

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

Only Paradise Restaurant, :
 Inc., :
 t/a Golden Paradise :
 Restaurant :
 3903 14th Street, N.W. : Show Cause
 Retailer CR - ANC 4C : Hearing (Status)
 License No. 98205 :
 Case #17-251-00160 :
 (Violation of Settlement :
 Agreement) :

Wednesday
 March 7, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
 NICK ALBERTI, Member
 BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
 JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

ANA DE LEON, Representative for Licensee

ROSA MUNOZ, Licensee

SONIA RINCON, Translator

FERNANDO RIVERO, OAG

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

10:15 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We now move to our Show Cause Hearing (Status) Calendar. The first case on our Show Cause Hearing (Status) Calendar is Case No. 17-251-00160, Golden Paradise Restaurant, License No. 98205.

Would the parties, please, approach and identify themselves for the record, please? Do we have a translator in this case? Is there a translator here?

INTERPRETER RINCON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Would you raise your right hand, please?

Do you swear or affirm to translate these proceedings from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English?

INTERPRETER RINCON: I do.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
Thank you.

MR. RIVERO: Good morning, Board Members. Fernando Rivero for the District of

1 Columbia.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
3 Mr. Rivero.

4 MS. DE LEON: In behalf of Golden
5 Paradise and president, Rosa Munoz and Ana De
6 Leon. A-N-A D-E L-E-O-N.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, you are
8 the representative, ma'am? Are you an attorney?
9 I'm just --

10 MS. DE LEON: No, no, no.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But --

12 MS. DE LEON: I just -- I'm their
13 consultant and I have helped them in the past
14 with their licensing and other business, also
15 licensing and certain things.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

17 MS. DE LEON: And so I also am
18 bilingual, so when they received their notices
19 and everything, I had helped them.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MS. DE LEON: I believe I also gave
22 one of those the last time we were here, the

1 notices.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I forgot.

3 Thank you, Mr. Rivero, for reminding me, but I
4 always try to make sure as far as the record is
5 concerned, I clarify things on the record.

6 Can you identify yourself for the
7 record, please, ma'am?

8 MS. DE LEON: Yes. Ana De Leon. A-N-
9 A D-E L-E-O-N, in behalf of Golden Paradise,
10 and the president Rosa Munoz.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

12 MS. DE LEON: Good morning.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, introduce
14 yourself, please, ma'am.

15 INTERPRETER RINCON: In Spanish?

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Whichever way
17 she can identify herself.

18 MS. MUNOZ: Good morning. My name is
19 Rosa Munoz. I'm the president of Golden
20 Paradise.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
22 Thank you.

1 Mr. Rivero, are there any preliminary
2 matters in this case?

3 MR. RIVERO: Yes. The parties have an
4 Offer in Compromise to present to the Board, at
5 this time.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's the
7 Offer in Compromise?

8 MR. RIVERO: The offer consists of a
9 fine of \$2,000 payable in 90 days and if the fine
10 is not paid in 90 days, the license will be
11 suspended until the payment is received.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr.
13 Rivero, can you just give us an explanation why
14 is it that the Government is recommending an OIC
15 to the Board?

16 MR. RIVERO: Certainly. First of all,
17 the fine is the actual statutory mandated fine.
18 Being the fifth secondary tier violation within
19 four years, the first thing to note.

20 The second thing to note, this is a
21 case about a video system not operating
22 correctly, but the video system came into play as

1 a result of a complaint about a violent incident
2 that was not actually an incident that took place
3 inside the establishment. It took place outside
4 of the establishment.

5 So the real issue or concern in this
6 case was the inability of the video system to
7 produce images. So we discovered or the
8 Investigator discovered that the system was not
9 working properly, which was technically a
10 violation of an agreement that they had.

11 And so we indicated that, to the
12 licensee, they needed to repair that situation.
13 I have received the letter indicating that the
14 issue appears to be resolved, so there shouldn't
15 be any more problems.

16 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Rivero, could
17 you speak up and into the microphone? I'm sorry,
18 I can't hear you. It's a critical point you are
19 making.

20 MR. RIVERO: So we received a letter
21 indicating that the issue was resolved, because
22 we met in the run-up to this hearing so that I

1 can present what the concerns exactly were. I
2 asked some questions about how the video
3 operated, who was responsible for maintaining it,
4 et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

5 I spoke through Ms. De Leon, who is
6 the representative for the establishment. And I
7 received a letter dated March 2nd that basically
8 addresses the Government's concerns. So I think
9 this fine is appropriate. Going forward, I don't
10 expect to have this issue again.

11 It appears that there is someone --
12 that there are no issues with the camera system
13 recording now and there is someone assigned to
14 come in and inspect, fix the system if there are
15 some issues involved with it. And the person is
16 identified in my letter. I can give a copy to
17 the Board. I don't have a problem with that.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you are
19 also stating, Mr. Rivero, that the incident did
20 not occur -- it had -- it was not related to the
21 operation of this establishment?

22 MR. RIVERO: That is correct. I mean,

1 there may have been some mention in the
2 investigative report, possibly, and it's not the
3 strongest evidence that the individual, one -- at
4 least one of the individuals identified in this
5 incident may have been inside the establishment,
6 at one point, but we don't really think that
7 that's sufficient to move forward on anything
8 concerning any action by the establishment.

9 There is just simply a settlement
10 agreement that required them to maintain their
11 cameras in operation. And the facts speak to
12 that in this case.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And --

14 MR. RIVERO: I hope that answered your
15 question.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- you believe
17 that this is the most efficient way to dispose of
18 this case?

19 MR. RIVERO: Absolutely. The, again,
20 evidence goes to the only charge that the
21 Government brought in this case. If there had
22 been evidence of other charges that the

1 Government could bring, that would have been
2 included in the notice. And it was not, as a
3 result of my review of the evidence.

4 The problem was a poorly operating
5 camera system. I'm hoping that I took
6 prophylactic measures by meeting with the
7 licensee and I have representations in the letter
8 that indicate the issue has been resolved.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I just want to
10 -- I know that the Board might have questions,
11 but I just want to let my Board Members know, we
12 are not asking questions about the case itself.
13 The questions that I want the Board Members to
14 ask is that is to just get some clarification of
15 why that they believe that this -- that the Board
16 should accept this OIC. That's what I'm -- this
17 is not for you, Mr. Rivero.

18 MR. RIVERO: Okay. Well, the point
19 I'm making here is that --

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I agree with
21 you. I'm instructing my Board Members when they
22 ask questions, what the questions should go

1 towards.

2 MR. RIVERO: That's fine. This is
3 statutorily an adequate fine, which is governed
4 by, you know, Chapter 800 of Title 23. It is a
5 fifth secondary tier violation in four years. It
6 has been fined as such.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
8 Silverstein?

9 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you very
10 much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Rivero.

11 Because this is not the first case
12 involving either directly or tangentially this
13 licensed establishment and violence, we are
14 concerned with the steps that have been taken.

15 And I thank you for moving forward on
16 that. And if you could address with a little
17 more specificity what they have assured you or
18 what has been done, so that that can be on the
19 record?

20 MR. RIVERO: Sure. One of the issues
21 had to do with the system not recording after, I
22 guess, the hard drive was full or however you

1 technically describe that. Technology is not my
2 forte. I'm just a lawyer.

3 But I did receive a letter indicating
4 that there is an individual who is the
5 maintenance person, who also installed the
6 camera. His name is Jose Machado, who is the
7 person who would be called in the event of a need
8 for repair.

9 The system now records for 31 days and
10 then it's reset to start recording over 31 days.

11 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

12 MR. RIVERO: That means that there is
13 video retained for 30 days. In theory, that
14 should be sufficient time for an ABRA
15 Investigator that --

16 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Sure.

17 MR. RIVERO: -- gets a complaint to go
18 back and request the video, you know, within a
19 week or so. It's typically what happens. If it
20 takes the Agency longer than 30 days, that's
21 really not the standard practice and so the
22 establishment should not be obligated to maintain

1 video longer than that. I felt 30 days was a
2 sufficient period of time.

3 The system is now currently operating
4 and there are no issues. My understanding is
5 that the owner, managers and staff are,
6 basically, inspecting on a daily basis, so that
7 if they inspect it tomorrow and there is an issue
8 with it, they will call Mr. Jose Machado to
9 repair the system, which would mean that the
10 establishment is in keeping with its obligations
11 under the settlement agreement.

12 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Thank you. You
13 have answered my question.

14 MR. RIVERO: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
16 questions on -- yes, Mr. Alberti?

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: So thank you, Mr.
18 Rivero, for that. I'm going to make a statement
19 and then I have a question for you, because of
20 your last one or two sentences of your -- what
21 you just said.

22 MR. RIVERO: Okay.

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: First of all, eight
2 months prior to this incident that brought us
3 here today, there was another incident at which
4 we would have liked and it would have been
5 extremely useful to have video footage. That was
6 in December of 2016.

7 MR. RIVERO: Okay.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: The licensee admitted
9 liability for not having video at that time.
10 Now, we come eight months down the road and they
11 still don't have video. So I have to wonder why
12 during that eight months they didn't fix the
13 problem? And it -- I will tell you, it makes me
14 a little doubtful of their earnestness in this,
15 what appears to be, non-binding promise to make
16 video available.

17 You said something about this being
18 part of the settlement agreement, that's not my
19 understanding. Am I correct? This is -- having
20 this video in the future is not part of this
21 settlement agreement?

22 MR. RIVERO: I'm not sure what the

1 Board Member is indicating by the phrase
2 "settlement agreement." There is a settlement
3 agreement.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: No, I'm sorry. This
5 -- I'm sorry. I'll rephrase that, because I
6 misstated. Let me repeat myself.

7 This having video in the future is not
8 part of this OIC?

9 MR. RIVERO: No.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: That's what I
11 thought. So the commitment to have video is non-
12 binding, except as part of the settlement
13 agreement, and they have proven that they have
14 violated it back in December of 2016 and eight
15 months later, they violated it again and made no,
16 apparently, effort to guarantee that it would be
17 done.

18 So I don't know if I can rely on their
19 word this time, is my problem.

20 MR. RIVERO: Okay. That would be the
21 Board Member's position, which I would respect.

22 From the point of view of a

1 prosecutor, I have a statute that I can use.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Um-hum.

3 MR. RIVERO: So that if there is a
4 further violation, my job is to use the available
5 law to amend or address the violation of the law.
6 And to the extent that I take any prophylactic
7 measures as a prosecutor, I have to be careful
8 not to exceed anything that, you know, I don't
9 think is appropriate.

10 So that's -- we have different
11 responsibilities.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: Absolutely. And I
13 appreciate all your work on this and I understand
14 exactly where you are coming from and I'm not
15 faulting you in any way. I'm just explaining why
16 I have unease with this Offer in Compromise.

17 MR. RIVERO: Now, what I can say is
18 that this time around, I had much more detailed
19 conversations about the operation of the video
20 system than last time, which I thought was going
21 to get resolved. But apparently, what I
22 understand is there was not regular checkup of

1 the video system and so that probably led to the
2 situation that we have here today.

3 So based on my conversation with the
4 licensee, they understand that they have to check
5 the video system regularly. And based on this
6 letter, my understanding is, they will check it
7 once a day to make sure that it is recording.

8 I don't believe that that was a
9 practice in place after the matter that you have
10 mentioned and so I made it very clear now that
11 that should be the practice. If there is a
12 violation in the future, they understand that it
13 will be a violation of the current settlement
14 agreement. It will be a violation that will
15 subject the license to suspension, revocation or
16 a larger fine than the we are presenting today,
17 which is within keeping of the law.

18 MEMBER ALBERTI: Again, I thank you
19 for your efforts.

20 MR. RIVERO: You're welcome.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
22 questions by any other Board Members? All right.

1 Ms. De Leon?

2 MS. DE LEON: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. It
4 has been so long, I didn't write your name and I
5 forgot your name, so I apologize.

6 MS. DE LEON: No problem.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's my
8 understanding that there is an Offer in
9 Compromise. And the Offer in Compromise is that
10 there is a fine of \$2,000 payable in 90 days. If
11 the fine is not payable in 90 days, the license
12 will be suspended indefinitely until it has been
13 paid.

14 Is this your understanding of the
15 Offer in Compromise?

16 MS. DE LEON: Yes. Mr. Anderson, I
17 have had a chance to speak to Ms. Rosa Munoz and
18 we are well-aware of what we spoke with Mr.
19 Rivero and understand his, Mr. Alberti's,
20 concerns, too, sir. As far as us moving forward
21 since this last incident, everything has been
22 looked over, checked and we are doing that on a

1 daily basis as Mr. Rivero did mention.

2 And Ms. Munoz is aware of the \$2,000
3 fine and the 90 day period for her to pay and
4 they will do that.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your
6 client aware that by accepting an Offer in
7 Compromise, that -- is she aware that by
8 accepting an Offer in Compromise, that she is
9 giving up her right to have a hearing?

10 MS. DE LEON: Yes, she does
11 understand. I did speak to her about that and
12 also explained to her.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And does she
14 also understand by accepting this Offer in
15 Compromise, then she is giving up her right to
16 appeal this matter?

17 MS. DE LEON: Yes, she does, Mr.
18 Anderson.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
20 right. The Board is going to take this matter
21 under advisement, so but we are going to vote on
22 it.

1 So as Chairperson of the Alcoholic
2 Beverage Control Board for the District of
3 Columbia and in accordance with Section 405 of
4 the Open Meetings Amendment Act of 2010, I move
5 that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for the
6 purpose of seeking legal advice from our counsel
7 on Case No. 17-251-00160, Golden Paradise
8 Restaurant, per Section 405(b)(4) of the Open
9 Meetings Amendment Act of 2010, and deliberating
10 upon Case No. 17-251-00160, Golden Paradise
11 Restaurant, for the reasons cited in Section
12 405(b)(13) of the Open Meetings Amendment Act of
13 2010. Is there a second?

14 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
16 seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call
17 vote on the motion before now that it has been
18 seconded.

19 Mr. Silverstein?

20 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I agree.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?

22 MEMBER SHORT: I agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Alberti?

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: I agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

4 MEMBER CATO: I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson?

6 I agree.

7 As it appears that the motion has
8 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board
9 will hold a closed meeting in the ABC Board
10 conference room pursuant to the Open Meetings
11 Amendment Act of 2010.

12 We are in recess. We will be back
13 shortly. Thank you.

14 MS. DE LEON: Thank you, everyone.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
16 went off the record at 10:32 a.m. and resumed at
17 10:37 a.m.)

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
19 We're back on the record regarding the OIC for
20 Case No. 17-251-00160, Golden Paradise
21 Restaurant.

22 The Government presented an OIC. The

1 OIC was a fine of \$2,000 payable in 90 days. If
2 the fine is not payable within 90 days, the
3 license will be suspended until the fine has been
4 paid.

5 With that said, I make a motion that
6 the Offer in Compromise of a fine of \$2,000
7 payable in 90 days be accepted. If the fine is
8 not paid, the license will be suspended.

9 Is there a second?

10 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
12 seconded the motion. I'll take a roll call vote
13 on the motion.

14 Mr. Cato?

15 MEMBER CATO: I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Alberti?

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: I disagree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?

19 MEMBER SHORT: I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr.
21 Silverstein?

22 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I disagree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson?

2 I agree. The motion passes 3-2-0. Thank you.

3 MR. RIVERO: Thank you.

4 MS. DE LEON: Thank you to everyone.

5 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr.

7 Silverstein?

8 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: If I may for just

9 a moment?

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr.

11 Silverstein.

12 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I would like to

13 thank Mr. Rivero personally for the work that he

14 has done and inform the licensee that my concern

15 is for the safety of those who frequent your

16 establishment and who are outside your

17 establishment. And my concern that there have

18 been repeated acts of violence and that I value

19 greatly the lives and safety of those people and

20 that is why I voted no, not to turn this down,

21 but to send a message to you that their lives

22 matter greatly.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
2 Silverstein.

3 MEMBER SHORT: I would also like to
4 make a comment.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

6 MEMBER SHORT: And this is to the
7 licensee, the record that you have been
8 maintaining with the business there is troubling
9 to myself, as a Board Member. I voted to accept
10 this OIC based on the work that the Government
11 did on this case. We will be watching very
12 closely and I expect those cameras to be
13 operating appropriately.

14 And this is the second time for the
15 cameras. Hopefully we will have no more
16 incidents with the cameras, because the next time
17 it might not be as well as this one. Thank you,
18 Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
20 Short. I want to thank the parties for being
21 here today. You are free to go. You have some
22 paperwork to sign. Thank you.

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MS. DE LEON: Thank you.

MS. MUNOZ: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)

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