

A Public Hearing for Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 212 W. Fifth Street, was held during the regular meeting of the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 in City Hall, Room 315 (Third Floor). Chairman Drinkwine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Commissioners:	Drinkwine Ellison (Alternate) Poulton	Semchena

Also present were City Manager Johnson, Police Chief Jahnke, Police Lt. Young, and City Attorney Gillam.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brendan Wehrung, 702 Irving, hoped if Cantina Diablo should come back, they would hire better managers in order to have a well-run bar, and that "it is a bar and not a restaurant."

Mr. Wehrung noted the plan presented for Mezza Mediterranean Grille does not show the number of seats, a 70% food/30% liquor ratio is quoted, and there is a bar. He thought the ratio was 90%/10% for the bistro concept and asked, "why would you need a bar in an establishment that is supposed to be a restaurant"? He is opposed to the outside seating and the yearly quota for the bistros should be fulfilled.

The dance floors for D'Amato's/Goodnite Gracies are larger than other businesses and it was noted that they have to compete with other businesses and Mr. Wehrung thought the City would need to call a stop to it. He also thought it was wrong that the plan does not show where and how people are going to be seated.

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No one else wished to address the Committee, therefore, the Public Comment section of the meeting was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Poulton
Second by Mayor Ellison

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee minutes of January 13, 2010 were approved as submitted.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

**PUBLIC HEARING: MEZZA MEDITERRANEAN GRILLE, 212 W. FIFTH ST., ROYAL OAK, MI 48067
A REQUEST FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CLASS C LICENSE TO BE LOCATED AT 212 W.
FIFTH, ROYAL OAK, MI 48067, OAKLAND COUNTY. THIS LICENSE WILL BE IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE BISTRO CONCEPT AS OUTLINED IN THE CITY'S LIQUOR CONTROL ORDINANCE. IT
IS THE APPLICANT'S INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLASS C AND SDM LICENSE WITH AN
OUTDOOR SERVICE AREA PERMIT, SUNDAY SALES PERMIT AND OFFICIAL PERMIT (FOOD)**

Mr. David Vincenti and Ms. Josephine Vincenti were present on behalf of the establishment.

The Public Comment section of the Public Hearing was opened, but no one wished to speak, therefore the Public Hearing was closed and brought back to the Committee's side of the Table.

The Police Department has no objection to the license and outdoor seating took place last summer without any problems.

Moved by Mayor Ellison
Second by Commissioner Poulton

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee hereby recommends approval of the Bistro license for Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 212 W. Fifth Street, for forwarding to the City Commission.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

D'AMATO'S/GOODNITE GRACIES, 222-224 SHERMAN, ROYAL OAK, MI 48067. THE ROYAL OAK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE (MLCC) MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE LEGACY RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC REQUEST FOR A NEW DANCE PERMIT TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING 2009 CLASS C LICENSE, LOCATED AT 222-224 SHERMAN, ROYAL OAK, OAKLAND COUNTY

Lt. Young briefed the Committee on the recommendation of the Police Department to add the dance permit to the establishment's license with a similar side agreement as Ronin Sushi.

Attorney, Dennis Cowan of Plunkett Cooney, and owners Mr. Paul Jackman and Mrs. Lisa Jackman were present on behalf of the establishment.

Moved by Commissioner Poulton
Second by Mayor Ellison

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee hereby recommends approval of the dance permit for D'Amato's/Goodnite Gracies, 222-224 Sherman, contingent upon amending the plan of operation and entering into an agreement, for forwarding to the City Commission.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICE UPDATE

Lt. Young reported 95% of the annual Class C inspections have been completed by the Fire Department, with no problems thus far, and a two-week completion timeframe is anticipated.

City Treasurer Kravitz is verifying the water, sewer, and property tax payments for the liquor businesses.

Lt. Young has contacted the following businesses for outstanding liquor license, renewal fees due at the City Clerk's office: 7-Eleven (Crooks Rd.), Four Green Fields, and Jimi's Restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Ellison
Second by Commissioner Poulton

BE IT RESOLVED that the Royal Oak Liquor Control Committee meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Melanie Halas
City Clerk

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