

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2017
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Present: Blonigan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy
Absent: Rogan
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Tom Marshall, City Clerk

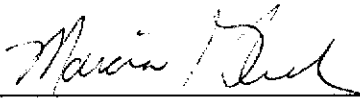
Public Hearing: The Lodge Bar and Restaurant's Failure to Meet City Code Requirements 1205.01 Subdivision 2., maintain gross receipts attributable to no more than 60% to liquor and at least 40% to food sales.

3. Marshall reviewed the staff report.
4. Kathy McMenomen, 21990 Harrow Avenue North, Forest Lake. She talked about an injury she had sustained last October and was away from her business for four and half months and has been hard to get the numbers back up since. The buyer's are expecting to focus on catering and events. The buyer's are operating the restaurant now during the transition time. She did not bring June numbers to the public hearing. Since that she is in a transition to selling the restaurant, she would prefer not to have her license suspended.
5. Member Blonigan asked if The Lodge would lose a lot of money if closed at 1 a.m. instead of 2 a.m.
6. Ms. McMenomen indicated they probably would not.
7. Member Backen noted concern that the buyer's have been operating the facility without applying for their liquor license. Would like to see them to start the process.
8. Ms. McMenomen stated that she was unaware that the buyer's had not yet applied for their liquor license.
9. Member Blonigan stated that there is a difference between being intentional and unintentional. He believes that with her injury, the failure to meet the requirement was unintentional. He suggested a \$100 fine and a suspension of the closing time extension to 2 a.m. completely or for seven weeks.
10. Ms. McMenomen had a conflict with the manager who was operating the bar in her absence and let him go when she returned and learned of the failure to meet the requirement.
11. Member Selman asked about the liquor license application process and wondered if Council should table action for a week to see if the buyer submits the application.

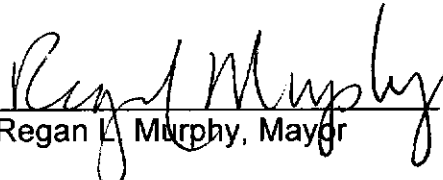
12. Glick described the process in which the soonest the public hearing for license could be held would be August 15 unless the public hearing notice is submitted prior to 2:30 p.m. on July 13, and then it could be August 8. The public hearing notice would be sent once the completed liquor license application packet is submitted and application fees are paid.
13. Mayor Murphy indicated he is leaning toward tabling action until the buyer submits the application and indicates a plan to increase food sales.
14. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to table action until the July 18th City Council meeting. **Ayes: Backen, Selman, Mayor Murphy Nays: Blonigan Absent: Rogan.**
15. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to close the public hearing. **The vote was 4-0, Rogan absent.**

ADJOURNMENT

16. Member Backen **MOVED**, seconded by Member Selman to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. **The vote was 4-0, Rogan absent.**



Marcia Glick, Recorder



Regan L. Murphy, Mayor