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Minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. 2023 NOV 29 A 11: 54

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Marnie MacAlpine, Emily Cherniack, Alexandria Christmas

ALSO, PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM: Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, Captain David Betz, Officer Nicole McLaughlin, Assistant City Solicitor Peter Christopher

Commissioner MacAlpine asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2023, Cherniack motioned to adopt, Alexandria seconded and vote unanimous.

CLERKS UPDATE/ NEW BUSINESS:

Licensing Administrator updated the commission about the fire at Acapulco Restaurant on Thursday morning, September 14, 2023. The owner came to City Hall to inform licensing that they are waiting for the insurance company and closed for at least for 6 months.

Naomi Libran, Licensee Administrator updated the commissioners of the upcoming renewals of the following licenses that expire in December.

- Alcohol \* Constable \*Amusement & Entertainment \* Liquor Licenses \*Common Victualer • Rooming House \*Class I II III

Licensing administrator mentioned that the Constables licenses would be renewed for one year instead of three years. The Police dept. is deciding on the process.

Captain Betz asked the Commission to bring forth La Esquina Mariachi Restaurant for a Public Disciplinary hearing. Possible violation: No Video for a sensitive matter (which is supposed to be 24-48 hours. Police requested two dates, and was told they did not have it. Video is supposed to be held for 30 days.

1. Public Hearing to consider a Livery License Application for Thomas D. West d/b/a Boston A to Z LLC, at 160 Commandants Way, #207 Chelsea MA. Mr. Webber has provided all the documents. Has driven for UBER for 5 years: would like to open his own business (Boston A-Z: Boston City Tours) Chair opened public speaking portion: nobody wished to speak. Christmas motioned to approve, MacAlpine seconded and vote unanimous.
2. Public Hearing to consider Blue taxi Complaint re: MULTIPLE complaints from Elderly & residents. Mercy, dispatcher and daughter of Owner, says that there has been no complaints. One of their driver who was not obeying the rules set forth, and he was fired in January. The commission set specific rules, please see below: Pre flat rates that are agreed upon. 3 Months on suspension. Any complaints must be forwarded to Ms. Libran, Licensing Administrator monthly or weekly. Every Taximeter must be on during a ride. No other passengers can be in taxi. Taximeter being turned on if a second passenger gets in and no other person in the cab, per Christopher. Assistant City Solicitor Christopher would like Ms. Libran and to receive any complaints for 3 months. Hours have been changed to 6 am to 6 pm for the Suspension

PREVIOUS COMPLAINT: CITIZEN LETTER RE: BLUE TAXI: A complaint from a resident would like the board to be aware that she has had some issues with Blue Taxi. She has made some allegations (although we do not have dates) that the taxi driver would have either his girlfriend, or grandchild in the front seat, which prevents her handicapped father in law from getting into the taxi, as he cannot sit in the back seat. She also alleges that sometimes they do not put on the fare meter, or they would charge more than what it usually takes. She is a frequent user of taxis, and knows fees vs. ride. There should be a concern that if they are either doubling up on fares, or if they are transporting nonpaying passengers, we need to know what exactly the ordinance? Residents Need to report gypsy taxi's license plates, to the police department.

3. Public Hearing to consider a New Wine and Malt Alcoholic Beverages (on premises) Consumption License application and an Amusement & Entertainment License to Hampton Inn Logan Airport Chelsea. Attorney Elizabeth Pisano was present and spoke about that this will be a new aspiration of the Hampton Inn with the same layout and operations as other cities. Customers will be able to get beer and wine, sit or take to their room. She also stated that they want an Amusement & Entertainment license, Tv and background music in the lobby of the hotel. Elizabeth Bezo is present and the proposed manager of Hampton Inn. She is the General Manager and has 10 years of experience and Tips trained. All employees are Tips certified. Chair opened public speaking portion: nobody wished to speak. Christmas motioned to approve both licenses, Cherniack seconded and vote unanimous.
4. Public Hearing to consider a Change of Manager for an All Kinds of Alcohol Beverages (on premises) Consumption License application to TownePlace Suites by Marriott-Chelsea. The acting General was promoted to Manager. They also operated without this being changed for 6 months; the Law in Chelsea is 30 days. Chair opened public speaking portion: Nobody wished to speak. Christmas motioned to approve, Emily seconded and vote unanimous.

Next meeting: November 9, 2023

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm

Approved on October 12, 2023



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