

# City of Memphis Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes July 20, 2022

- I. Call to Order The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- II. Roll Call The following Commissioners were present: Claudette Boyd, Barry Chase, Jared Johnson, Brian Harris, Johnsie Wallace Gault and Anna Vergos Blair. The following Commissioners were not present: Chad Hampton and Renee Poe.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (July 6, 2022) The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to today's meeting. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.

#### IV. Special Beer Applicant(s)

1. Michelle Dooner - 6903 Great View Drive - "Memphis Summer Cocktail Fest"

Date(s): July 29, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Volunteer Memphis Purpose of funds: Charitable; 20 booth(s)

Ms. Dooner was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the special beer application pending he provide a certificate of occupancy and a consent form. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. The special beer permit was not issued to the applicant.

(Account #T28125)

2. William Stovall – Riverside Drive – "River Arts Festival"

Date(s): October 22 – 23, 2022 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization :River Arts Fest, Inc. Purpose of funds: Charitable; 165 booth(s)

Mr. Stovall was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. The special beer permit was

issued to the applicant.

(Account #T6195)

#### V. <u>Violations:</u>

## The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D4 (NO) priors:

3. Covington Pike Enterprise, Inc. – 3524 Covington Pike – dba – "Covington food Mart" – Citation(s) #939733

Date of Violation(s): August 26, 2021 Date Permit Approved: April 21, 2021

Officer(s): Collins #13617, Gillard#1976, Houston #2877

MD Khalil was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Boyd moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Khalil agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T25364)

4. Askar H. Alawdi – 2511 Jackson Avenue – dba – "Marton St. Grocery" – Citation(s) #969367

Date of Violation(s): November 15, 2021

Date Permit Approved: January 5, 2005

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410, Scott #11978

Mr. Alawdi was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Boyd moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Alawdi agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR2287)

5. Shekih Ahamed – 1856 Poplar Avenue – Nexus Exxon, Inc. – dba – "Nexus Exxon" – Citation(s) #969370

Date of Violation(s): November 10, 2021

Date Permit Approved: February 2003

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410, Scott #11978

No one appeared to represent the location. Commissioner Chase moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #BR4508)

6. Ali Al Harbi – 766 Jackson Avenue– dba – "Twin Food Mart" – Citation(s) #969359

Date of Violation(s): November 8, 2021

Date Permit Approved: January 16 2002

Officer(s): Martin #0410, Ward #0502, Grandberry #1978

Mr. Harbi was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$500.00 along 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Harbi agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR864)

7. Talal Al Ammari – 3003 Lamar Avenue – dba – "Three Diamonds" – Citation(s) #939901

Date of Violation(s): September 7, 2021 Date Permit Approved: February 21, 2018

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Scott #11978

Attorney Jim Curry and Mr. Gamoom were present and stipulated to the C5. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to dismiss the charge. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. Commissioner Chase opposed the motion.

(Account #T16752)

## The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5 (NO) priors:

8. Rafiq Ali – 4679 Elvis Presley Boulevard – Elvis Exxon, Inc.– dba – "Elvis Exxon" – Citation(s) #909023, OS396755

Date of Violation(s): September 1, 2021 Date Permit Approved: February 1, 2017 Officer(s): Collins #13617, Gillard #1976, Martin #0410

Mr. Amanullah Devji was present but did not provide a POA. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. Commissioner Boyd moved to rescind the motion and continue this location to the August 3, 2022 A C meeting. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.

(Account #T12900)

9. Khondkar Rahman – 5755 Raleigh LaGrange Road – RL Express BP, Inc. – dba – "RL Express BP, Inc" – Citation(s) #940011, OS396706

Date of Violation(s): September 8, 2021 Date Permit Approved: November 1, 2017

Officer(s): Martin #0410, Ward #0502, Harvell #12125

Mr. Rahman was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Rahman agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T15951)

10. Mofazzal Hossain – 1675 Madison Avenue – Madison Express Market, Inc. – dba – "Madison Express" – Citation(s) #969369, OS399089

Date of Violation(s): November 10, 2021 Date Permit Approved: December 18, 2019

Officer(s): Martin #0410, Ward #0502, Scott #11978

Attorney Gerald Green and Mohammad Kals were present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Kals agreed to the fine and probation. (Account #T22966)

(Account #122900)

#### The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C5 (NO) priors:

11. Eam, Inc. – 1590 Sycamore View Road – Eam, Inc. – dba – "Road Runner" – Citation(s) #969425, OS396708

Date of Violation(s): September 8, 2021 Date Permit Approved: January 2, 2013

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Harvell #12125, Martin #0410

No one appeared to represent the location. Commissioner Boyd moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #BR4498)

#### The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4 (NO) priors:

12. Summer Food & Fuel, Inc. – 2477 Summer Avenue – Summer Food & Fuel, Inc. – dba – "Summer Food Mart" – Citation(s) #OS399092

Date of Violation(s): November 15, 2021 Date Permit Approved: October 7, 2020 Officer(s): Ward #0502, Scott #11978

No one appeared to represent the location. Commissioner Boyd moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #T24589)

#### VI. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for "ON" Premise Consumption:

- 13. Alejandro Romero 662 Madison Avenue Sabor Caribe, LLC dba "Sabor Caribe" Mr. Romero and translator Ms. Sanchez were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #T28089)
- 14. Tawanda Knight (Manager) 962 Shady Grove Road South AHTRST Concessions, LLC dba "Hampton Inn & Suites Memphis Shady Grove"
  Ms. Knight was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #T27388)

## VII. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for "OFF" Premise Consumption:

- 15. Mohamed Murshed 1433 Elvis Presley Blvd. dba "Ham Kirk Grocery" Mr. Murshed was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #T28107)
- 16. Ahmed Nasher 1050 Chelsea Avenue dba "B & H Express" Mr. Nasher was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #T27308)
- 17. Tony Xu, Keith Yandell & Tia Sherringham 5130 Old Summer Door Dash Essentials, LLC dba "Dash Mart"

  Paul Robinson (POA) was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.

  (Account #T28113)
- 18. Tanzila Hossain, Savrina Hossain & Mohammad Hossain 5260 South Third Street ST Enterprise Inc. dba "H Food Mart" Ms. Tanzila was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. Commissioner Harris and Johnson opposed. The motion passed.

  (Account #T27950)
- 19. Ramy Samy & Hazem Shoman 7010 Winchester Road EGY Management VII, LLC dba "EGY Management VII, LLC" Mr. Shoman was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed. (Account #T28055)

## VIII. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for "10% OFF" Premise Consumption:

20. Amanullah Devji – 3483 Airways Blvd. – Airways C Store Inc. – dba – "Airways C Store Inc."

Mr. Devji was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application*. *Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed*. (Account #T28098)

### IX. Liquor Store(s) Transfer of Ownership:

21. Joseph Jarratt & Robert Fogelman – 6161 Poplar Avenue – Great Wines & Spirits, LLC – dba – "Great Wine & Spirits" Attorney Nathan Bicks, Joseph Jaratt and Robert Fogelman were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris* 

moved to recommend to the Mayor and the Mayor will recommend to the State for approval. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.

(Account#28053)

- X. New Business
- XI. Old Business
- XII. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner Chase moved for adjournment at approximately 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.

Jared Johnson, Chairman

Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

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