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The License Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, September 9, 2013, in the G.A.R. Room at City Hall. Present were Chairman Scott H. McDuffy; Commissioners Joshua J. Wood and Catherine B. Holbrook. Also present were License Agent Lieut. Paul Bonanca and Administrative Assistant Bonnie Tucker. The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. (Agenda Item #2 was taken up first)

1. Hearing (originally scheduled for August 14, 2013) on the request from Brockton Fair Caterers, Inc. – Maura Carney, Manager, to amend the Entertainment license to include the following events to be held at the Brockton Fairgrounds:

September 14, 2013

Color & Glow Run 5K Run with Music and Dancing – Event from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with Music & Dancing from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

September 21, 2013

Demolition Derby from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Present were Thomas Clifford and Maura Carney.

Mr. Clifford stated they would like to amend the 1:00 a.m. ending time on the Color & Glow Run to 11:00 p.m. He explained that when the event was planned, they were allowing themselves the license hours because the event has to take place in the dark. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Run will begin at about 7:20 p.m. and will finish by 9:00 p.m. From 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., there will be a disc jockey and activities taking place in the infield.

Councillor Tom Monahan, Ward 2, was present and stated that both Councillors Cruise and Eaniri would rather have the event end at 10:00 p.m., however, he has no problem with the entertainment ending at 11:00 p.m. He has been informed that the speakers will be facing towards the stadium and businesses and not towards the houses. Mr. Clifford stated the disc jockey will be playing top 40 music and there will not be rap music or anything with a strong bass. If there is any kind of an issue, they have the ability to tone down the music.

Jeff Howard, 11 Frost Avenue, stated he is all for events at the Fairgrounds and would like to see them every weekend. The only point he would like to make is that at some events, depending on the sound system, the problem is not so much the noise from the volume of the music but the bass has caused his windows to vibrate. He stated that if the speakers are pointed toward Belmont Street, he does not think the neighbors will have an issue.

In response to this concern, Mr. Clifford stated that according to the sound engineer they have hired, that kind of problem can be tweaked. He stated that they try to be as respectful as possible to any neighbors on that side of the fairgrounds and he and Councillor Monahan are always monitoring the noise. Mr. Howard indicated the 11:00 p.m. ending time is reasonable and acceptable. Mr. Clifford indicated they will be holding a similar event in October at Raynham Park because it is going to be a loud event.

Lieut. Bonanca asked that the approval be contingent upon police details and he is sure the detail office will be reviewing this with Mr. Clifford. He also asked to include the language that if a patrol supervisor or an assigned licensing agent deems it to be a public safety hazard, the number of police details can be increased and all costs will be incurred by the Brockton Fair Caterers, Inc.

In response to questions from the Chairman, Lieut. Bonanca stated that if they do receive complaints and if the licensee cooperates, the music could be reduced. Mr. Clifford agreed that this would be acceptable.

Commissioner Wood asked to clarify the condition and it was agreed that the event will be reviewed by someone at the police department to determine the number of police details needed and if there is a need for additional details, all costs incurred will be paid for by Brockton Fair Caterers.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Wood to approve entertainment on September 14, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. subject to the number of details being reviewed by the police department as described; having the police give a recommended number of detail officers necessary; and that any cost for the police details be paid for by the Brockton Fair Caterers, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and made unanimous by vote of Chairman McDuffy.

With regard to the second request which is for the Demolition Derby from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 21, 2013, Mr. Clifford explained that this will be a standalone event and they expect 200-250 people in the grandstand depending on the weather. He said the demolition derby will go on regardless of the weather because it is a booked event. Depending on the number of cars participating, it could be over earlier than 8:00 p.m..

Lieut. Bonanca asked that the same language as in the previous event be included.

Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the event subject to the same conditions as previously cited. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and made unanimous by vote of Chairman McDuffy.

Councillor Monahan asked if that is the usual that the supervisor at the event could call for more details if needed. He asked if that language must be included in all of the events. Lieut. Bonanca stated that with the language included, it is more definitive and easier to enforce and to make sure the costs are incurred by the licensee.

Mr. Clifford stated that they anticipate the Tomato Run event listed for September 28th will be cancelled but this will be confirmed when they come in to the meeting on September 19th.

2. Special One-day Permit –

- (a) **All Alcoholic Beverages** – Brockton Firefighters Local 144 – William Hill, Manager, for a fundraiser to be held at 80 Perkins Avenue on Saturday, September 21, 2013, from 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.

Present was William Hill, 80 Ellis Street, who stated this is their 11th annual motorcycle ride which was originally started to raise money for the Strand Theatre Memorial. Now the funds raised are used to make donations to the Community. This event will be the same format as in the past with a police escorted ride and then back to the Hall where they will have music and raffles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the request which motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook. All members voting in the affirmative, the motion carried.

3. Any other business to properly come before the Commission.

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Commissioner Wood to adjourn the meeting which motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and made unanimous by vote of Chairman McDuffy.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott H. McDuffy
Chairman

APPROVED:

Paul D. Sullivan, Commissioner

Bruce G. Dansby, Commissioner

Joshua J. Wood, Commissioner

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