

A Public Hearing for Trattoria Pizzeria Luigi and O'Tooles was held during the regular meeting of the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in City Hall, Room 315 (Third Floor). Chair Poulton called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Commissioners:	Capello Fournier Poulton	

Also present were City Manager Johnson, City Attorney Gillam, Chief of Police O'Donohue, and Deputy Chief of Police Young.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brendan Wehrung, 702 Irving, asked for the Committee's consideration for meeting materials to be posted on the City's website in a more timely fashion. He expressed a concern about Hamlin's Corner request for an open air area he thought should be enclosed because of music.

No one else wished to address the Committee, therefore, the Public Comment section of the meeting was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Capello
Seconded by Commissioner Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee minutes of February 26, 2013 were approved as submitted.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing was opened.

PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST FROM 3 SONS, L.L.C. (TRATTORIA PIZZERIA LUIGI) FOR A "BISTRO" REDEVELOPMENT QUOTA CLASS C AND SDM LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES (AM/PM) AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE PERMIT (FOOD) TO BE LOCATED AT 415 S. WASHINGTON, ROYAL OAK, MI 48067, OAKLAND COUNTY.

Deputy Chief Young summarized the Memorandum dated March 20, 2013 noting the Police Department did not object to the request.

Owner, Mr. Luigi Cutraro, was present and explained his intentions in operating the restaurant.

The Public Comment section of the Public Hearing was opened.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Lopez, 2018 Guthrie, spoke in favor of the restaurant.

No one else wished to address the Committee; therefore, the Public Comment section of the Public Hearing was closed and brought back to the Committee's side of the Table.

Moved by Commissioner Capello
Seconded by Commissioner Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee hereby recommends approval of the request of 3 Sons, L.L.C. for Trattoria Pizzeria Luigi, 415 S. Washington, for forwarding to the City Commission.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING: THE ROYAL OAK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM C & W LTD., L.L.C. (O'TOOLES) TO ADD SPACE AND ELIMINATE EXISTING OUTDOOR SERVICE (1 AREA) IN CLASS C LICENSE ISSUED UNDER MCL 436.1107(2) AND SDM LICENSED BUSINESS WITH OUTDOOR SERVICE (1 AREA), ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT AND SUNDAY SALES PERMIT (PM), LOCATED AT 205 W. FIFTH STREET, ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN 48067, OAKLAND COUNTY.

Deputy Chief Young summarized the Memorandum dated April 2, 2013 noting the Police Department would not be in favor of rooftop decking.

The rooftop decking in the proposed Plan of Operation was discussed and Owner, Mr. Keith Wadle, was present and agreed to remove the rooftop language.

Mr. Jeff Klatt, Krieger/Klatt Architects, Inc., was present and explained the proposed changes.

The Public Comment section of the Public Hearing was opened.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brendan Wehrung, 702 Irving, pointed out the roll-up door differed in size between the plan and the drawings and was quite low. He thought the Owner should stand before the Committee and agree not to build a rooftop deck in the future.

No one else wished to address the Committee; therefore, the Public Comment section of the Public Hearing was closed and brought back to the Committee's side of the Table.

Attorney, Larry Lieb, was present on behalf of O'Tooles and apologized for being late. Mr. Lieb spoke of the Planning Commission's approval of the outside enclosure subject to the Committee's approval and was in agreement to removing the rooftop language in the proposed Plan of Operation as agreed to by Mr. Wadle.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier
Seconded by Commissioner Capello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee hereby recommends approval of the request of O'Tooles, 205 W. Fifth Street, for forwarding to the City Commission.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

OXFORD INN (308-310 S. MAIN STREET): REQUEST TO CHANGE PLAN OF OPERATION (NAME AND FORMAT OF BUSINESS)

Deputy Chief Young summarized the Memorandum dated March 8, 2013 noting the Police Department would not object to the changes in the Plan of Operation as long as a Dance Permit Agreement is signed by the owner.

Owner, Mr. Higgins, was present and said he felt the changes were not significant as noted in Deputy Chief Young's Memorandum. He continued to explain what his changes entailed and felt he could not be compared to Toby Keiths (Auburn Hills) and Coyote Joe's (Shelby Twp.) because their capacity is much larger with a dance floor and they are bars. He intends to operate a restaurant with the menu remaining the same except with a country twist because his family is from Tennessee.

Discussion took place regarding the necessity of having a signed Dance Permit Agreement. Mr. Higgins decided to continue operating under the current Plan of Operation and have the matter tabled to a later date. Mr. Higgins agreed to discuss any other changes to his current Plan of Operation with the Police Department to determine if a change to the Plan of Operation is necessary.

Moved by Commissioner Capello
Seconded by Commissioner Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee hereby tables the request of Oxford Inn, 308-310 S. Main Street, to a later date.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

PIZZERIA BIGA (711 S. MAIN STREET): REQUEST TO CHANGE PLAN OF OPERATION (HOURS OF OPERATION)

Deputy Chief Young summarized the Memorandum dated March 11, 2013 noting the Police Department did not object to any of requested changes in the Plan of Operation.

Attorney, Kelly Allen, was present on behalf of the establishment with the Owner and the Chef who explained the brunch menu.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier
Seconded by Commissioner Capello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee hereby recommends approval of the request of Pizzeria Biga, 711 S. Main Street, to change their Plan of Operation for forwarding to the City Commission.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

HAMLIN'S CORNER (386-390 N. MAIN STREET): REQUEST TO CHANGE PLAN OF OPERATION (ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR SERVICE AND CHANGE TO INTERIOR FLOOR PLAN)

Deputy Chief Young summarized the Memorandum dated April 2, 2013 noting the Police Department did not object to the changes in the Plan of Operation.

Attorney, Kelly Allen, was present and answered questions raised by the Committee regarding the windows.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier
Seconded by Commissioner Capello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee hereby recommends approval of the request of Hamlin's Corner, 386-390 N. Main Street, to change their Plan of Operation for an additional outdoor service and change to the interior floor plan for forwarding to the City Commission.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICE UPDATE

Deputy Chief Young advised a request was received from Ms. Allen for Messrs. John and Jack Hanna to open a Bistro restaurant d/b/a Iron Horse Royal Oak located at 316 W. Fourth Street where Tania's Pizza was located.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Capello
Seconded by Commissioner Fournier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Melanie Halas
City Clerk

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