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LOCAL CONTROL SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

CONFERENCE ROOM 12, CITY HALL

4:46 P.M.

****UNAPPROVED****

Present: Norm Blais (NB); Tom Ayres (TA); Max Tracy (MT); Gregg Meyer (GM); Lori Olberg (LO)

Others present: Bill Keogh (BK), Airport Commission, Vice Chair; Alex, Fox 44/ABC 22; Isaac Trombley (IT), Airport Staffperson; Jeff Munger (JM), Airport Commission, Chair and Shannon Moore (SM), General Manager, Hilton Garden Inn.

CHAIR BLAIS PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Ayres, seconded by Commissioner Tracy, the agenda was unanimously adopted as is.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Tracy, seconded by Commissioner Ayres, the consent agenda was unanimously adopted taking the following actions as indicated:

2.01. COMMUNICATION: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator, re: Catering Log
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

2.02. COMMUNICATION: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator, re: Unapproved Local Control Sub-committee/City Council License Committee for September 16, 2014

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the minutes

2.03. COMMUNICATION: Renee Warren, Administrative Assistant, DLC, re: Hilton Burlington, Violation of General Regulation #42, with a fine of \$200 (9/15/14); fine has been paid

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3. FIRST CLASS HOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (2014-2015):

On a motion by Commissioner Ayres, seconded by Commissioner Tracy, this item and the next were open for discussion. Shannon Moore, General Manager for the Hilton Garden Inn spoke. Beginning to mid-December 2014 the hotel should be finished with an anticipated opening in early to mid-January 2015 (eight weeks until completion.) A full service menu will be provided with breakfast (6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) and dinner (5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.) being served along with room service; NO lunch service.

Department of Health has taken a preliminary look at the space. DLC training will be taken on October 8th per SM. The outside consumption permit is seasonal.

Chair Blais advised SM to contact the Fire Marshal Office.

On a motion by Commissioner Tracy, seconded by Commissioner Ayres, the first class hotel liquor license application and outside consumption permit application were tabled until the first meeting in December; the indoor entertainment permit application too.

Catamount/Van Ness, LLC, d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn Burlington Downtown, 101 Main Street*

3.01. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT APPLICATION (2014-2015):

Catamount/Van Ness, LLC. d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn Burlington Downtown, 101 Main Street*

This item was tabled until the first meeting in December.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Chair Blais the Local Control Sub-committee Meeting unanimously adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator

CITY COUNCIL LICENSE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
4:55 P.M.

Present: see above; Rachel Siegel (RS) arrived at 5:08 p.m.

CHAIR BLAIS PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

On a motion by Councilor Ayres, seconded by Councilor Tracy, the agenda was unanimously adopted as is.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilor Ayres, seconded by Councilor Tracy, the consent agenda was unanimously adopted thus taking the following actions as indicated:

2.01. COMMUNICATION: Lt. Jason Lawson, BPD, re: Block Party, September 21, 2014
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

2.02. COMMUNICATION: Lt. Burke, BPD, re: Under 21 Events, September – November,
Zen Lounge
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

Chair Blais conveyed to Alex from Fox 44 that consent agenda items were not discussed unless they were removed from the agenda and placed on deliberative for discussion and if something was being raised by him. Alex had inquired about Under 21 permits at the beginning of the meeting.

3. INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (2014-2015):

Catamount/Van Ness, LLC. d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn Burlington Downtown, 101 Main Street*

On a motion by Councilor Ayres, seconded by Councilor Tracy, this item was tabled.

4. DISCUSSION: Taxi Administration System

Chair Blais had asked GM to give an overview of the taxi system and how it stood, where it was going. GM confirmed that everybody read the report and that reviewed the recommendations. A plan would be coming from the Mayor's Office in time for the October 20, 2014 City Council Meeting per the Mayor's cover memo to the Council. GM suggested that the Committee may want to hold a public meeting once the Mayor issued his recommendations so that the public would have one more opportunity for input prior to implementing the changes.

JM had no concerns with the process that resulted in the report. He asked GM do you have any insight of when the mayor will present the implementation plan. GM said it would happen in advance of the October 20th City Council Meeting.

JM sees licensing being done in one centralized location, however the Airport should still have insight of what happens at the Airport. IT and the ambassadors can take care of what is happening at the Airport but they are unable to do that enforcement downtown. Enforcement is key. What is being recommended has the endorsement of the Airport Commission.

BK stated that it may be hard to get drivers to a late afternoon, evening meeting but maybe not. They have heard many stories about overcharging, gouging, it is important to get this going, no gold star to be awarded but this needs to get underway. This is a big service, especially in the early hours of the morning. One step at a time for this process.

JM asked GM about looking into other communities, towns, states, countries about how they are doing transportation, peer to peer, Uber and Lyft. The City Attorney will submit a separate set of recommendations on this topic as per the taxi report.

In response to JM and BK, GM noted that the report suggests the possibility of hiring a part time enforcement officer but this will be after complaints are collected and analyzed. JM then said that the lack of complaints may be due to the fact of where do you make these complaints. Maybe an 800 number or a website would be good so that folks could lodge complaints.

MT suggested clear signage in each cab, a number or website to direct people in the event of complaints.

NB made mention that RS arrived, the fourth member of the Committee.

IT made mention meters not being used and the complaints dealing with the change in fees. RS raised the question of minimum fees and the meter not reflecting them.

TA setting the meter so that it would trigger the minimum fee on the meter that would be charged to the public.

In sum, the Airport Commissioners and the Taxi Staff were supportive of the report and promise to work with the License Committee to address the Mayor's implementation plan for taxi changes.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

LO reminded the Committee of the next meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 4:45 p.m.; LO was not sure of the location and would let the Committee know.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilor Tracy, seconded by Councilor Ayres, the City Council License Committee unanimously adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator