

Liquor Licensing Authority

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM

via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Liquor Licensing Authority, Mark Gonzales called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

Staff Present included Ned Chapin from the City Attorney's Office, Sarah Jacobsen from the City Clerk's Office, and Allie Powell from the City Clerk's Office.

2. Hearing to Consider a Transfer of Ownership of an Existing Hotel/Restaurant Liquor License Application by Fuscus LLC DBA Fusco Pizza, 811 8th Street

Those Present for Fuscus LLC included Benjamin Fusco, Jeremy Fusco, and Hannah Fusco.

The Clerk's report was read into the record.

Judge Gonzales asked questions regarding Jeremy Fusco's background check results.

The Liquor Licensing Authority Approved the Transfer of Ownership for Fuscus LLC FBA Fusco Pizza.

3. Public Hearing to Consider a New Hotel/Restaurant Liquor License Application by Lemoncella LLC DBA The Original Roma, 728 16th Street

Those Present for Lemoncella LLC included Raja Salaymeh, Nicole Watkins, and Randy Watkins.

Michael Kibbee from the City's finance department was also present.

The Clerk's report was read into the record.

Judge Gonzales asked questions regarding Randy Watkins' background check results.

The City Attorney's Office asked for clarification about the operating manager of the establishment.

The City Attorney's Office indicated that the Municipal Prosecutor is considering criminal prosecution under the municipal code for alcohol sales made prior to this application being filed.

The Liquor Licensing Authority Hearing was paused for 10 minutes to allow the applicants to convene with their attorney.

The Public Hearing was opened at 4:25 PM and closed at 4:26 PM no public comment was presented.

The City Attorney's Office expressed concern regarding the applicant's moral character with reference to the lack of evidence that a transfer of ownership was filed with the City

after Lemoncella LLC acquired the business in December 2021 and the filing of a transfer application in July 2022 under the previous licensee's name.

The Liquor Licensing Authority Found that there was no issue with the moral character of the Applicant and Approved the New License Application by Lemoncella LLC DBA The Original Roma.

4. Adjournment

The Liquor Licensing Authority Adjourned the meeting at 4:37 PM.

Approved:



Mark Gonzales, LLA Hearing Officer

Attest:



Allie Powell, Sr. Assistant City Clerk