

**SPECIAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2023**

6:30 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING

Chair Kelli Narde called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Chair Kelli Narde, Vice-Chair Mike Appleby, Authority Member Jon Brusco, Alternate Members Rick Milburn and RD Kuhns. Authority Member Greg Simpson was absent. Staff present were Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool, Deputy Town Clerk Susan Irvine, Town Clerk Administrative Specialist Erica Wetzel, Attorney Katharine Vera and Detective Nathan Finley.

Chair Kelli Narde led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one in the audience who wanted to make a public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Brusco moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2023.

Mike Appleby seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

RD Kuhns - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

Mike Appleby - Yes

Rick Milburn - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE (NEW)

License Type: Hotel & Restaurant

Applicant: Hiratori, Inc.
d/b/a Hiratori

Location: 18671 E Mainstreet, Unit D

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:32 p.m.

The applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on December 11, 2023, and publication was made in *The Douglas County News Press* on November 30, 2023.

Owners Stevanus Baran, Gary Sanova, and Petitioner Carol Johnson with LiquorPros, were sworn in.

Carol Johnson spoke about the petitioning process and survey results. Overall, the petitioning results indicate that the area is in favor of this new liquor license. The petitions to establish the reasonable requirements of the defined neighborhood were circulated and submitted by LiquorPros to the Town Clerk on December 8, 2023. An audit by the Town Clerk staff confirmed the following:

- 196 Eligible Signatures Favoring (Residential – 131; Business – 65)
- 2 Eligible Signatures Opposing (Residential – 2; Business – 0)
- 0 Disqualified
- 198 Eligible Signatures

Owners Stevanus Baran and Gary Sanova addressed the Authority. They stated that they were seeking a liquor license in order to serve Japanese whiskey and sake because it goes well with the Japanese food they are offering. Stevanus Baran answered questions about his background and stated that he has stopped drinking alcohol. The third owner, Andi Xanaka, was not present because he was running the restaurant.

The Authority had no other questions for the applicant.

Public Comment: None.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

Mike Appleby moved to approve the application for a new Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Hiratori, Inc., d/b/a Hiratori, at 18671 E. Mainstreet, Unit D, Parker, CO 80134.

Rick Milburn seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

RD Kuhns - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

Mike Appleby - Yes

Rick Milburn - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

A. Licensee: Wills Investments V, LLC & 7 Eleven, Inc.
d/b/a 7-Eleven Store #39421A

Location: 9301 S. Parker Rd.

License Type: Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine

The applicant submitted all required documentation and fees. Everything appeared to be in order. Staff was unable to approve this application administratively because they had a state violation in May 2023.

Attorney Kevin Coates, Wills Investments V, LLC, Director of Operations Vami Starkey and 7-Eleven Area Leader John Nestis were present to speak to the Authority. The state has not notified the store with information regarding punitive action and they are working with the Liquor Enforcement Division to resolve it. All employees at the store have been retrained. The employee who caused the violation was terminated according to company policy.

Rick Milburn moved to approve the Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine liquor license renewal application for Wills Investments V, LLC, & 7-Eleven, Inc., d/b/a 7-Eleven Store #39421A, 9301 S. Parker Road.

Jon Brusco seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

RD Kuhns - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

Mike Appleby - Yes

Rick Milburn - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Licensee: Dillon Companies, LLC
d/b/a King Soopers #126
Location: 17761 Cottonwood Drive
License Type: Liquor-Licensed Drugstore**

The applicant submitted all required documentation and fees. Everything appeared to be in order. Staff was unable to approve this application administratively because they had a state violation in May 2023.

Store manager Scott Coffman and Attorney Adam Stapen were present to speak to the Authority. The state has not notified the store with information regarding punitive action and they are working with the Liquor Enforcement Division to resolve it. Per company policy, the employee was not terminated because she had more than five years with the company; she was suspended for five days and received a final warning. Staff at the store has been retrained in TIPS.

Jon Brusco moved to approve the Liquor-Licensed Drugstore liquor license renewal application for Dillon Companies, LLC, d/b/a King Soopers #126, 17761 Cottonwood Drive, Parker, CO 80134.

Mike Appleby seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

RD Kuhns - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

Mike Appleby - Yes

Rick Milburn - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Authority Attorney Katharine Vera updated the Authority regarding the proposed ordinance to remove specific fee amounts and reflect that liquor fees are set by resolution.

Mike Appleby moved to recommend the approval of the draft ordinance by Town Council.

Jon Brusco seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

RD Kuhns - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

Mike Appleby - Yes

Rick Milburn - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

Katharine Vera updated the Authority regarding the resolution setting license and application fees for liquor licenses.

Jon Brusco moved to recommend the approval of the draft resolution by Town Council.

RD Kuhns seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

RD Kuhns - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

Mike Appleby - Yes

Rick Milburn - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool updated the Authority regarding Special Licensing Authority interviews and stated that recommendations are going to the Town Council. All members of the Special Licensing Authority are requested to attend the January 2, 2024 Town Council meeting.

Chris Vanderpool notified the Authority that there will be training before the February 15, 2024 Special Licensing Authority meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Rick Milburn moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Jon Brusco seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

RD Kuhns - Yes

Jon Brusco - Yes

Kelli Narde - Yes

Mike Appleby - Yes

Rick Milburn - Yes

The motion was approved unanimously.


Erica Wetzel, Town Clerk Admin. Specialist


Kelli Narde, Chair