

# MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOL CONTROL BOARD

The Alcohol Control Board met in a Regular Called meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall.

**CALL TO ORDER** at 10:00 AM

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Rick Napps, Matt Terry, Christine Brown and Dan Heilman

Absent: David Holt, Patti Rogers, and Richard Kollhoff

Staff Present: Randy Mannino, Julia Drake, and Keith Lovell

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. January 11, 2023**

Board Member Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2023. Board Member Heilman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0 with Chairman Napps voting.

Keith Lovell, Assistant City Attorney, stated for the record that the February meeting was cancelled due to no quorum.

## **NEW APPLICATION**

### **2. AMSH2320, LLC – Package: Beer/Wine**

Imran Shaikh, business owner and applicant, came forward to address any questions from the board. Additionally, Mr. Jay came forward and stated that he would be managing the day-to-day operations of the business.

After speaking with the applicant, this is not the first time Mr. Shaikh has operated a business of this sort, however it is his first time owning a company and is aware of the requirements for properly training the employees.

Keith Lovell, Assistant City Attorney, made the comment that the applicant does not reside in Bartow County which would require a contact who does reside within Bartow County. The identification provided for the contact states that the contact resides in Cherokee County. Furthermore, Mr. Lovell stated that approval would need to be contingent on proof that the contact person resides permanently in Bartow County.

Board Member Terry made a motion to approve the application pending proof of the contact person residing in Bartow county. Additionally, said proof shall be provided within two (2) weeks to the City Clerk. Otherwise, the application would need to be brought back before the Alcohol Control Board for reapproval with a new contact person. Board Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

## ADDED ITEM

Board Member Heilman made a motion to add an item to the agenda. Board Member Terry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

### 3. Ordinance Amendment

Lillie Read, Downtown Development Authority Director, came forward to give an overview of the proposed ordinance amendment that would add a section to the alcohol ordinance pertaining to wine and craft beer tasting rooms. This new percentage for these facilities would be no more than 75% sales in alcohol and no less than 25% in retail sales, including purchases of craft beer and wine for off-premises consumption.

Discussion commenced between Ms. Read and the board members.

Board Member Terry stated he was concerned with the verbiage that would ultimately allow 100% alcohol sales, whether tastings or bottles for off-premises consumption. Furthermore, he suggested an edit to the verbiage that would not allow 100% alcohol sales. He understood that was not the intent for JZ's Taste of Georgia but was looking forward to 20+ years and does not want to pass an ordinance that could ultimately allow a package store in the downtown area.

Andrea Zmich came forward to represent JZ's Taste of Georgia and stated that they are currently meeting 10-15% non-alcohol sales.

Buddy Frederick, co-owner of Southern Cove, came forward to offer a suggestion for the ordinance to limit the amount of retail packages that could be sold.

Mr. Lovell stated that would certainly be an idea and would bring an adjustment before the Board at the April meeting.

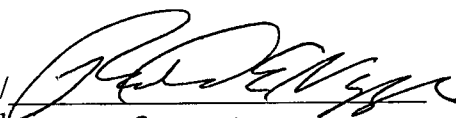
Mr. Lovell stated it would be best to table the Old Business of JZ's Taste of Georgia to see what happens with the proposed ordinance amendment.


Board Member Heilman made a motion to table JZ's Taste of Georgia. Board Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

With no other business to be handled, Board Member Heilman made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Vote: 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 A.M.

April 12, 2023

/s/   
Chairman

/s/   
Secretary