



City of Franklin

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Meeting Minutes

Beer Board

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

4:00 PM

Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Potts called the meeting to order at 04:00 PM

Board Members Present: Jason Potts, Greg Caesar, Clyde Barnhill

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jessica Davey, Blake Harper, Sarah Schilling

SETTING OF THE AGENDA

1. **Consideration Of Changes In Agenda And Setting The Agenda**
 - i. **Discussion Of Removal Of Items From Consent/Changes Not Requiring A Vote**
 - ii. **Proposed Changes To The Agenda**
 - iii. **Approval Of Agenda As Submitted Or Changed**

Sponsors:

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Agenda as Submitted. The motion passed 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Open for citizens to be heard on any issue or concern, including those related to items on the agenda. Please submit a Speaker Card at the beginning of the meeting if you would like to address the Board/Commission. If you would like to speak on an agenda item, the Chair will hold your comment until the public comment period associated with the item. As provided by law, Boards/Commissions shall make no decisions or consideration of action of citizen comments for items not on the agenda, except to refer the matter to the City Administrator/Staff for administrative consideration, or to a schedule the matter for consideration at a later date. Those addressing the Board/Commission are requested to come to the microphone and identify themselves by name and address for the official record. The Chair may restrict the period for public comment, including the length of the public comment period, the number of individuals who can speak and the length of time each individual may speak. When time allows, the standard individual public comment time is two minutes.)

Comments on agenda items may be made in person at City Hall or by emailing recorder@franklintn.gov before noon on the day of the meeting. Comments will be submitted for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes**
March 12, 2024 Beer Board Meeting

Sponsors:

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the March 12, 2024 Beer Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Consideration Of Application Of GraceWorks Ministries, D/B/A GraceWorks Neighbor Serving Neighbor Benefit Dinner, The Factory At Franklin, 230 Franklin Rd, Franklin, TN 37064, Melissa Holland, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: May 9, 2024, 5:15PM - 9:30PM**

Sponsors: Revenue Management

Melissa Holland, Event Manager for GraceWorks Ministries, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Holland explained that this event is sold out, and there are expected to be 675 people in attendance. There will be four bars serving liquor, wine, and beer at this dinner event.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Alderman Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

4. **Consideration Of Application of Franklin Noon Rotary Club, D/B/A The Franklin Rodeo, Williamson County Ag Expo Center, 4215 Long Ln, Franklin, TN 37064, A. Scott Hubbard, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: May 16, 2024 Through May 18, 2024 5:00PM - 11:00PM**

Sponsors: Revenue Management

Scott Hubbard, Director of the Franklin Noon Rotary Club and Managing Agent, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Mr. Hubbard stated that this is an annual event, so it is not new to this Board or the City. There will be four areas serving beer at this event, but they are not open to the public, you need a ticket for entry. These areas will have TABC licensed bartenders, and they will be checking IDs upon entry.

Vice Chair Caesar asked if people without tickets could access the beer areas?
Answer: No.

Vice Chair Caesar followed up and asked if this event is sold out yet?
Answer: Friday and Saturday nights are sold out, and Thursday night only has a few hundred tickets left.

A motion was made by Alderman Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

5. **Consideration Of Application For Franklin Pride TN, D/B/A Franklin Pride Festival, The Park At Harlinsdale Farm, 239 Franklin Rd, Franklin TN 37064, Clayton Klutts, Managing Agent, For Special Event, Event Date And Hours: June 1, 2024 11:00AM - 7:00PM**

Sponsors: Revenue Management

Clayton Klutz, President of Franklin Pride, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. Mr. Klutz stated that this is the fourth annual Franklin Pride Festival. They are expecting to have 10,000 people in attendance. There will be one beer tent, and the Franklin Pride team is prohibited from serving anyone without a wristband that indicates they are 21 and older. The wristbands can be purchased at the Welcome Tent, where their IDs will be checked. Volunteers will be staffing the beer tent as they have in years past.

Alderman Barnhill clarified that the volunteers at the beer tent are not TABC certified.
Answer: That is correct. They may be, but it is not a requirement for volunteering.

In response, Ms. Davey explained that there is no requirement in our Municipal Code that servers must be TABC certified server. Often, events obtain a special event liquor license for their events in addition to the city's beer permit, so they are required to have a TABC certified server for liquor. However, the Franklin Pride Festival is only obtaining a peer permit from the City.

Chair Potts asked Staff Attorney Blake Harper to read that section of the Municipal Code into the record.

Alderman Barnhill expressed concern about the city's liability when letting an event occur on city property without TABC certified servers.

Ms. Davey stated that insurance is required, and a rider is added to note that beer is being served. Franklin Pride Festival obtained all necessary insurance requirements mandated by the city. This insurance review process is done via the special event application process through the Public Outreach and Special Events Office.

Staff Attorney Harper then read the Powers and Duties of the Beer Board to hopefully clarify their role in this matter.

Vice Chair Caesar noted an issue with potential over-distribution and over-consumption of beer, in addition to potentially serving underage patrons.

Chair Potts asked how the organization will handle alcohol leaving the premises?

Answer: There are signs at the exits/entrances that clearly say "No Alcohol Beyond this Point," and the security staff will be monitoring that as people exit the event.

Chair Potts also asked if the beer will be consumed in a sectioned off area, or if it could be purchased and then patrons can take it around the park with them.

Answer: They are permitted to walk around with their beer.

Then, Chair Potts asked if other events use volunteers in their beer tents?

Answer: Alderman Blanton, in attendance, stated that many Franklin events, such as Main Street Festival, PumpkinFest, and Dickens of a Christmas, use volunteers. In fact, she has volunteered in the beer tent without a TABC license in the past.

Ms. Davey noted that this information is not disclosed on the application, so we would not know that unless it is asked at the Beer Board meetings. If that is something we want to include from now on, we can adjust the application with the Board's direction.

Alderman Blanton added that the TABC requirement is often determined by the event venue, like the Factory at Franklin.

A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit. The motion passed 3-0.

6. Consideration Of Application Of Tio Fun #2 Franklin LLC, D/B/A Tio Fun Mexican Munchies, 901 Columbia Ave, Franklin, TN 37064, Michael Corona, Managing Agent, For On Premises Consumption

Sponsors: Revenue Management

Michael Corona, co-owner of Tio Fun Mexican Munchies, was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board. This restaurant will be a fast-casual Mexican restaurant in Downtown Franklin. They plan to serve beer, but this is only about 10% of alcohol sales. They primarily serve margaritas and other liquor-based cocktails.

Alderman Barnhill asked if staff would be TABC licensed?

Answer: Yes.

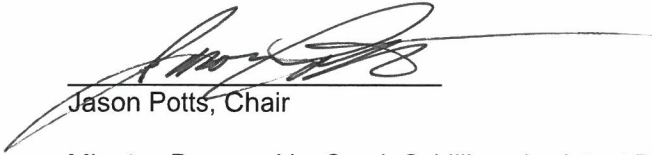
A motion was made by Alderman Clyde Barnhill, seconded by Vice Chair Greg Caesar to Approve the Beer Permit contingent on receipt of Certificate of Occupancy. The motion passed 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Vice Chair Greg Caesar, seconded by Alderman Clyde Barnhill to Adjourn the Meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:28 PM



Jason Potts, Chair

Minutes Prepared by Sarah Schilling, Assistant Deputy City Recorder, City Administrator's Office - 4/9/2024, 4:35 PM