



Liquor Licensing Authority Minutes

Monday, December 2, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Hearing via Zoom Webinar

1. **Call to order**

Liquor Licensing Authority, Mark Gonzales called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom.

2. Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of Ownership for an existing **Retail Liquor Store** Liquor License Application:

Whiskey Petes Liquor LLC

dba Whiskey Petes Liquor

324 13th St.

Greeley, CO 80631

Retail Liquor Store

Continued from November 15th Hearing

Whiskey Pete's owner, Michael Mareno, was present for the Hearing represented by Attorney Tom Grant. Sunita Sharma and Lucas Corlis represented the City Attorney's Office. Judge Gonzales asked Mr. Grant if there was anything he would like to state. Mr. Grant requested the transfer be approved as all departments had signed off, and expressed his confusion about how the process had become a transfer instead of a renewal. He reviewed an email from the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division. Judge Gonzales explained that there was indeed much confusion and possible errors, but most importantly the city was not in agreement with the state, and felt the transfer was the correct way to handle it as Mr. Moreno had transferred the license to Gorilla Liquor and he severed his ties to a liquor license. Judge Gonzales asked Ms. Fletcher to read the report into the record. Mr. Grant had no questions. Mr. Corliss stated he had made several attempts to contact the state with no response and felt the transfer was the most appropriate process. Ms. Sharma stated she had no objections to the Transfer. Judge Gonzales granted the Transfer, finding the applicant of good moral character, and instructed the City Clerk's Office to affix his signature and send to the State. Mr. Grant asked if Whiskey Petes was allowed to open for business, as they normally would have obtained a temporary permit, and this was a very busy season of the year. There were no objections.

3. **New Business**

None.

4. **Adjournment**

The Hearing was adjourned at 10:48 am.

Approved:

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Mark Gonzales, LLA Hearing Officer

Attest:

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Jennifer Middleton, LLA Secretary