

Maple Grove City Council special meeting

meeting minutes

October 5, 2022

Call to order

Pursuant to call and notice thereof, a City Council special meeting was held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at the Maple Grove Government Center/Public Safety Facility, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Present were Mayor Mark Steffenson and Councilmembers Karen Jaeger, Phil Leith, Judy Hanson, and Kristy Barnett. Present also were City Administrator Heidi Nelson, City Attorney Justin Templin, Police Officer Paige Blizil, and the underage alcohol compliance check decoy.

Mayor Steffenson called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Administrative hearing for TGI Fridays liquor violation

City Attorney Justin Templin stated that on July 28, 2022 alcohol compliance checks were conducted throughout the City of Maple Grove. He indicated that Officer Blizil and an underage decoy conducted the compliance check at TGI Fridays that resulted in an alcohol compliance fail when alcohol was served to a minor.

City Attorney Templin noted that on September 6, 2022 the City Council was prepared to determine the penalty for TGI Fridays when TGI Fridays' representatives indicated that they intended to challenge the violation. He stated that the City Council elected to allow TGI Fridays a hearing regarding the alleged violation, and noted that the purpose of this special hearing was for the City Council to serve as the hearing body to hear testimony and determine if a violation occurred.

Officer Blizil and the underage decoy offered their testimony, which was consistent with the incident report provided by the Police Department. Marcella Lynn Roche, the server involved in the incident, and TGI Fridays management, testified but did not dispute that a violation occurred.

After hearing testimony provided by those in attendance, the consensus of the City Council was that a liquor violation occurred on July 28, 2022 at TGI Fridays.

Motion by Mayor Steffenson seconded by Councilmember Leith to conclude that the liquor violation occurred and directed the city attorney to develop finding of fact to impose a civil penalty of \$2,000

and suspend the on-sale / Sunday sale intoxicating liquor license held by TGI Fridays for the following two consecutive days: October 25-26, 2022. Upon call of the motion by Mayor Steffenson and a roll call vote, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Barnett seconded by Councilmember Hanson to adjourn to regular City Council meeting of October 17, 2022. Upon call of the motion by Mayor Steffenson and a roll call vote, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Steffenson at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Heidi Nelson
City Administrator