

Minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: Chelsea City Hall Council Chambers Room 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA and Facebook Live. Meeting opened at 6:10 p.m. by Chairperson Mark Rossi.

Commission members present: Vice Chairperson Emily Cherniack, James Guido, Mike McAteer and Gladys Vega. Absent Chairperson Mark Rossi.

Also Present in Council Chamber Room: Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, Captain Keith Houghton, Officer Nicole McLaughlin and Officer Joseph Santiago, Councillor Robinson, Councillor Avellaneda, Councillor Garcia and interpreter Terrence Moran.

Vice Chairperson Cherniack asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2021, Guido motioned to adopt, Vega seconded and vote unanimous.

#### **Clerks Update/New Business:**

Licensing Administrator Libran mentioned on the previous meeting the board members wanted to see a sample of the application for Sidewalk Sales which she included in their packets at this meeting. Concerning Outdoor seating Libran stated that there are still about 5 or 6 applications waiting for approval of their seating plans by ISD. Taxi offices and taxicab parking are in issue. We have an issue with parking of taxi vehicles because of the fact, zoning is limited and Reggie's on chestnut street which allowed two taxi companies to have office space and parking of their taxis in their lot, but Reggie's has been torn down. For the past two years, the City Manager has relaxed enforcement because of the Uber/Livery issues around taxis. They are being phased out. However, taxis are in existence at our two taxi stands, one at Market Basket and the other at Bellingham Square. As far as taxi's offices- our regulations require a Chelsea Taxi company to have an office in Chelsea. Only one taxi company has an office in Chelsea, other three don't have an office. We think this requirement needs to be enforced. We are notifying all of you of the complexities of taxis in Chelsea and these licenses need to be renewed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Vega asked, "Who would be able to help them find a location or who is working in terms of the city to see if they are able to find a location?", "What are we doing to accommodate small businesses?" Commissioner McAteer answered by saying there was a meeting scheduled but was pushed back for next week with City Solicitor Fisher, Planning John DePriest and himself to address this issue and find solutions.

Vice Chair Cherniack opened the Public Hearing to consider a Petroleum License and installation of new storage tanks for Beacham Realty, LLC. d/b/a Dennis K. Burke Oil at 410 Beacham Street, Chelsea, MA. Present for the petitioner was Ted Burke and Huseyin Sevincgil from DPI engineering. Mr Sevincgil started by saying that it is an existing gas station. There are some underground and some aboveground. Three new tanks will be installed, which one will be 20,000 gallons of diesel and two tanks with 12,000 and 8,000 gallons of gasoline. The building will be removed and smaller kiosk will be installed. Vega asked about the map of where the tanks are going. Two tanks will be inside the building underground. Demo the entire site and one overhead canopy. Went in front of the Conservation committee considering the proposed driveways. Vice Chair Cherniack opened the public speaking portion, no one spoke, therefore, public speaking portion was closed. Guido motioned to approve and McAteer seconded and vote unanimous.

Vice Chair Cherniack opened the Disciplinary public hearing to consider revoking, suspending or modifying the Amusement & Entertainment of Moe Brothers, LLC d/b/a Latinos Falcon Billiards & Bar at 158 Broadway. Chelsea, MA. Mr. Molina spoke about how he bought two doors and there was no insulation on the doors and they fixed it. Also, they removed the doorbell. Captain Houghton spoke and the complainant Liz Jason was asked if the noise has gotten any better. Guido motioned for a continuance on the matter. Vega seconded voted unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next meeting June 10, 2021

Approved on June 10, 2021

Emily Chensee

James R. Guido

Michael McAteer

Stacy Vega