

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

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Review of Minutes from Monday, November 14, 2016
3. Adoption of Minutes
4. Vote on Revised "Catered Events" definition
5. Discussion of Pricing section of the Ordinance (Happy Hour)
6. Questions and Comments from the Community
7. Announce Next Meeting- Monday, January 9 at 4:00pm
8. Adjourn

Alcohol Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016

The third meeting of the Alcohol Advisory Board was held on November 14, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Woody Pumphry, Jim Thibodeau, Shubert Lane, and Matt Hube. Matt Hube presided over the meeting in the absence of Patrice Jackson. Also present were City Attorney Alvin Leaphart and City Clerk Sue Starling.

The minutes from the September 12, 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.

The next item was discussion of the pricing section (happy hour) of the Ordinance. All parties agree that the current pricing section (6-16) is confusing to read and that it would be difficult to enforce. Patrice Jackson submitted her position via email prior to the meeting. Her preference was to hear from local bar owners on the matter at a subsequent meeting. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart presented his thoughts on safety issues related to the pricing of alcoholic beverages. There was some discussion about the dangers to the community of establishments serving vast quantities of alcohol at very low prices where people could consume a large amount of alcohol in a short period of time. An example was discussed where bar owners would charge a cash cover charge and then sell alcohol to patrons at cost. There was quite a bit of discussion of whether the focus in this area should be on the regulation of the establishments that sell alcohol or on the enforcement/consequences of whatever pricing scheme is eventually put into place. The City's stated position was that regardless of the specific language in section 6-16, the city will still enforce the other alcohol regulations. Woody Pumphry made a motion to table the discussion until the December meeting so that enforcement officers could be present at the meeting to discuss the matter. Shubert Lane seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

The next item discussed was the proposed change to the catered events portion of the ordinance. Darren Van Tassel presented 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. Attorney Bob Mikell had appeared at a previous meeting and stated on behalf of the Tormenta Soccer Club 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. Patrice Jackson made her thoughts on the subject known through an email she had sent prior to the meeting. She wants these type of catered events to be treated as special events. Darren Van Tassel was present at the meeting and voiced some concern about having these events treated as special events due to the state laws that require alcohol for special events to be delivered to the location where the alcohol will be sold. At the location Tormenta

would be selling alcohol there is not a place for the alcohol to be delivered to beforehand. Discussion turned to modifying the existing language of catered events to allow for the general public to be present at catered events. It was discussed that there should be an insurance requirement and proof of insurance would have to be submitted to the city clerk by the caterer. Other factors that were discussed in terms of things the city council could use to determine whether to issue a permit for a catered event were location, times of the event, security provided for the event, and any other factors deemed appropriate by the council. Woody Pumphry made a motion that we have proposed language for a new definition of catered events ready for the December 12 meeting. Shubert Lane seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

The next item was questions and comments from the community. Ms. Joyce Stubbs asked that the members consider attending the TIPS training so we have a better understanding of that program. The program lasts approximately 4 hours.

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

At 5:25 p.m. Shubert Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Woody Pumphry seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.