

Item 23-0613: Class "B" Beer License application for Core's Lounge LLC

Safety and Licensing Committee

Wed, Jun 14, 2023, 5:30PM

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 00:58

We'll take our action items in order here. The first one is 23-0613 Class B beer license application for Core's Lounge LLC doing business as Core's Lounge Kor Xiong agent located at 1350 West College Avenue suite D contingent on approval from the Community Development, inspections, and police departments.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 01:22

Move for denial.

Aldersperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 01:23

Second.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 01:25

Motion and a second to deny. We do have the application on our agenda, but we do not have a memo from the police department. And I understand Lieutenant Nagel has been out or off. It'd be my preference if we could possibly hold this or if the Police Department is prepared to comment tonight. Which microphone do you have? District five. Chief Olson, go ahead.

Police Chief Polly Olson 01:53

Yeah, thank you, Chair. I think our concerns are pretty well noted in past meetings that we've had; however, Lieutenant Nagel was on vacation the past few weeks and hasn't had time. We have not had time to connect, because he just started his shift this afternoon. So that—and in light of legal being out, we have not been able to connect to draft a memo. So, if you would like that, we can certainly do that, and have that ready by the next meeting.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 02:29

Okay. That would be my preference. There is a motion and a second to deny the application on the table. Who wants to speak first? Who moved? Aldersperson Siebers, did you move?

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 02:39

Yes. I mean, I can follow with the chief said. We pretty much know the history of this establishment, and I don't know if anything's been changed, other than the fact that they're no longer in operation. I would be definitely opposed to this considering the history. I feel sorry for the neighbors that that have lived behind this place. I felt sorry for them when they were going through the problems. And I felt so hopeless because there was really nothing we could do. And so, to me, anything the police would say in favor of I would still oppose it.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 03:24

Okay, I understand. I would—I just—I would feel more comfortable holding it until our next meeting for a couple reasons. It's not critical timing. And it would be—I think it would be best to have a formal response from APD for the record, a written memo, stating their reasons, one way or the other for this. Who's next? Aldersperson van Zeeland, go ahead.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:45

Thank you, Chair. I have some concerns about going through the denial process without legal being present. So, I would be open to holding it as well. I actually have some questions regarding this because of the extensive history that would be best answered by the city attorney.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:05

Okay.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 04:05

Your Honor, Mr. Chair, I'll withdraw my motion.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:09

Okay. And is the second withdrawn? Who was the second? Alderson Schultz? Okay. Motion and the second has been withdrawn. I will make a motion to hold this. And we can have some additional discussion if you'd like. I'd like to make a motion to hold this until the July 12 meeting of Safety and Licensing. Is that the next regularly scheduled meeting, Clerk Lynch?

[Clerk Lynch spoke off microphone.]

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:32

Okay.

[Clerk Lynch spoke off microphone.]

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 04:38

Uh, June 24. Okay, so let's, let's do that. So, June 24 it'll be back on our agenda. And by then Lieutenant Nagel will have ample time to produce a memo. June 24. And the applicant will be notified if this action gets taken?

[Note: he corrects himself in the next paragraph and indicates it will be held until June 28.]

[Clerk Lynch spoke off microphone.]

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 05:00

Okay, and they're not here tonight. Okay, just for the record, they're not here. I assume you're here to speak on this issue. You're neighbors. Okay. All right. Alderson Schultz, did you want to comment? Oh, okay. Thank you. So, motion and a second to hold? June 28. Two weeks from tonight. Alderson Schultz, did you want to comment on the motion to hold?

Alderson Alex Schultz (District 9) 05:29

Chair, I can speak to the motion to hold. I guess first I would, in deference to the community members that are here to speak to it, I'm not sure that I want to push pause on their appearances and ability to speak. Sorry, I'd ask that the chair allow them to speak. And then secondly, I mean, I guess I'd wait to have further discussions with the police department, but I understand there were violations after we pulled the license the last time. And I guess that is a conversation now that we'll have in a few weeks. But I guess I'd just like to hear from the community members that made an effort to come tonight to speak on this issue.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:07

I was planning on allowing them to comment if they wanted to. Thank you for coming. Did anyone else want to make some comments before we move to public input?

Alderman Nate Wolff (District 12) 06:15

Pretty much everything everyone said.

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:16

Who wants to speak first. Does anyone want to speak, or you're here to? Do

Woman 06:21

Would it be more beneficial for us to speak at the next meeting?

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:27

Yes, but feel free to make some comments tonight if you'd like since you came.

Alderman Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:31

The committee won't change.

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:32

Yeah. I mean, if you can't make the next meeting, now would be a good time to give us your thoughts, send us your concerns.

Woman 06:41

I'm fine waiting until the next meeting when the [...] procedure will take place. I think it's probably more fitting and whatnot at that point.

Alderman Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:50

Okay. Sounds good. Thank you for coming. Yep. Sure. Okay. All right. Anything else on the motion to hold this until our next meeting scheduled for June 28? Seeing none, all in favor of holding signify by saying aye. Aye. All opposed? Five Zero. We have held it.