

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

**MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015, 2:00 P.M.**

HEARING OFFICER MICHAEL GRATTAN

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan, City Attorney John Shaver, and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp.

II. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. KMG Enterprises, Inc., dba Boston's The Gourmet Pizza, 2404 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81505, Hotel and Restaurant

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for KMG Enterprises, Inc., dba Boston's The Gourmet Pizza was found to be in order and approved.

2. Grand FJ Japanese Restaurant, Inc. dba Sushi & Rok, 707 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506, Hotel and Restaurant

Mengyu Gao, owner of Sushi & Rok, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Health Department found nine critical violations during their inspection and has requested a conditional approval for the renewal of the liquor license. A follow-up inspection will be conducted on or after February 5, 2015.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Ms. Gao if she understood what the Health Department was asking. Ms. Gao said she did and advised that all of the violations have been corrected.

The application for renewal for Grand FJ Japanese Restaurant, Inc. dba Sushi & Rok was found to be in order and approved subject to re-inspection by the Health Department and compliance with Health Department directives.

3. Volleys, LLC dba Volleys, 304 / 330 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

No one was present representing the applicant.

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

4. Orion Investments, LLC dba Charlie Dwellington's, 103 N. 1st Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

Lizann Sinclair, owner and manager of Charlie Dwellington's, was present.

Mr. Kemp reported that the Police Department advised that an investigation is being conducted regarding a Minor in Possession (MIP) citation who reported to have bought/consumed drinks at that establishment; however, no violations with the establishment are currently pending.

Ms. Sinclair said it is her understanding that a minor was arrested and claimed that he was at Charlie Dwellington's but, to her knowledge, he was not.

The application for renewal for Orion Investments, LLC dba Charlie Dwellington's was found to be in order and approved.

5. Waltersheid Investment & Consulting, Inc. dba All Pro Liquor, 2913 Patterson Road, #104, Grand Junction, CO 81504, Retail Liquor Store

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for Waltersheid Investment & Consulting, Inc. dba All Pro Liquor was found to be in order and approved.

6. VAT, LLC dba Jack Rabbit Liquor, 2681 Unaweeep Avenue, Unit C & D, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Retail Liquor Store

Ms. Kemp advised that she just discovered that the applicant had not requested the storage permit be renewed, therefore, until she can contact the applicant, the application is not in order and asked for the matter to be continued to the February 18, 2015 Liquor and Beer Meeting.

The application for renewal for VAT, LLC dba Jack Rabbit Liquor was moved to the February 18, 2015 Liquor and Beer Meeting. Hearing Officer Grattan asked that Ms. Kemp place this item first on the agenda.

7. LOCO, Inc. dba LOCO Food Store No. 14, 2902 Patterson Road, Grand Junction, CO 81504, 3.2% Beer Retail (Off Premises)

No one was present representing the applicant.

The application for renewal for LOCO, Inc. dba LOCO Food Store No. 14 was found to be in order and approved.

III. APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE IN LOCATION – Continued from January 21, 2015

1. Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias, 118 S. 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant

Current Location: 118 S. 7th Street, Grand Junction, Co 81501

Proposed Location: 421 Colorado Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Maria Maestas, owner of Las Marias, was present.

Ms. Kemp advised that the premises was posted as required by State Statutes and neither the Fire Department nor the Health Department have received plans for the construction of the restaurant. The Fire Department had advised that the applicant will have to apply for a change of use through the City Planning Department which Ms. Kemp reported had not happened. There was no one present in opposition to the application for change of location.

Ms. Maestas advised that her current landlord at 118 S. 7th Street is allowing the existing lease to remain on a month to month basis and the architecture for the 421 Colorado Avenue location is almost ready to start pulling permits for construction. Ms. Maestas said they are hoping to be able to move to 421 Colorado Avenue the last part of April 2015.

City Attorney Shaver stated his concern that, if a change of location were granted at this time, the permit to change location may expire before Ms. Maestas could get moved. He asked Ms. Maestas if there is any financial obligation pending the approval of the change of location. Ms. Maestas said there is not. City Attorney Shaver recommended that the hearing be continued for 30 days.

Hearing Officer Grattan advised that the survey results will be accepted in March and continued the hearing for change of location for Las Marias, Inc. dba Las Marias to March 4, 2015.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 18, 2015