

# **Minutes of the Council of the City of Easton, Pa.**

## **February 9, 2010**

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Easton, PA  
Tuesday  
February 9, 2010  
6:04 p.m.

City Council met in stated session at the about hour in Council Chambers, Room 514, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, One South Third Street, Easton, Pa., to conduct a Public Hearing to receive citizen input on a request made by Violine Karam, through her Attorney Alexander Karam, for the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License from the Township of Lower Saucon to 683 Walnut Avenue.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **REQUEST FOR AN INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE**

At this time a Public Hearing was held to allow Attorney Karam and Violine Karam to address Council on the request and to allow citizen input on the request. Mrs. Vulcano presided over the hearing and read the following statement:

“This hearing was requested by Attorney Alexander Karam, on behalf of his client, Violine Karam for an Intermunicipal Transfer of a Retail Restaurant Liquor License from the Township of Lower Saucon to 683 Walnut Street.

“Attorney Karam is in attendance and will be allowed to address Council on this issue. After he has addressed Council, and has answered any questions that Council may have, the audience will be given a chance to address Council on this issue.”

Mrs. Vulcano asked Attorney Karam and Mrs. Karam to come forward to address Council.

Attorney Karam said that his client had purchased a Retail Restaurant Liquor License from a closed business in the Township of Lower Saucon for 683 Walnut Avenue. He said that the establishment at 683 Walnut Avenue has been there for years. He said that the purchased Liquor License would be placed in safe keeping for now and could be for up to three (3) years, until she decided what she would like to do with the license.

Mr. Fleck asked if there was already a Liquor License at the Walnut Avenue address.

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Attorney Karam said that there was already a Liquor License at that address which was also under safe keeping. He said that under the State Liquor Control Board Law, an establishment was allowed to have two Liquor Licenses at the same time in safe keeping, or one active and one in safekeeping at the same location as long as they were owned by different entities. He said that the other license that was already in safe keeping was not owned by Violine Karam but by a different entity.

Mrs. Vulcano asked if the Mexican Restaurant, currently at the Walnut Avenue address, was still opened and was it using a Liquor License.

Attorney Karam said that it was still opened, but that it did not serve alcohol.

Mayor Panto asked for clarification that the Liquor Control Laws allowed for two licenses at the same address in safe keeping.

Attorney Karam said he had researched that question and had contacted the Liquor Control Board and was told that there could be.

Mayor Panto asked if Attorney Karam's client had ownership in the real estate at 683 Walnut Avenue.

Attorney Karam said that his client did not, and said that his parents owned the real estate.

City Solicitor William Murphy requested that the City Clerk speak regarding the publication of this Public Hearing.

The City Clerk reported that the notice of hearing was published in the Express Times on February 3, 2010, was placed on the City's Web Site, and posted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bulletin board.

There were no further comments or questions from Council or the audience.

Mrs. Vulcano said that a Resolution would be introduced regarding this matter and action would be taken at the February 11, 2010 meeting.

This public hearing was closed at 6:09 p.m.

Thomas A. Hess  
City Clerk