



Local Control Commission Meeting - Monday, August 26, 2019, Contois Auditorium, City Hall 8/26/2019

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

LOCAL CONTROL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 26, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Wright (Council President) – Ward 4

Perri Freeman – Central District

Franklin Paulino – North District

Joan Shannon – South District

Jack Hanson – East District

Sharon Foley Bushor – Ward 1

Max Tracy – Ward 2 [via telephone for Brookfield item only]

Brian Pine – Ward 3

William “Chip” Mason – Ward 5

Karen Paul – Ward 6

Ali Dieng – Ward 7

Adam Roof – Ward 8

ADMINISTRATION: Mayor Weinberger

Beth Anderson, CAO

Rich Goodwin, DFO

Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney

Jordan Redell, Mayor’s Office

Olivia LaVecchia, Mayor’s Office



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Deanna Paluba, HR

Stephanie Reid, HR

Brian Lowe, IT

Lori Olberg, C/T

Amy Bovee, C/T

Chapin Spencer, DPW

Norm Baldwin, DPW

Martha Keenan, DPW

Davie White, Planning

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tim Tabor

Aanen Olsen

Chelsea Zegalban

Jogander Singh

Jeff Glassberg

Mike Garber

Barbara McGrew

Will Hurd

Jacob Hinsdale

Richard Vonn

Nicolas Flourish

Richard Hillyard

Michael Forlee

Caryn Long

Charlie Messing

Bruce Wilson

Charlene Foo

Noah Crosby



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1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

Council President Wright called the meeting of the Local Control Commission to order at 9:19 PM on August 26, 2019.

1.01 Agenda

MOTION by Councilor Roof, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to approve the agenda as presented. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

2.0 DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

2.01 First Class Restaurant/Bar Liquor License Application 2019-2020: Burly Axe, 294 North Winooski Avenue

MOTION by Councilor Roof, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to approve the First Class Restaurant/Bar Liquor License Application 2019-2020 for Burly Axe, 294 North Winooski Ave. provided all city permits are closed out and contingent upon Fire Marshall approval with all standard conditions.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Bushor asked how the number of drinks consumed by patrons will be tracked. Mike Garber, owner, said the facility holds a maximum of 30 people per hour. Bartenders can keep track of that number of people. Councilor Bushor asked the recourse if there is a violation. Councilor Roof said the Local Control Commission will be informed and work with the City Attorney to schedule a hearing. Outcomes include a condition on the license, suspension of the license or revocation of the license. The state issues the license and typically does the adjudication.
- Councilor Pine asked for a summary of Councilor Tracy's sentiments on the application. Councilor Roof said the Local Control Commission discussed matters of safety, control of space and alcohol consumption, appropriateness of the operation for the neighborhood. Councilor Pine asked if there are other axe throwing establishments. Mike Garber said he will provide a list of operations similar to what is being proposed. The operation is not a bar where axes are thrown, but rather like a health and fitness studio where an activity is being done, like a sport, similar to a bowling alley. Alcohol is served, but to a very limited degree and is not the main focus of the business. There are over 200 axe throwing places in operation in the country operating for the past five years. Massachusetts, Maine, Montreal are the closest locations to Vermont. The business model is well established.
- Councilor Roof said as a former bartender, controlling 30 people is easier than several hundred which is what occurs most weekend nights at bars. People in this state are allowed to carry a firearm or proper weapon. Axe throwing is exercise and fun if managed well. The operator is responsible.
- Councilor Shannon shared the concerns expressed, but will go on good faith that there will be a safe and exciting business that will be an asset in the community.
- Councilor Dieng recognized the diversity presented by operating a service that does not exist.



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VOTING: 10 ayes, one nay (Councilor Freeman); motion carried.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilor Roof, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

The Local Control Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM

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