

**November 9, 2022
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Forbes: This is an open meeting for the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners. Welcome to our House. To ensure compliance with the law (Maryland Open Meetings Act) and our goal of transparency, to please identify yourself when speaking and speak audibly. As a professional courtesy, when not speaking, please mute your device. If someone from the public that is not providing testimony as a witness today, I will recognize you in the hearing and give you an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Everyone's voice matters at the BOLC. We understand that some of you may be passionate about what you have to say and that passion, in this regard, is permissible. What is not permissible is if truth, facts, and respect are not grounded in your voice. Thank you in advance for being truthful, respectful, and honest during the entire proceeding.

Director Sheppard: During a typical hearing, there would be an exchange between the Board and the attorneys to exchange information as exhibits. Because this hearing is now virtual, we have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's date to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff of the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. **t/a miXt** – Peter Siegel, Managing Member, Sandy Patterson, Member, for a Class B(AE), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Gateway Food Hall, LLC, **t/a miXt**, 3809 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, Maryland 20722. Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Represented by **Leonard Lucchi, Esquire**.

The plans for miXt if granted a Family Entertainment Permit are to invite performing artists in the community to perform, poetry, music on weekdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A jazz band for lunch on weekends and open mic nights.

Two amendments were made to the application, to include the number of seats is sixty-six and reflecting the sales of food is at least sixty percent.

A floor manager is always on duty, this establishment only serves alcohol to patrons at the bar not at the tables.

Corporal Hunt testifies the security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Family Entertainment Permit to miXt, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a The Greene Turtle** – Jamil Jamaldinian, Managing Member, Mynor Hernandez, Managing Member for a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of GT Brandywine LLC, **t/a The Greene Turtle**, 15914 Crain Highway, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

The plan for Greene Turtle if granted a Family Entertainment Permit is to have a DJ in the bar area from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

There is a wall that separates the bar area from the restaurant.

Corporal Hunt testifies the security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Forbes reiterates that no one under the age of twenty-one should be in the bar area.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Family Entertainment Permit to The Greene Turtle, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout** – Azeb Mesfin, Managing Member, Ana Rosa, Managing Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of El Rinconcito Restaurant Carryout, LLC, **t/a El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout**, 7443 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, Maryland 20784. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

The plans for El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have a DJ and karaoke Monday and Wednesday 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Thursday through Sunday 9:00 p.m. to 1:55 a.m.

Chief Robert Liberati (Landover Hills Police Department) testifies in opposition of this application.

Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch (Landover Hills) testifies in opposition of this application. An amendment to the application to reflect the time and days for entertainment being held.

Chief Liberati states there have been several police responses to fights, officers assaulted, and injuries at this location. There have been fifty-four calls to service year to date at this establishment. There have been thirty-six calls for assault specific to this establishment.

Mayor Schomisch states he supports the Chief in this regard, he and the council have had concerns about this location.

Corporal Hunt testifies the security plan is only adequate if the applicant hires two law enforcement officers in response to Chief Liberati's report.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant a provisional Special Entertainment Permit for six months to El Rinconcito Restaurant & Carryout, that requires two officers on premises anytime entertainment is being offered any incidents within that six-month period will require a showcause hearing to determine whether to move forward or not, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a Plaza Liquors** Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Plaza Beverages MD, LLC, 6439 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, 20747 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

The licensee agrees to spend the \$50,000 capital investment within one year of today's date.

The upgrades include but are not limited to new floor tiles, painting, cleaning, new countertops, replace damaged glass, and a new ceiling.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Special Sunday Sales Permit for t/a Plaza Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a Zach's Liquors** – Dinesh Malhotra, Managing-Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquors for the use of Sunrise America, LLC, t/a Zach's Liquors, 6519 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, 20784. –Request for a Delivery Permit.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Chief Robert Liberati (Landover Hills Police Department) testifies in support of this application.

Mayor Jeffrey Schomisch (Landover Hills) testifies in support of this application.

Chief Liberati states there have been shoplifting incidents only at this establishment.

Mayor Schomisch states there are no issues with this business.

Mr. Malhotra states that his employees will make the deliveries and will check every I.D. to make sure the purchaser is at least twenty-one years old.

Commissioner Forbes advised Mr. Malhotra to reread the rules and regulations regarding the delivery permit. The employee making deliveries must be Alcohol Awareness certified and recording licenses in a log.

Mr. Malhotra agrees to reread the rules and regulations regarding the delivery permit.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Delivery Permit for t/a Zach's Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC