

Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Meeting opened at 6:08 p.m. by Mark Rossi (Vice Chair)

Commission members present: Michael McAteer (McAteer), Mark Rossi (Vice Chair), Jim Guido (Guido) and Roseann Bongiovanni (Bongiovanni) Absent: Silvia Guzman (Chair)

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

Guido moved to adopt the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. McAteer second. Vote unanimous.

Clerk's Update/New Business:

Communication from Mass State Lottery as to Keno at JL Food Mart at 416 Crescent Avenue was accepted and filed.

Public Hearing: El Potro Mexican Grill & Bar at 170 Everett Avenue

Vice Chair Rossi opened the public hearing to consider an All Alcoholic Beverages license transfer to Mariachi Foods d/b/a El Potro Mexican Grill & Bar at 170 Everett Avenue Chelsea MA. Joe Carreiro of 57 Lawrence Road Salem, NH appeared as manager of the establishment and Elias Interiano of 4 Pine Tree Drive Methuen, MA as owner of the establishment. Vice Chair opened the public speaking portion. No one spoke, the public speaking was then closed. Captain Houghton spoke and mentioned he has no issues with the establishment and he enjoyed his experience at the restaurant located in Malden. Carreiro would like the commission to approve the transfer of license because he would like to expand the restaurant to Chelsea. He is the manager of the other restaurants, which are located in Malden, Somerville and Lowell. Interiano mentions that he has experience in restaurants for over 25 years. He started as a bus boy since he was 16 years old and his wife also has experience of 20 years. The commission questioned on whether they are remodeling the establishment. The owners will make a few cosmetic changes with new furniture and add a security system. The operating hours will be the same as the Malden location, which will be 10 am to 1am, 7 days a week. They are also applying for an amusement/entertainment license to include a mariachi band, karaoke, jukebox and t.v. Bongiovanni questioned the placement of the T.V's. Carreiro mentioned that the T.V's are staying where they are now. The first location opened by the owner was in Somerville in 2006. Rossi questioned whether the license/establishment is being paid in full or by investors. Interiano confirms that he is paying in full once everything is signed. Bongiovanni motioned to approve the transfer of license and amusement license. McAteer second, Rossi-yes and Guido-yes.

Public Hearing: JV Market at 560 Washington Avenue

Vice Chair Rossi opened the public hearing to consider a Wine and Malt, Convenience store license to JV Market at 560 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA. Nazneen Khan and Rimal Khan of 250 Broadway Revere, MA appeared as the owners of JV Market. Vice Chair opened the public speaking portion. No one spoke, public hearing portion was then closed. Captain Houghton spoke and has no issues with the establishment. He recommends the owners to install cameras because there has been robberies around the area. Ms. Khan spoke and mentioned they have 17 cameras surrounding the convenience store and holds surveillance for 3 months. She is seeking a package store beer and wine beverage license because it has been highly requested by neighbors and customers around the area. Khan has owned the store for

2 years going on 3 years and signed a 10 year lease. The establishment has a small storage room in the rear of the store and they also have bars on the windows and door. She mentions that she has never been robbed before and also sells tobacco. Bongiovanni questioned if the store is equipped with a panic button. Khan confirms that she does have a panic button in case of an emergency. Guido questions if Khan will sell single can or bottled beverages and mentions that there is a public park next door. Khan prefers to sell in packages/cases and not in single cans and makes an agreement with the commission not sell single cans or bottles when license is approved. Vice Chair Rossi mentions that the licensing commission has a very important role in the community and recommends Khan to seek an attorney regarding selling single can or bottled alcoholic beverages. Guido motioned to approve the license application with the hours of selling alcohol Monday-Saturday 8am to 11pm and Sunday 10 am to 11pm and also with Ms. Khan expressing an agreement not to sell single can/bottled alcoholic beverages. Rossi second, McAteer-yes and Bongiovanni-yes.

Conference- Blue Frog Sports Bar at 170 Washington Ave

Fernando Loaiza appeared as manager on behalf of Blue Frog Sports Bar at 170 Washington Ave inquiring information on available All alcoholic Beverages licenses. Mr. Loaiza was told that there are no licenses All Alcohol licenses available at the moment. Blue Frog failed to renew their license for the year of 2018 therefore, the license was returned to the ABCC.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Jenny Builes
Licensing Administrator