



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2018

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

2:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioner Campedelli and Commissioner Yakovlev were present.
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Commissioner Campedelli at 2:13 p.m.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING made by Commissioner Campedelli
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
3. **DETERMINATION OF WAGE BONDS FOR LICENSEES WITH WAGE VIOLATIONS**
 - Fortune Creative, LLC d/b/a Oriental Taste
41 Main Street, Northampton
 - Hao Chen, Inc. d/b/a Sakura Buffet
261 King Street, Northampton

City Solicitor Alan Seewald was present. Mr. Seewald suggested to be on the lower end of the bond. He stated that the City does not want to put these establishments out of business or put them in any jeopardy.

Mr. Seewald suggested either three or five times what their penalty was.

Commissioner Campedelli stated the amount needs to be high enough to encourage them to not violate again.

Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to set the wage bond amount for both Fortune Creative, LLC d/b/a Oriental Taste, and Hao Chen, Inc. d/b/a Sakura Buffet at \$5,000 each. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

4. **EXTENSION OF LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE FOR LIQUOR LICENSES TO PROCURE WAGE BOND**
 - Fortune Creative, LLC d/b/a Oriental Taste
41 Main Street, Northampton
 - Hao Chen, Inc. d/b/a Sakura Buffet
261 King Street, Northampton

To avoid a special meeting Commissioner Yakovlev suggested extending the expiration date to February 7th, which is the date of the next monthly meeting. The clerk suggested the Friday after February 7th to be sure everything is in order.

Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to extend the expiration dates for Fortune Creative, LLC, and Hao Chen, Inc., to February 9, 2018. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

5. RECONSIDERATION OF KENO MONITOR TO EXISTING KENO-TO-GO AGENT

Jim's Variety
15 West Farms Road, Florence

Two days after the January 3, 2018, meeting, Jim's Variety satisfied their outstanding taxes and are no longer in arrears.

The previous vote will stand because they did not meet the deadline.

Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to not object to the placement of a KENO Monitor to the existing Keno-To-Go Agent at Jim's Variety as they have satisfied their outstanding taxes. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSES

The Academy of Music, Inc. d/b/a Academy of Music Theatre

Place: 274 Main Street, Northampton

Type: Wine & Malt

Fee: Request fee waiver

Date/Time: Saturday, February 3, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.

Event: Aaron Neville Concert

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 7 – 10 p.m.

Event: Valerie June Concert

Addie MacDonald was present for these applications. A fee waiver request was made for both applications.

Commissioner Yakovlev made a motion to approve the short term liquor licenses as well as grant the fee waiver requests for both applications. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS - None

8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Campedelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 p.m. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.