



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Council Session

Item E-2

Public Hearing on Request from Eddies Esquina, LLC dba Eddies Esquina, 417 N. Sycamore Street for a Class "D" Liquor License

Council action will take place under Consent Agenda item G-3.

Staff Contact: RaNae Edwards

Council Agenda Memo

From: RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Meeting: May 25, 2021

Subject: Public Hearing on Request from Eddies Esquina, LLC
dba Eddies Esquina, 417 N. Sycamore Street for a Class
"D" Liquor License

Presenter(s): RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Background

Section 4-2 of the Grand Island City Code declares the intent of the City Council regarding liquor licenses and the sale of alcohol.

Declared Legislative Intent

- It is hereby declared to be the intent and purpose of the city council in adopting and administering the provisions of this chapter:
- (A) To express the community sentiment that the control of availability of alcoholic liquor to the public in general and to minors in particular promotes the public health, safety, and welfare;
 - (B) To encourage temperance in the consumption of alcoholic liquor by sound and careful control and regulation of the sale and distribution thereof; and
 - (C) To ensure that the number of retail outlets and the manner in which they are operated is such that they can be adequately policed by local law enforcement agencies so that the abuse of alcohol and the occurrence of alcohol-related crimes and offenses is kept to a minimum.

Discussion

Eddies Esquina, LLC dba Eddies Esquina, 417 N. Sycamore Street has submitted an application for a Class "D" Liquor License. A Class "D" Liquor License allows for the sale of alcohol and distilled spirits off sale only inside the corporate limits of the city.

City Council action is required and forwarded to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for issuance of all licenses. This application has been reviewed by the Clerk, Building, Fire, Health, and Police Departments. See attached Police Department report.

Also submitted was a request for Liquor Manager Designation for Karina Terrazas, 804 Geddes Street, Grand Island, Nebraska. Ms. Terrazas has completed a state approved alcohol server/seller training program. Staff recommends approval of the liquor license contingent upon final inspections and liquor manager designation for Karina Terrazas, 804 Geddes Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the application.
2. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with no recommendation.
3. Forward to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission with recommendations.
4. Deny the application.

Recommendation

Based on the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's criteria for the approval of Liquor Licenses, City Administration recommends that the Council approve this application.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the application for Eddies Esquina, LLC dba Eddies Esquina, 417 N. Sycamore Street for a Class "D" Liquor License contingent upon final inspections and Liquor Manager designation for Karina Terrazas, 804 Geddes Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.



Grand Island Police Department

Officer Report for Incident L21050420

Nature: Liquor Lic Inv
Location: PAON

Address: 417 SYCAMORE ST N
Grand Island NE 68801

Offense Codes:

Received By: Dvorak T **How Received:** T **Agency:** GIPD
Responding Officers: Dvorak T
Responsible Officer: Dvorak T **Disposition:** CLO 05/13/21
When Reported: 13:02:44 05/05/21 **Occurred Between:** 13:02:44 05/05/21 and 13:02:44 05/05/21

Assigned To: **Detail:** **Date Assigned:** **/**/**
Status: **Status Date:** **/**/** **Due Date:** **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: **First:** **Mid:**
DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** **City:** ,

Offense Codes

Reported: **Observed:**

Circumstances

LT07 LT07 Convenience Store

Responding Officers: **Unit :**
Dvorak T 309

Responsible Officer: Dvorak T **Agency:** GIPD
Received By: Dvorak T **Last Radio Log:** **.**.** **/**/**
How Received: T Telephone **Clearance:** CL CL Case Closed
When Reported: 13:02:44 05/05/21 **Disposition:** CLO **Date:** 05/13/21
Judicial Status: **Occurred between:** 13:02:44 05/05/21
Misc Entry: **and:** 13:02:44 05/05/21

Modus Operandi: **Description :** **Method :**
Crime Class Crime Class Civil

Involvements

Date **Type** **Description**

05/13/21	Name	Eddies Esquina,	business
05/05/21	Name	Terrazas, Elias	spouse
05/05/21	Name	Terrazas, Karina	applicant
05/05/21	Name	Fast Eddies,	location

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Narrative

Liquor License Investigation
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Eddies Esquina LLC has applied for a Class D Liquor License; beer, wine and distilled spirits; offsale only. The location is the site of the old Eddies Fast Gas, and has been vacant for several years.

Responsible LEO:

Approved by:

Date

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Supplement

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Liquor Investigation

Elias and Karina Terrazas have applied for a class D Liquor License; beer, wine and distilled spirits, off sale only; for Eddies Esquina at 417 N Sycamore. This is the site of a longtime business, Fast Eddies. The Terrazas have formed an LLC as the ownership of the company. The location had a liquor license before, but not under the Terrazas' ownership. Esquina is the Spanish word for "corner", so the business is, in English, Eddies' Corner.

I checked the background application information provided by Karina and Elias. The married couple will co-own the business, and Karina is listed as the Liquor Manager, with Elias filling out the form as her spouse.

Karina disclosed no moving violations, but listed several civil judgements against her. The listed incidents all occurred prior to 2014. Elias listed two minor moving violations, one of which occurred in 2020, and all the same civil judgements that Karina had listed.

I checked local Spillman files, as well as NCJIS. I found the historical civil incidents that Karina listed on her application. Karina has no NE criminal history, and no other items of concern were noted. Elias also had no criminal history locally. I observed the traffic related violations disclosed by Elias, but also noted one conviction, from back in 2003, for Speeding in Hamilton County. That conviction was not on the application. Elias also had the civil judgements in conjunction with Karina. I also utilized a paid, law enforcement only, database that normally shows address and phone information, as well as any civil liabilities. No items of concern were noted.

I met with the Terrazas at 417 N Sycamore on 5-11-21. NSP Trooper McCoy has retired, and I do not know his replacement, so the NSP investigation would be done separately. Karina and Elias were cooperative, helpful, and proud of the work they have already completed in refurbishing the building.

Elias advised that he does not plan to work at Eddies Esquina very often. He said he operates his own construction business, and when the renovations are completed, he will return to his full time job. Karina said that she plans to work the most hours, and be supplemented by her two adult daughters, though they will be hourly employees, and they have no ownership or interest in the LLC or the business itself.

Currently the plan is to have the business open from 1000 until 2200 Monday through Thursday, 1000 until midnight on Friday and Saturday, and be closed on Sundays. Karina said she does not plan, at the current time, to hire any outside employees.

We discussed surveillance equipment, which Elias said he has already planned for, though it was not yet installed. We discussed disturbances, selling to minors, and compliance checks, topics normally covered by the NSP investigator. Both Karina and Elias advised that they want to be known as a good addition to the neighborhood, and know that the previous iteration had a reputation for being a "problem location" and they want to change that image for their business. Elias said he wants to be known as having a family friendly environment. Karina said she wants to concentrate on having snacks and food that will entice folks from the neighborhood, and families from Lions Club Park to shop in their store. She said they will sell beer because it is a necessary item

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to have available for customers, but alcohol will not be their main focus.

I answered some of the couple's questions about training for Karina and their daughters regarding alcohol sales and violations. After a tour of the facility, and recommendations about securing exterior doors beside the main entrance, I departed.

I later remembered that I wanted to ask Elias about the conviction from 2003. I contacted Elias by phone. He advised that he forgot about that speeding ticket, in Hamilton County, when filling out the application because it was so long ago. However, he confirmed that he was stopped on Highway 34 by a State Trooper, and later paid his fine as required. He said it was an oversight on his part.

The GIPD has no objections in granting Elias and Karina Terrazas, DBA Eddies Esquina LLC, a Class D Liquor License for their convenience store at 417 N Sycamore.

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