

**MINUTES FOR
LIQUOR AUTHORITY MEETING**

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
7500 West 29th Avenue, Municipal Building**

November 13, 2014

Chair Shaver called the Liquor Authority Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Liquor Authority Members present:

John Miks
Paul Shaver
Carolyn Peterson
Anthony Davia
Claudia Worth
Robert Alldredge

Kent Davis was absent.

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Kelly Stevens and concerned citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 23, 2014

Motion by Claudia Worth to approve the minutes of October 23, 2014: seconded by Carolyn Peterson; carried 6-0-1.

Item 1. Request for Modification of Premises – Peak Beverage, Inc. 10790 W. 50th Avenue #600A, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Deputy Clerk Stevens introduced the item. The owners of Peak Beverage, Inc. located at 10790 W. 50th Avenue #600A, Wheat Ridge desires to expand their business into the adjoining business space to accommodate their growing business. This would add approximately 919 square feet to their retail liquor store.

The owners, Reymundo Luna and Andrew Klosterman were sworn in by Chair Shaver. Mr. Klosterman explained that they wanted to expand their business space to accommodate a wine section in their store to showcase the wines they offer. They also have a small catering service that is run out of another adjoining space.

Carolyn Peterson asked if the store had a kitchen for the catering.

Mr. Klosterman responded that they did not cater food, but offered beverage catering for functions.

Mr. Micks asked if the additional space was for storage. Mr. Klosterman responded that the area would showcase their wines.

Motion by Robert Alldredge to approve the request for modification, seconded by John Micks: carried 6-0-1

Item 2. Tastings Permit Application – 7605 Wine & Spirits dba Vern's Liquors and Wine, 7605 W. 44th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Deputy Clerk Stevens introduced the item. The owner of the business, Mr. Hyung Sau is currently operating under a temporary Alcoholic Beverage License issued by the City of Wheat Ridge on October 24, 2014 as part of the Transfer of Ownership process. In accordance with Wheat Ridge Liquor Licensing Authority Resolution 01-2014, the application for Transfer of Ownership was handled administratively by the City Clerk's Office. The owners underwent a successful background check by the Wheat Ridge Police Department with no concerns and Transfer is currently being reviewed by the Colorado Department of Revenue. The previous owner of this business held regular wine tastings on Friday nights, and Mr. Sau would like to continue this practice. He has completed the application and paid the additional \$100 fee. Deputy Stevens also stated that there had been some questions about the Tastings Application since it listed dates that have already passed for tastings. As a clarification, Ms. Stevens pointed out that the Tastings Application was completed at the time of the original application for Transfer of Ownership and no tastings have been held prior to the Authority reviewing the application.

Chair Shaver asked if the Tastings Permit was contingent upon successful approval of the Transfer of Ownership by the Colorado Department of Revenue. Deputy Stevens stated it was.

Carolyn Peterson asked where the applicant was. Deputy Stevens stated the applicant, Mr. Hyung Sau, had said he would be at this morning's meeting when she spoke to him on Monday. Something may have come up with the cold weather or the store to prevent him from attending.

Claudia Worth asked where the wine tasting would be – would it be in the liquor store or in the adjacent restaurant? She was unsure how much tastings could be accommodated since she had never been to a tasting before.

Chair Shaver stated the tastings were scheduled from 5 pm to 7 pm on Fridays and that the previous owner had held them.

Deputy Stevens stated she believed a small table was set up to enable customer to try before they buy.

Motion by Anthony Davia to approve the Tastings Permit Application, seconded by Robert Alldredge ; carried 6-0-1

CITY CLERK'S MATTERS

Deputy Clerk Stevens announced the Mr. William Gehl has had to resign from the Liquor Authority Board because he got a new job and the schedules conflict.

CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS

None

POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS

None

LIQUOR AUTHORITY MEMBERS MATTERS

John Micks stated he would like to reconsider Liquor Authority Resolution 01-2014 which was passed to reduce the number of Authority Board meetings. He has had second thoughts about this resolution because transfers of ownership are being facilitated without the Liquor Authority Board ever meeting the new owners and being able to review their applications and financials. He would like to revisit the issue and probably change his vote on the matter.

The following points were brought up by Board members:

- It is important for new owners to come before the Liquor Authority Board so that they know the Authority is present and will be keeping tabs on their business practices.
- Resolution 01-2014 was passed to help streamline the Transfer of Ownership process, which used to be quite lengthy. These people have already been vetted by the police department and CBI and it was desired to streamline the process, so it doesn't take quite as long.
- New liquor license applicants are required to come before the Liquor Authority and it would be good for new owners of a licensed business to come before the Board to allow the Board to assess their character and financial standing.
- Since there is a new clerk to the Board in place that is not as familiar with Wheat Ridge businesses, it would be advantageous for the Board to review these transfers since they are familiar with the local businesses.
- The members of the Authority Board would like to meet new owners face to face prior to their receipt of a temporary liquor license and prior to approval of the Transfer of Ownership.
- The members of the Authority Board would prefer to have regular memos from the Clerk to the Board to detail what liquor items are being worked on.

After much spirited discussion and debate, the consensus of the Board was to rescind Resolution 01-2014 for both Transfers of Ownership and Temporary Liquor Licenses.

Motion by Robert Alldredge to rescind Resolution 01-2014, seconded by Carolyn Peterson: Carried 5-1-1. Anthony Davia voted No.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41a.m.



Kelly K. Stevens, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY LIQUOR AUTHORITY ON BY A VOTE OF 6 TO 0



Paul Shaver, Chair