



**LIQUOR BOARD MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
#1 CITY HALL PLACE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 - 5:30 PM
MINUTES**

A. PREMEETING DISCUSSION - 5:30 PM

B. ROLL CALL - 5:45 PM

Liquor Board Members Present: Liz Chapman, Steve Cornetta, Carma Loontjer, Tom Rose.

Liquor Board Members Present via Zoom: Modesto Cartagena.

Liquor Board Members Absent: None.

Administrative Staff Members Present: Assistant City Attorney Elizabth Sexton-Drake, Assistant City Attorney Jason Bachlet, Deputy City Clerk Vincent Petkosek and Licensing Coordinator Tammy Martinez.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cornetta, seconded by Chapman, moved to approve the agenda as distributed.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D1 Reading and Approval of the Pueblo Liquor Board Meeting December 6, 2023.

Cornetta, seconded by Rose, moved to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 6, 2023, as distributed.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

E. REGULAR AGENDA

E1 Approval of Neighborhood GIS Survey - Cabaret License - Vessel Brewing Company LLC, dba: The Gold Dust Saloon, 217 S. Union Ave.

Cornetta, seconded by Loontjer, moved to approve the GIS Cabaret Survey for Vessel Brewing Company, dba: Gold Dust Saloon, 217 S. Union Ave.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

E2 New Application - Hotel & Restaurant - The Firepit Restaurant & Grill LLC, dba: The Firepit Restaurant & Grill, 1638 - 1644 US Hwy 50 West.

Ryan Longreer - Owner

Deputy City Clerk Vincent Petkosek confirmed the public notice was posted in the required time frame.

Ms. Longreer was sworn in by Mr. Cornetta.

Ms. Longreer answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the Pueblo Liquor Board.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Seeing no one wished to speak, Mr. Cornetta declared the hearing closed.

Cornetta, seconded by Chapman, moved to approve the New Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for The Firepit Restaurant & Grill located at 1644 US Hwy 50 West.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Sexton-Drake read the Findings and Order for the record.

Cornetta, seconded by Chapman, moved to accept the Findings & Order as read.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

E3 New Application - Cabaret License - The Firepit Restaurant & Grill LLC, dab: The Firepit Restaurant & Grill, 1638 - 1644 US Hwy 50 West.

Ryan Longreer - Owner

Deputy City Clerk Vincent Petkosek confirmed the public notice was posted in the required time frame.

Ms. Longreer was reminded she was still under oath.

Mr. Cornetta took administrative notice from previous testimony.

Ms. Longreer answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the Pueblo Liquor Board.

Cornetta, seconded by Rose, moved to approve the New Cabaret License for The

Firepit Restaurant & Grill located at 1644 US Hwy 50 West.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Sexton-Drake read the Findings and Order for the record.

Cornetta, seconded by Rose, moved to accept the Findings & Order as read.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

E4 Show Cause Hearing - Jayae Sara Inc, dba: Mr. Tandoori, 310 S. Victoria Ave, Suite C.

City Attorney Jason Bachlet dismissed the violation.

E5 Show Cause Hearing - Iron Horse Bar & Grill Inc, dba: Iron Horse Bar & Grill, 717 N. Main Street.

Pueblo City Attorney Jason Bachlet
Douglas Vigil - Owner

Mr. Vigil was sworn in by Mr. Cornetta

Pueblo City Attorney Jason Bachlet informed the board that a stipulation was agreed upon. Mr. Bachlet read the stipulation for the record.

Mr. Vigil answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the Pueblo Liquor Board.

Cornetta, seconded by Chapman, moved to accept the agreed 7-day suspension with 5 days held in abeyance at the Iron Horse Bar & Grill, 717 N. Main Street.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

Cornetta, seconded by Loontjer, moved to accept the suspension days January 26, 2024, at 12am and ends January 27 at 12 pm.

Roll Call - **Ayes:** Cartagena, Chapman, Cornetta, Loontjer, Rose. **Nays:** None. Motion Passed 5-0.

F. ADJOURN

Mr. Cornetta adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.