



MINUTES

LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW BOARD

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
505 BUTLER PLACE
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.

I. Roll Call

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Peterson read the roll call and the following Commissioners indicated their presence: Comm. Amelio, Huening, Pudlo, Smith, and Mayor Schmidt. Comm. Zwolinski was absent.

Charlene Brandt, Community Relations Manager of the 7/11 Stores, was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. January 20, 2014

Moved by Comm. Huening. Seconded by Comm. Smith.

Motion carried, voice vote.

III. Citizens Who Wish to Address the Liquor License Review Board on a Non-Agenda Item

None.

IV. Action Items

- 1. Approve recommendation to the City Council to allow the sale of alcohol liquor between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. at convenience stores and convenient stores that sell fuel**

Moved by Ald. Amelio. Seconded by Ald Smith.

A draft ordinance was prepared by City Attorney Hill. Deputy Clerk Peterson explained that she spoke to City Attorney earlier in the day who opined that one ordinance was sufficient for convenience stores and convenient stores that sell fuel.

In Comm. Smith's opinion, he believed the license amount of \$3,000.00 was high. Deputy Clerk Peterson shared the annual license fees of comparable establishments (i.e., Drug Store establishments).

Comm. Huening questioned the number of convenient stores in Park Ridge with at least 2500 square feet. Comm. Huening clarified that the Ordinance requires a minimum of 2500 square feet of retail sale space. Mayor Schmidt also clarified that no more than 10% of the retail sales are could be devoted to alcohol sales.

Attorney Hill was called into the meeting at 6:37 p.m. He indicated that was not certain how the license fee was determined. Attorney Hill believes he made an inquiry to Community Preservation and Development regarding the amount of square footage amount. Ms. Brandt was certain that the store were at least 1,500 square feet and the Higgins Road store, 2,500 square feet.

Attorney Hill explained to Comm. Huening that many communities prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages at convenient store if gasoline is sold. Comm. Huening thought it would be helpful to learn how many other establishments meet the criteria. He recognized the applicant is very sincere and intent with safety and loss control measures and the Ordinance was written based on their model safeguards. His concern was if the license was to be made available to other similar establishments without the same safeguards, the City may have created a difficult situation for staff and the Police Department to enforce.

Mayor Schmidt would like to have a distinction provided in the language between convenient stores that sell and do not sell gasoline. Attorney Hill indicated that he would revise the language accordingly.

Comm. Huening would like to see the changes made to the draft Ordinance even though he has no intention of supporting the proposal. Comm. Pudlo also indicated he would not support the draft Ordinance.

On voice vote, the vote was tie.

Mayor Schmidt broke the tie vote and voted in favor of moving the matter forward. He would like the City Council to have an opportunity to weigh in on this issue on behalf of their constituents.

Motion carried.

Mayor Schmidt explained that this matter would be presented before the Procedure and Regulations Committee at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 24, 2014.

Comm. Huening requested that any responses in regards to square footage be provided to the applicant.

V. Discussion Items

None.

VI. New Business – For announcement, deliberation, and/or discussion only; no official action will be taken.

None.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.