

# City of Memphis Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes August 3, 2022

- I. Call to Order The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:10 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 and Anna Vergos Blair. The following Commissioners were not present: Chad Hampton, Renee Poe and Johnsie Wallace Gault.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (July 20, 2022) The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to today's meeting. Commissioner Chase moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.

\*Please Note: Commissioner Chad Hampton is now present.\*

## ► IV. Special Beer Applicant(s)

1. David Branch - 3050 Central Avenue - "Crosstown Mastodon Beer Release Party"

Date(s): August 18, 2022 Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: MoSH/Pink Palace Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T28234)

2. Berenice Lopez – 2092 Trimble Place – "Latin Fest 2022"

Date(s): September 24, 2022 Time: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Cazateatro Bilingual Theatre Group

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)

Ms. Lopez was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed. The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T22476)

Jim Lovell – 7777 Walnut Grove Road (Agricenter) – "Delta Fair"
Date(s): September 2, 2022 – September 11, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Sat & Sun)

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Delta Inc. Purpose of funds: For Profit; 3 booth(s)

Mr. Lovell was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed. The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T19102)

4. Tunya Batts – 85 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – "SupperClub on 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Opening"

Date(s): August 5, 2022 - September 3, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: SupperClub on 2nd

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)

Ms. Batts was not present but one of the applicants listed on the On-Premise beer application for SupperClub on 2nd, Mr. Joseph Johnson was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to Mr. Johnson.

(Account #T28253)

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

## The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5, D4 (WITH) priors:

5. MD Rakib, Tanzila Hossain and Moriom Khatun – 2690 North Watkins Street – ARE Enterprise, Inc. – dba – "Watkins Food Mart" – Citation(s) #969376, OS-399099

Date of Violation(s): February 15, 2022 Date Permit Approved: October 17, 2018

Prior Violation(s): February 16, 2019 (C5, D10)

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

Mr. Rakib was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$950.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Rakib agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T19562)

## VI. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D4 (WITH) priors:

6. Lotf Al-Kabsh – 935 South Highland Street – dba – "Quick & Easy #2" – Citation(s) #969362

Date of Violation(s): February 8, 2022 Date Permit Approved: April 16, 2014

Prior Violation(s): August 4, 2018 (C5, D4) Officer(s): Harvell #12125, Ward #0502

## Indefinitely suspended on June 1, 2022/Lift indefinite suspension

Attorney Jim Curry was present. Commissioner Hampton moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed. Attorney Jim Curry stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$750.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed. Attorney Jim Curry agreed to the fine and probation.

## VII. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5, D4 (NO) priors:

7. Rooziman Shah – 1923 Poplar Avenue – Walnut Grove, LLC – dba – "Poplar Store" – Citation(s) #969232, OS-399085

Date of Violation(s): September 16, 2021

Date Permit Approved: January 5, 2011

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Murden #12150, Martin #0410

Mr. Shah 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Shah agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR4053)

8. Mohammad Bhuiyan, Hakim Sahiduszzaman, Syed Hossain, MD Hossain, Nusrat Shorna and Layak Miah – 2864 Thomas Street – Thomas Express, Inc. – dba – "Thomas Food Mart" – Citation(s) #969377, #OS-399097

Date of Violation(s): February 15, 2022 Date Permit Approved: March 17, 2021 Officer(s): Ward #0502, Harvell #12125

Mr. Hossain 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Hossain agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T25094)

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

9. Hussain Mawani – 3713 North Watkins Street – Frasier Food Mart, LLC – dba – "Lucky Seven and Fuel Mart" – Citation(s) #908798

Date of Violation(s): February 15, 2022

Date Permit Approved: February 18, 2009

Officer(s): Scott #11978, Mosby #5668

No one appeared. Commissioner Chase moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.

(Account #BR3612)

10. Salah Saleh – 3340 Millington Road – dba – "Frayser Xpress Mart" – Citation(s) #908797

Date of Violation(s): February 15, 2022 Date Permit Approved: August 21, 2019

Officer(s): Scott #11978, Mosby #5668

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

(Account #T21752)

11. Ekram Yusuf – 2626 North Watkins Street – Watkins BP, LLC – dba – "Watkins BP, LLC" – Citation(s) #908799

Date of Violation(s): February 15, 2022 Date Permit Approved: August 21, 2019 Officer(s): Scott #11978, Mosby #5668 Ms. Yusuf was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Yusuf agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T23613)

12. MD Hasan & MD Alam – 2067 Frayser Blvd. – ARS Joint Inc. – dba – "Kings Food Mart" – Citation(s) #954844

Date of Violation(s): February 22, 2022 Date Permit Approved: May 19, 2021

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Murden #12150

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

(Account #T25416)

13. Sheikh 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

#### Indefinitely suspended on July 20, 2022/Lift indefinite suspension

Attorney John Parker was present. Commissioner Boyd moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed. Attorney John Parker stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed. Attorney John Parker agreed to the fine and probation. (Account #BR4508)

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

14. Eyad Jubrial-Jaber – 1590 Sycamore View Road – Eam, Inc. – dba – "Road Runner" – Citation(s) #969425, OS-396708

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

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

## Indefinitely suspended on July 20, 2022/Lift indefinite suspension

Mr. Jubrial-Jaber was present. Commissioner Chase moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Jubrial-Jaber 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 Harris seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Jubrial-Jaber agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR4498)

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

15. Nabil Haimed & Abdullah Algumaei – 3467 Range Line Road – Frayser Discount Mart, LLC – dba – "Frayser Discount Mart" – Citation(s) #OS-419281

Date of Violation(s): February 22, 2022 Date Permit Approved: November 17, 2021 Officer(s): Houston #2877, Murden #12150 Attorney Jim Curry was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed. Attorney Jim Curry agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T26238)

16. MD Rashid, MD Ullaha, Arifur Arif & Mohammad Hossain – 2133 Lamar Avenue – XL Enterprise, Inc. – dba – Q Mart BD – Citation(s) #OS-394064 & OS-366522

Date of Violation(s): September 7, 2021

Date Permit Approved: May 17, 2017 Officer(s): Gillard #1976, Ward #0502

Mr. Rashid was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Rashid agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T13279)

17. MD Islam, MD Hoque, Syed Hossain, MD Hossain, Ligang Tang, Muslim Ahmed & Mohammad Islam – 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

#### Indefinitely suspended on July 20, 2022/Lift indefinite suspension

Mr. Tang was present. Commissioner Chase moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Tang did not stipulate to the charge and stated the reason. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to dismiss the charge. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion was not unanimous. Commissioner Johnson asked for a roll call vote. Commissioners Boyd, Harris and Johnson voted no on dismissing the charge. Commissioners Chase, Hampton and Vergos Blair voted yes on dismissing the charge. The motion failed. After further discussion and after the testimony of Officer Ward, Commissioner Johnson asked for another motion. Commissioner Boyd moved to fine the location \$100 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. There was no second. Commissioner Johnson asked for another roll call vote. Commissioners Boyd, Harris and Johnson voted yes to the \$100.00 fine. Commissioners Chase, Hampton and Vergos Blair voted no to the \$100.00 fine. The motion failed. After more deliberation, Commissioner Hampton moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.

(Account #T24589)

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

18. Miao Xue – 2954 Overton Crossing Street – dba – "Hill's Supermarket" – Citation(s) #OS-419280

Date of Violation(s): February 22, 2022 Date Permit Approved: March 17, 2004 Officer(s): Houston #2877, Murden #12150

Mr. Xue was present and stipulated to the charge. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Xue agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR2046)

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

19. Anthony Walls and LaChoya Thompson – 1532 Madison Avenue – Life Enterprises, LLC – dba – "CRU Lounge"

Mr. Walls was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* (T28171)

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

20. Muneer Alomari – 4228 Eastwind Drive – Step N Save Grocery LLC – dba – "Step N Save Grocery"

Mr. Alomari was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application*. *Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed*. (Account #T28112)

21. Ramzi Broo – 3002 Park Avenue – Park Ave Food Mart LLC – dba – "Park Ave Food Mart LLC"

Mr. Broo was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the beer permit application*. *Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed*. (T28217)

22. Shahida Begum – 7245 Stage Road – Stage BP Inc. – dba – "A-1 Food & Fuel" Ms. Begum was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* (T28189)

#### XIV. New Business

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XVI. Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner Chase moved for adjournment at approximately 10:38 a.m. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.

Jared Johnson, Chairman

Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

August 17, 2022