



City of Plymouth

LLRC Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023 5:30 p.m.
Plymouth City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Deal called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Alanna Maguire and Kelly O'Donnell, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Paul Sincock, Director of Public Safety Al Cox, City Attorney Bob Marzano

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

O'Donnell offered a motion, seconded by Maguire, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

3. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR NEW TASTING ROOM – HIGHLINE SPIRITS COMPANY, LLC OF DEXTER, MI TO DO BUSINESS AT 330 S. MAIN ST.

A motion was offered by O'Donnell and seconded by Maguire to open the item for discussion.

Sincock provided an overview of this agenda item.

Applicant Christie Lower CEO/founder of Highline Spirits, spoke about their business plan as the location would consist of a higher-end craft cocktail and flight tasting lounge in addition to educational opportunities Whiskey 101 classes, Bourbon Barrel Selection opportunities, Blending classes, Cocktail classes. Hours of operation would be 10:00 a.m.-11 p.m. where earlier hours might be for work groups (ex.: blending whiskey to bottle and take home). They also plan to utilize some space for retail sales of their products. They plan to have pre-packaged food items to offer with tastings. They will not prepare food and will not have a kitchen in the establishment. They also hope to partner with local restaurants using their QR Codes for patrons to order food with DoorDash and provide catering for classes. She also noted that the Planning Commission has previously approved their architectural plan.

Maguire thought it was an interesting concept, although not in line with the City's current ordinance related to food service.

O'Donnell would like to see the establishment be successful and would like to see more detail describing the food offerings perspective in their business plan to address the food service offerings portion of the City's ordinance.

Deal commented that they have a good concept and ideas and explained the importance of the food service offerings portion of the City's ordinance for the safety and welfare of the downtown.

Deal also noted that the LLRC's current recommendation to the City Commission would be based on what they have been presented at this time.

LLRC members along with Sincock, Cox and Marzano confirmed that the state requires local government approval by resolution before the tasting room type of license can be granted.

The following resolution was offered by Deal and seconded by Maguire.

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth maintains a Liquor Management Ordinance and all issues related to liquor licenses in the City are required to be reviewed by the Local Liquor License Review Committee; and

WHEREAS The Local Liquor License Review Committee (LLRC) has received a request for a New Off-Premises Tasting Room to be located at 330 S. Main; and

WHEREAS The City of Plymouth has received a request for a New Off-Premises Tasting Room to be located at 330 S. Main; and

WHEREAS The application has been submitted to the City of Plymouth; and

WHEREAS The application was reviewed by the Local Liquor License Review Committee on Monday, April 17, 2023 and the LLRC has considered all points of review as is required in the Plymouth City Code Section 6-35 (4).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT based on the review of all points in the Plymouth City Code 6-35 (4) the Liquor License Review Committee of the City of Plymouth does hereby recommend to the City Commission that they DENY the new Off-Premises Tasting Room License.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED

4. ADJOURNMENT

O'Donnell offered a motion, seconded by Maguire, to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

There was a voice vote.

MOTION PASSED