



CITY OF TAUNTON

LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

October 21, 2015

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Lamb
Commissioner Brendan Mullen
Commissioner Bruce Thomas

For the Police Department:

Detective Lt. Daniel McCabe
Detective Dennis Smith

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

1. **Minutes of the meetings from September 16 and 25, 2015.** Motion made by Commissioner Mullen to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Taunton Sports Club, Inc. – Status of License.** Communication from Attorney Alan Medeiros stating that the club would not be pursuing a change in license at this time. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to accept the communication. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **TGI Friday's Inc. to GC Friday's Boston, LLC – Application for a License Transfer.** Appearing before the Board was Caroline O'Connell representing GC Friday's Boston, LLC. TGI Friday's Inc. is selling all the franchises in Massachusetts and other states to GC Friday's. Attorney O'Connell gave a description of the purchase and sale and the parties involved. Chairman Lamb questioned the manager on the Common Victualler Application. Attorney O'Connell stated that the manager listed is the manager of the LLC and not the restaurant. Chairman Lamb questioned the Common Victualler license. Detective Lt. McCabe explained that the Board can

either reissue a new one or let it ride until the current one expires but all the reapplications are due by the end of October. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve to the application for a transfer of license. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Thomas made a statement that the Board would put the Common Victualler application on hold until October 30, 2015 and the Board could vote on it at the November meeting.

4. **Interstate Theatres Corporation d/b/a Regal Cinemas Silver City Galleria** – Appearing before the Board was Attorney Andrew Upton and Sara Bollwage, Manager of the Silver City Galleria Theater. Mr. Upton stated that the theaters were trying to upgrade the facility in order to draw and entertain customers. Regal Cinemas has liquor licenses in 82 theaters across the country. Attorney Upton added that anyone who wanted to buy a drink must show identification and all managers are TIPS trained; there will always be a TIPS trained person on the premises. All drinkers have a wristband – once they show their identification and order a drink, they get a wristband. Detail police officers are on duty on weekends. Regal has never had an alcohol violation in all the cinemas across the country. Commissioner Thomas asked if there would be a bar, and Mr. Upton said there will be a bar and a seating area in front of the bar. Customers will need to have a ticket in order to get a drink. Chairman Lamb asked Attorney Upton if the theaters were contemplating a waitress service and Attorney Upton said no. Commissioner Mullen asked that if a patron wanted a drink, they would have to go to the bar, Mr. Upton replied “correct.” Commissioner Thomas asked if there were any locations that had waitress service, and the answer was yes, there are a few but it is more of a dinner atmosphere. Chairman Lamb brought up the topic of police details. He explained to Attorney Upton that there are some establishments that are entertainment based and serving alcohol which will require certain police details. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that based on their maximum occupancy; there would be a requirement of ten police officers. Chairman Lamb stated that there was a process wherein you can request a waiver. Detective Lt. McCabe stated he had one concern. Attorney Upton stated that one needed a ticket in order to get a drink. However, the cinemas will have a license to serve the public and will be discriminating to someone who wants a drink but doesn’t have a ticket. Attorney Upton stated that they were willing to risk it if the Board was. Chairman Lamb stated okay, but we will need the police detail waiver. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the application for an all alcohol license. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **New business – Round One Entertainment, Inc. update.** Chairman Lamb asked if there was a response to our decision for the reduction of fees and the recording secretary informed the Board that Round One was pleased that the Board considered and approved their request for a reduction of the amusement devices.

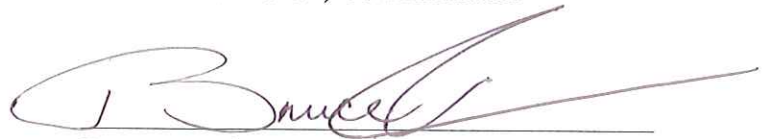
Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Peter C. Lamb, Chairman



Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner



Bruce M. Thomas, Commissioner