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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Marijuana Licensing Authority

Friday, November 4, 2016

1:00 PM

Room 2108

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Hearing Officer Ablao called the marijuana licensing authority meeting of Friday, November 4, 2016, to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Min 16-71 Minutes of Marijuana Licensing Authority Meeting of June 3, 2016

Senior Assistant City Attorney Allen made note that her title was listed incorrectly in the meeting minutes of June 3, 2016. Hearing Officer Ablao stated that she would approve the minutes as amended with the corrected title for Ms. Allen.

3. New Business

Pres 16-572

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER LICENSE OF LIFESTYLE FOODS, INC., LOCATED AT 6795 E . 49TH AVE

Melissa Bradley, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Bradley stated that her product is currently sold in 17 stores and she is launching two new products: a higher dose of tea and a water soluble form of THC that exists in the tea. She also hired a food scientist during this renewal period.

In response to questions from the hearing officer, Ms. Bradley stated that she has received an additional \$245,000 from the same lender listed in her original application.

No one from the public came forward to speak in favor or opposition to the license renewal application.

In response to questions from Senior Assistant City Attorney Allen, Ms. Bradley stated that a few items were corrected as a result of feedback from the annual site inspection.

Hearing Officer Ablao approved the renewal application of the retail marijuana products manufacturer license application contingent upon Ms. Bradley providing the promissory notes to the city.

4. Public Hearings

Pres 16-573

APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER AND A RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

LICENSE BY MACLONE OPERATIONS, LLC, TO BE LOCATED AT 9670 DALLAS STREET UNIT 2, HENDERSON, CO 80640

Hearing Officer Ablao opened the public hearing.

Appearing on behalf of the applicant:

Kelly Rosenberg, Registration #35685 Kevin Vlack, permitted economic interest Christopher Stefan

Appearing on behalf of the city:

Senior Assistant City Attorney Rachel Allen Kenneth Coffey, police department

The official file of the city was admitted into the record.

Attorney Rosenbergy asked to introduce a six-page document as clarification of the address of the proposed licensed premises. There has been confusion regarding the unit number being #2 or letter B.

Hearing Office Ablao admitted the six-page document as applicant's exhibit #1

Thuy Vu was sworn in. She testified that she is the chief compliance officer for Sima Sciences and that the company supports the issuance of the license.

Eva Garretson of Liquor Licensing Professionals was sworn in. Ms. Garretson testified that Liquor Licensing Professionals was contracted to conduct the neighborhood petitioning. She spoke of the process and results.

Kevin Vlack, appeared on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in. Mr. Vlack testified that he is a permitted economic interest and will convert his economic interest to an ownership interest in 2017. He currently owns the proposed licensed premises and leases it to the applicant. Mr. Vlack testified to his educational and professional background. The applicant anticipates employee six staff.

Attorney Rosenberg asked to introduce a one-page document describing the business operation.

Hearing Officer Ablao admitted the one-page document as applicant's exhibit #2.

Attorney Rosenberg asked to introduce two one-page letters of support from businesses located within the designated boundary.

Hearing Office Ablao admitted the documents as applicant's exhibits #3 and #4.

Christopher Stefan, appeared on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in. Mr. Stefan testified that he will be the general manager and chief executive officer, and is currently the owner. He described the business operation, his past criminal history, his prior educational and professional history.

Leslie Siu appeared on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in. Ms Siu testified that she is the chief marketing officer for the applicant. She outlined her educational and professional background.

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Kenneth Coffey, police investigator appeared on behalf of the city and was sworn in. Investigator Coffey testified to his investigation methods and that the police department does not have any concerns with the applicants.

No one appeared to testify in support or opposition of the application and the public hearing was closed.

Hearing Officer Ablao made a finding that the desires of the neighborhood have been met and the applicant is qualified to hold a license. She approved the license conditional upon successful inspections by the fire district, the building department, and the police department.

Pres 16-574

APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS MANUFACTURER LICENSE FOR MILE HIGH XTRACTIONS, LLC TO BE LOCATED AT 9690 DALLAS ST UNIT C

Hearing Office Ablao opened the public hearing.

Appearing on behalf of the applicant:

Eric Sahud Thomas Gray Max Scott, Oedipus, Inc. Attorney Jeffrey Guard, Registration #27294

Appearing on behalf of the city:

Senior Assistant City Attorney Rachel Allen Kenneth Coffey, police department

Attorney Allen disclosed that she was classmates with applicant Gray's wife over 10 years ago. She believes she is not precluded from representing the city in this matter.

The applicant's attorney stated they had no objection to Attorney Allen representing the city.

Max Scott appeared on behalf of Oedipus, Inc. and was sworn in. Mr. Scott testified to the methods and results of the neighborhood petitioning.

Thomas Gray appeared on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in. He testifed to his educational and professional background. Mr. Gray described the business operation.

Eric Sahud appeared on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in. Mr. Sahud testified to his educational and professional background.

No one appeared to speak on behalf of, or in opposition to, granting the license and the public hearing was closed.

City Clerk Bauer, testified that she received a letter in opposition to the application from a business located within the designated boundary. A business representative did not sign the petition, but possibly received a post card notification from the city.

Hearing Officer Ablao made a finding that the desires of the neighborhood have been

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met and the applicant is qualified to hold a license. She approved the license conditional upon successful inspections by the fire district, the building department, and the police department.

Pres 16-604

APPLICATION FOR A RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS
MANUFACTURER LICENSE AND A MEDICAL MARIJUANA
INFUSED-PRODUCT MANUFACTURER LICENSE OF NEXTRACT
LABS, LLC TO BE LOCATED AT 9670 DALLAS ST UNITS 3+4,
HENDERSON, CO 80640

Hearing Officer Ablao opened the public hearing.

Appearing on behalf of the applicant:

Attorney Tom Downey, Registration #29490 John Fritzel, applicant Attorney Philip Snow, Registration #44507 Michael Lane

Appearing on behalf of the city:

Senior Assistant City Attorney Rachel Allen Kenneth Coffey, police department

Attorney Allen stated that the city received a preliminary hearing statement from the applicant that was not timely filed in accordance with the marijuana licensing authority rules. The city does not have sufficient time to respond to the statement and asks that the hearing be continued to December 2, 2016, at 1:00 pm.

The applicant has no objection to the continuance request.

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Hearing Officer Ablao continued the public hearing to December 2, 2016, at 1:00 pm.

5. Other Business

City Clerk Bauer had questions regarding a change of ownership on a license that was approved conditionally in June but has not yet met the conditions for licensure.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.