



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Virtual Meeting

2:00 p.m.

The June 17, 2020, License Commission meeting will be held via remote participation.

Join Virtual Meeting

- **Video Conference:** <https://zoom.us/j/94136468406?pwd=MzErWFRtaWs5VUMzNnpsSGJ0QW50dz09>

OR

- **Telephone, call:** +1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 941 3646 8406, Password: 005851

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Commissioner Yakovlev at 2:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL - Commissioners Yakovlev and Kahn were present. Commissioner Campedelli was absent. Attorney Seewald was also present.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING made by Commissioner Yakovlev
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ON-PREMISES ALCOHOL/COMMON VICTUALLER OUTDOOR DINING EXPANSION APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SPACES**
 - **Local Burger, Inc., 16 Main St.**

Jeff Igneri was present for this application and stated he is looking to place five tables on Strong Avenue; two picnic tables, two four-tops and one two-top. There is a table outside for servers with disinfectants and one server will be dedicated to the outdoor area. The hours of operation will be 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the extension of premises for Local Burger, Inc. as shown on the plan on file to include five tables on Strong Ave. cordoned off with jersey barriers placed by the city and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transportation of alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Rias Baixas, LLC d/b/a Ibiza Tapas, 7 Strong Ave.**

Jermei Werther was present for this application and stated he is hoping for seven tables outside, three on the sidewalk adjacent to the building and four tables in the parking spaces with a total capacity of 16 people. Jermei

stated the area has already been inspected and the building department. He will erect barriers around the tables to cordon off the area.

Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the extension of premises for Rias Baixas, LLC, as shown on the plan on file to include seven tables outside, three on the sidewalk abutting the restaurant facade and four in the street area cordoned off by the jersey barriers placed by the city and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transportation of alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Very Limited d/b/a Fitzwillys/Toasted Owl, 23 Main St.**

Fred Gohr was present for this application and requested to expand his outdoor dining area into the two parking spots in front of Fitzwillys with four tables and 16 seats that are surrounded by the recently installed concrete barriers. The building department hasn't been there to look at the new area but he will schedule an inspection.

Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the extension of premises for Very Limited as shown on the plan on file to include four additional tables in the street area cordoned off by jersey barriers placed by the city and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transportation of alcohol beverages. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Veracruz Foods, Inc. d/b/a La Veracruzana, 31 Main St.**

Sunia Hood was present for this application and stated she will be putting five tables in front of La Veracruzana across the sidewalk into the barrier part of the area. Sunia will rope off the sidewalk area. She is trying to erect a tent and she will speak to the neighbors about the tent to make sure they don't have any issues with it.

Commissioner Yakovev moved approval of the extension of premises for Veracruz Foods, Inc. as shown on the plan on file to include five tables in the street area cordoned off by jersey barriers placed by the city and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transportation of alcohol beverages. Commission Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Sullrain, Inc. d/b/a Joe's Pizza, 33 Market St.**

Meaghan Sullivan was present for this application and stated that there isn't enough room to place tables and chairs on the sidewalk and the barriers won't fit in the parking spaces so the city is working to make Market Street a one way street so dining can be pushed out into the street. The area in question will be the third, fourth and fifth parking spots heading north from Graves Ave. Meaghan's plan is to put six tables in this area with proper distancing and a roped off entrance and exit. She hopes to erect a 10x40 tent and noted that the sidewalk will need to be crossed to transport alcoholic beverages.

Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the extension of premises for Sullrain, Inc. as shown on the plan on file to include six tables in Market Street and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transporting alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Mananto, LLC d/b/a Hotel Northampton, 36 King St.**

Jeffrey Hoss-Brooks was present for this application and stated he is looking to expand the outdoor patio area into the courthouse lawn that abuts the property. This would add 24 additional seats. There was a

question about ownership of the property and Attorney Seewald stated that there is a deed from the 1700s that conveys the property to the city of Northampton. However, this has not been approved by the Commonwealth yet and the city is awaiting a ruling by the State Ethics Commission before proceeding.

- **Abid Assab d/b/a Amanouz Cafe, 44 Main St.**

Abid Assab was present for this application and stated he placed four tables in the street area that the city recently created for outdoor dining. He also stated he has two tables on the sidewalk in front of his restaurant but this area has already been previously approved. Abid asked whether or not he can add two more tables because no one is using the area next to him. The clerk stated that the city is okay with it as long as he has an agreement with his neighbor.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the extension of premises for Amanouz Cafe as shown on the plan on file to include four tables in the street are cordoned off by jersey barriers placed by the city and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transporting alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Roost Northampton, LLC d/b/a The Roost, 1 Market St.**

The Commission did not receive an application from the Roost.

- **Zingara, Ltd. d/b/a Packard's, 14 Masonic St.**

Bob McGovern was present for this application and stated he hopes to place six tables in two parking spaces out front of Packard's. He hopes to erect a 9x30 tent within the parking spaces. Barriers are running out so Bob will be responsible for securing barriers for the area and will need to have them in place before commencing operations. The building commissioner will be sure all safety protocols are abided by before allowing Packard's to open.

Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the extension of premises for Zingara, Ltd. as shown on the plan on file to include six tables in the two parking spots directly in front of 14 Masonic St. and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transporting alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Washut & Ware, Inc. d/b/a Jake's Restaurant, 17 King St.**

Chris Ware was present for this application and stated he is looking for two small seating areas - one directly in front of Jake's with three two-tops spaced appropriately and one small section of two-tops on the sidewalk flush with silverscape. The newspaper boxes that are currently in front of Jake's will be moved and shifted down the sidewalk to allow for adequate sidewalk access. Chris stated that planters are being installed to protect patrons from traffic and plastic lattice fencing will be surrounding the area along with a chain link of some kind.

The clerk noted that something will need to be surrounding the licensed area to prevent access from the public walkway.

Chris stated that the benches in front of the building are being removed.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the extension of premises for Washut & Ware, Inc. as shown on the plan on file to include two small sitting areas, one directly in front of Jake's with three tables and

another area in front of Silverscape Designs to include three tables and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transporting alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- **Think Tank Brewers, LLC d/b/a Progression Brewing Company, 9 Pearl St.**

Drew Starkweather was present for this application and requested use of the three parking spaces plus the area that isn't a parking spot where the loading dock area is, directly in front of his establishment on Pearl Street. Drew stated he hopes to put two tables on the sidewalk next to the window which will most likely require a plastic shield to protect diners and pedestrians on the sidewalk. Drew stated that water filled barriers might make the most sense in the parking space area. The Commission reminded Drew that operation is contingent upon placement of jersey barriers to protect diners from oncoming traffic.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the extension of premises for Think Tank Brewers, LLC as shown on the plan on file to include three parking spaces on Pearl Street, an area used as a loading dock, two tables on the sidewalk abutting the facade of the building and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transporting alcoholic beverages. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Lanran, LLC d/b/a The Dirty Truth, 29 Main St.**

Kyle Anderson was present for this application and stated he plans on placing two tables in front of the face of the building and picnic tables in the street area. He stated he might have enough space for two more picnic tables and pointed out that the whole area will be roped off with a separate entrance and exit to limit face-to-face traffic. Kyle stated he will be the manager on premises and will in the outdoor area the entire time.

Kyle questioned whether or not he can place his tables in front of the building because the edge of his restaurant abuts the edge of Fitzqilly's and there is only about three or four feet in between tables. The clerk suggested a plastic shield to separate the area.

Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the extension of premises for Lanran, LLC as shown on the plan on file to include two tables on the facade of the building, six picnic tables in the street area cordoned off by jersey barriers placed by the city and to include the sidewalk in between limited to transportation of alcohol beverages. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- **Brewster Court Pub, Inc. d/b/a Northampton Brewery, 11 Brewster Court**

Janet Egleston was present for this application and stated she plans to put five tables along the length of the sunroom area of the Brewery. She stated the tables are round and appropriately distanced. She also requested placement of tables in front of the garden/parking garage area. She stated she doesn't need barriers because the area is a pedestrian walkway.

Commissioner Yakovlev stated she will need to erect some roping because the area needs to be contained.

Janet stated she has planters that can be used for that purpose.

Attorney Seewald stated that the snow from the top of the parking garage is pushed off into the proposed area so when snow falls, the tables need to be removed.

Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the extension of premises for Brewster Court Pub, Inc. as shown on the plan on file to include approximately ten tables in the pedestrian walkway area between the Brewery and the parking garage. Commissioner Yaovlev seconded. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

The Commission decided on Wednesday, June 24 at 3 p.m. for the next meeting.

5. ADJOURN

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.