

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING
INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE

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DATE: Monday, August 22, 2022
TIME: 7:45 p.m.

PLACE: Municipality of Bethel Park
5100 West Library Avenue
Bethel Park, Pennsylvania 15102

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2 (Commencing at approximately 7:47 p.m.)

3 PRESIDENT MOURY: Okay. I'd like to
4 call to order the Public Hearing for the
5 Transfer of a Liquor License for Crave BBQ.
6 It is August 22nd, at 7:47 p.m.

7 Mr. Christian, would you please call
8 the roll.

9 MR. CHRISTIAN: Dr. Campbell?

10 DR. CAMPBELL: Here.

11 MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. Cenci?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. Consolmagno?

14 MR. CONSOLMAGNO: Here.

15 MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. Espinar?

16 MR. ESPINAR: Here.

17 MR. CHRISTIAN: Ms. Flinn?

18 MS. FLINN: Here.

19 MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. Janosik?

20 MR. JANOSIK: Here.

21 MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. Moury?

22 PRESIDENT MOURY: Here.

23 MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. Oakes?

24 MR. OAKES: Here.

25 MR. CHRISTIAN: Mr. O'Brien?

1 MR. O'BRIEN: Present.

2 PRESIDENT MOURY: We have eight
3 members present.

4 Just for everybody in the audience,
5 we actually have a Public Hearing for the
6 Transfer of a Liquor License, then we are
7 going to be voting on the Transfer of the
8 Liquor License, and then the Public Hearing
9 on the amending ordinance for the zoning
10 hearing.

11 Some of you may be here for another
12 development. Once the Public Hearings are
13 over, we will convene to the caucus room and
14 we'll begin to start the Planning and Zoning
15 Committee meeting, which will be talking about
16 the proposed development that's currently in
17 front of us. So at this point, we want to let
18 everybody know.

19 Okay. This is a Public Hearing for
20 Transfer of a Liquor License. The
21 Municipality of Bethel Park has received
22 application for an Intermunicipal Liquor
23 License Transfer of a Restaurant License
24 No. R-19170, LID-25842 into the Municipality.

25 The Applicant, PGHBBQ, LLC d/b/a

1 Crave BBQ, is seeking to transfer a liquor
2 license to a restaurant's facility located at
3 2401 South Park Road, Bethel Park, PA.

4 Ms. Primm, our Municipal Planner, do
5 you have any comments?

6 MS. PRIMM: Yes.

7 The Applicant, Crave BBQ, submitted
8 an official Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor
9 License request on July 27, 2022.

10 Tucker Arensburg attorneys prepared a
11 letter on August 9th requesting a
12 questionnaire be filled out regarding the
13 application. This was submitted to us last
14 week.

15 The Public Hearing has been properly
16 advertised, and proof of publication has been
17 entered into the record on the Bethel Park
18 Exhibit List.

19 The proposed Transfer of Liquor
20 License has been reviewed by staff and Tucker
21 Arensburg attorneys.

22 Below is the Bethel Park Exhibit List
23 for the proposed Intermunicipal Transfer of
24 Liquor License, which includes:

25 The Intermunicipal Liquor Transfer

1 Request Letter, dated July 27, 2022;

2 The questionnaire for Intermunicipal
3 Transfer of Liquor License;

4 Proof of Public Hearing
5 advertisement;

6 A letter to the Applicant prepared by
7 Tucker Arensburg attorneys, dated August 9,
8 2022;

9 A draft resolution to deny the liquor
10 license transfer;

11 And a draft resolution to approve the
12 liquor license transfer.

13 Pending any comments or objections,
14 as part of the Public Hearing Council may
15 consider action on the proposed application at
16 the Special Meeting to be held tonight.

17 PRESIDENT MOURY: Okay. As we've
18 talked about, this is a process required by
19 the state. Just it's more of a notification
20 process. It does meet all the criteria to be
21 transferred into the Municipality, and we
22 don't really have any reason to deny it.

23 But at this time, with it being a
24 Public Hearing, if the Applicant would like to
25 say anything?

1 If you could state your name and
2 address for the record, please. You don't
3 have to, if you don't want to.

4 MR. CAPUTO: Good evening, everybody.
5 My name is Louis Caputo, and I represent the
6 Applicant in this case, Pittsburgh BBQ, LLC,
7 and its co-owners Brian and Shandy
8 Schlatterer.

9 And as we've stated, we're here to
10 propose an Intermunicipal Liquor License
11 Transfer in the Municipality for use at their
12 existing location at 2401 South Park Road,
13 Bethel Park, PA, 15102.

14 The license is being transferred from
15 its current owner, which is public safekeeping
16 with the Liquor Control Board, the Royal One,
17 Incorporated, which operated a restaurant at
18 600 Weyman Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
19 15236, Whitehall Borough.

20 And pursuant to Section 461(b)(3) of
21 the Pennsylvania Liquor Code, we're required
22 to have a Public Hearing to obtain a
23 resolution from the receiving Municipality
24 before we can apply to the Liquor Control
25 Board for our transfer.

1 Crave BBQ is a national franchise
2 concept. They recently opened their facility
3 about three weeks ago. And the co-owner,
4 Brian Schlatterer, has 23 years of experience
5 in the restaurant industry.

6 The food menu is BBQ, burgers, hot
7 dogs. They have approximately 55 seats inside
8 and nine outside. Hours of operation, Sunday
9 through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. till 9:00; and
10 Friday and Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. till
11 10:00.

12 They currently have 15 employees, but
13 are looking for more. They renovated the
14 space. It's a brand-new construction. They
15 spent over \$400,000 renovating the space. And
16 we are happy to be here tonight asking for
17 your support.

18 I can answer any questions relative
19 to the liquor license process. And I'll do my
20 best to answer any questions about the
21 business, if anybody has any.

22 Thank you for your time.

23 PRESIDENT MOURY: Thank you very
24 much.

25 MR. CAPUTO: Sure.

1 PRESIDENT MOURY: Are there any, from
2 the Public Comment section, proponents; people
3 that would be in favor of this, if you'd like
4 to say anything?

5 (No response.)

6 PRESIDENT MOURY: If there are any
7 opponents; people that are opposed to this
8 transfer?

9 (No response.)

10 PRESIDENT MOURY: Let the record show
11 there was none.

12 Is there any comments from Council?

13 (No response.)

14 PRESIDENT MOURY: Hearing none, can I
15 have a motion to adjourn?

16 MR. O'BRIEN: So moved.

17 PRESIDENT MOURY: So moved by
18 Mr. O'Brien.

19 MR. JANOSIK: Second.

20 PRESIDENT MOURY: Second by
21 Mr. Janosik.

22 All in favor, say aye.

23 DR. CAMPBELL: Aye.

24 MR. CONSOLMAGNO: Aye.

25 MR. ESPINAR: Aye.

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MS. FLINN: Aye.

MR. JANOSIK: Aye.

PRESIDENT MOURY: Aye.

MR. OAKES: Aye.

MR. O'BRIEN: Aye.

PRESIDENT MOURY: Meeting adjourned.

(Whereupon, the hearing meeting was
adjourned at 7:50 p.m.)

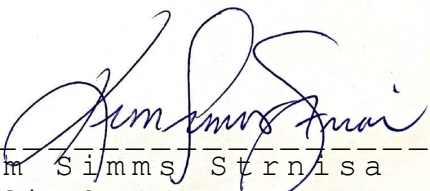
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I hereby certify that the transcript of the proceedings and evidence contained herein are a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes taken by me at the Bethel Park Council Public Hearing of the within cause, taken on August 22, 2022, and that the transcription was reduced to printing under my direction, and that this is a true and correct transcript of the same.

October 6, 2022



Kim Simms Strnisa
Certified Court Reporter

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