



# Plymouth Liquor License Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2024 4:30 p.m.

Plymouth City Hall 201 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170

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1. **Call to Order – Chair Pobur**
2. **Roll Call – Colleen Pobur, Nick Moroz, Alanna Maguire.**  
Also present: Police Chief Cox, City Manager Sincock & two members of the public.
3. **Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2024 - LLRC Meeting – Moved by Moroz and seconded by Maguire.**  
**No comments and MOTION PASSED.**
4. **Discussion of current status of Liquor License Operations Reviews and Past Due Payments – City Manager Sincock presented the Administrative Recommendation related to the annual review of liquor license holders. He indicated that the LLRC is required to meet prior to a City Commission meeting and make a recommendation to the City Commission on renewal, non-renewal or revocation of liquor licenses based on the Liquor Management Ordinance. He reported that the majority of license holders were in compliance with the Ordinance and only a few had outstanding payments due to the City. The City Manager indicated that he expected most of the people with outstanding debts to the City will pay prior to the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Further, the Administration has been working with those establishments to obtain payment prior to the official notice of non-renewal/revocation recommendation early next week, and hopefully prior to the March 17<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting.**

Chief Cox presented his 2025 Report on Alcohol related police incidents. He noted that city police officers had conducted 423 Liquor License Inspections in 2024, up from 357 in 2023. He reported that alcohol related disorderly conduct totaled 26 incidents city wide. There was only one conference or notification required with a local establishment for all of 2024. The Chief's report will be attached to these meeting minutes.

The following Resolution was offered by Moroz and seconded by Maguire:

**WHEREAS** The City of Plymouth has a Liquor Management Ordinance related to the operation of all Class C Type Liquor Licenses in the City, and

**WHEREAS** On February 27, 2025, the City Administration presented the Liquor License Review Committee with information about the various liquor licensed establishments in the City, and

**WHEREAS** The Local Liquor License Review Committee is required to make a recommendation to the City Commission related to the Renewal, non-renewal or revocation of all liquor licenses in the City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Local Liquor License Review Committee does hereby recommend to the City Commission that the following establishments be recommended to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission for renewal.**

- 1) Barrio Cocina Y Tequileria 555 Forest
- 2) Buon Vino Winery, LLC, Pizza E Vino 849 Penniman
- 3) Bearded Lamb Brewing Company – 149 W. Liberty – Two Licenses – Microbrew/Small Wine Maker –
- 4) Bigalora/Arbor Brewing – 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail – Two establishments/one license
- 5) Chicane – 885 Starkweather
  
- 6) Compari's/Fiamma/Sardine Room – 350, 370 & 380 S. Main – Three establishments one license –
- 7) E.G. Nicks – 500 Forest Ave
- 8) Hermann's Olde Town Grille – 195 W. Liberty
- 9) Highline Spirits – 380 S. Main.
- 10) Ledger/Ebenezer – 306 S. Main – Two Establishments one license
- 11) Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post – VFW – 1426 S. Mill.
- 12) Mayflower Meeting House – 499 S. Main
- 13) Nico & Vali – 744 Wing
- 14) Pakwaan Restaurant – 447 Forest
- 15) Plymouth – Ann Arbor Elks – 110 W. Ann Arbor Trail
- 16) Plymouth Cultural Center – City of Plymouth– 525 Farmer Street
- 17) Plymouth Knights of Columbus Council 3292 – 150 Fair
- 18) Plymouth ROC/Framo Enterprise, LLC – 1020 W. Ann Arbor Road (License in Escrow
- 19) Post Local Bistro – 844 Penniman
- 20) Red Ryder – 584 Starkweather
- 21) Sean O'Callaghan's – 821 Penniman
- 22) SideCar – 340 N. Main
- 23) Tai Basil – 983 W. Ann Arbor Trail
- 24) Westborn Market – 860 – 870 Penniman

The following establishments are recommended to the City Commission to recommend NON-RENEWAL OR REVOCATION for failure to comply with city ordinances to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission:

- 1) **Parkside Gastro Pub (Piano Bar of Plymouth) – 336 S. Main**
- 2) **Penn Grill – (VWS Holdings) – 820 Penniman**
- 3) **Aqua Fine Dining (VNB LLC) – 413 N. Main**

Further, that a hearing before the Local Liquor License Review Committee in accordance with Section 9 of the City of Plymouth Liquor Management Ordinance. LLRC Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on March 17, 2025, at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI be held in advance of the City Commission Meeting.

There was some discussion among the LLRC to the specifics of the outstanding debts owed to the City from the three establishments. The City Administration noted that they would prepare the proper Public Hearing Notice for the City Commission meeting and prepare an agenda for the LLRC.

**MOTION PASSED - Unanimously**

## 5. Discussion of Liquor License Cap – Annual Review per Ordinance

**City Manager Sincock indicated that annually the LLRC is required to make a recommendation to the City Commission related to the Liquor License “cap” that is in the Liquor Management Ordinance.**

There are a total of 29 licenses currently in the City of Plymouth, but 33 establishments are operating due to shared operations. Chief Cox stated that we really do not have issues with our current establishments, the police department does regular inspections inside all of the establishments on a regular basis. Compared to the years before Covid, clean up and vandalism issues for Municipal Services are down.

Board members discussed the issue of the cap and how the City has a history of quickly opening the cap numerous times to accommodate new establishments over the course of time. The discussion continued to potential legal issues related to a potential failure to raise the cap for new establishments.

The requirement for a Special Land Use permit for alcohol establishment was added to the Zoning Ordinance in 2013. Special Land Use approvals are discretionary, and the Planning Commission will review a complete site plan, including parking and lighting for any for a new establishment application.

The Police Chief indicated that over the years the city has learned that they need to move quickly, if an establishment starts to cause issues for the public safety or municipal services.

There was also a discussion by the LLRC related to how the cap limits “free market economy” especially when the city has a number of other restrictions on liquor license holders and potential new establishments.

It was moved by Moroz and seconded by Maguire.

**WHEREAS** The City of Plymouth has a Liquor Management Ordinance related to review and control of liquor serving establishments in the City, and

**WHEREAS** Annually the Local Liquor License Review Committee must make recommendations to the City Commission on potential changes to the Liquor Management Ordinance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Local Liquor License Review Committee of the City of Plymouth does hereby recommend to the City Commission that the Liquor Management Ordinance be amended to delete references to the Zoning classification limits on liquor serving establishments.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. Discussion and Review of Marijuana opt In/opt Out issues – The City Administration presented the annual Recreational Marijuana Review that was previously requested to be presented on an annual basis by a previous City Commission. The report contained information on the Opt-in/Opt-Out requirements of medical marijuana and recreational marijuana. The City Administration also discussed the information from the previous presentation from Jeff Schroeder of Plunkett Cooney on this subject matter. There was also discussion related to the amount of funding from the State that is provided to communities who have marijuana establishments in their community. The Board reviewed significant information related to the current state of the industry.

There was discussion by the board regarding a variety of issues and the consensus was to accept the City Administrations recommendation that the city continue its position of opting out of the MRTMA or not allowing marijuana establishments in the City. This will be a report to the City Commission at the meeting on March 17, 2025, meeting.

7. Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Moroz and seconded by Maguire to adjourn the meeting.

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