



To: MAYOR & COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VI. A

From: Debra Mangen
City Clerk

Action

Discussion

Date: May 21, 2013

Information

Subject: New On-Sale Intoxicating & Sunday On-Sale Liquor Licenses, Rojo Edina, dba Rojo Mexican Grill, 2750A Southdale Center, Edina, Minnesota

Action Requested:

Motion approving new on-sale intoxicating liquor license and Sunday on-sale liquor license to Rojo Edina, dba Rojo Mexican Grill for the period beginning May 22, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014.

Information / Background:

Rojo Edina applied for new on-sale intoxicating and Sunday sale liquor licenses. They have filed the necessary paperwork and paid the applicable fees for the licenses. Edina Code requires a public hearing before the issuance of a new on-sale intoxicating liquor license. The proper notification has been published in the Edina Sun Current.

The Administration Department has reviewed the submittals and finds that they comply with code requirements.

The Health Department is satisfied with the applicant's plan for storage and service.

The Planning Department has reviewed the application and finds that it complies with code requirements.

The Police Department has completed their investigation. Attached is Sgt. Olson's memo stating the findings of the Police Department's background investigation.

The licenses are placed on the agenda for consideration by the Council.



BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Establishment: ROJO EDINA, ROJO MEXICAN GRILL
License: New On-sale & Sunday Sale Intoxicating Liquor License

On 4/24/2013, The Edina Police Department completed an investigation relating to City of Edina application for a New On-sale & Sunday Sale Intoxicating Liquor License. The application was submitted by Rojo Edina L.L.C. dba: Rojo Mexican Grill. Rojo Mexican Grill is a new business and will operate its establishment within Southdale Shopping Center, specifically, 2750A Southdale Center, Edina MN.

Rojo Edina L.L.C. was duly formed in the State of Delaware and registered with the Delaware Secretary of State. Rojo Edina L.L.C. is also registered with the Minnesota Secretary of State. Rojo Edina L.L.C. is active and in good standing in both Delaware and Minnesota.

I spoke with Laura Boyd of Alcohol Compliance Service. Ms. Boyd stated her company, Alcohol Compliance Service, will be providing an approved alcohol awareness program for Rojo Mexican Grill staff in accordance with Edina City Code.

Owners/Partners/Members Rojo Edina L.L.C:

Phillip Dennis Ivey	Las Vegas NV
Michael John McDermott	Scottsdale AZ
Jason James Merritt	Cass Lake MN

The owners/partners/members have been investigated and were found to have no criminal records which would adversely affect the license approval. Checks were made with the following agencies.

NCIC
MINCIS
Hennepin County
Minnesota Secretary of State
Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division

Personal, business and bank references were contacted and/or reviewed. These relationship appeared positive.

From the information gathered during the course of the investigation, I found nothing to prevent Rojo Edina L.L.C. dba: Rojo Mexican Grill from obtaining a New On-sale & Sunday Sale Intoxicating Liquor License.

I would support a positive recommendation from the Police Department in regard to the issuance of this license.


Sgt. Tim Olson #142