

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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008 9:00 a.m.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. Those present were Hearing Officer Mike Grattan and Deputy City Clerk Debbie Kemp. City Attorney John Shaver was absent.

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

1. **SAL, Inc.** dba Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ, 710 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant – Continued from February 6, 2008

This item was moved to the end of the agenda.

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

No one representing the applicant was present.

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

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

No one representing the applicant was present.

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

4. **Orchard Mesa Liquors, LLC**, dba Orchard Mesa Liquors, 2706 Highway 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503, Retail Liquor Store

Viphear Tan, owner of Orchard Mesa Liquors, was present.

Ms. Kemp reported that the Police Department noted that on November 2, 2007, an employee of Orchard Mesa Liquors sold to an underage person. The applicant did not disclose the incident because a stipulation was not ordered through the State until January 18, 2008.

Hearing Officer asked Mr. Tan to explain the incident. Mr. Tan explained that his employee failed to check for identification. Mr. Tan stated that he tries his best to train his employees to always check for identification.

Hearing Officer Grattan asked Mr. Tan to disclose any incidents on future renewals even if a stipulation has not been ordered at the time of submitting the renewal paperwork.

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

III. APPLICATION TO REGISTER A NEW MANAGER ON A LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSE

1. **FJ40 Inc. of Colorado** dba "Cruisers Southwestern Grill", 748 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Tavern

Rachel Clark, 624 19th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501 replaces Chad Gerry

No one representing the applicant was present.

Ms. Kemp stated that Cruisers Southwestern Grill will be closing their doors and surrendering their liquor license somewhere around the end of March, but are registering a new manager to comply with the liquor code.

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

IV. APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE IN CORPORATE STRUCTURE

1. Outback/Denver-I, Limited Partnership, dba Outback Steakhouse, 2432 Highway 6 & 50, Hotel and Restaurant – **Master File in Denver**

General Partner Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, 2202 N. West Shore Blvd., 5th Floor, Tampa, FL 33607 replaces Outback Steakhouse of Florida, Inc.

Ms. Kemp explained that because the applicant has a master file in Denver, they only have to submit a courtesy copy for the local licensing authority's information. No action is required on the local level.

V. APPLICATION TO RENEW LIQUOR AND BEER LICENSES

1. **SAL, Inc.** dba Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ, 710 North Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501, Hotel and Restaurant – Continued from February 6, 2008

This item was continued from the beginning of the agenda.

Alejandro Sanchez, General Manager for Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ, was present.

Ms. Kemp advised that this application for renewal was continued from February 6, 2008 due to very critical violations that had been reported by Mesa County Health Department. Ms. Kemp reported that Tom Orr, Environmental Specialist for Mesa County Health Department, submitted a letter regarding a follow up inspection which indicated 4 of the 7 very critical violations had been corrected, and was present to provide any additional information. Ms. Kemp also advised that a registration of a new manager will be forthcoming for Fiesta Guadalajara-GJ.

Mr. Orr advised that the remaining violations were cold holding of the grated cheese and cooked beans, a broken seal on the dish machine sprayer, and improper use of a cleaning agent on a food preparation surface. Mr. Orr stated that he has seen a lot of work trying to address the problems, but would like to continue to see more. He stated that there is a terrible cockroach problem due to the structural problems of the building,

but did not see any at the follow up inspection and has been informed that an insect control company has increased their inspections at that location. Mr. Orr stated that the employees of all of the Fiesta Guadalajara locations have taken a food handlers class that was taught in Spanish. He advised that it is his understanding that the current building will be torn down and a new building will be built in its place, and that they will be moving into the building next door temporarily, currently Cruiser's, which they would have to go through a plan review process for.

Mr. Sanchez confirmed that they will be tearing down the existing building and will build a new building, but moving into the building next door temporarily is just an idea, not a plan.

Hearing Officer Grattan approved the application for renewal, but also stated that he would like the application to be rescheduled for the liquor and beer meeting on March 19, 2008 for a general review.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – March 5, 2008