



Liquor Licensing Authority Minutes

Friday, September 20, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Hearing via Zoom Webinar

1. **Call to order**

Liquor Licensing Authority, Mark Gonzales called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

2. Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of Ownership for an existing **Hotel & Restaurant** Liquor License Application:

Girl Grub Inc.

dba Doug's Diner

801 9th St.

Greeley, CO 80631

Hotel & Restaurant

Continued from August 23, 2024 LLA Hearing

3. Andrea Jensen was present. Lucas Corliss represented the City Attorney's Office. Judge Gonzales verified that wholesaler affidavits had been received. He asked Mr. Corliss if there were any objections. As there were none, Judge Gonzales found the applicants of good moral character to hold such a license and directed the City Clerk's office to affix his signature.

4. Status Conference to consider a Renewal for an existing **Liquor Store Liquor License Application:**

Whiskey Pete's Liquor LLC

dba Whiskey Pete's Liquor

324 13th St.

Greeley, CO 80631

Liquor Store

Mike Moreno, owner of Whiskey Pete's was present. Lucas Corliss represented the City Attorney's Office. Judge Gonzales asked Mr. Moreno if he understood why the status conference was necessary, and Mr. Moreno said yes.

Judge Gonzales asked Mr. Corliss to explain the situation. Mr. Corliss stated that the City Attorney's Office is of the opinion that Gorilla Liquor is the holder of the license, even though it appears the state never completed the transfer on their end. The transfer was completed on the local level, and according to Sergeant Pfeiler with the Greeley Police Department, Gorilla Liquor does not wish to relinquish the license at this time. The City Attorney's office plans to file a show cause against Gorilla Liquor since they do not have possession of their licensed premises. Mr. Corliss stated the license can either be transferred back to Whiskey Pete's or Mr. Moreno will have to apply for a new license if Gorilla Liquor's license is revoked. Mr. Moreno stated that he did not think the state completed the transfer.

Judge Gonzales explained that while the City allowed him to apply for the renewal, it did not mean that it had been approved yet. He stated that the

question is whether or not Gorilla Liquor is not in possession of the premises. He concurred with the City Attorney's office that the license was indeed transferred to Gorilla Liquor, and said the fees that have been paid towards the Whiskey Pete's renewal could be credited towards the cost of a transfer or new license application. Gorilla Liquor is currently the owner of the license, and Judge Gonzales ordered Mr. Moreno to stop selling any alcohol. All parties agreed to continue the matter to the October 18th hearing, and Mr. Corliss would issue the show cause to Gorilla Liquor, also setting it for October.

Judge Gonzales made it clear this was a matter of common sense. Mr. Moreno said the lease agreement stated that if the tenant moves out before the end of the lease term, the license transfers back to the landlord. Judge Gonzales recommended Mr. Moreno contact an attorney.

5. Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2024

Judge Gonzales approved the August 23, 2024 minutes.

6. New Business

Judge Gonzales approved the 2025 LLA Hearing Schedule.

7. Adjournment

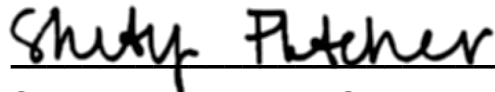
The hearing was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Approved:



Mark Gonzales, LLA Hearing Officer

Attest:



Shelby Fletcher, LLA Secretary