

**SPECIAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2025**

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, Philip LaBella, Jerry Elmblade, Tiffany Howell and Tim Perkins. Vice-Chair Mike Appleby and Authority Member RD Kuhns were absent. Staff present were: Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool, Town Clerk Administrative Specialist Erica Wetzel and Authority Attorney Katie Vera.

Chair Narde led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tiffany Howell moved and Philip LaBella seconded to approve the minutes of July 17, 2025.

A roll call vote was taken:

Philip LaBella - yes

Jerry Elmblade- yes

Kelli Narde - yes

Tiffany Howell - yes

Tim Perkins - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE

License Type: Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine

**Applicant: Whole Foods Market Rocky Mountain/Southwest, LP
d/b/a Whole Foods Market**

Location: 8665 Kings Point Way

Chair Kelli Narde opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

The Applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on August 8, 2025. Publication was made in The Douglas County News Press on August 7, 2025. The Notice of Public Hearing was also posted to the Town's website on July 30, 2025.

Whole Foods Store Team Leader Karen Breault and petitioner, Carol Johnson, were sworn in by the Town Clerk. Attorney Kevin Coates was also present.

Carol Johnson spoke about the petitioning process and survey results which indicated the area was 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 August 8, 2025. An audit by the Town Clerk staff confirmed the following:

- 81 Eligible Signatures Favoring (Residential – 45; Business – 36)
- 1 Eligible Signatures Opposing (Residential – 1; Business – 0)
- 82 Eligible Signatures

Karen Breault spoke to the Authority regarding Whole Foods Market policies regarding alcohol. Anyone purchasing alcohol must present identification to show that they are age compliant. All sales staff complete in house alcohol awareness training and re-train annually. No sales may be made to people who are already intoxicated or who don't have identification. All alcohol is displayed in one location in the store and cameras are used throughout the store to deter theft. Alcohol stored in the back is kept in a cage with a key pad and the code is only known to store leadership.

Public Comments: None.

Chair Kelli Narde closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Tim Perkins moved and Philip LaBella seconded to approve the new Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine Liquor License for Whole Foods Market Rocky Mountain/Southwest, LP, d/b/a Whole Foods Market, at 8665 Kings Point Way, Parker, CO 80138.

A roll call vote was taken:

Philip LaBella - yes
 Jerry Elmlblade- yes
 Kelli Narde - yes
 Tiffany Howell - yes
 Tim Perkins - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

Licensee: **Xin Kui Chen, Inc.**
 d/b/a Mt. Fuji Hibachi & Sushi

Location: **18260 E. Lincoln Ave, Ste. 101**

License Type: **Hotel & Restaurant**

The applicant submitted all required documentation and fees. Everything appeared to be in order. Staff was unable to approve the renewal administratively because the background check contained potentially derogatory information.

Owner Yao Chen was present to speak to the Authority. She described the events that led up to the police being called to the restaurant in May 2025. A customer ordered a 25 ounce bottle of sake and consumed it alone. Afterwards, he appeared to fall asleep on the table for a short period before standing to leave. He was unsteady on his feet and was detained by staff and the police were called. Chair Kelli Narde expressed concern that a patron who had laid his head on a table for an extended period of time was not considered a potential medical emergency right away, as this is not common public behavior. Yao Chen stated that since this had never happened before, the staff was unsure of what to do, until they saw him unable to walk normally and they called the police.. She has since established a policy that single customers will not be served a full bottle of sake.

Tim Perkins moved and Tiffany Howell seconded to approve the Hotel & Restaurant liquor license renewal for Xin Kui Chen, Inc., d/b/a Mt. Fuji Hibachi & Sushi, 18260 E. Lincoln Ave, Suite 101.

A roll call vote was taken:

Philip LaBella - yes

Jerry Elmblade- no

Kelli Narde - yes

Tiffany Howell - yes

Tim Perkins - yes

The motion was approved 4 to 1 with Jerry Elmblade opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissions Standard Operating Procedures Manual

Chair Kelli Narde asked two questions regarding the Commissions Standard Operating Procedures Manual and these were answered by Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool.

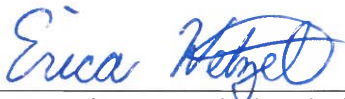
Chair Kelli Narde asked the Authority members if anyone is available to attend the Parker Proud Showcase on September 20, 2025, at O'Brien Park. Tim Perkins stated that he may be available.

Authority Member Tiffany Howell stated that she will miss the September meeting.

Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool announced that the September meeting will be the last in the current council chambers. After that, meetings will be temporarily held in the training room in the new wing of Town Hall while the current council chambers are renovated.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kelli Narde adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



Erica Wetzels, Town Clerk Admin Specialist



Kelli Narde, Chair