

CARSON CITY LIQUOR AND ENTERTAINMENT BOARD

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A meeting of the Carson City Liquor and Entertainment Board was held during the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2009 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Robert Crowell
Member Shelly Aldean
Member Ken Furlong
Member Pete Livermore
Member Molly Walt
Member Robin Williamson

STAFF: Larry Werner, City Manager
Alan Glover, Clerk - Recorder
Melanie Bruketta, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record. These materials are on file in the Clerk's Office, and available for review during regular business hours.

10. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (8:34:18) - Chairperson Crowell called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present, including Member Ken Furlong.

11. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 15, 2009 (8:34:38) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

12. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUSINESS LICENSE DIVISION - DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SALE OF LIQUOR BY PACPIZZA, LLC DBA PIZZA HUT, LOCATED AT 2441 NORTH CARSON STREET, CARSON CITY, NEVADA, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PLACE CONDITIONS ON THE LIQUOR LICENSE (8:34:58) - Chairperson Crowell introduced this item. Principal Planner Jennifer Pruitt reviewed the agenda materials and provided background information. (8:35:47) PacPizza, LLC District Manager Charles Chucarie introduced himself for the record. In response to a question, he advised of having missed the November 5th hearing "due to miscommunication." He further advised that the Carson City Pizza Hut stopped selling alcohol on November 8th. In response to a question, he explained the circumstances associated with missing the November 5th hearing in that "the original notification was sent to ... our accounting department ... in Wichita, Kansas." He advised of not having been notified until November 8th of the November 5th hearing. He acknowledged having reviewed the original citation. In response to a further question, he advised that Pizza Hut employee orientation includes "a big section" on alcohol servers training. He further advised of never having "this problem in the last seven or eight years." "After we got caught, we sent everybody through the training with the Sheriff's Department. They all have been certified. Our company appointed someone that, on a monthly basis, ... will set up the restaurant to see if they are selling any alcohol to any minors. And if they do, the manager will be replaced."

Chairperson Crowell noted the seriousness of the situation, and Mr. Chucarie acknowledged the same. Chairperson Crowell commended Mr. Chucarie for "taking the strong action to shut down the sale of

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alcohol” until such time as the hearing was resolved. Member Furlong advised of having communicated with Mr. Chucarie, and that a check was done to verify the alcohol sales were suspended. He advised of having talked with Mr. Chucarie, prior to the November 5th board meeting, regarding the Pizza Hut alcohol servers program. Member Furlong acknowledged that Pizza Hut has an “aggressive program,” and agreed that it had been “allowed to lapse, probably under the assumption that everything was going fine.”

In response to a question, Member Furlong was uncertain as to whether any of the Pizza Hut employees had completed the Sheriff’s Office alcohol servers training program. Mr. Chucarie advised of having proof of completion. Supervisor Livermore expressed the hope that Pizza Hut employees will attend the Sheriff’s Office alcohol servers training, and that management will work with the Sheriff’s Office to ensure the Pizza Hut enforcement program is “within the guidelines that the Sheriff’s Department okays.” Mr. Chucarie advised that 18 employees attended the last class. In response to a further question, he advised that employee orientation is conducted “at the local level and then, at the first opportunity, we send them to the class with the Sheriff’s Department.” In response to a further question, Mr. Chucarie advised of having completed an application to serve as the liquor manager. “Everything is completed with a \$500 check,” and he advised of the intent to submit it today. He acknowledged that the contact information has been updated. Member Williamson noted the progressive penalties associated with each citation, pursuant to the provisions of the Carson City Municipal Code. She cautioned Mr. Chucarie that the Pizza Hut establishment will likely be checked within the next 30 to 60 days, and encouraged him to convey to his employees the seriousness of the matter. Mr. Chucarie assured the board that Pizza Hut will ensure no part in any accident or death of a minor “due to our sales.”

Chairperson Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. He provided an overview of the current status of this matter. In response to a question, Mr. Chucarie advised that alcohol sales will resume as soon as the server training is complete. Discussion took place regarding the current status of the Pizza Hut liquor license, and Business License Technician Lena Tripp confirmed its validity under Pacpizza, LLC.

13. ACTION TO ADJOURN (8:45:42) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Member Williamson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Liquor and Entertainment Board meeting are so approved this 7th day of January, 2010.

ROBERT L. CROWELL, Chair

ATTEST:

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder