

A regular meeting of the Collierville Beer Board was held Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers at Town Hall, 500 Poplar View Parkway.

Chairman William Jones was present and presiding.

The following members were present: Terri O'Connor, James Lawrimore, Scott Tucker, and Ryan Guess. Scott Brack and Hampton Parr were absent.

Also present were Assistant Town Administrator Athanasia Lewis, Assistant Town Administrator Daniel Estes, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Adam Hamric.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes.

Mr. Lawrimore made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Connor to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting.

ROLL CALL: O'Connor – yes, Lawrimore – yes, Tucker – abstained, Guess – abstained.  
Motion approved.

### **CLASS I – ON-PREMISES PERMIT**

#### **The Highlander – Collierville, LLC located at 78 N. Main St.**

Mr. Hamric stated that The Highlander – Collierville, LLC located at 78 N. Main St. is a new restaurant currently under construction in the building that was previously Allison Rogers Photography and her husband's advertising agency on the Town Square. He explained that the Collierville Police Department has performed background investigations on the owners and found nothing in their histories to deny them a beer permit. Mr. Hamric stated that the building will be inspected by the fire and code enforcement departments and has not received a certificate of occupancy. He also stated that the applicant has supplied a \$2,500 surety bond to the Town.

Mr. Jones asked the applicant, Allen Mullen, to come forward.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Mullen to tell the Board about his new business.

Mr. Mullen explained that the restaurant is an emulation of a Scottish pub. He explained that their public house will feature Scottish cuisine and a Scottish atmosphere and be a place where the neighborhood can be together.

Ms. O'Connor asked if this is the only business of its kind that the other person owns or has owned.

Mr. Mullen explained that his wife's family had a bar in New York that he and his wife successfully operated for two years. He also explained that he has owned a number of businesses in Town, including a company he founded 1992 that does contract training for the Department of Defense and a flight school in Millington. Mr. Mullen stated that they have experience in business and in operating a bar, however, not in the food service aspect.

Ms. O'Connor asked Mr. Mullen if they are a restaurant that has a bar and if they would have stipulations on the percentage of food versus the percentage of beer and alcohol sales.

Mr. Mullen stated yes and that he is well aware of the 70-30 restriction.

Ms. O'Connor asked how he was planning on training the servers in terms of beer and alcohol service.

Mr. Mullen stated that they will employ a commercial off the shelf course in their training.

Ms. O'Connor stated that the same issues are seen again and again with servers looking at an ID but serving anyway if they see the customer is underage. She asked that he make sure the servers know of the consequences they could face.

Mr. Mullen stated that they will do everything they can to ensure that no beer or alcohol will be sold to a minor.

Mr. Jones asked if he was aware that all servers must be licensed with the Police Department.

Mr. Mullen replied yes.

Mr. Guess made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Connor to approve a Class I "on-premises" beer permit for The Highlander – Collierville, LLC located at 78 N. Main St. contingent upon receiving a certificate of occupancy.

ROLL CALL: O'Connor – yes, Lawrimore – yes, Tucker – yes, Guess – yes. Motion approved.

## **CLASS II – OFF-PREMISES PERMIT**

**Byhalia Investment, LLC. d/b/a Shell Gas and Food Mart located at 242 S. Byhalia Rd.**

Mr. Hamric stated that Byhalia Investment, LLC. d/b/a Shell Gas and Food Mart located at 242 S. Byhalia Rd. was formerly known as Express Mart, which came before the Board in August 2015, and has undergone a change in owner and change in name. He explained that the Collierville Police Department has performed background investigations on the applicant and found nothing in their histories to deny them a beer permit. Mr. Hamric stated that the building has received a certificate of occupancy. He also stated that the applicant has not supplied a \$2,500 surety bond to the Town.

Mr. Jones asked the applicant, Hanif Popatia, to come forward.

Mr. Guess asked if this was the applicant's first endeavor in the gas station industry.

Mr. Popatia stated that he has some store in Atlanta and recently moved to Collierville.

Mr. Tucker asked how long his other stores have been opened.

Mr. Popatia replied that he has been in this business for fifteen years.

Mr. Jones asked if he has had any problems with selling to minors.

Mr. Popatia replied no.

Ms. O'Connor asked if he was satisfied with the technology that is already in place at the gas station.

Mr. Popatia replied yes and explained that the date of birth must be entered into their system for a customer to purchase beer.

Mr. Jones asked if he was aware the all servers must be licensed with the Police Department.

Mr. Popatia replied yes.

Ms. O'Connor asked if he would retain some of the employees who had already been working there.

Mr. Popatia replied yes.

Mr. Lawrimore made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to approve a Class II "off-premises" beer permit for Byhalia Investment, LLC d/b/a Shell Gas and Food Mart located at 242 S. Byhalia Rd. contingent upon receiving a \$2,500 surety bond.

ROLL CALL: O'Connor – yes, Lawrimore – yes, Tucker – yes, Guess – yes. Motion approved.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hamric introduced Assistant Town Administrator Athanasia Lewis and Assistant Town Administrator Daniel Estes to the Board.

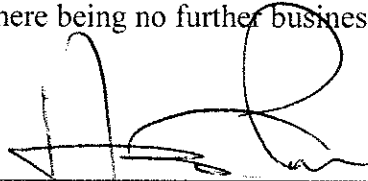
Mr. Hamric thanked the Board for their year of service.

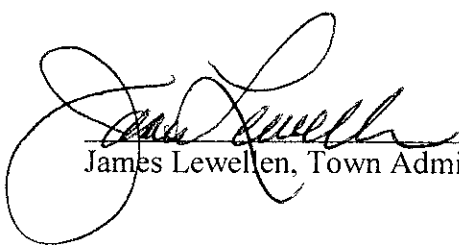
Ms. O'Connor asked Mr. Hamric if George's BBQ was postponed.

Mr. Hamric replied yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

  
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William Jones, Chairman  
HAMPTON PAC, VICE-  
CHAIRMAN

  
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James Lewellen, Town Administrator