



MINUTES

LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY

Thursday January 16, 2025 – 9:00 A.M.

**City Council Chambers – 500 E. Third Street
Loveland, Colorado**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Judge Jennifer Edgley, Local Licensing Authority

Vincent Junglas, City Attorney

Emilie DeLima, Liquor, Tobacco, and Marijuana Enforcement Officer

Sterling Wilson, Local Licensing Authority Secretary

Adriana Mazur, Assistant City Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes from LLA Meeting on January 16, 2025.**

There were no protests filed in response to any item on the consent agenda. The minutes were approved in their current form.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Renewal Application – Cocina and Cantina Mexican Grill LTD, dba Cocina and Cantina Mexican Grill

An application for the renewal of the Hotel & Restaurant License issued to Cocina and Cantina Mexican Grill Ltd., dba Cocina and Cantina Mexican Grill, was filed with the City Clerk's Office December 19, 2024. The expiration date of this license is November 27th of each calendar year. The licensee has been required to appear regarding the late filing of this application.

The Authority made note that the City Attorney's Office filed a motion for suspension or revocation of this liquor license; the Authority has found probable cause to require a Show Cause Hearing.

In Attendance: Alexandro Gonzalez, Owner & Registered Manager

Findings and Action Taken:

The Local Licensing Authority allowed the licensee to respond to the City's Motion for Revocation or Suspension of their liquor license. The City Attorney confirmed the motion was sent via interoffice mail on January 13, 2025. The hearing was rescheduled to March 20, 2025, when all outstanding matters, including the renewal application, will be addressed.

The Authority's Concerns arose regarding the licensee's failure to submit a renewal application within the state-mandated deadline and continued alcohol sales after the

license expired. The Authority clarified this hearing was not the proper venue for addressing these allegations, which would instead be considered alongside the motion to show cause. The licensee, Mr. Gonzales, was directed to review the allegations and was provided the opportunity to seek legal counsel if he so chooses. Until a determination is made, Cocina and Cantina Mexican Grill is permitted to continue selling alcohol. The City is seeking to revoke Cocina and Cantina Mexican Grill Ltd.'s liquor license, and the matter was continued to March 20, 2025.

B. Alcohol Beverage Special Event Permit – Centerra Engagement Committee – Loveland Live Nights

An application for an Alcohol Beverage Special Event Permit was submitted on December 5, 2024. In partnership with Visit Loveland, the event will celebrate the Sweetheart City with a special Live Night in tandem with the Loveland Lights display. The event will take place at Chapungu Sculpture Park, 6107 Sky Pond Drive, from 3 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will benefit Visit Loveland. Food trucks will be present during the event.

In Attendance: Kayla Irwin, Engagement Coordinator for Centerra and Kinston

Findings and Action Taken:

The Centerra Engagement Committee, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, hosted this event last year and will do so again on February 8, 2025. Proceeds from alcohol sales will support the Centerra business community. Alcohol will be served under a designated tent by Peak Beverage Services employees, with Grimm Brothers' Beer and Sweetheart Winery supplying the beverages. The applicant clearly identified the areas for alcohol service and boundaries in the application materials. Attendees will be limited to three drinks each, and food trucks will be available in the parking lot just north of the event lawn.

Public notice was initially posted on December 14, 2024, but had to be re-posted on January 6, 2025, to reflect a revised meeting start time. Security will include two off-duty LPD officers and Centerra staff, with Peak Beverage monitoring alcohol service. Attendance is expected to be in the range of 1,000 participants. Code 4 Security personnel have been contracted to support the off-duty police officers.

There were no objections during the public hearing. The City Attorney and LPD raised no concerns, and last year's event had no violations. The Authority found the application compliant with all relevant laws and regulations, confirming that the event location, hours, and food availability met legal requirements. The application met all posting and fee requirements, and the applicant remained within the annual event limit.

The Authority approved the Special Event Permit.

C. Alcohol Beverage Special Event Permit – Backstage Rialto – Loveland Sweetheart Festival 2025

An application for an Alcohol Beverage Special Event Permit was submitted on December 10, 2024. The Sweetheart Festival is an annual event that is community-

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driven, supporting our local businesses, celebrating our artist community. A notice of the event was posted on location on January 2, 2025. Two events will take place on February 14, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and February 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will location will comprise 4th Street between North Lincoln Avenue and North Railroad Avenue, and the Foundry Plaza on 3rd Street between North Lincoln and North Cleveland Avenue. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Backstage Rialto. The event will feature food trucks and local vendors.

In Attendance: Jessie Rule, Event Promoter, Jim Doherty, President of Backstage Rialto.

Findings and Action Taken:

Backstage Rialto, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is hosting Loveland's Annual Sweetheart Festival fundraising event benefitting the Rialto Theater. The event will take place along 4th Street and the Foundry Plaza, with indoor alternatives at Rialto Theater, Artworks Loveland, and Desk Chair Co-Working/Event Space. The applicants intend to provide an updated event map after revising the layout of physical barriers for the event.

There will be two alcohol service tents: one between Railroad and Lincoln and another at the Foundry between Lincoln and Cleveland. Alcohol consumption will be limited to designated areas, and drinks cannot be carried between 4th Street and the Foundry. Public notices were posted on January 2 and re-posted on January 6, 2025.

Security will include 15-20 contract officers from Paraclete Solutions, plus at least two off-duty LPD officers per 1,000 attendees. Attendance is expected to reach 10,000 per day. Alcohol will be supplied by multiple local breweries and meaderies, with Backstage Rialto purchasing alcohol for sale and donating proceeds. TIPS-certified bartenders and volunteers will staff the event, issuing wristbands for alcohol purchases. No drink limit will be enforced due to the event's scale.

Six food vendors will be available downtown, alongside local restaurants. Officer DeLima raised a concern about alcohol service near the railroad crossing. Ms. Rule clarified that the event boundaries will be more than 150 feet from the tracks.

No public opposition was voiced during the public hearing. The City Attorney recommended approval, with the condition that any diagram amendments be reported and remain minor. The Authority confirmed that Backstage Rialto meets all legal requirements, holds no history of violations, and has provided sufficient public notice. Food and security requirements have been adequately addressed in compliance with state and local law.

The Authority granted this special event permit upon the condition that any revisions be subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office.

D. Transfer of Ownership – Annie Sushi LLC, dba Sushirito

An application was filed on October 16, 2024, for the transfer of the Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to Sushibox, LLC d/b/a Sushirito by Annie Sushi, LLC d/b/a Sushirito. A temporary transfer permit was issued on October 17, 2024, and is valid for 120 days thereafter. A notice of public hearing was posted on site and published in the Loveland Reporter Herald as the law requires.

In Attendance: Annie Nugn Sui, Owner/Manager

Findings and Action Taken:

The applicant appeared at the November 21, 2024 meeting of the Local Licensing Authority. The applicant requested an interpreter and an interpreter was provided for the entire duration of the hearing. At the time of the November 21, 2024 hearing the applicant did not have a valid TIPS training certificate.. Ms. Nugn Sui declined the use of an interpreter at this meeting. The Authority established the following conditions to be met before today's hearing date: the applicant must provide proof of completion of a valid alcohol server training program, and must complete a compliance inspection with the police department. A inspection was completed on November 25, 2024. Ms. Nugn Sui completed a valid alcohol server training program on December 10, 2024.

The applicant's understanding of liquor laws had been a problem during the previous meeting. Annie established an adequate understanding of complex liquor laws during the police inspection, and demonstrated knowledge of where to find additional resources. Officer DeLima approved this police inspection.

No one was present in opposition to this application and the public hearing was closed.

The City recommended approval of this application. No enforcement issues are present, and the applicant has complied with local and state law.

The Authority Finds that the application packet is in order; the applicant is in legal possession of the licensed premises where this license will be issued. The criminal history of the applicant is complete, and she has been determined to be of good moral character. The applicant is qualified to conduct the type of business proposed and has established an adequate understanding of liquor law. All fees and taxes payable to the City and State licensing authorities have been paid.

The Authority has no further concerns and approved this application for a transfer of ownership.

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E. Transfer of Ownership – L&R Roasting dba Colorado Coffee Company

An application was filed on December 3, 2024, for the transfer of Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License currently issued to Third Place Coffee, LLC d/b/a Colorado Coffee Company by L& R Roasting, LLC d/b/a Colorado Coffee Company. A temporary transfer permit was issued on December 5, 2024, and is valid for 120 days thereafter. A notice of public hearing was posted on site and published in the Loveland Reporter Herald as the law requires.

In Attendance: Hannah Gleditsch, Owner/Manager

Findings and Action Taken:

Hannah Gleditsch is a former Loveland Police Officer. Colorado Coffee is primarily a coffee shop also offering baked goods, breakfast entrees, and lunch items such as sandwiches and burritos.

Ms. Gleditsch does not have prior experience operating this type of establishment. Surrounding her law enforcement training, she does hold applicable experience, however she intends to attend the City's Alcohol Server Training Course with her Staff. The business employs 9 employees. Some staff members are under 21 years of age. A staff member of over 21 will be present to monitor service when those employees are working and the business will not generally permit 18-20 year old servers to dispense alcohol.

Holding a Hotel & Restaurant license, a selection of mixed drinks, beer, and wine are available. All alcohol is stored behind the establishment's bar inaccessible to patrons. The shop is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

No one was present in the gallery in opposition or support of this application. The public hearing was closed.

The City recommends approval of this application in response to the testimony and qualifications of the applicant.

The Authority finds that the applicant is in good moral character and in legal possession of the premises. The criminal history of the applicant is complete, and she has been determined to be of good moral character. The applicant is qualified to conduct this type of business and has made adequate arrangements to train staff members. The Authority finds that all fees and taxes are current, and that the applicant holds an adequate understanding of Colorado Liquor Law.

The Authority Approved this application for transfer of ownership.

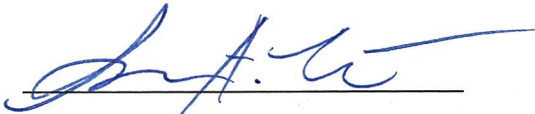
3. STAFF REPORT

- A. City Clerk's Office: the updated and revised Local Licensing Authority Rules of Procedure have been prepared for final review. They will be added to the next consent agenda for signature by the Authority.
- B. City Attorney's Office: No additions.
- C. Enforcement Report: Officer DeLima would like to include additional changes to the Local Licensing Authority Rules of Procedure – the nomenclature of the "Alcohol Beverage Special Event Permit should be adjusted to align with the changes to Title 8 of the Loveland Municipal Code.

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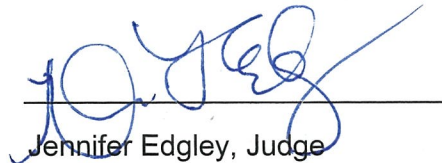
The next regularly scheduled Local Licensing Authority Meeting will be held on Thursday February 20, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sterling Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
Liquor Licensing Secretary

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Edgley", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Edgley, Judge
Liquor Licensing Authority