

Minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Marnie MacAlpine.

Commission members present: Marnie MacAlpine, Mike McAteer, Gladys Vega. Absent: Chairperson Emily Cherniack.

Also, Present in Council Chamber Room: City Solicitor Cheryl Fisher, Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, and Captain Keith Houghton, Councilor Robinson, Councilor Avellaneda, and interpreter.

Commissioner MacAlpine asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2022, Vega motioned to adopt, McAteer seconded and vote unanimous.

Clerks update: Fisher updated the Licensing Board on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 5 All Alcohol and 2 Beer and Wine (on premise) licenses that the city acquired due to the Census. On Monday night the City Council passed the Home Rule petition that, the seven Liquor Licenses will be deemed City Licenses, meaning that it is not a commodity or an asset. The City needs to wait for legislative approval. However, the RFP process will move forward by Advertising in the Chelsea Record for two weeks.

Fisher then asked for approval to renew licenses for Petroleum, Old Gold, Pawnshops and Garage/Parking Lot. McAteer motioned to approve the renewals of all completed licenses and Vega seconded and vote unanimous.

Commissioner MacAlpine opened the Public Hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for Lime, Chelsea at 73 Winnisimmett Street, and present was the owner Petal Joseph-Seale. Petal stated she is requesting a television and a radio for the customers and staff. Captain Houghton had one issue of inspections that the surveillance system works, not sure if same system from the previous owner. Petal stated that it was the same system and no one from the public spoke. Fisher reiterated that there residents above the establishment and the music was minimal and not heard outside especially in the morning. MacAlpine moved to approve, Vega seconded, all in favor and license was granted.

MacAlpine opened the Public Hearing to consider a Garage and Repair Shop/Parking Lot License application for Rivian, LLC, Chelsea at 25 Griffin Way, and present was Paul Dorsey, Senior Counsel. Paul spoke and said that Rivian is an electric production manufacturer based in Illinois. They are relatively new to the market and the IPO last year. They are in the process of building out a service center in Chelsea at 25 Griffin Way. The facility will repair Electric Vehicle Systems (EVS). Currently two models are being sold to consumers, an all-electric SUV and an all-electric pickup and strictly limited to these particular vehicles that are in operation in the metropolitan area. Captain Houghton has no issues and usually refers them to ISD and the Fire dept. when it comes to structure or storage issues. Captain stated that in the future issue would be parking on the street. Fisher stated that a traffic light would be installed on the street. . MacAlpine moved to approve, Vega seconded, and all in favor and license was granted.

Chair opened the Public Hearing discipline for the Merritt Club, at 101 Webster Avenue, for not acting as a function hall and the recent inspection of videos. Robert Connors, bar manager, and runs the Merritt Club was present and stated he was not aware that type of entertainment was not allowed in Chelsea. Fisher clarified that the Merritt Club is a function hall/private club. The way function halls are licensed is that it is rented to someone who throws a party for themselves and it is not opened to the public. The Licensing Commission was informed that they were advertising selling tickets to the "Men in Motion" party online to the general public plus VIP seats, this is not allowed in Chelsea. Nightclubs are not allowed in Chelsea. Captain Houghton also told the committee that the Merritt Club video camera has not been operating 7 days a week for 6 months, which is a violation of out rules and regulations for establishments. Robert stated that he just got the permits and the cameras are up and running. Fisher that the Merritt Club was brought before them for not having videos for 30 days and not seven days, which is very important. The public speaking portion opened and closed, since no one spoke. Commissioner Vega asked why he was not aware that this was happening. Robert responded that he has been in charge for a year and a half, was not aware is not allowed. Vega stated that if she was not mistaken, she has seen two videos from her friends. How was that allowed and you were not aware of it, when it was advertised on Facebook. Robert told that he needs to be aware of who he rents the club to, so that this sort of thing doesn't happen. Commissioner MacAlpine motions for a warning that maintains proper video surveillance and make sure all events taking place on the property follows the guidelines of the Amusement & Entertainment license. Vega seconded, and all in favor of the warning. Captain Houghton suggested keeping the warning open until the cameras are up and running.

Next meeting: May 12, 2022

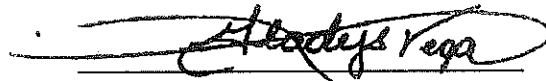
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