

Minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: Chelsea Public Library Auditorium, 569 Broadway Chelsea, MA 02150.

Meeting opened at 6:06 p.m. by Commissioner Gladys Vega.

Commission members present: Rollcall Mike McAteer, Gladys Vega and Emily Cherniack.

Also present: City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher, Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, Captain Keith Houghton, and others from the Chelsea Police dept.

Commissioner Vega announced to the public that this meeting will be voice recorded.

Commissioner Vega asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2020, McAteer motioned and moved, Cherniack seconded, voted unanimous to accept and file.

Public Hearing for Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Acapulco Mexican Restaurant at 238 Fifth Street – Change of Hours for All Kinds of Alcohol License Application. Commissioner Vega read the Notice into the record and opened the public speaking portion. Mr. Flores appeared and is the general manager for the past 12 years. Asking the board for to get his hours reinstated, from March 2019. His business has suffered and not making the money. He was told be very vigilant with his security people, but the shift changes are difficult to manage. Commissioner Vega asked Captain Houghton if there has been any issues and Houghton stated that there hasn't been any issues, just that the front door needs to be fixed. It is a safety issues for the police officers. Mr. Flores was told to fix the door at the March 2019 meeting and it has not been fixed. Public speaking closed. Commissioner McAteer commented on the fact that he feels bad and sorry for Acapulco Mexican Restaurant has been in trouble less than a year and has been twice before, since he has been working at City Hall. McAteer said he can't vote positively for Mr. Flores, he is very sorry, but his vote is no. Commissioner Cherniack asked Mr. Flores if has put a process in place for the security and personnel that's different from what happened in the spring. Mr. Flores said he has a weekly meeting about checking ID's, no touching customers, no arguing, and pat searching, no confronting customers and just call the police if they have an issue with customers. Commissioner asked a question security protocol and about what happened with their security people assaulting a customer with a weapon, before extending the hours. For the record, Houghton said there have been worse incidents in other businesses. City Solicitor Fisher recommends to table this issue for next month's meeting until he fixes the front door. Mr. Flores said it is hard to fix a \$2000 door without having the income coming in. Also he said, what happens if he fixes door and doesn't get his hours reinstated. The commissioners told him regardless, if he gets his hours back or not, he needs to fix the front door. The motion to table this issue pending the replacement of the front door for the March Licensing meeting. Cherniack motioned to continue at the March meeting, seconded by McAteer, and voted unanimously.

Public Hearing for Chelsea Auto Sales, Inc., at 69B Everett Avenue – License to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble Second Hand Motor Vehicles or Parts Thereof (Class I, II, III,) application. Commissioner Vega read the Notice into the record and opened the public speaking portion. Attorney Nader, Fernando Martins (owner) and Jessica Correia (owner) appeared. Chelsea Auto sales was formerly Jayman's and is

a Massachusetts corporation They have entered into a six year lease with the owner of the property, with the same operation and use of the business. Public speaking portion closed. McAteer motioned to approve, seconded by Cherniack, voted unanimously.

Public Hearing for Sabor CentroAmericano at 40-48 Central Avenue – Amusement and Entertainment application. Commissioner Vega read the Notice into the record and opened the public speaking. Mario Pineda appeared. Mr. Pineda spoke in Spanish and Commissioner Gladys Vega translated. Mr. Pineda says that he wants to get an Amusement and Entertainment license for 6 TV's and Music by way of Bluetooth from an IPAD and no jukebox. He was informed that the abutters need to be notified, which was not done. Captain Houghton said he has no issues with the business. Mr. Pineda doesn't have a liquor license, it's a family business. Public speaking portion closed. Cherniack motion to approve with the recommendation from the City Solicitor that if any of the abutters oppose, the abutters can come at the March meeting and speak and the board will reevaluate the decision, seconded by McAteer, voted unanimously.

Public Hearing for Oakwood Tavern, LLC d/b/a Tambo 22 at 22 Adams Street - Amusement and Entertainment Application. Commissioner Vega read the Notice into the record and opened the public speaking portion. Taylor Choquet and Brian Corcoran appeared. Taylor applied for an Amusement and Entertainment for 1 TV and 1 radio. They are no issues with the business, the restaurant will open hopefully in March 2020. Public speaking closed. Commissioner McAteer motioned to approve, seconded by Cherniack and voted unanimously.

Public Hearing for an amendment to Section 2.09A of the Rules and Regulations of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission to eliminate the Police Department involvement in the hiring process of Security Personnel at establishments serving alcohol. Commissioner Vega read the Notice into the record and opened the public speaking. City Solicitor Fisher wants to premise what Captain Houghton and his team want, a little change to Section 2.09A about Security Personnel. The Police Department wants the businesses to do their own CORI's concerning Security Personnel. Public speaking closed. Commissioner Cherniack motioned to amend Section 2.09A, seconded by McAteer and voted unanimously.

Meeting at adjourn at 6:32 p.m., motioned by Vega, seconded by McAteer – next meeting on February 6, 2020.

James R. Guido

Michael McAteer

Emily Chavez