

CITY OF MUSKEGON

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2020 @ 1:00 P.M.

MUSKEGON CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

933 TERRACE STREET, MUSKEGON, MI 49440

REMOTE MEETING

Special Meeting

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Present: Mayor Stephen Gawron, Vice Mayor Eric Hood and Commissioners, Ken Johnson, Teresa Emory, Willie German, Jr., and Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, City Manager Frank Peterson, City Attorney John Schrier, and City Clerk Ann Meisch.

Absent: Commissioner Michael Ramsey

Tasting License for former Boar's Belly Location

Boars Belly has permanently closed their location at 333 W. Western Avenue, and there is a new interested party wishing to lease the space. West Michigan Rum Company, parent company of Burl and Sprig, is planning a collaboration with a prominent restaurant in Grand Haven for a restaurant/cocktail bar and requires a liquor license application to be approved by the local unit of government per state statute.

The Boars Belly closed its doors last fall with the intention of becoming a seasonal restaurant, but with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have elected to shut down permanently. The space is available and Burl and Sprig has a contingent lease agreement. This is dependent on them being approved by both the City of Muskegon and the LCC for an Offsite Tasting License, which allows spirits manufacturers the ability to serve samples and cocktails at a location other than their primary facilities. The two applications (one for each suite being leased) are attached to this submission for review by the City Commission. There are also two resolutions attached that must be approved either recommending or not recommending the applications, per the process provided by the Michigan Liquor

Control Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, to approve the resolutions recommending license approval as presented.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Emory, Johnson, Gawron, Hood, German, and Rinsema-Sybenga.

MOTION PASSES

Public Comment: Public Comment received.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk