Item 24-0420: Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License application for Delaires LLC d/b/a Delaire's, David Boulanger, Agent, located at 823 W. College Ave, contingent upon approval from the Health and Inspections departments Safety and Licensing Committee

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#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:26

All right, moving on. We'll skip the next one, and we'll go—we'll skip the closed session because we won't need it, and we'll go to 24-0420, which is the class B beer and reserve Class B liquor license application for Delaires LLC, doing business as Delaire's, hopefully get your name right, David Boulanger, agent, located at 823 West College Avenue, contingent upon approval from the health and inspections departments.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:52

So, we do have a number of documents as part of our agenda and our packet. We also have an additional document, I think, that came in recently, which is an updated questionnaire. All members have a copy of that questionnaire which states the primary business activity as a tavern, nightclub, wine bar. And this also came with an updated business plan, I believe, which we have a copy of, and that was part of our packet. Any—why not—why don't we start with the attorney's office on this one, and then we'll give you an opportunity to speak and address the committee, and then we can have questions from the committee members and others present. Attorney's Office, you want to start?

# Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 14:38

Generally speaking, this is a question of a new license application, and I know there were some issues last time around in terms of questions about the nature of the business. I'm not exactly sure what the chair wanted me to cover as far as setting things up, but this is essentially a fresh application for a new retail alcohol license. So, I don't know if the...

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:07 Okay.

#### Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 15:07

I don't know what you're looking for from me.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:08

No, just any guidance you can give as to, you know, the documents that are part of the packet—

# Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 15:15

Correct.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:15

—what we can consider, what we should be looking at. I'm looking at the updated questionnaire, and I just will state the last part says that summarize the day-to-day operations of the business space below "the business will operate as a coffee bar and a board game bar. Please see the enclosed Delaire's LLC 2025 business plan for further information concerning the business operations." Do have—it's a three-page document. I reviewed it. It talks a lot about the board games part of it, and the mixed drinks and atmosphere type atmosphere that will be happening. So do you want to—

# Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 15:52

With that framing I think I can better address the question.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 15:55

Okay.

#### Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 15:57

The considerations are very broad. This is a rational basis type of analysis, based on the committee and eventually, the council's, discretion, with this being a new application. So, anything that is rationally relevant to the consideration of the granting of the license, the and the impact it's going to have on the community, there's very broad discretion, very broad consideration on that.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 16:19

Okay, one question that I did have, and I didn't ask anybody about it, but as I was reviewing the new questionnaire in the business plan, when it's listed as a tavern, nightclub, wine bar, and it's also a an entertainment type venue with board games, and that seems to be one of the focal points of this operation, what are the what are the age restrictions on an establishment like that? Like underage entries? That's just one question that I had. And I don't know if you want to take that or?

# Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 16:52

I've not looked into that specifically, but my understanding with it operating as a tavern, it would be a 21 and over establishment.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 16:58

Okay, so like, like a downtown establishment, carded at the door, or when you get, when you go to order? Okay.

#### Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 17:06

That would be mu expectation.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 17:07

As I read the business plan, I was just curious as to—you know, I'm thinking to myself, who's all going to be inside this business? Young people, of age people? That kind of thing. All right, do you want to—does the applicant want to address the committee? And name and address for the record if you're going to speak. Maybe summarize your business plan and go over the questionnaire if I missed anything. So, thanks for coming.

#### David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's) 17:32

Yeah, thanks. My name is David Boulanger. [Pronounced boh-lahn-jhay]

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 17:36

Boulanger. [Correct pronunciation] Sorry I had that wrong.

## David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's) 17:37

All good. It's [XXXXX] West Bend, Wisconsin, 53090.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 17:42

Welcome to Appleton.

**David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's)** 17:43 Thanks.

## Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 17:45

Attorney Emil Ovbiagele. 826, North Plankinton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. And I'm here on behalf and as well with the applicant, and I think—and David's going to answer some questions, at least give some a sense of what his business plans are. But I wanted to just sort of meet these high things together. This isn't his first—this isn't, this isn't his first time before this body. I believe the last time he was here there were some questions as it related to what exactly the nature of the bar with the establishment of business being ran in there was going to be. Primarily there were concerns about either this becoming more of a night club or gaming machines being used inside. I believe some documents were circulated that was in your record, and that was reviewed, and I think the matter was tabled for further assessments.

## Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 18:43

When I got involved a couple of months ago, after the first hearing, I had extended opportunities to speak with my client and just sort of say, hey, you know, I review the concerns. I talked to him at length, and also gave a sense of what the apprehensions of the neighborhood was in the community was.

## Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 19:03

And my client is in a unique situation, in the sense that he does have very, very potent aspirations for that place, particularly as he as he works to becoming part of this community, and he actually wants to move his family in here. And so—and I said, normally, we know the way we wanted the way I think things like this should be done is you want to meet with the alderperson, first of all, and kind of get a sense of the community and really talk to them and see what their concerns are so you're not hashing these types of questions here, right? We, you know, due to all the holiday scheduling and all that stuff, we were unable to meet with the alder, with the alderman and, but I think we have that coming up. We have plans to do that soon.

#### Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 19:51

But after speaking with David, what arose was a revised plan of operation to allay the concerns of the community and really take that to heart. I believe the reason the tavern box is checked is because it's it's—unfortunately, if you serve alcohol, you have to check that box even if you were a church that had a bar. It doesn't necessarily mean that, you know, it's going to be a nightclub. I think the hours also suggest that—I don't know about you guys, but it is Wisconsin, and I don't think anyone turns up at 10pm on a Monday. You know, normally hours or bar time or night club hours probably would suggest going all the way to midnight and probably past midnight. I'm sure it was very important for the plan of operation to reflect the identity of what he intends to do here. And as it relates to the bar itself, it's supposed to be more of a lounging space, a place where folks could actually have coffee, sit down, and have a conversation.

# Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 20:51

I really think the gaming, the board games element to this—and there will be no gaming machines in there. It's going to be a board game spot. And I think when we were talking about it, I asked a couple of questions, and I said, hey, what is it you really, really want to do? And most importantly, and he said, it's all about bringing people together, right? I travel a lot, and one of the things I'm oftentimes fascinated by, especially in certain parts, and you know, certain parts of the country and outside of the country, is when you go to certain bars outside of, you know, probably—a lot of bars internationally have a sense of lack of screens. They're meant and actually positioned to encourage conversations, right? It's a very fascinating thing to go to establishments and not have screens. What does it do? It forces you to talk to people. And I think right now, that's what's missing some of these establishments that we have around. I mean, I think you go to a corner bar, bars everywhere, to a

large extent. But I think this really adds something different, the idea of saying, hey, with coworkers, hey, you know what? There's a board game bar around. The same, similar, similar concept with as throwing, to try to build other more productive activities around, you know, drinking itself. And that's why it wasn't important—it was important to just not have this be a bar that serves alcohol but also bar that has other offerings. There is a rise of, you know, people who just don't drink anymore, and I think that's that, that's something that should be honored.

## Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 22:16

And also the concept—I mean, you can't sit and do work and drink alcohol for very long periods of time. So those people—right?—they could have teas, they could have coffee. I think, you know, having observed the environment and seeing all the developments happen in that area, I think it really blends in with the neighborhood. I think you have a salon next door, you have a marketing company, and a bubble tea company next door as well. There's apartments upstairs. Low activity, not a big space. So, we revamped the business plan, presented it, and you know, my client will answer any further specific questions you may have. But thanks for the opportunity today.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 22:51

Okay, thank you. Thanks for the clarification. There was a lot of helpful information in there. Okay, go ahead. David.

# David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's) 22:58

Yeah, I don't know. I just, I'll take any questions, but, yeah, I'm really just trying to open up something that's going to just bring everybody together, something like a quiet bar. I'm not going to have any pool tables, no dart boards. I don't want the rowdy crowd there. Don't want that younger crowd. Look for 35 plus. Just nice place to hang out. It's quiet, apartments above, like, nothing rowdy, just a nice, clean business.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 23:21

Okay, and the hours of operation were 10am to 10pm on the questionnaire, that's correct?

# **David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's)** 23:26

Yep.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 23:26

And smaller space, 1779 square feet. Seating capacity 20. So not a large amount of—

#### David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's) 23:36

Right. Yeah, not like, not—no club, no.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 23:39

Okay.

#### Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 23:40

If I may ask, I just add this. I'm sure there's a sense of you know, why here? Why him? When given the fact that he does live in West Bend, but I had that question. And having gotten to know, to know Dave, you know, he's been here a couple of times, not a couple times, a lot—I mean being on vacation or stayed here, or had opportunities, and he's really fallen in love with Appleton, and most important importantly, as a father and a father to aut—to autistic children, he just feels like the offerings in Appleton are probably more appropriate as his family continues—as his family continues to grow, and they currently are at West Bend.

# Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 24:18

The modification and the pivot—because the next question you should have is, well, why the pivot? Right? This is on the first plan you were presented with. The pivot comes from the fact that, one, he took in the—he took in the concerns very seriously. And second, he has a lease that he's paying rent on. And so obviously, as a businessman, you have to make certain decisions and also make certain pivots so this doesn't become a total loss. And so, I do believe that from this and from the pushback and from the questions and further digging some good can come off of this. And I think this concept probably works best at this location, at this time, but also kind of get him into the city, and introduction to him in terms of who he is as a person and what he can do. So, I just wanted to answer those questions to the extent that they linger in anyone's minds.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:04

Great. Thank you. And I think that was going to be one of the first questions, is, why the pivot? Why the change? So, thank you for addressing that. We'll take questions. Alder Schultz, you want to start?

# Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 25:13

Thank you, Chair.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 25:13

This is your district, correct?

#### Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 25:15

It is my district, and my apologies to Mr. Boulanger for not making our scheduled meeting on Monday. We'll get some time sometime. I love—I mean, I'm totally fine with this business plan. I think it's a benefit to have places where people are walking in and being able to spend some time face to face and not look at video screens, and the more of those opportunities we have in this community, I think the better.

#### Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 25:41

Essentially, really, the only reason this was held at committee was that there was some question about the gambling machines and Mr. Boulangers previous attempts to open an establishment and some anecdotal information that there were going to be some gambling machines that paid out. And as I review the business plan, it's not in there. You're assuring us that that's not part of the business plan. So at least from my stand, I don't have any issues with granting this licensure and promoting what you intend to do with this space in this part of downtown Appleton. I think, I think my fellow committee members would feel the same.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 26:18

Yeah, thank you for sharing that, and I do feel the same way. One thing I did want to just clarify (and it's not critical), the food part, is a no or yes? It was kind of both?

#### David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's) 26:27

It's, like, prepackaged. It'll be snack stuff. We might go food in the future. I have a guy who kind of wants to help in that space. I don't plan at the moment, at the start, but some small plates food.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 26:37

Okay. Again, not critical to my decision. I just noticed on the new questionnaire, it says "no", and I think on the previous document, it said, "yes". Okay. Alder Doran, go ahead.

#### Alderperson Chad Doran (District 15) 26:48

Thank you. I guess I would just like some clarification, either from the clerk or the attorney's office regarding the alcohol license and how the establishment is actually going to be operating, because the business plan obviously states it as a coffee bar, but it is selling alcohol. And I'm just curious about—obviously, I assume, with an alcohol license, you can sell, not alcohol drinks, obviously, but what, specifically, from the legal perspective, the business will be classified as, and what the restrictions would be there.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 27:21

The application is for a class B beer and liquor license, correct? So that's how it would be designated.

### Clerk Kami Lynch 27:27

Correct. And to have the alcohol, the hard liquor component, component, the reserve license—initially as proposed as a coffee bar, there was a food requirement. Per the division of alcohol beverages, to not be a bar but to sell alcohol, the state level would require some food. So now it looks like it's shifting to be a bar and, as Attorney Buruin stated, limit the underage persons from entering. And then, as a bar, the food component is not required.

# Alderperson Chad Doran (District 15) 28:09

Okay.

# Clerk Kami Lynch 28:09

They are able to get this type of license either way. One component requires food.

#### Alderperson Chad Doran (District 15) 28:14

Got it. Thank you.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 28:15

Okay. Other questions? Council member President Van Zeeland, which? Nine? Okay.

#### Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 28:25

Thank you. First, I had a question for the attorney, if the—I'm sorry, our attorney. If our—if the applicant states that the hours are 10 to 10 on this application, after we grant them a license, are they able to change those hours, extend those hours without our input?

#### Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 28:44

I think unless—I would need to confirm this, but I believe that unless there was a condition within the license, unless the license was granted in part on that condition, I don't think the city would have any additional input. Obviously, they could not exceed what is statutorily allowed or what is allowed by the code. But unless there's a con—and the committee has the ability to do this, this or other conditions, the committee and council can grant the license conditional on certain additional requirements, as long as they're reasonable under the circumstances. But unless there's a condition like that in there, we would not have any additional input.

# Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 29:27

I think that's something that I would like the committee to take a look at, just given the location and the surrounding businesses. I worry about, you know, approving this license, and then all of a sudden, it's open until two in the morning. You know, there are apartments and things above that space.

#### Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 29:48

I did want to say that I'm very glad to see the new business plan. And I guess we would call it a different kind of gaming, acceptable gaming. I notice it says that the business model has already been proven in West Bend, Wisconsin. Can you just tell me a little bit more about that? Are you involved in that successful business? Like, could you, could you care to comment?

# David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's) 30:15

I mean, I'm—I wouldn't say I'm involved, but it's my brother-in-law. He's got a boardroom bar. So, he's got all sorts of boardroom games. Everyone's just there playing, just having a good time. I don't know, really just brings like a good sense of community. So, it's already successful in working.

# Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 30:30

And there are a couple—I know, a couple, I can't think of specific things, but a couple of places like these, in Milwaukee, especially in the third ward area. And just to shed some light in terms of your first question, I will just point to the fact that the actual application, which asked, which, you know, says the timing. So technically, I would say if the bar were to unilaterally change the time, it would be a violation, or at least of the of—[not?] violation, but at least it would not be in congruence with the application itself and so. And I believe this sort of acts—and I—to change it (and I would defer to you, City Attorney) probably require some sort of an application to change the plan of operation of some sort? But I, I don't—I can assure you. I can ensure the city that this isn't a switcheroo, and I believe it's signed under the "subject to civil and monetary penalties on the under Chapter 125" on the form itself. So, something I wouldn't advise my client to do, to take lightly in terms of the things we put on these forms.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 31:47

Yeah, thank you for that. And that was my question for our attorney, is if, if we did place the time restrictions on this, what is the process for them asking for an additional or a change, like, say, for example, they wanted to go to 10:30 or 11pm? What would be the what's the process for that? Or are we not able to put the time restrictions on?

#### Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 32:10

We can make it a condition—the city can make it a condition of granting the license. There's a whole host of conditions upon which the license can be conditioned. As far as how that would be changed, I would think it would be approached in the same way any modification to the license would be approached, so request to amend premises or anything like that. It would be the same type of process.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 32:38

Okay, so a relatively simple process to ask for a change.

# Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 32:42

Correct. I don't think it could be done unilaterally, either by the applicant or by the city.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 32:46

Okay

#### Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 32:46

Because that would be the conditions under which the license was granted.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 32:49

Okay. All right. Go ahead, Alder Van Zeeland.

# Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 32:51

I just wanted to add that I actually was able to locate that the Boardroom in West Bend, and their Facebook page actually advertises that they have gambling machines that—I'll just read what it says. It says, "Stop in and see our state-of-the-art game room. We have fully automated pay stations, just like Las Vegas, so you get paid immediately," which again, brings up this this elephant in the room of having these electronic gambling machines and paying out in cash. Given that, I would suggest that the committee consider a stipulation that would allow us to pull the liquor license should we approve this license and we find that there are machines like that in the establishment.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 33:43

Attorney's Office, is that...?

# Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 33:45

That is additionally a condition that could be included. I would also note that, per Appleton city code, gambling activity, gambling devices, they are public nuisances right in this right in the code. So those are things that would not be permitted at all to begin with. So, we would not be relying on state statute or anything like that to require enforcement of those prohibitions. Which they are prohibited by state statute to begin with. There's just some unfortunate enforceability loopholes that have to go through the state and can't come through the municipality. But we can enforce our own ordinances.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 34:20

Okay? Thank you for that clarification.

# Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 34:22

And I just want to add, you have to realize that in most, in most cities, as—and this is an area of law I'm very familiar with and especially as relates to the gaming laws in the state. And before I even get into the odd—you know, just the oddity, I've always found the law to be quite odd. I think we can all admit that crack is bad, and so therefore the state doesn't run the biggest crack house. There is this idea, and I—regardless, I don't gamble. I'm not a gambler. But the biggest gambling enterprise is ran by the state of Wisconsin, which will be the lottery. I've always thought it to be odd, and so as a sense selective, you know, judgments.

#### Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 35:04

But regardless, the city does have its laws. In different cities, different approaches are taken. The state law governs. And the loophole's a very funny one too, right? It says that if you have five or less—right?—it's not a criminal offense—right? It just becomes a violation that can only be enforced by the Department of Revenue. Do you know why it's five? It's five because once upon a time, the governor at the time's brother was caught with exactly five machines. So, in order should **[indecipherable]** So in order to not have it be criminal, understanding that a state constitutional amendment would be required to make it legal so they—it's not legal, but it's not criminal in certain environments.

#### Emil Ovbiagele (Attorney - Delaire's) 35:47

So, I've always—so when I, when I—when you think about the history and all that stuff, I think sometimes we ought to ask ourselves, why? Because when we start to peel back the layers and go deeper, the surface stuff starts to seem a little odd. Like, why is the state why does the state of Wisconsin run the biggest gambling enterprise for something that we say is so bad? Every day I watch a Packers—I'm a big Packer fan—every

weekend, everyone here. Every ad is about gambling. The biggest sponsors about gambling, Draft Kings, and it's everywhere, our neighbors, and so on some level, from a revenue standpoint when we have to think about that. But be that as it may, that is not my client's plans here. It is not in there, and it is against your laws, at least here, and we intend to follow those laws.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 36:30

Okay. Yeah, thank you for that. And I was going to ask you to restate what you stated earlier, which is the intent is not—business plan does not include gambling machines. Alder Van Zeeland, anything less—anything else?

#### Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 36:43

I wasn't making a moral judgment on anyone, just to be clear. But it just seems that there's this theme that keeps popping up, and based on the feedback from the people who do business and visit those businesses, including the laundromat next door, which would be a cash on hand type business, you know, they've expressed their concerns, and I think that it's our responsibility to take those seriously. If the gentleman admits that he does not want to engage in this and we have the ability to create that stipulation, I think it would be best for everyone. Thank you.

# Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 37:22

Thank you. Alder Fenton, did you want to comment? No? Okay. Just want to make sure I didn't miss your hand there. Alder Doran, go ahead.

#### Alderperson Chad Doran (District 15) 37:31

Thank you. A—if our my colleagues are considering entertaining some conditions for the license, I just want us to be careful about that and, I guess, weigh those very carefully. And a question for the attorney, I guess, regarding adding a condition for preventing gambling machines from being added, what it sounds like is we don't need a condition for that, because our ordinance would allow us—if some were found based on our ordinance, we'd be able to revoke the license based on that alone, correct? Or would you recommend having a condition added for that to give us that option?

#### Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 38:14

We have code sections that would allow us to enforce. The issue that has come up from time to time has to do with the definitions and runs around the definitions. So, I'm not saying it's necessary in this particular case, because I'm not commenting on what the intent is and what may happen later on, but the committee does have the ability to add the condition in a way that could prevent those kinds of end runs as long as it's done in an appropriate way, in a way that's clear. Because ultimately, whatever the condition the committee and the council sets to, it, if the applicant doesn't want to abide by that, he doesn't need to. He just doesn't get the license then. So, there's still the voluntary component to it. Is it strictly necessary? That is a judgment call that I leave to the committee and the council, but there is potential value in being a little bit more specific and tailoring the condition to these facts specifically.

## Alderperson Chad Doran (District 15) 39:21

Okay, thank you. And then that would be something potentially, I guess, I'd be at least open to the conversation. For the discussion, I guess, about restriction about hours, that one I have a little bit more concern about. Just in the last couple minutes, I've been trying to think, off top my head, of any other taverns or bars that we have in the city that have housing above them. And I can't think of one specifically, but I'm sure there are some, and those bars are still op operating until 2AM per state law, I believe. So, I don't—I just want us to be careful about unfairly restricting a business from operating. If they have—if they plan to only operate till 10PM but have the option to go until 2AM based on state law I don't know that it's a good idea for us to restrict that. If problems

would arise based on that—noise complaints, for example, things like that—we have options to deal with that, correct?

# Zak Buruin (Assistant City Attorney) 40:18

We do. Obviously, noise is a component of the nuisance code as well. There can be issues with subjectivity in terms of the noise levels and enforcement that can be a bit of a problem. But it is there. It is doable. It has been done. If there's a lack of comfort with that type of restriction, that's something I would certainly be willing be willing to look at and look a little bit deeper into our ability to do that. I assume the applicant's council, that'd be something we could discuss, if need be, and kind of come to some type of meeting of the minds on that and what might work. And it may behoove us to have the District's alder involved as well, so there's some representative from the committee that could be involved and provide feedback on that, if that's necessary. If that's necessary.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 41:08

Okay. And thank you for asking that, Alder Doran. I'm a little bit reluctant to put a restriction on as well. There are definitely downtown businesses that have apartments above those types of establishments and probably others throughout the city as well. Any other comments or questions for the applicant or the applicant's attorney? Alder Van Zeeland.

#### Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 41:31

I just wanted to add that the difference with established businesses is that most people who are moving into those apartments understand that they're moving above a bar. I actually lived in one of those a long time ago and knew what I was signing up for where—which is why we have this leeway.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 41:46

Understand. But I also heard very clearly the intent, and I think what I heard from the owner of the establishment is wants to be a good neighbor, wants customers, doesn't want to drive people away—right? So, I think if things went that way, that just maybe going to damage your business more than—yeah. So just my opinion. Other comments, questions? Motion from the committee to entertain either approval denial or restriction type?

## Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 42:20

Motion to approve.

#### Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 42:21

Okay. Is there a second?

#### Alderperson Chad Doran (District 15) 42:25

I'll second.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 42:26

Okay, we have a motion and a second to approve the license without restrictions.

#### Alderperson Alex Schultz (District 9) 42:30

Correct.

## Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 42:30

Okay. So, no time restrictions. I appreciate your transparency and honesty and pivot on this, taking the feedback into account. I will be voting in favor of it. So, any other questions, comments from committee members? Alder Fenton, anything? No? Okay, just want to make sure she didn't have her hand up. All right, let's take a vote. All those in favor of approving the license application for Delaire's signify by saying, aye. All opposed? We have five zero. So that will go to the full city council a week from tonight, seven o'clock. You're welcome to come, and you can speak. There is a sign-up sheet ahead of time. 6:45 there will be a sheet in the back of the room to sign up and you'll be able to speak during public participation on any item on the agenda, which this will be on the agenda.

David Boulanger (Owner - Delaire's) 43:22

Thank you very much. Happy New Year.

Alderperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 43:22

Thanks. Thanks for coming. Happy New Year.