October 5, 2022 9200 Basil Court Largo, MD 20774 Virtual Hearing

**Present:** 

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 7:01 p.m.

Commissioner Forbes: This is an open meeting for the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners. Welcome to our House. To ensure compliance with the law (Maryland Open Meetings Act) and our goal of transparency, to please identify yourself when speaking and speak audibly. As a professional courtesy, when not speaking, please mute your device. If someone from the public that is not providing testimony as a witness today, I will recognize you in the hearing and give you an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Everyone's voice matters at the BOLC. We understand that some of you may be passionate about what you have to say and that passion, in this regard, is permissible. What is not permissible is if truth, facts, and respect are not grounded in your voice. Thank you in advance for being truthful, respectful, and honest during the entire proceeding.

**Director Sheppard:** During a typical hearing, there would be an exchange between the Board and the attorneys to exchange information as exhibits. Because this hearing is now virtual, we have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's date to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff of the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

## **REGULAR SESSION:**

1. Victoria Navarrete Member / Resident Agent, KO-ME, LLC, t/a Mile High Lounge, 6420 Aaron Lane, Clinton, Maryland 20735, Class BL+, Beer, Wine and Liquor is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of 26-1903 A licensed holder may not provide entertainment unless authorized to do so, of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No 37 (E) Change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; that on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at approximately 1:44 a. m., Inspector Patterson and Caraway entered the establishment for an entertainment inspection and noticed a DJ playing music with dancing taken place. At that time, the establishment did not possess an entertainment permit. Furthermore, the licensee was previously found in violation of: RR# 37 (E) - March 11, 2022, change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

**Inspector Patterson of the BOLC** testified about this incident.

Licensee **Juan Ponce** is present and speaks to the Board.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to fine the licensee for t/a Mile High Lounge in violation as charged with a fine of \$4,500, seconded by Commissioner Sparkman. After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. t/a Maryland Farms Super Liquors – Request for a Delivery Permit.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

**Mr. Singh** states that his employee will make the deliveries and will check every I.D. to make sure it's the correct person. The establishment will keep a record book with all deliveries and addresses. The employee making the deliveries will be Alcohol Awareness Certified.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Delivery Permit for t/a Maryland Farms Super Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.** 

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. t/a Cornerstone Grill and Loft – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

The plans for Cornerstone Grill and Loft if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have a DJ Thursday through Saturday beginning at 10:00 p.m. for college students and other patrons.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) testified that the security plan is adequate.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Cornerstone Grill and Loft, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.** 

## After Board vote, the motion carries.

## Commissioner Camacho takes the gavel at this time.

4. t/a Mile High Lounge - Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

The plans for Mile High Lounge if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have dancers and a cover charge. Entertainment will be Tuesday through Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) testified that the security plan is adequate.

This establishment will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

**Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Mile High Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.** 

After Board vote, the motion carries.

## Commissioner Forbes takes the gavel at this time.

5. t/a Zach's Liquors – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

The licensee agrees to spend the \$50,000 capital investment within one year of today's date. Some of the improvements will include new coolers, flooring, and counters.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Zach's Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.** 

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes

Administrative Aide BOLC