

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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EZRA S Inc. :
t/a Dix Market :
6221 Dix Street NE : Roll Call
Retailer A ANC 7C : Hearing
License No. 116408 :
Case #24-PRO-00043 :
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(License Renewal) :
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Tuesday
May 28, 2024

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABC Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

DAWIT GGIORGIS, Applicant
FASEKA SHEFERAW, Applicant
ANTAWAN HOLMES, ANC 7C

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:19 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is Dix Market, Case Number 24-PRO-00043,
5 Ezra S, Inc., 6221 Dix Street, Northeast, License
6 Number ABRA 116408.

7 This is a Retailer Class A liquor
8 store license renewal. The protest issues are
9 adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet,
10 residential parking, and vehicular and pedestrian
11 safety.

12 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,
13 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's
14 Agent. Is anyone present on behalf of Dix
15 Market?

16 MR. GGIORGIS: Yes. My name is Dawit,
17 last name Ggiorgis. D-A-W-I-T, last name G-G-I-
18 O-R-G-I-S.

19 MS. SHEFERAW: And, this is Faseka, F-
20 A-S-E-K-A --

21 MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me. Excuse me
22 one second. Can you state your name again?

23 MR. GGIORGIS: Dawit, D-A --

24 MS. FLETCHER: Not you. Not you, the
25 other person.

1 MS. SHEFERAW: Faseka, F-A-S-E-K-A.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Can you slow
3 down for me?

4 MS. SHEFERAW: F- as in Frank, --

5 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

6 MS. SHEFERAW: A-S- --

7 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

8 MS. SHEFERAW: E-K-A, --

9 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

10 MS. SHEFERAW: Last name S- as in Sam,

11 MS. FLETCHER: The last name was?

12 MS. SHEFERAW: S- as in Sam, --

13 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh.

14 MS. SHEFERAW: H-E-F- as in Frank, E-
15 R-A-W.

16 MS. FLETCHER: E-R-A-W. Thank you,
17 very much. Okay. Is there anyone present on
18 behalf of ANC 7C?

19 MR. HOLMES: Chair Antawan Holmes.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Holmes, would you
21 spell your name for the record, please?

22 MR. HOLMES: A-N-T-A-W-A-N H-O-L-M-E-
23 S.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone else
25 present from ANC 7C, Mr. Holmes?

1 MR. HOLMES: Not on the call. Not at
2 this time.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Mr.
4 Holmes, I'm going to ask you to confirm the
5 number of Commissioners that have to be present
6 to establish a quorum.

7 MR. HOLMES: Five of nine.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. So, I'm
9 noting for the record that a quorum was present
10 during your vote to protest the application.

11 And, Mr. Holmes, if you would just
12 include the number that makes up a quorum going
13 forward. ANC 7C does have standing as a
14 protestant.

15 We need to set a date for mediation,
16 a status hearing, and a protest hearing. I'll
17 give you the date for the status and protest
18 hearing first.

19 The status hearing is scheduled for
20 June 26 at 10:30 a.m. The protest hearing is set
21 for July 27 at 1:30 p.m.

22 We need to set a date for mediation.
23 I'll give you the next available day. The next
24 available date for mediation is Friday, June 7,
25 anytime between 10:30 and 1:30.

1 That's Friday, June 7, anytime between
2 10:30 and 1:30.

3 MR. HOLMES: That doesn't work for me.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Who said -- who
5 said that?

6 MR. HOLMES: This is Antawan Holmes,
7 Commissioner Holmes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Holmes --
9 (Simultaneous speaking.)

10 MR. HOLMES: That date --

11 MS. FLETCHER: I'll move to the
12 following week --

13 MR. HOLMES: Fridays don't work.

14 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry, what did you
15 say, Mr. Holmes?

16 MR. HOLMES: I said Fridays do not
17 work for me.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. All right.
19 We'll move to the following week. Let's see,
20 Tuesday, June 11, anytime between 10:30 and 1:30.

21 MS. SHEFERAW: It would not work for
22 us, because I have a surgery.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And, who's
24 speaking please?

25 MS. SHEFERAW: This is Faseka for Dix

1 Market.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, we'll move
3 to the next day. So, let me ask you something.

4 MS. SHEFERAW: So, Mr. Holmes, will
5 Fridays work for you?

6 MS. FLETCHER: Faseka -- Faseka, let
7 me ask you something.

8 MS. SHEFERAW: Okay.

9 MS. FLETCHER: What would be a good
10 time for you, if you're having surgery on that
11 day, we need to move the date.

12 MS. SHEFERAW: Fridays would be per --
13 any Fridays are perfect.

14 MS. FLETCHER: And, so Fridays are not
15 good for Mr. Holmes, right Mr. Holmes?

16 MS. SHEFERAW: No Friday?

17 MS. FLETCHER: No Fridays. What about
18 Thursday the 13th? Is that any good?

19 MS. SHEFERAW: Um --

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thursday, June 13,
21 anytime between 10:30 and 1:30. Is that okay for
22 anybody?

23 MS. SHEFERAW: I'll still be at the
24 hospital that week then.

25 MS. FLETCHER: So, any idea when

1 you'll be out of the hospital?

2 MS. SHEFERAW: Yes. I'll be home on
3 the 16th. So, the 17th is perfect.

4 MS. FLETCHER: You'll be home on the
5 16th?

6 MS. SHEFERAW: Yes. That's Sunday,
7 but 17th, Monday, is perfect with me.

8 MS. FLETCHER: The 18th looks better
9 on the calendar on this end, Tuesday the 18th,
10 anytime --

11 MS. SHEFERAW: Okay.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Between 10:30 and 1:30
13 works better on this end.

14 MS. SHEFERAW: Okay. Whatever works
15 for Mr. Holmes, works for me on Tuesday the 18th.

16 MR. HOLMES: I was thinking Tuesday,
17 will be available at noon on Tuesday.

18 MS. FLETCHER: At noon on --

19 MR. HOLMES: I'm able.

20 MS. FLETCHER: At noon?

21 MR. HOLMES: At noon.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, we can
23 schedule mediation for Tuesday, June 18 at noon.
24 Is that okay for you, Faseka?

25 MS. SHEFERAW: Perfectly. Thank you

1 so much for you.

2 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

3 No problem. Okay. Any questions at all?

4 MS. SHEFERAW: Just -- this is Faseka
5 once again. The protest hearing is July 27,
6 that's on a Saturday, correct?

7 I just want to be on the same page.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Well, let me make --
9 let me see, I said the 24th. Is that on -- is
10 that on a Saturday?

11 MS. SHEFERAW: You said the 24th?
12 Because I have the 27th, July 27 at 1:30. And,
13 that's a Saturday.

14 MS. FLETCHER: If I -- if I said that,
15 I made a mistake.

16 MS. SHEFERAW: Okay.

17 MS. FLETCHER: It's July 24.

18 MS. SHEFERAW: The 24th at 1:30.

19 Okay.

20 MS. FLETCHER: July 24 at 1:30, yes.

21 MS. SHEFERAW: Sounds good.

22 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, ma'am. I had
23 Saturday as well. Thank you. The 24th of July.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, I did make a
25 mistake. Thank you.

1 MS. SHEFERAW: That's funny though.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, okay then.

3 I'll see you in mediation on June 18. And, the
4 roll call hearing in this matter is concluded.

5 MS. SHEFERAW: Thank you so much.

6 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

7 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
8 went off the record at 10:26 a.m.)

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