

## ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION

**Monday, April 18, 2016**

The Alcohol Control Commission met at 5:00 p.m. this date in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 601 Broad Street. Chairman Slack presided with Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Stevenson, Mr. Redding, and Mr. Doss present. Mr. Hyde was absent.

### **Minutes – March 21, 2016**

The minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by an unanimous consent.

### **Old Havana Cigar Bar, 327 Broad Street**

The application of Steven McDowell, owner and manager of Old Havana Cigar Bar, 327 Broad Street, was presented. Mr. McDowell requested that a new Beer Package License be issued to him at that location. Mr. McDowell was present, and all papers were in order. Mr. McDowell has held a Beer and Wine Pouring License at Old Havana for approximately 13 years. He explained that his plan is now to begin offering growlers for his craft beers. As the ACC has heard previously, growlers are a means for a customer to take package beer with them from a pouring establishment. Mr. McDowell spoke briefly to the growth of craft beers in the United States. There are currently in excess of 4,100 breweries in the United States according to Mr. McDowell. If his Beer Package License request is approved today, he plans to expand his line of craft beers offered at his Rome location. Mr. McDowell also operates establishments in Gadsden, Alabama and Cartersville, Georgia. There was some discussion regarding the method in which growlers are sealed before leaving the store.

Mr. Doss moved to approve the request for a Beer Package License at Old Havana Cigar Bar, 327 Broad Street. Commissioner Lee seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

### **Garden Lakes Food & Beverage, 2022 Redmond Circle**

The application of Mr. Balvantkumar P. Prajapati, manager of Garden Lakes Food & Beverage, 2022 Redmond Circle, was presented. Mr. Prajapati requested that a new Beer Package License be issued to him at that location. Secretary Smith explained that the City of Rome has issued a Beer Package License at this location in the past. This site was one of the stores recently involved in accusations of illegal gambling. The store has been closed and is now reopening under a new owner and licensee. Secretary Smith also pointed out that Mr. Prajapati received a citation in 2014 for furnishing alcohol to a person under 21. He was one of several persons cited during a 2014 Rome Police Department Sting Operation. Mr. Prajapati was warned not to make a mistake of a similar nature in the future.

Commissioner Lee moved to approve the Beer Package License request as submitted. Commissioner Stevenson seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**Police Report**

Rome Police Major Rodney Bailey was present and stated that there was no arrest activity at alcohol establishments during the past month, and no report was submitted.

**Adjourned**

With there being no further business, Chairman Slack adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Joseph F. Smith  
City Clerk