

ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION

Monday, September 19, 2022

The Alcohol Control Commission met at 5:00 p.m. this date in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 601 Broad Street. Monica Sheppard, Chair, was present along with John Kendrick, Harold Morgan, Steve Van Meter, Billy Cooper, and Commissioner Beeman. Also present were Rome Police Major Paul Webber and Assistant City Attorney John Hawkins.

Minutes – August 15, 2022

The minutes of the August 15, 2022, meeting, as submitted in writing by the Secretary, were approved by unanimous consent.

Brothers 1435 Inc. – 1435 North Broad Street

The application of Ivonne D. Gloria De Quintero was presented. Ms. Quintero requested that a new Beer Package License be issued to her at Brothers 1435 Inc., 1435 North Broad Street. Ms. Quintero and her interpreter (son) were present. They explained that this will be Ms. Quintero's first experience with an alcohol establishment. Her plans are to be open from approximately 8:00 a.m. until midnight each day and they expect to have 4 employees.

Through the discussion with the applicant, it was determined that gaming machines will be present in this establishment. Ms. Quintero was advised of the consequences of an alcohol or other violation at this establishment and the importance of proper alcohol training. Ms. Quintero seemed to have little understanding of alcohol rules and regulations.

Mr. Cooper moved to approve the license request as submitted, subject to Ms. Quintero completing one of the online alcohol training programs and providing proof of that training to the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Tequila's Bar and Grill Inc. – 2214 Shorter Avenue

The application of Marie C. Gaytan – Camacho, manager of Tequila's Bar and Grill Inc., 2214 Shorter Avenue, was presented. Ms. Camacho and her interpreter explained that this restaurant would be located in the free-standing building in the Gala Shopping Center. There have been other alcohol establishments at this location through the years. The ACC had standard conversation with Ms. Camacho regarding the training of employees, the importance of checking IDs, and following other local and state alcohol regulations.

Ms. Van Meter moved to approve the Beer, Wine & Liquor Pouring License as submitted subject to all final inspections and approval by the appropriate City Officials. Mr. Morgan seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Stop & Go – 1403 Dean Avenue

The application of Mr. Omprakash S Vyas, owner and operator, of Keshav 2022 Inc DBA Stop & Go, 1403 Dean Avenue, was presented. Mr. Vyas requested that a new Beer & Wine Package License be issued to him at that location. Mr. Vyas and his interpreter addressed the ACC regarding this new Beer & Wine Package convenience store which is planned for the location that formerly housed the Pick O’ Deli Restaurant at 1403 Dean Avenue. They explained that this will be a grocery store with hours of operation from approximately 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. or 3:00 a.m. each day and they plan to have 6 or 7 employees. Gaming machines are likely in the future. These gentlemen have a plan for the training of employees, and they also have had past experience with alcohol sales.

Mr. Cooper moved to approve the Beer & Wine Package License as submitted subject to all final inspections and approval by the appropriate City Officials. Mr. Kendrick seconded, and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Police Report

Rome Police Major Paul Webber was present and noted there were no incidents to discuss that occurred at City of Rome alcohol establishments during the past month.

The ACC was updated on the City Commission action regarding Peaches, 325 Broad Street. At the August 15, 2022, Alcohol Control Commission, following a license hearing, the recommendation to the City Commission was that the alcohol and entertainment license be suspended at that location for 2 weeks. The City Commission ultimately imposed a 4-week suspension for the license at Peaches. This 4-week suspension period ends on Monday, September 19th.

Adjourn

With there being no further business, Chair Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Joseph F. Smith
City Clerk