

ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

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. Doss, and Ms. Shepherd present.

Minutes – November 21, 2016

The minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by an unanimous consent. There was no ACC meeting in December, 2016.

New Members

Chairman Slack welcomed Ms. Monica Shepherd, joining the ACC for her first meeting. Mr. John Kendrick is also a new member; however, he is out of town and was unable to attend this meeting. Ms. Shephard and Mr. Kendrick will be replacing Mike Hyde and Detrick Redding.

Chairman Slack also announced that there will be new Commissioners assigned to the Alcohol Control Commission in 2017. Beginning in February, the Commission will be chaired by Commissioner Davis with Commissioner Irmscher and Commissioner Slack serving.

OJ Liquor Store and Anun Food and Gas, 1600 Shorter Avenue – License Extension

Secretary Smith explained that on July 18, 2016, the Alcohol Control Commission approved a Beer, Wine, and Liquor Package License for OJ Liquor Store, 1600 Shorter Avenue and a Beer Package License for Anun Food and Gas, 1600 Shorter Avenue. 1600 Shorter Avenue is the site of the former World Hi-Fi Electronics, and the property is being renovated for new businesses. Mr. Mohammed Gaffar is the licensee at both locations. This project is still proceeding; however, it is not yet ready for an alcohol license. Mr. Gaffar was represented by Attorney Chris Jackson, and Mr. Jackson requested that the ACC extend the license approval for an additional 180 days. Commissioner Lee moved to grant an extension for an additional 180 days extension. Commissioner Stevenson seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

KCD Restaurant and KCD Package Store, 1400 Dean Street – License Extension

Secretary Smith explained that, on August 15, 2016, the Alcohol Control Commission granted a new Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring License at KCD Restaurant and a new Beer, Wine, and Liquor Package License at KCD Package Store, 1400 Dean Street. Secretary Smith explained that licensee Kevin Evans has submitted a request in writing for an extension of this license. This property is not yet developed; however, Mr. Evans would like to be granted an additional 180-day timeframe to acquire the license. Mr.

Evans was not present at tonight's meeting, and the ACC deferred this item until the February, 2017 meeting.

Rome Little Theatre/Historic Desoto Theatre, 530 Broad Street

The application of Hannah Cook, representing the Rome Little Theatre and the Historic Desoto Theatre, 530 Broad Street, was presented. Ms. Cook requested that a new Beer and Wine Pouring License be issued to her at that location. Ms. Cook was present and explained that, in the past, the Rome Little Theatre or the Historic Desoto Theatre had acquired temporary one-day non-profit pouring license for alcohol events at the Desoto Theatre. The state limits these to six per year. For 2017, the marketing strategy has changed somewhat, and there are more alcohol events planned, and as a result, a decision has been made to acquire their own "on-site" license. Ms. Cook further explained that the license will be used at 530 Broad Street for both the Rome Little Theatre and the Historic Desoto Theatre (the property is owned by the Historic Desoto Theatre).

There was also some discussion concerning the state prohibition of Sunday sales at this location. Since there is not a restaurant operating at this facility, the current state law would not allow Sunday sales to take place. The ACC was reminded that the City of Rome has requested our local legislators consider amending the state statute that prohibits Sunday alcohol sales without a food/drink ratio.

Commissioner Lee moved to approve the Beer and Wine Pouring License request for 530 Broad Street as submitted. Commissioner Stevenson seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Crawdaddy's Cajun & Creole Cuisine, 239 Broad Street

The application of Dereck Brady, owner and manager of Crawdaddy's, 239 Broad Street, was presented. Mr. Brady requested that a new Liquor Pouring License be issued to him at that location. Mr. Brady has held a Beer and Wine Pouring License at that location since Crawdaddy's opened in 2015. There have been no alcohol violations at this site.

Mr. Doss moved to approve the request for the new Liquor Pouring License at Crawdaddy's, 239 Broad Street. Commissioner Stevenson seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Stop & Shop, 1433 North Broad Street

The application of Devin R. Desai, manager of Stop & Shop, 1433 North Broad Street, was presented. Mr. Desai requested that a new Beer Package License be issued to him at that location. Secretary Smith explained that, while this is a new application, there have been beer sales at this site in the past. After a brief conversation regarding the training practices that Mr. Desai will use, Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve the license request. Commissioner Lee seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Jamwich, 510 Broad Street

Secretary Smith announced that the request for a new Beer Pouring License at Jamwich, 510 Broad Street, would be deferred until the February, 2017 meeting.

DJ Food Mart, 1901 North Broad Street

The application of Jayakrishnan Valappil, manager of DJ Food Mart, 1901 North Broad Street, was presented. Mr. Valappil requested that a new Beer Package License be issued to him at that location. While this is a new application, alcohol sales have occurred in the past at this physical location. After a brief discussion regarding Mr. Valappil's training program, Commissioner Stevenson moved to approve the license request. Mr. Doss seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Police Report

Rome Police Major Paul Webber was present and presented the police report for the previous period. Mr. Webber highlighted two arrests that took place on New Year's Eve, otherwise, there were no notable arrests that took place at alcohol establishments.

Adjourned

With there being no further business, Chairman Slack adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Joseph F. Smith
City Clerk