

Alcohol Advisory Board  
Council Chambers at City Hall  
September 12, 2016  
4:00pm

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Review of Minutes from Monday, August 8, 2016
3. Adoption of Minutes
4. TIPS Presentation
5. T.I.R.V. Proposal
6. SafeServ Proposal
7. "Catered Events" proposal
8. Discussion of Pricing section of the Ordinance (Happy Hour)
9. Questions and Comments from the Community
10. Announce Next Meeting- Monday, October 10 at 4:00pm
11. Adjourn

Alcohol Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2016

The second meeting of the Alcohol Advisory Board was held on August 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Patrice Jackson, Woody Pumphry, Jim Thibodeau, Shubert Lane, Laura Wheaton, and Matt Hube. Also present were City Attorney Alvin Leaphart and City Clerk Sue Starling.

The minutes from the July 11, 2016 meeting were presented. Shubert Lane made a motion to adopt the minutes. Jim Thibodeau seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote as members Pumphry and Wheaton were not yet present.

City Attorney Alvin Leaphart presented a thorough review of the pertinent portions of the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance.

Attorney Bob Mikell presented a proposal on behalf of the Tormenta Soccer Club to amend the catered events portion of the alcohol ordinance to allow for serving of alcohol at public events like sporting events. Mr. Mikell stated that the current catered events portion of the alcohol ordinance only allows an alcohol license holder to serve alcohol at a private event, but does not allow the sale of alcohol at events where the general public is admitted. The proposed change in the ordinance would allow for sales of alcohol at events where the general public is admitted. The proposed change also allows for the City Council to place any limiting restriction on the event which it deems necessary to ensure compliance with and effectuation of the general state law, prevention and control of the sale of alcoholic beverages by unfit persons, and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. Attorney Mikell stated that Georgia Department of Revenue Agent Ron Huckaby had been consulted about this proposed change, but that Agent Huckaby could not be present at the meeting due to prior obligations. A motion was made by Shubert Lane to table the matter so that Agent Huckaby could be consulted. The motion was seconded by Laura Wheaton. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote. It should be noted that this was Attorney Mikell's second appearance before the Board to discuss this matter.

Mr. William Lord from The Training Institute for Responsible Vendors, Inc. (T.I.R.V.) presented information on the server training program his company offers. His request was that his company be allowed to offer training in Statesboro that will satisfy the alcohol ordinance's requirement that all employees of businesses who are licensed to sell alcohol complete a Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) alcohol course, or other similar training approved by Mayor and City Council within thirty (30) days of employment. (Section 6-10(a)). Mr. Lord informed the Board of his background and that his company provides training programs in Savannah, Kennesaw, and a variety of other municipalities around the state. He stated that a training program can be customized to the City Council's requirements. Matt Hube asked Mr. Lord to provide references from other municipalities, copies of the tests that are given at the end of training and a copy of program materials so that they could be compared to the local TIPS curriculum. Matt Hube made a motion to table the issue so that Mr. Lord could provide the

above listed materials and so the Board would have time to review those materials. Shubert Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Dan Schmidt and other representatives from Applebee's as well as a representative from Buffalo Wild Wings presented information about the ServSafe training program they utilize in their establishments. The ServSafe program is a nationally recognized alcohol training program for employees who are involved in selling and serving alcohol. Mr. Schmidt also discussed an additional training program utilized in the Applebee's restaurants regarding the responsible sales and service of alcohol. The request both establishments made was that the ServSafe program fulfill the requirements of the alcohol ordinance related to TIPS. Matt Hube made a motion to table the issue in order to review the ServSafe materials and compare them to the local TIPS curriculum. Shubert Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

Ms. Joyce Stubbs, Executive Director of the Bulloch Alcohol and Drug Council asked to be able to present information on the TIPS curriculum at a future meeting. Board members all agreed that this would be very helpful as we compare the different alcohol training programs.

The next Alcohol Advisory Board meeting was set for September 12, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

Shubert Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Wheaton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.