## CITY OF NORTHGLENN LIQUOR LICENSING AUTHORITY October 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Olivieri called the regular meeting of the

Northglenn Liquor Licensing Authority to order on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held remotely with electronic participation by

all members of the Authority.

**ROLL CALL** Present were: Chairperson Michael Olivieri, Vice Chairperson

Sharon Whitman, Members Maxine Foster, Larry Harvey, and

Lee Stewart.

ABSENT No one.

**STAFF PRESENT** Attorney Hilary Graham and Deputy City Clerk Lisa Andrews.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 21, 2020 Minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting were approved

as presented.

## NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – PUBLIC HEARING

7-Eleven #38725A

Chairperson Olivieri opened the public hearing on the application filed by ALO, Inc. and 7-Eleven, Inc. for a new fermented malt beverage license to be issued for the establishment known as 7-Eleven #38725A located at 11250 Huron Street. There were no objections to the jurisdiction of the Authority or to the form and substance of the hearing. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the applicant also consented to the hearing being conducted electronically and agreed to waive claims against the Authority and City of Northglenn related to taking action in a remote environment. All those wishing to testify were placed under oath by the Deputy City Clerk.

Mr. Kevin Coates of Dill, Dill, Carr, Stonbraker, & Hutchings, P.C. was present as legal counsel for the applicants. Mr. Coates made a brief statement and introduced Ms. Liza Shrestha of ALO, Inc. and Mr. Joshua Duran of 7-Eleven, Inc., the applicants, to the Authority.

Ms. Carol Johnson, present on behalf of Liquor Licensing Professionals, LLC d/b/a Liquor Pros was called by Mr. Coates

to provide testimony regarding a needs and desires survey that was conducted within a one-half (1/2) mile neighborhood boundary of the proposed establishment. Ms. Johnson briefly discussed the process of conducting a survey and some changes implemented due to the existing pandemic. Ms. Johnson reported 97% of those signing the petitions were in favor of the application, demonstrating a strong need and desire for the fermented malt beverage license to be issued.

Mr. Coates next called Ms. Liza Shrestha to testify as the sole managing member of ALO, Inc., which has a franchise agreement with 7-Eleven, Inc. to operate the convenience store at 11250 Huron Street. The establishment opened on September 1, 2020. Ms. Shrestha testified she is of good moral character and has owned and operated another 7-Eleven store in Lafayette, Colorado for the past seven (7) years. There have been no liquor code violations at the Lafayette location. Ms. Shrestha addressed alcohol server training, stating all new employees must pass an electronic program with 100%. The focus of the training program is checking identification to prevent underage sales. Employees are then re-certified every year thereafter. The business also maintains a contract with an external company to provide compliance checks. There is a zero tolerance policy and employees are terminated if identification is not checked for anyone purchasing alcohol that appears to be under the age of 50. All employees are advised that liquor code violations are subject to criminal prosecution and immediate termination. Ms. Shrestha testified regarding the point-of-sale system, stating that it scans state issued identification and refuses sale of alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Ms. Shrestha described the surveillance camera system and stated the beer cooler is situated in a way to be continuously monitored by onduty clerks to prevent the theft of alcohol beverages. Ms. Shrestha stated she works on-site seven (7) days a week. The establishment is open from 8 a.m. to midnight and employs seven (7) clerks, all of whom have completed alcohol server training. Ms. Shrestha stated patrons have been asking if 7-Eleven will be providing beer in the future, demonstrating a strong need and desire for a liquor license to be issued.

Mr. Joshua Duran testified that he is a district manager for 7-Eleven, Inc. and 7-Eleven #38725A is in his designated area. Mr. Duran stated there have been no violations at the other establishment operated by Ms. Shrestha and that 7-Eleven, Inc. is excited to have a new establishment in the Northglenn.

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There was discussion regarding different policies that have arisen as a result of COVID-19. Ms. Shrestha testified that masks are required to be worn in the establishment but the point-of-sale system is equipped with an I.D. scanner to assist in determining the age of those purchasing alcohol. Ms. Shrestha reiterated the Lafayette store she owns has a 100% success rate with compliance checks.

Mr. Coates concluded the applicant is of good moral character and there is a need and desire for the establishment to be granted a fermented malt beverage license.

Chairperson Olivieri called for anyone else that would like to speak regarding the application. No one responded.

MOTION TO PASS

Mr. Harvey **MOVED** and it was **SECONDED** by Vice Chairperson Whitman to approve the fermented malt beverage license application filed by ALO, Inc. & 7-Eleven, Inc. d/b/a 7-Eleven #38725A.

**MOTION PASSED** 

There was no discussion and the motion **PASSED**. IN FAVOR - Olivieri, Whitman, Foster, Harvey, Stewart. OPPOSED - No one. ABSENT - No one.

**OTHER MATTERS** 

Deputy City Clerk Andrews stated the public hearing regarding the liquor license renewal application for Parry's Pizza V, LLC has been continued to November 16, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 09:34 a.m.

LISA ANDREWS MICHAEL OLIVIERI
Deputy City Clerk Chairperson