



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Vice Chair Gregory Holding
Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol*

Monday, September 10, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Holding, David L. Maack, Jim Kaplan and Robert Mozol

Approval of Minutes for the August 27, 2007 Meeting.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Comments

MICHAEL WALTON
THOMAS BOWEN

07-1115

Subject: Communication from the Public Health Administrator requesting that a formal bid be waived and the Purchasing Agent be directed to negotiate directly with Cepheid for the purchase of one Smart Cycler Add On Processing Block for DIA.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be directed to negotiate directly with Cepheid for the purchase of one Smart Cycler Add On Processing Block for DIA.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Janelle Grammer appeared and informed the committee by purchasing the Smart Cycler Add On Processing Block for DIA will save the department a considerable amount of time when testing water.

Recommended For Approval

07-1104

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief to waive formal bidding and instruct the Purchasing Agent to negotiate for the Fire Department on the purchase of a new rescue squad in 2008.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

9-10-07: Formal bidding be waived and the City's Purchasing Agent negotiate and enter into a contract with Foster Coach for the purchase of a Ford/Medtec Ambulance in 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That formal bidding be waived and the City's Purchasing Agent negotiate and enter into a contract with Foster Coach for the purchase of a Ford/Medtec Ambulance in 2008.

Fiscal Note: Funds will come from the 2008 CIP funds.

Chief Hansen appeared and requested permission to purchase the Ford/Medtec Ambulance from Foster Coach. He informed the committee that waiting for next year's budget to purchase the ambulance could cost the city \$30,000-\$40,000 more. Approval would allow Purchasing Agent to do an intent letter for the purchase at a lower amount.

Recommended For Approval

07-1084

Subject: Application of Nicole Woods (The Rhino Bar & Grill, LLC) for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1659 N. Main Street. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the Application of Nicole Woods (The Rhino Bar & Grill, LLC) for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1659 N. Main Street be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Nicole Woods appeared and informed the committee the business has security cameras in working order. The business will cater to 3rd shift workers and will give them the opportunity to have meals prepared with an air fryer and also have Kankakee Bowling.

Recommended For Approval

07-1117

Subject: (New) Application of Tinita LLC, James W. McCann Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt beverage and Intoxicating liquor license at 500 Sixth Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the Application of Tinita LLC, James W. McCann Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt beverage and Intoxicating liquor license at 500 Sixth Street be deferred until the September 24, 2007 Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

James McCann and Tina Elmergreen appeared and informed the committee that Tinita's LLC will be a Latino Culture Club featuring Salsa Dancing, live entertainment, and serving beer, wine, and liquor. The club also plans to rent out the facility on Saturdays and Sundays to local churches. There will be metal detectors used at the door and professionally trained security employees will be used.

Deferred

AYES: 3 - Gregory Holding, David L. Maack and Jim Kaplan

NOES: 1 - Robert Mozol

NON VOTING: 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

[07-1095](#)

Subject: Application of Bruce R. Veto for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2328 Douglas Avenue. (5th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the application of Bruce R. Veto for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2328 Douglas Avenue be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Bruce Veto appeared and informed the committee the bar will be a neighborhood bar featuring Karaoke on Saturday nights. Mr. Veto assured the committee all employees will check Identification Cards.

Alderman Maack advised Mr. Veto to make an amendment on his application relating to hours of operation for Sundays to open at noon instead of 2:00p.m.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1094](#)

Subject: Application of Mega Marts, LLC., # 6863, Charles L. Neu, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 2210 Rapids Drive. (7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the Change of Agent for Mega Marts, LLC, 2210 Rapids Drive be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Charles Neu, Agent appeared and informed the committee he has been an employee at Mega Marts for 15 years and he has taken the responsible beverage course and it is standard policy to check all identification cards.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1096](#)

Subject: Application of Spring Street Station, Robert Ruditys, Agent for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License and Gasoline Station Owner/Managers license for 3441 Spring Street. (9th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the application of Spring Street Station, Robert Ruditys, Agent for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License and Gasoline Station Owner/Managers license for 3441 Spring Street be

granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Robert Ruditys appeared and informed the committee he currently is the manager of the Open Pantry in Wauwatosa and has 30 years experience. Ruditys stated he will be present at the Spring Street Station 7 days a week and it will be common practice to check identification cards for purchasing cigarettes and alcohol.

Alderman Maack requested that Mr. Ruditys didn't sale single/individual cans of beer. Mr. Ruditys stated if he finds this as a problem in the future he will consider pulling the single products.

City Attorney Weber informed committee members businesses can voluntarily chose not to sell individual/single products, but it is a violation of State Statue to impose this on a business unless there were just cause.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1105](#)

Subject: Application of Pyte Khampane, Agent for Sticky Rice, 522 Sixth Street to amend Premise Description to include the adjacent parking lot on the eastside of the building.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the application of Pyte Khampane, Agent for Sticky Rice, 522 Sixth Street to amend Premise Description to include the adjacent parking lot on the eastside of the building be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Pyte Khampane, Agent appeared seeking approval to amend his premise description to include the adjacent parking lot on the eastside of the building. He also stated that the parking lot will be blocked off when customers are dining outside.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1032](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Traci L. Mottl of Uptown Transfer, LLC., for a Secondhand Article Dealers License at 1410 Washington Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

08-27-07: That the item be deferred until the September 10, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the application of Traci L. Mottl of Uptown Transfer, LLC., for a Secondhand Article Dealers License at 1410 Washington Avenue be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Traci Mottl, Agent appeared and informed the committee that Uptown Transfer, LLC will be a consignment shop/secondhand store. She will not be making any changes to the current business.

Recommended For Approval

07-1092

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the committee for the appearance of Deborah DeLao, Agent, for Grid Iron, 1632 Douglas Avenue for an incident at your establishment on July 17, 2007.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

08-27-07: That the item be deferred until the September 10, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deborah DeLao, Agent appeared and informed the committee she was out of town when the incident occurred, but she was informed by her employee this was an on-going situation between the patrons that was unrelated to Grid Iron. She stated to eliminate problems she will close the bar early and cut off drinks early if necessary. Mirrors have also been installed to widen view for the bartenders.

Received and Filed

Alderman Maack was excused at 6:10p.m.

07-1051

Subject: Communication from residents of the area around Wickham Boulevard and Luedtke Avenue wishing to discuss installing video camera in the alley between Wickham Boulevard and Luedtke Avenue due to home break-ins and theft to cars.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Hecht and Alderman Weidner appeared and informed the committee of the burglary and theft incidents that have occurred in their neighborhood. Mr. Hecht and Alderman Weidner asked the committee to consider putting portable cameras in the alley area.

Alderman Holding made a motion that the item be received and filed.

Alderman Holding withdrew his motion.

Alderman Holding made a motion to refer the item to Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Holding withdrew his motion.

Alderman Mozol made a motion to defer item for two weeks. Motion failed for lack of second.

Alderman Holding made a motion that the item be received and filed and that the Police Department keep the committee informed of the research development of the portable cameras.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gregory Holding that this be Recommended to be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Gregory Holding and Jim Kaplan

NOES: 1 - Robert Mozol

EXCUSED: 1 - David L. Maack

NON VOTING: 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

07-1122

Subject: (Direct Referral) Application of Veronica B. Phillips for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the application of Veronica B. Phillips for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

07-1123

Subject: (Direct Referral) Applications for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

09-10-07: That the applications for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Alderman Holding would like the committee to consider changing the start time of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee to 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37p.m. by Alderman Holding. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety and Licensing is September 24, 2007.

*ATTEST: JANICE M. JOHNSON-MARTIN
CITY CLERK*