



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 18, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.

Place: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street, Room 160
Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Commissioner Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner James F. McHugh
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Absent: None

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Call to Order

See transcript page 2.

9:31 a.m. Chairman Crosby opened the 107th public meeting.

Northampton Surrounding Community Discussions

See transcript pages 2-61.

9:34 a.m. Ombudsman Ziembra, Lyle Hall, Lynn D. Sweet, and Director Vander Linden presented to the Commission the surrounding community petition from the City of Northampton, the response from Blue Tarp Redevelopment, and other information pertinent to the discussion.

10:26 a.m. The Commission deliberated on whether to designate the City of Northampton as a surrounding community.

10:35 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that on the basis of the materials presented in writing and presented at the hearings, the Commission conclude that Northampton is not a surrounding community within the meaning of the statute. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*

- 10:35 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba presented the City of Northampton's request for involuntary disbursement.
- 10:39 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the City of Northampton's request for involuntary disbursement be denied. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*
- 10:40 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.
- 10:52 a.m. Commissioner Stebbins recused himself from the Town of Longmeadow and the Town of Hampden petition discussions.

Hampden Surrounding Community Discussions

See transcript pages 61-73.

- 10:53 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba and Rick Moore presented to the Commission the surrounding community petition from the Town of Hampden, the response from Blue Tarp Redevelopment, and other information pertinent to the discussion.
- 11:06 a.m. The Commission deliberated on whether to designate the Town of Hampden as a surrounding community.
- 11:06 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Zuniga that that based on the information presented in the packets and the analysis of the Commission's consultants as described here today that the community of Hampden not be designated a surrounding community. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously by a 4-0 vote.*

Longmeadow Surrounding Community Discussions

See transcript pages 73-103.

- 11:08 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba and Rick Moore presented to the Commission the surrounding community petition from the Town of Longmeadow, the response from Blue Tarp Redevelopment, and other information pertinent to the discussion.
- 11:31 a.m. The Commission deliberated on whether to designate the Town of Longmeadow as a surrounding community. Commissioner McHugh emphasized for the record that the reason he is voting for designation was due to the traffic impact on two intersections and for no other reason. The other commissioners agreed with Commissioner McHugh's reason for the designation.
- 11:38 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Zuniga that based on the information as presented to this Commission in the packets and as summarized here by the Commission's traffic consultants that this Commission designate the Town of Longmeadow to be a surrounding community in the Blue Tarp Redevelopment application. Motion*

seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously by a 4-0 vote.

11:45 a.m. Commissioner Stebbins returned to the public meeting.

Eastern States Exposition Impacted Live Entertainment Venue Petition

See transcript pages 103-127.

11:45 a.m. Director Griffin presented to the Commission the impacted live entertainment venue petition from Eastern States Exposition, the response from Blue Tarp Redevelopment, and other information pertinent to the discussion. In an effort to assist parties in reaching an agreement, the Commission agreed to revisit the decision at the following public meeting.

Hanover Theater Impacted Live Entertainment Venue Designation

See transcript pages 127-131.

12:16 p.m. Deputy General Counsel Grossman presented to the Commission a request by Hanover Theater and PPE Casino Resorts that the Commission remove the Impacted Live Entertainment Venue designation for Hanover Theater.

12:19 p.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Stebbins that the Commission, per the request of PPE Casino Resorts and the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition, de-designate the Hanover Theater in Worcester as an impacted live entertainment venue. Motion seconded by Commissioner McHugh. The motion passed unanimously.*

12:19 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission February 18, 2014 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Majestic Theater January 3, 2014 Memorandum Regarding Request for ILEV Designation
3. Eastern States Exposition January 3, 2014 Memorandum Regarding Request for ILEV Designation
4. HLT Advisory February 11, 2014 Report Regarding Request for ILEV Status by Eastern States Exposition
5. HLT Advisory February 11, 2014 Report Regarding Request for ILEV Status by Majestic Theater
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission ILEV Petition Analysis Eastern States Exposition
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission ILEV Petition Analysis The Majestic Theater
8. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Surrounding Community Petition Analysis Town of Hampden

9. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Surrounding Community Petition Analysis Town of Longmeadow
10. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Surrounding Community Petition Analysis City of Northampton

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