

**Minutes of the Liquor Licensing Review Subcommittee
of the Public Services & Safety Committee
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aldermen Stevenson, Weber, and Borchardt, Director of Community Development & Assessment Haese, City Clerk Nagel, and Police Chief Olson. City Attorney Rashid and member of the Fire Department were excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Valorie Hernandez and Alejandro Torres, managers of the new Cozumel Restaurant, were present to answer any questions.

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes of October 10, 2023 (minutes can be found on the city website).
MS by Haese/Borchardt to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting as presented, all voting aye.
- II. Appearances: None.
- III. Unfinished Business: None.
- IV. New Business:
 - a. Review and make recommendation to the Public Services and Safety Committee on the Original "Class B" Combination Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application and Plan of Operation for Cozumel Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill, LLC, d/b/a Cozumel Mexican Restaurant at 240 1t Street, Alejandro Torres, agent.

Alejandro Torres and Valorie Hernandez future managers of Cozumel Bar & Grill were present to answer any questions.

The Clerk's Office received a "Class B" Combination Liquor License Application from Cozumel Bar & Grill, LLC, in October. At that time, through coordination between Director Haese and Clerk Nagel, it was determined a site plan for the restaurant should be on file and approved prior to the any action on the liquor license.

Cozumel Bar & Grill will be receiving the last available regular "Class B" liquor license. This license is available with the closing of Applebee's. There was discussion on the Paper City Pub "Class B" license. Ordinance states that a license is considered abandoned when the license holder has been out of business for six months.

The mangers advised the bar has been relocated toward the front of the building. There was also discussion on the height of the patio wall or fence. The site plan approval letter states a maximum height of 3-feet for the fence/wall, but ordinance states a minimum height of 3-feet for the outdoor patio. It was determined that the fence/wall should be exactly 3-feet in height to meet both requirements.

A background check was successfully completed on Cozumel Bar & Grill, as well as on agent Alejandro Torres Martinez with an approval recommendation from the Police Department and no monies owed to the city.

Overall, the consensus of the committee was the new restaurant will be a good addition to the city. It was mentioned that Cozumel has a sister restaurant in Oshkosh on Witzel Avenue.

MSC by Borchardt/Weber to recommend Public Services and Safety Committee recommend Council approve the Original "Class B" Combination Alcohol Beverage Retail License Application and Plan of Operation for Cozumel Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill, LLC, d/b/a Cozumel Mexican Restaurant at 240 1t Street, Alejandro Torres, agent, all voting aye.

V. Any announcements/questions for the Subcommittee
None.

VI. Adjournment
MSC by Stevenson/Borchardt to adjourn at 4:11 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Nagel, City Clerk