

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

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CITY OF WEST CHICAGO LIQUOR/TOBACCO CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2022
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
475 MAIN STREET, WEST CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Participation
3. Minutes of October 6, 2021
4. New Business:
 - A. Request by Raphael Barnes, owner of Laugh and N Joy Comedy Club Bar and Grill, for a Class A-2 Liquor License.
 - B. Request by Mukesh Sharma, owner of Mike's Wine & Spirits, for a New Classification of Liquor License.
5. Unfinished Business
6. Adjournment

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APPROVED: _____

**WEST CHICAGO LIQUOR/TOBACCO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

October 6, 2021

1. **Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum:** Mayor Pineda called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. **Members Present:** Mayor Ruben Pineda
Alderman Becky Stout
Alderman Sandy Dimas

3. **Staff Present:** Michael Guttman, City Administrator

4. **Public Participation:**

5. **Approval of Minutes:**

Alderman Dimas moved and Alderman Stout seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2021 meeting. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

6. **New Business: Public Hearing on Notice of Report of Violations of Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of West Chicago – 59 North – The Oasis Café –**

Mayor Pineda stated it was understood that the Parties had reached an agreement and had an Agreed Order for the Commission's consideration. Attorney Patrick Bond explained that the Notice of Report of Violation was served on the Oasis Café, and in an effort to settle all matters, the Parties have reached an agreed disposition which includes the owners of the Oasis Café being found liable and in violation of the City Code. The Oasis Café owners agree to pay \$2,450 for the outstanding Citations, with payment being made within 30 days from the date of the Order. The Oasis Café will also pay \$8,000, the costs incurred by the City in connection with allegations in the Notice, with payment being made within 120 days from the date of the Order. The City will not collect any monies due in connection with the City's Amusement Tax, but the Oasis Café will be responsible for collecting and remitting monthly the City's Amusement Tax on all future eligible live entertainment events. Neither the Class A-2 nor Class I are suspended or revoked, and the Temporary Closure Order issued on July 28, 2021 is terminated effective the date of the Order. The Oasis Café owners will comply with all Ordinances of the City, including preventing any noise emanating from the business, in excess of that permitted by the City Code. The co-owner, Anthony Massih, expressed that he agreed with everything stated.

7. **Adjournment:** Alderman Dimas moved to adjourn. Second, Alderman Stout. Voice vote showed all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Michael Guttman

Subject:

RE: Inquiry

Liquor Commissioners:

A young entrepreneur is interested in opening a liquor store (focused on craft beers), with a tap room. The tap room would offer, for sale, samples of the craft beers that would allow purchasers to walk around the liquor store drinking the samples, it would not be in a spate room, but rather a part of the liquor store. No food would be offered for sale.

I (and Valeria before me) repeatedly told him that even with the tap room, the primary use would be the sale of packaged liquor for consumption off premises and it would be subject to the 1.5 mile distance threshold for C-1 licenses. Please let me know if you agree or disagree.

Thank you.