

April 18, 2018

9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT: Thomas Graham, Chairman  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman  
ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey, Commissioner  
Ken Miles, Commissioner  
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant  
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Time: 7:05 p.m.

In the matter of Jay C Kim, President/Secretary/ Treasurer, Han M. Kim, Vice President, **t/a Largo Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, J&H Beverage, Inc., 836 Largo Center Drive, Largo, 20774 – Protest against the Renewal of the 2018-2019 Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license. – Continued from Regular Session of April 11, 2018. Licensees represented by Paul Jackson, Esquire. Mr. Graham stated that this is not a criminal matter; that the Board will not consider the letter submitted after the hearing; that this case is solely to renew the license, to not renew the license or to renew the license with conditions; that the Board has decided to renew the license with conditions. Corporal Cicale stated that a security plan was developed; that one of the issues was dealing with problematic customers; that the business should contact the police; that the business should not hold a customer; that they should not engage; that they have been asked to call the police; that they should not handle it themselves; that they need to deescalate the problems; that they currently have a sworn officer every day; that they did not previously have an officer everyday Jay C. Kim stated that he has increased the level of security; that they have sworn officers every day now; that the incident occurred at 4 p.m. Corporal Cicale stated that it is not necessary for the business to have security during all hours that they are open; that the security is for the hours the business is busy. Mr. Graham stated that the Board will renew the Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License with a number of conditions; that the business will develop a security plan with Corporal Cicale increasing the hours of sworn police officer from 5:00 p.m. to close. Ms. Kelsey stated that she would like the security increase to include all hours the business is open. Mr. Kim stated that that requirement would be a financial hardship for the business. Ms. Kelsey stated that she would amend her request to 3:00 p.m. to closing. Mr. Kim stated that he would agree to that requirement. Mr. Graham stated that the first condition would be to require the sworn officers from 3:00 p.m.; second condition is to require that the staff receive certification in customer service and or conflict resolution, and the third condition is the license shall prepare documented procedures and principles related to customer service and conflict resolution; that these items are conditions of the license being

renewed and not suggestions; that the business has 30 days to identify where the training will take place and an additional 60 days to fully implement the conditions; that online classes are not acceptable.

Mr. Camacho moved to renew the Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor License with the following conditions:

- The licensee shall work with the Prince George's County Police Department to implement security plan, the license shall utilize sworn officer beginning no later than 3:00 pm.
- All staff are required to receive certification in customer service and/or conflict resolution.
- The licensee shall prepare documented procedures and principles related to customer service and conflict resolution.

seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a El Rachero y Sus Mariachis**, Class B, Beer and Wine, Restaurante El Rachero y Sus Mariachis, LLC, 11111 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 20705 – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Corporal Cicale stated that she is with the Prince George's County Police Department; that she met with the owners of the business two weeks ago; that this is a small restaurant; that they would like to offer karaoke; that they have a regular following; that she wants to confirm that the security camera were installed; that they security cameras; that the security plan is adequate.

Daniella Lopez stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that she is an employee of the restaurant; that they would like to offer karaoke; that they previously had karaoke and the customer enjoyed it; that they have Hispanic music; that they were not aware of the tax hold; that they will resolve the tax issue.

Mr. Camacho moved approval of the Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a El Triunfo Tex Mex Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, Herki, Inc., 1835 University Boulevard E, Suite 100, Hyattsville, 20783 – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Corporal Cicale stated that the security plan is adequate; that they already had security in place; that there have been no incidents at the business.

Cristian Morena stated that he is a resident of Silver Spring; that they will have a DJ.

Mr. Camacho moved approval of the Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Kelsey and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a Meads Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Meads Liquor, Inc., 5102 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, 20745 – Request for Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages.

Ganimar Singh Sarkaria stated that he is a resident of Centerville, Virginia; that they would like to offer delivery in the area; that he is familiar with the rules and regulations; that the delivery driver must be an employee of the business; that the driver must be over 21 years of age; that they must maintain a record of every delivery; that they must check identification; that he agrees to the requirements; that a patrons must be 21 to purchase; that the employees will met the requirements; that he will sit down and tell the employees the requirements; that they will contract with a delivery company to take the orders; that his employees will deliver the items.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the letter of authorization for delivery, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a Mike's Restaurant and Liquors**, Class B+, Beer Wine and Liquor, Mike's Liquors, Inc. 5301 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hills, 20745 – Request for Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages.

Sheena Bajwa stated that she is a resident of Ellicott City; that she would like to offer home delivery service; that she understands the rules; that an employee will deliver; that the employee must be 21; that she has read the rule; that she understands the rule; that she understand the alcohol awareness requirement; that she will sit down with the employees and explain the rules.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the letter of authorization for delivery, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

In the matter of **t/a Central Avenue Restaurant and Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquors, Weeping Willow Inc. 1 Yost Place, Seat Pleasant 20746 – Board requests the licensee's presence to discuss the 2018-2019 renewal application.

Levi Zazlow, Esquire stated that he has received notice as to the renewal; that Mr. Paig recently plead guilty to bribery; that the judgement is final at sentencing which hasn't take place; that he entered into the into the plea agreement; that sentencing was scheduled for May; that he was born in Korea; that he came to the United States in 1983; that he has been in the liquor business for 25 years; that he provides support for his brother, his father and his three children; that Mr. Paig promptly accepted responsibility for his actions; that he has fully complied with the requirements of his release; that he has not been charged with obstruction; that his presentencing memo indicates not criminal convictions; that his criminal history score is zero; that he does not have any pending charges; that he does not have any points on his license; he will have to pay restitution; that the minimal he will have to pay is \$175,000; that this is a substantial sum of money; that he needs to pay the government; that he would like to be able to see the remaining stock; that after selling the stock he will close the business; that he would like two months to liquidate the stock; that he would then voluntarily close the business; that he needs to comply with the federal obligations; that he needs to sell off the remaining stock to meet the requirements; that he is requesting the Board exercise leniency.

Mr. Graham stated that the licensee needs to meet the requirements of Section 26-1513 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article.

Levi Zazlow, Esquire stated that he believes the license is a fit and proper person to hold the license; that this was a singular event; that guilty plea does not the automatic revocation of the license; that the board has discretion; that Mr. Paig can to this country in 1983 and never has any brushes with the law; that he has been fully compliant with the government; that he is asking to continue the license not for his personal gain but to pay the government; that they are requesting a brief time to liquidate the inventory; that he plead guilty in 2017 and since that time has complied with law; that he is a fit person in spite of the conviction; that they are not increasing the stock just selling the remaining stock.

Mr. Camacho stated that a transfer application was denied by the Board September 28, 2017; that at that time the licensee was told to sell the license to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party; that the Board made it clear that the license had to be transfers.

Levi Zazlow, Esquire stated that he is not increasing the stock; that he just wants to sell the remaining stock; that he will not purchase additional stock; that he cannot sell this level of stock; that he will not

sell the business; that he will commit to the Board that he will ultimately close the business; that he is willing to return in eight weeks.

Jung Paig stated that he can only return the inventory for 10 days to the wholesaler.

Mr. Rupert stated that bribery is a felony.

Levi Zazlow, Esquire stated that the CJIS report indicated that he does not have any convictions; that the decision was made to liquidate the business.

Mr. Camacho moved to deny the acceptance of the renewal application, seconded by Ms. Kelsey and made unanimous by Mr. Miles and Mr. Graham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly E. Markomanolakis  
Administrative Assistant

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.