



Liquor Licensing Authority Minutes

Friday, June 13, 2025 – 1 p.m.

Virtual Hearing via Zoom Webinar

Call to order

Liquor License Authority Mark Gonzales called the Hearing to order at 1:06 p.m. The Hearing was conducted virtually via Zoom.

Order to Show Cause

NOTE: Some of the items listed during this portion of the Hearing were conducted out of order

- 1. Bittersweet Liquor Investment LLC**
dba Bittersweet Liquor
3504 W 10th St.
Greeley, CO 80634
Retail Liquor Store

Continued from March 13th and May 9th Hearing

Lucas Corliss was present from the City Attorney's Office. Owner Gary Buchholtz was present from Bittersweet Liquor though it seemed his mic was not working. Mr. Corliss stated there was a stipulation agreement in spirit between the City and Mr. Buchholtz. Because of this, Judge Gonzales granted a continuation of this item to the July 18th Hearing docket.

- ~~**2. Bogey's Pub & Grill LLC**~~
~~dba Bogeys Pub & Grille~~
~~2200 Clubhouse Dr.~~
~~Greeley, CO 80634~~
~~**Hotel and Restaurant**~~

~~**Continued from April 11th and May 9th Hearing**~~

STIPULATION REACHED PRIOR TO HEARING

- 3. GGG INC**
dba Key Largo Lounge
3621 W 10th St.
Greeley, CO 80634
Tavern

Continued from April 11th and May 9th Hearing

Tanner Spracklen was present from the City Attorney's Office. Tom Grant, attorney for Key Largo Lounge, and Key Largo Lounge owner, Sotirios Gatsiopoulos were present. Mr. Spracklen stated he and the licensee have been working towards a resolution and would like to continue this item to the July 18th

Hearing docket. Mr. Grant had no objections. Judge Gonzales granted the continuation request.

- ~~4. **Safeway Store Forty Six Inc.**
dba Safeway Store #2666
4548 Centerplace Dr.
Greeley, CO 80631
Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine~~

~~Continued from April 11th and May 9th Hearing~~

~~***MOTION WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO HEARING***~~

5. **Coyotes Southwestern Grill Inc**
dba Coyotes Southwestern Grill
5250 W 9th St.
Greeley, CO 80634
Hotel and Restaurant

Mr. Spracklen was present from the City Attorney's Office. Owners Rich and Brenda Lucio were present. Mr. and Mrs. Lucio stated they would like to speak with Mr. Spracklen regarding the alleged violations. Because of this, Judge Gonzales granted a continuation of this item to the July 18th Hearing docket.

6. **Noco Axe Throwing Inc**
dba Greeley Hatchet House
820 9th St.
Greeley, CO 80631
Beer & Wine

Mr. Spracklen was present from the City Attorney's Office. Owner Austin Jenkins was also present. Mr. Spracklen stated he had been in contact with Mr. Jenkins regarding the violations and would like to continue this item to the July 18th Hearing docket. Mr. Jenkins had no objections. Judge Gonzales granted the continuation request.

7. **Girl Grub Inc**
dba Doug's Diner
801 9th St.
Greeley, CO 80631
Hotel and Restaurant

Mr. Spracklen was present from the City Attorney's Office. No one was present from Doug's Diner. Mr. Spracklen stated he had not had contact with the owners of the establishment. Given the nature of the violations, Mr. Spracklen requested that this item be continued to the July 18th Hearing docket so he may try to contact the owners. Judge Gonzales granted the continuation but noted that he would entertain a motion from the City Attorney's Office to find them in default should they fail to appear again.

8. **Santeramo's Inc.**
dba Santeramo's Pizza House & Italian Food

1229 10th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631
Hotel and Restaurant

Mr. Corliss was present from the City Attorney's Office. Jordan and Chelsea Santeramo were present from Santeramo's Pizza House & Italian Food. Mr. and Ms. Santeramo stated they had been in conversation with Mr. Corliss regarding the violations. Mr. Corliss confirmed and asked that this item be continued to the July 18th Hearing docket with an expectation to reach a stipulation agreement prior to that date. Mr. and Ms. Santeramo had no objections. Judge Gonzales granted the continuation request.

9. Whiskey's LLC

dba El Garibaldi
2700 West 10th St. Ste. 102
Greeley, CO 80631
Tavern

Mr. Corliss was present from the City Attorney's Office. No one was present from El Garibaldi. Mr. Corliss stated he had not had contact with the owner of the establishment. Given the nature of the violations, Mr. Corliss requested that this item be continued to the July 18th Hearing docket so he may try to contact the owner. Judge Gonzales granted the continuation but noted that he would entertain a request from the City Attorney's Office to find them in default should they fail to appear again.

10. Bowl Fort Collins, LLC.

~~dba Chipper's Lanes
2454 8th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631
Hotel and Restaurant~~

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11. Bhansa LLC

dba Bhansa
1105 26th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80634
Hotel and Restaurant

Mr. Corliss was present from the City Attorney's Office. Owners Prashant and Rupesh Nyaupane were also present. A Nepali interpreter was requested during the Hearing, but the City Clerk's Office was unsuccessful in obtaining one. Because of this, Judge Gonzales granted a continuation of this item to the July 18th Hearing docket.

12. Cruisers Inc

dba Cruisers Inc
1020 28th Ave.#109
Greeley, CO 80634
Tavern

Mr. Corliss was present from the City Attorney's Office. Owner Sebastian Galindo was also present. Mr. Galindo stated he had spoken with Mr. Corliss and was working to remedy the violation. Mr. Corliss confirmed that Mr. Galindo had been in contact. Because of this, Judge Gonzales continued this item to the July 18th Hearing docket.

Public Hearing

13. Public Hearing to consider the Change of Location for an existing Liquor License Application:

*** Spanish Interpreter Requested***

Seven Fish LLC

dba Ta Culichi

1717 23rd Ave.

Greeley, CO 80631

Hotel and Restaurant

Internal Permit Number: LLM2504-0147

Sunita Sharma from the City Attorney's Office was present. Owner Dora Edith Bernal Buelna and Spanish interpreter Noel were also present. Shelby Fletcher of the City Clerk's Office read the Clerk's Report into the record. Ms. Bernal Buelna asked Ms. Fletcher to clarify the process for obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy. Judge Gonzales clarified the process and how it might impact the Liquor License. There were no more questions for Ms. Fletcher. Ms. Bernal Buelna was sworn in to provide testimony. Ms. Bernal Buelna then explained why she felt the application should be approved, stating the business had outgrown its current location. Judge Gonzales then asked Ms. Bernal Buelna to explain how she acquired the signatures during the petitioning process. After discussion, Judge Gonzales was satisfied with the petition results. Ms. Sharma had no questions for Ms. Bernal Buelna. The Hearing was opened for Public Comment at 1:59 p.m. There was no one present to comment on the application, and the Public Comment section was closed at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Sharma had no objections to the application once the Certificate of Occupancy was issued. Judge Gonzales conditionally approved the application pending issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

14. Public Hearing to consider a new Beer and Wine Liquor License Application:

Marcus Stephen Romero, Mark Stephen Romero II

dba Lafayette's Creperie

1221 9th Ave.

Greeley, CO 80631

Beer and Wine

Internal Permit Number: LLN2504-0492

Ms. Sharma from the City Attorney's Office was present. Owners Marcus Romero and Mark Romero II were present. Judge Gonzales asked the applicants to clarify who the "Applicant" on the application should be. Mr. Romero II clarified

the “Applicant” should be “MSR Investments Inc.” Ms. Fletcher read the Clerk’s Report into the record. Mr. Romero and Mr. Romero II were sworn in to provide testimony. Mr. Romero II then stated he felt adding Beer and Wine to his menu would enhance the dining experience as other restaurants in the area have done the same. Judge Gonzales then asked the owners to explain how they conducted the petitioning process. Mr. Romero detailed his process and offered an explanation on why some signatures were discredited. Ms. Sharma then asked Mr. Romero II questions regarding the corporate structure of the establishment. Satisfied with his clarification, Ms. Sharma had no further questions but did request that a lease agreement be provided to clearly distinguish that “MSR Investments Inc.” had legal possession of the premises. The Hearing was opened for Public Comment at 2:19 p.m. There was no one present to comment on the application, and the Public Comment section was closed at 2:20 p.m. Ms. Sharma had no objections to the application once a lease agreement was provided. Judge Gonzales conditionally approved the application pending submittal and review of the requested lease agreement.

15. Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of Ownership for an existing Liquor License Application:

Big Bear Liquors Inc.

dba Big Bear Liquors Inc.

2401 8th Ave.

Greeley, CO 80634

Retail Liquor Store

Internal Permit Number: LLT2504-0015

Continued from May 9th Hearing

Ms. Sharma was present from the City Attorney’s Office. Bob Choate, attorney for Big Bear Liquors Inc., and owner Jennifer Ferguson were present. Mr. Choate requested that this item be continued to the July 18th docket. Mr. Choate stated he and Ms. Ferguson were in the process of navigating through an estate left by Ms. Ferguson’s recently deceased husband, which included a liquor store in Pierce, Colorado. Ms. Sharma asked clarifying questions regarding the intent of ownership for both locations. Mr. Choate explained that both stores were still operating but that his client would be selling at least one of the stores once the probate of the estate is completed. Ms. Sharma had no further questions and did not object to the continuation. Judge Gonzales granted the continuation.

16. Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of Ownership for an existing Liquor License Application:

Greeley Breakfast Club LLC

dba Greeley Breakfast Club

2109 9th St.

Greeley, CO 80631

Hotel and Restaurant

Internal Permit Number: LLT2504-0486

Ms. Sharma from the City Attorney's Office was present. Owner Dakota Soifer was present. Ms. Fletcher read the Clerk's Report into the record. Mr. Soifer was sworn in to provided testimony. Judge Gonzales asked clarifying questions to Mr. Soifer regarding various aspects of the application. Ms. Sharma asked Mr. Soifer to clarify the information provided regarding the purchase price of the establishment. Mr. Soifer explained, and Ms. Sharma had no further questions. Ms. Sharma had no objections to the application. Judge Gonzales granted the transfer of the existing liquor license.

17. Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of Ownership for an existing Liquor License Application:

Deckers Entertainment Specialists Inc

dba Wylers Pub and Grill
2385 W 27th St. Unit #513
Greeley, CO 80631

Tavern

Internal Permit Number: LLT2504-0638

Ms. Sharma from the City Attorney's Office was present. Owner Jason Decker was present. Judge Gonzales stated his personal relationship with the previous owner of Wylers Pub and Grill and offered recusal should anyone have objections to him presiding over this application. There were no objections or requests for recusal. Ms. Fletcher read the Clerk's Report into the record. Mr. Decker was sworn in to provided testimony. Mr. Decker stated his past experience in the service industry and why he wanted to continue that legacy in Greeley. Mr. Decker also clarified the past criminal history found. Ms. Sharma had no objections to the application. Judge Gonzales granted the transfer of the existing liquor license.

18. Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of Ownership for an existing Liquor License Application:

Smartpies LLC

dba Empire State Pizza
4318 9th St. Rd. Unit A1
Greeley, CO 80634

Hotel and Restaurant

Internal Permit Number: LLT2504-0688

Ms. Sharma from the City Attorney's Office was present. Owner Michael Schwartz was present. Ms. Fletcher read the Clerk's Report into the record. Mr. Schwartz was sworn in to provided testimony. Mr. Schwartz explained that he felt the sale of alcohol would be minimal but is a desire by customers. Mr. Schwartz then clarified the previous violation made at his other liquor licensed establishment and ensured he had been more stringent with training since the incident occurred. Judge Gonzales asked clarifying questions regarding the

layout of the neighboring establishment. Mr. Schwartz stated Empire State Pizza would be the sole license holder and that he had adjusted the layout of his establishment to ensure better monitoring of alcohol. Mr. Schwartz also clarified the past criminal history found. Ms. Sharma had no objections to the application. Judge Gonzales granted the transfer of the existing liquor license.

19. Approval of Minutes: May 9, 2025

The May 9th Minutes were approved with amendments made to Show Cause items that had reached a stipulation agreement prior to the Hearing.


20. New Business: Judge Gonzales stated he wanted to solidify the 2026 Hearing Dates as soon as possible to ensure compliance of stipulation agreements.

21. Next Hearing: July 18, 2025, at 1 p.m. by Zoom

22. Adjournment

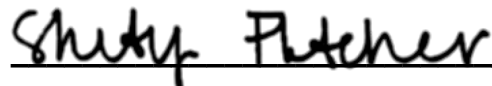
The Hearing was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Approved:



Mark Gonzales, LLA Hearing Officer

Attest:



Shelby Fletcher, LLA Secretary