

**LIQUOR AND BEER MEETING
LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO
MUNICIPAL HEARING ROOM, CITY HALL, 250 NORTH 5TH STREET**

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010 2:00 p.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Juanita Peterson.

II. **REVIEW OF TASTING PERMIT**

1. Crossroads Wine and Spirits, LLC dba Crossroads Wine and Spirits, 611 24 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Retail Liquor Store

Review to add Teresa Rens back to the Tasting Permit

Jerry Sica was present representing the establishment. Mr. Sica is asking that Teresa Rens be added back to the tasting permit as he spoke with her regarding the court disposition of the possession of paraphernalia charge. Mr. Sica stated that Ms. Rens is one of the best employees they have. She would have been here today but was admitted to the hospital. Mr. Sica believes the incident to be a situation of being in the wrong place with the wrong people, but Ms. Rens is very good with customers and a good student.

Hearing Officer Grattan and City Attorney Shaver concurred they wanted to give the establishment a chance to review the issue since they were not provided with much details of what occurred and to add Ms. Rens back to the tasting permit.

III. **APPLICATIONS TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES**

1. Valero Diamond Metro, Inc. dba Diamond Shamrock Corner Store #4115, 599 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 3.2% Beer Retail License (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

2. Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. dba Chipotle Mexican Grill, 2504 Highway 6 & 50, Suite 300, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

3. City of Grand Junction dba Two Rivers Convention Center, 159 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Sheryl Thompson, Banquet Manager, was present. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

4. G A Restaurant, Inc. dba Wrigley Field, 1810 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant. Ms. Peterson reported that all of the paperwork was in order.

The application for renewal was found to be in order and approved.

IV. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1. New Dragon Wall, Inc. dba New Dragon Wall Chinese Buffet Restaurant, 2839 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Beer and Wine

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes §12-47-901(1)(a.5)(I), it is unlawful for any person, including a licensee, manager, or agent of any licensed establishment to sell, serve, exchange, or permit the sale and procurement of any alcohol beverage to or for any person under the age of twenty-one years

Jason Bailey, Attorney with Traylor, Tompkins & Black, P.C., was present along with Chao Yen Chen, owner and a women by the name of Lily who might be needed for translation.

DeLayne Merritt, Staff Attorney, advised the Authority that the City has reached a plea agreement with New Dragon Wall, Inc. through their attorney, Lance Phillip Timbreza, with the law firm of Traylor, Tompkins & Black, P.C. They agreed to a 7 day suspension of the license with 2 days of active suspension and 5 days would be held in abeyance for a period of one year from the date of the approval pending no further violations of the Colorado Liquor Code, local ordinances or regulations during that period. The Licensee and the City have agreed that the Licensee can pay a fine in lieu of active suspension. The fine calculates out to be \$200.00. Ms. Merritt advised the Authority what steps the establishment has taken to prevent future violations.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Chen if he has reviewed the stipulation and understands it and finds it acceptable. Mr. Chen, through his interpreter said

that he did. Hearing Officer Grattan asked if he entered into the agreement willingly and voluntarily without being coerced. Mr. Chen said yes. Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Chen if he would like him to enter the stipulation into the record as an order of the Authority. Mr. Chen said yes.

Hearing Officer Grattan signed the agreement and asked that the City Clerk's office mail out the signed agreement in accordance with the certificate of mailing.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Hearing Officer Grattan asked about the progress of the revisions to the Liquor Licensing Petitions that is being worked on. City Attorney Shaver stated he just submitted his corrections to Ms. Peterson. Ms. Peterson said she will get these made as soon as possible. Hearing Officer Grattan asked that he be able to review the documents. Ms. Peterson said she would email them to him as soon as they are complete, and after his approval, the City Clerk's Office will begin using them.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – 2:20 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 3, 2010