

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALCOHOL, GAMBLING & TOBACCO COMMISSION**

October 1, 2014

The regular meeting of the Alcohol, Gambling & Tobacco Commission was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at 4:45 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dennis Birchland, Bjorn Braaten, Ryan Stauber,
Bryn Pollard, Jeff Rosenthal

Absent: President Pekkala, Lindsay Bartholomew-Kolu

August 6, 2014 minutes of the Alcohol, Gambling and Tobacco Commission – unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY CLERK SUBMITTING CORRESPONDENCE TO NORTH POLE BAR, INC. DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 REGARDING ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL - #14-12 - Received

CITY CLERK SUBMITTING CORRESPONDENCE TO HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATES OF DULUTH, LLC, DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 REGARDING ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL - #14-13 - Received

OLD BUSINESS:

(Tabled) **ARAMARK EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC (THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA) 1200 KENWOOD AVENUE – APPLICATION FOR AN ON SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE AND ADDITIONAL BAR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015. – Remained Tabled**

NEW BUSINESS:

KWIK TRIP, INC. (KWIK TRIP #224) 2715 W. MICHIGAN ST. – APPLICATION FOR AN OFF-SALE BEER LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2015.

KWIK TRIP, INC. (KWIK TRIP #218) 4201 GRAND AVENUE – APPLICATION FOR AN OFF-SALE BEER LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2015.

Richard Vining appeared on behalf the application. Mr. Vining stated that the two Kwik Trip locations would be opening in October and November. Mr. Vining stated that Kwik Trip sells 3.2 percent malt liquor at most locations. In response to questioning, Mr. Vining indicated that Kwik Trip, Inc. provides comprehensive training to all sales staff. Commissioner Birchland moved to APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS FOR KWIK TRIP, INC. (KWIK TRIP #224) 2715 W. MICHIGAN ST. AND KWIK TRIP, INC. (KWIK TRIP #218) 4201 GRAND AVENUE FOR OFF-SALE BEER LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2015. Commissioner Braaten seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VIKRE DISTILLERY, LLC (VIKRE DISTILLERY) 525 LAKE AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 102 – APPLICATION FOR MICRO DISTILLERY COCKTAIL ROOM AND SUNDAY LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015.

Joel Vikre appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Vikre stated Vikre will be selling cocktails made with Vikre gin also appetizers and small plates. Mr. Vikre stated they anticipate opening as soon as the license is approved. In response to questioning, Mr. Vikre stated that he has had liquor service training in the past and would be talking with Officer Vang about additional training. Commissioner Braaten moved to APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR VIKRE DISTILLERY, LLC (VIKRE DISTILLERY) 525 LAKE AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 102 – APPLICATION FOR MICRO DISTILLERY COCKTAIL ROOM AND SUNDAY LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2015. Commissioner Birchland seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

LAWFUL GAMBLING

Community Action Duluth raffle - 60 day waiver request – Application Withdrawn

DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed the status of the on sale liquor license renewal of North Pole Bar, Inc. Commissioner Birchland moved to REPEAL THE COMMISSION'S INITIAL APPROVAL OF THE LICENSE RENEWAL AND RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL DENY THE RENEWAL OF THE ON-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE OF NORTH POLE BAR, INC. Commissioner Rosenthal seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The Commission discussed the status of the on sale liquor license renewal of Hospitality Associates, LLC. Commissioner Birchland moved that the MR. PATRONAS BE ASKED TO ATTEND THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING AND SPEAK TO THE STATUS OF HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATES LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE. Commissioner Stauber seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.