



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe,  
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn,  
Alderman Henry Perez,  
Alderman Mary Land, Alderman Mollie Jones*

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Tuesday, March 22, 2016

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Henry Perez, Mary Land and Mollie Jones

#### Approval of Minutes for the March 8, 2016 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Jones.*

#### 0216-16

**Subject:** Communication from Chief Howell requesting to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss the appointment of Humane Officers.

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-22-16:** That the communication from Chief Howell requesting to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss the appointment of Humane Officers be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Deputy Chief Schulz appeared before the committee to request that each CSO be appointed as a Humane Officer. The CSO's have all gone through training to become Humane Officers.*

**Recommended For Approval**

#### 0223-16

**Subject:** (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Winston LLC dba BJW's, 1900 Racine Street, Michael Winston, Agent. (2nd District)

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-22-16:** That the Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Winston LLC dba BJW's, 1900 Racine Street, Michael Winston, Agent be deferred until our next meeting on April 12, 2016.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Michael Winston appeared before the committee. He asked if he could change the location of the establishment for the liquor license he originally applied for since the building would need extensive work. Two residents in the neighborhood spoke on behalf of the neighbors against the establishment opening. Theresa Padilla's stated her concerns were the lack of parking, children in the neighborhood, safety and trash. William Taylor also spoke and shared the same concerns as Ms. Padilla. Alderman Jones stated she spoke with Mr. Biddle, the owner of R & B Grinding which is located behind 1900 Racine Street, and stated if Mr. Winston would like to use this parking lot he would have to ask for permission and he would have to pave the area he wanted to use with cement or asphalt. Mr. Winston stated he understood the neighbors concerns and is currently looking for a new location for his establishment.*

*Motion made by Alderman Jones to defer, seconded by Alderman DeHahn until the next meeting on April 12, 2016 to give Mr. Winston time to find a new location for his establishment.*

**Deferred**

[0163-16](#)

**Subject:** Application of The Faccia Bella Club, Todd Anderson, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 3422 Douglas Ave (7th District).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-08-16:** That the Application of The Faccia Bella Club, Todd Anderson, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 3422 Douglas Ave be deferred as the new agent, Mr. Todd Anderson did not appear.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-22-16:** That the Application of The Faccia Bella Club, Todd Anderson, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 3422 Douglas Ave be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Todd Anderson appeared and informed committee members that the Faccia Bella Club will be employee owned. When asked by the committee about the sign outside the establishment, Mr. Anderson stated the establishment will be called Sammy's Faccia Bella Club. Attorney Larsen questioned Mr. Anderson about his criminal record check. He stated he had a altercation with a family member in 2013.*

*Motion made by Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Land to approve the change of agent.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[0217-16](#)

**Subject:(Change of Agent)** Application of Speedway #2089, Andrew C. Sheahan, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 4620 Washington Ave (12th District).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-22-16:** That the Application of Speedway #2089, Andrew C. Sheahan, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 4620 Washington Ave be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Andrew Sheahan appeared before the committee. He stated he has worked for Speedway for 5 years and he is changing locations from Kenosha to Racine.*

*A Motion made by Alderman Perez to approve the change of agent, Seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[0218-16](#)

**Subject:** Application of Piggly Wiggly 009, Joseph L. Novotny, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 4011 Durand Ave.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-22-16:** That the Application of Piggly Wiggly 009, Joseph L. Novotny, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 4011 Durand Ave be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Joseph Novotny appeared before the committee and stated he has been a manager at Piggly Wiggly for 5 years. A motion was made by Alderman Land, Seconded by Alderman DeHahn to approve the change of agent.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[0215-16](#)

**Subject:** Request the appearance of Ronald J. Guarascio, Jr. Agent, of Uptown Pub and Grill located at 1510 Junction Avenue, to discuss the recent incidents occurring at this location.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-22-16:** The committee requests that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Ronald Guarascio was asked to appear before the committee because the establishment has been open after closing hours. Bartenders employed at the establishment have been given tickets for serving patrons after bar closing and for loud music after bar closing. The committee members warned that Mr. Guarascio must close on time and have all patrons out of the establishment at closing time or he could risk losing his liquor license.*

*A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Land to receive and file.*

**Received and Filed**

[0127-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Clerk presenting information that she received from the Racine Police Department regarding the "Class B" license for 961 M.L. King Jr. Drive.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-23-16:** That the Communication from the City clerk presenting information that she received from the Racine Police Department regarding the "Class B" license for 961 M.L. King Jr. Drive be received and filed and the agent for 961 M.L.King Jr. Drive be requested to appear at the next meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-22-16:** That the Communication from the City Clerk presenting information that she received from the Racine Police Department regarding the "Class B" license for 961 M.L. King Jr. Drive be deferred until the next meeting on April 12, 2016.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Michael Mlsna appeared before the committee. He stated he is currently trying to sell the business and has an offer. Attorney Larsen explained to the committee that the establishment must be open and operating and the activity report from the Police Department has not found the business to be open for 60 days. Sgt. Rivers stated police officers stopped daily at the establishment to check activity and always found the establishment closed. Mr. Mlsna said he was open a few days to maintain his license, but wasn't open a full day and could have been closed again before the police officers stopped. The committee asked Mr. Mlsna to attend the next meeting on April 12, 2016. Committee members request the City Attorneys Office come back to the next meeting with a legal opinion on "continuous".*

*A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Coe to defer this item until the April 12, 2016 meeting to give Mr. Mlsna time to sell the establishment or proceed to the next step.*

*Ayes: Alderman Coe, Alderman DeHahn, Alderman Land and Alderman Jones  
Noes: Alderman Perez*

**Deferred**

[0228-16](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal)** Application for a Waste Tire Generator & Transporter License for Montanos New & Used Tires located at 1414 Rapids Drive.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-22-16:** That the Application for a Waste Tire Generator & Transporter License for Montanos New & Used Tires located at 1414 Rapids Drive be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Perez to approve.*

**Approved**

[0236-16](#)

**Subject:** Licensed Premise Report

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-22-16:** That the licensed premise report for 03-22-16 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Sgt. Rivers stated that Daylight Savings Time kept bars open an hour longer, but there were no problems to report.*

*A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Land to receive and file.*

**Received and Filed**

[0242-16](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Clerk requesting the committee call in William Jones at the April 12, 2016 meeting to discuss his application for Public Passenger Driver's License due to his records check.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-22-16:** That the application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for William Jones be denied due to his extensive traffic violations from his record check.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*The committee discussed the application for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License for Mr. Jones. After reviewing Mr. Jones' driving record history, the committee decided to deny the application. The denial was due to the number of traffic-related convictions on Mr. Jones' driving record history, in contravention of sections 22-31 and 22-2066(d) of the Racine Code of Ordinances.*

**Denied**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.**