

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

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2005, 9:00 A.M.**

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Jim Majors, City Attorney John Shaver and Deputy City Clerk Juanita Peterson.

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

1. The Corral, 539 Colorado Avenue, Tavern – CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 5, 2005

Ms. Peterson reported that the paperwork was submitted in a timely manner but consideration was continued to give Mr. Robertson and City Attorney Shaver a chance to review the police report that the City Clerk's office received only 30 minutes before the last hearing.

Mr. Stephen Robertson and Mr. Terry Tapley, floor manager, were both present. Mr. Robertson said that the 9 page report caught him by surprise. Mr. Majors asked Officer Craig Campbell to explain the report and if the Authority will be getting reports like this from now on.

Officer Campbell stated the Authority will be seeing more of these reports on a regular basis. These reports are for statistical review and that it is important to note that this includes all activity from dispatched calls, even around the establishment.

Mr. Majors asked Officer Campbell for a de-coder for the codes. Ms. Peterson stated the City Clerk's office has that and will forward it to both Hearing Officers for future use.

Mr. Majors told Mr. Robertson that his liquor license was not under jeopardy and that he should not have any cause to be alarmed and apologized if Mr. Robertson was concerned. Mr. Robertson said his pride was hurt over this as he believes he runs a good operation. They keep track on a daily basis of what is going on in their establishment, but not what happens around them. Mr. Robertson is concerned about the incidents that happen around him that he has no control over.

City Attorney Shaver indicated to Mr. Robertson that this report would give the City Attorney's Office an opportunity for enforcement issues. It is a new tool available to the Authority for the liquor license review.

Mr. Majors approved the renewal of this license.

III. **RESOLUTION OF FINDINGS AND DECISION RE: APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE –**

1. Application by GJ Super Bowl LLC dba GJ Scores, 2445 F 3/8 Road, Grand Junction CO, Tavern

Ronald J. Hodgen, General Manager, 2445 Roan Ridge Rd., Grand Junction CO 81505  
William G. Steele, Member, 175 Dolores Cir., Glenwood Springs CO 81602  
Viola M. Steele, Member, 175 Dolores Cir., Glenwood Springs CO 81602

Ms. Peterson stated the paperwork was submitted in a timely manner and they have requested concurrent review with the State. The local police report was fine, C.B.I. is pending; the Fire Department, Health Department and Building Department will do final reports upon completion of construction. The premises was posted in a timely manner and the local sales tax report was submitted.

Ms. Peterson read the survey results into the record but noted for the record that the boundary for the survey was increased to include more residential area. The applicant indicated that there was not sufficient area. After review, Ms. Peterson agreed and increased the east boundary to 25 ½ Road.

Ms. Peterson read the results of the survey into the record (see attached report). Mr. Majors asked Ms. Peterson if she knew the approximate date of opening. Ms. Peterson stated maybe 2 weeks from her conversation with the applicant last night.

Mr. Majors asked if the applicant was present. Mr. Ron Hodgen came forward and introduced himself and stated he has been in the bowling industry for 31 years and gave the Authority a description of their plan to manage the under/over age patrons in the same facility. Mr. Hodgen stated they only serve by the drink, no pitchers, and only one drink per person at a time. All surveillance is done with state of the art technology which includes every area of the establishment.

Mr. Majors asked Mr. Hodgen if it was a firm rule that they would never serve pitchers. Mr. Hodgen said yes and that they have a control plan. Mr. Majors asked Mr. Hodgen to submit this plan to the City Clerk's office for their file.

Mr. Hodgen stated they will use staff to actively look for persons bringing drinks into the center, along with complete surveillance and patrol of the parking area.

City Attorney Shaver asked if Mr. Hodgen agreed with the information from the survey that Ms. Peterson read into the report. Mr. Hodgen stated yes and that his staff was present who conducted the survey. Carla Taylor, Melissa Stagnaro, and Jordan Rodriguez were present. City Attorney Shaver asked how they conducted the survey. Ms. Stagnaro stated they introduced themselves, stated who and why they were doing the survey. Ms. Taylor indicated that she only had one person who for religious reasons did not want to answer the survey.

Mr. Majors asked the audience if there was anyone present in favor or opposition. There being no one, Mr. Majors found the requirements have been met and approved the issuance of the tavern liquor license on a local level. The City Clerk's office will prepare a resolution for Mr. Major's signature.

Mr. Hodgen stated there will be 32 cameras in the center, historically that helps with everything digitally recorded and with the current technology, it is a great tool. Also that Officer Campbell will be conducting the training for their staff.

**IV. REVIEW OF LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE – UPDATE FROM AUGUST 17, 2005 HEARING**

1. N.N.C. dba Midnight Rodeo, 525 North Avenue, Tavern

Mr. Dan Wilson representing Ms. Nunnery came forward. Mr. Wilson asked that the quarterly reviews be discontinued since the establishment has addressed the issues from the past. Mr. Wilson focused on the parking believing it is not an issue and the owner of the building is scheduled to meet with Community Development regarding the Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Wilson also presented the affidavit of hours, current menu along with a list of current employees. Ms. Peterson wanted to make sure Ms. Nunnery understood her message from yesterday that a list of all employees be submitted instead of only the ones who attended the training. Ms. Nunnery stated yes, she only included current employees on the list as some who have taken the training have already left her employment.

Mr. Majors stated the reason behind having Community Development check into the parking issue is due to the complaints regarding parking. Mr. Majors is not imposing any parking requirements or occupancy level at this time.

Mr. Majors stated the next review will be for the annual renewal which happens in March, so the application is submitted 45 days prior.

City Attorney Shaver stated the Community Development review was a good exercise since the Conditional Use Permit dates back to the Crab Shack with a hotel/restaurant license. This gives the applicant an opportunity to work with Community Development.

This concludes the review of Midnight Rodeo.

#### **V. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

1. Estate of Ray Quan dba Far East Restaurant, 1530 North Avenue, Hotel/Restaurant (Pending paperwork, due by October 5, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.)

Mr. Shaver asked for one more continuance until the November 2, 2005 Liquor Hearing. Mr. Majors agreed to this request.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT – 9:38 a.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – November 2, 2005**

MEMO: Local Licensing Authority  
FROM: Juanita Peterson, Deputy City Clerk  
DATE: October 13, 2005  
SUBJECT: Application for a new tavern liquor license by GJ Super Bowl LLC dba GJ Scores, 2445 F 3/8 Road

GJ Super Bowl LLC filed an application with the Local Licensing Authority on September 9, 2005 for a new tavern liquor license permitting sales of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors by the drink for consumption on the premises at 2445 F 3/8 Road, under the trade name of GJ Scores. The application and supplementary documents were reviewed, found to be in order and accepted. The hearing date was set for October 19, 2005. The Notice of Hearing was given by posting a sign on the property on or before October 9, 2005 and by publishing a display ad in the Daily Sentinel on October 7, 2005.

In order to address the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood and the desires of the adult inhabitants of the neighborhood, the applicant conducted a survey. The neighborhood was defined as the area bounded on the North by G Road, on the South by River Road, on the East by 25 ½ Road, and on the West by 23 ½ Road. The results of that survey are as follows:

1. As an owner of property in the neighborhood, an employee or a business lessee of property in the neighborhood, and/or an inhabitant residing in the neighborhood for more than six months each year, I believe the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood are already being met by other existing outlets.

Yes	15
No	287

2. As an inhabitant who resides in the neighborhood for more than six months each year, it is my desire that the license be issued.

Yes	60
No	0
Disqualified	242
Out of Area	23

The 242 disqualified were businesses who answered question #2.

The Grand Junction Police Department has investigated the individuals for local criminal history. The fingerprints have been forwarded to CBI for further processing. Reports have been requested by the Grand Junction Fire Department, Code Enforcement, Mesa County Health Department, City of Grand

Junction Sales Tax Department and the Building Department. The reports are pending due to the building still under construction.

The number of similar-type outlets in the survey area is as follows:

Tavern – 3 (Grand Junction Athletic Club, Bank 8 Billiards and the Grand Junction Tennis Center)

The survey area was increased to get a better cross section of residential and businesses than the normal ½ mile radius.

That concludes this report.

cc: Applicant  
John Shaver, City Attorney  
Craig Campbell, Grand Junction Police Department  
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