

The City of Lee's Summit
Action Letter
Community and Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

5:00 PM

City Council Chambers
and Via Video Conference
220 SE Green Street
Lee's Summit, MO 64063

Notice is hereby given that the Community and Economic Development Committee for the City of Lee's Summit will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm in person and via video conference as provided by Section 2-50 of Ordinance No. 9172. Persons wishing to comment on any item of business on the agenda, including public testimony during a Public Hearing, via video conference may do so by sending a request prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, to the City Clerk at clerk@cityofls.net to attend the meeting on the video conferencing platform. The meeting may be viewed on the City's website at WatchLS.net, or Spectrum Channel 2, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 and Comcast Channel 7.

1. Call to Order

Chair Prier called the May 8, 2024 Community and Economic Development Committee to order at 5:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Vice Chair Mia Prier
Councilmember Faith Hodges
Planning Commissioner Dana Arth
Alternate Beto Lopez

3. Approval of Agenda

ACTION:

Chair Prier advised she was going to switch places of Item 4 and Item 5.B. on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Hodges, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Hodges
Alternate Lopez

4. Public Comments

Public Comments were moved to follow Item 5.B.

Ms. Chelsea Underwood, Westside Grill and Bar located at 221 S. M291 Highway, spoke regarding the liquor licensing requirements. She was able to make a slight price increase to meet the requirements, but she is aware of a few other businesses that will struggle to meet this requirement and feels the conditional licensing will allow some of those businesses to continue to operate as a restaurant when given a year to make adjustments.

5. Business

- A. [2024-6182](#) Approval of the March 13, 2024 Community and Economic Development Action Letter

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilmember Hodges, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the March 13, 2024 Community and Economic Development Action Letter.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Prier
Councilmember Hodges
Alternate Lopez

- B. [2024-6264](#) Discussion: Liquor License Procedures

Council discussion included:

Springfield, MO - 60% liquor / 40% food
Handful of businesses that are affected
Minors in bars - any known issues
Small downtown businesses
Buffers (UDO) requirements differ for restaurants and bars
Special event sales
No easy answers / no easy fix
Adjust to 55% liquor / 45% food
Conditional license for 1 year

After discussion, a consensus was reached by the Committee to have staff draft an ordinance to allow for a 1 year conditional license to those affected businesses and to present this to the City Council on June 4, 2024 for first reading. If approved it would move forward for second reading / adoption on June 11, 2024 which will meet the June 30, 2024 deadline for license renewals.

6. Roundtable

Committee Roundtable:

No Committee Roundtable.

Staff Roundtable:

Mr. Ryan Elam, Assistant City Manager, stated Chair Prier did a good job with her first meeting as Chair. He also wished Chief Forbes happy birthday.

7. Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chair Prier adjourned the May 8, 2024 Community and Economic Development Committee at 5:43pm.

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