair opened the public hearing to consider an Amusement/Entertainment license application to S&L Subs located at 139 Arlington Street, Chelsea MA. Stephen Powers appeared as the owner of S&L Subs, he is requesting an entertainment license for one television. Captain Houghton had no comments. Vice Chair opened the public speaking portion. No one spoke, the public speaking portion was then closed. Powers mentioned the television is a 55 inch only to watch the news. The licensing commission had no questions. McAteer motioned to approve the entertainment license. Bongiovanni second. Vote unanimous.

Licensing Commission meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The Blue Frog Sports Bar: 168-170 Washington Avenue

Dan Morales owner of Blue Frog Sports Bar appeared to present the sudden departure of the manager on file. Vice Chair Rossi stated the owner will be responsible to manage the establishment until they are ready to file an application for the new manager.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jenny Builes
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Mark Rossi, Vice Chair



James Guido, Member



Michael McAteer, Director ISD