



# City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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## Public Safety and Licensing Committee

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Monday, March 12, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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### Call To Order

*Alderman Maack called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.*

**PRESENT:** 5 - David L. Maack, Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Holding, Tim Hermes and Jim Kaplan

### Approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2007 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Shakoor.*

### Public Comments

*Nancy Holmlund*

1. [07-0263](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Final payment on contract 27-05 (K5-034), Monument Square Site and Landscape Improvement.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 03-12-07:** That final payment on contract 27-05 (K5-034), Monument Square Site and Landscape Improvement, be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** \$5,000.00 be appropriated from account 985.700.5050.

*Donnie Snow appeared and informed the Committee members this request is for final payment of \$5,000.00, for Monument Square Site and Landscape Improvement.*

**Recommended For Approval**

2. [07-0236](#) **Subject:** Communication from Chief of Police Wahlen, requesting to waive formal bidding for the purchase of an interactive "Smart Board" for the Racine Police Department; further requesting that the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate with Smart Technologies for this purchase.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 3-12-07:** That the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate with Smart Technologies for the purchase of an interactive "Smart Board" for the Racine Police Department and that formal bidding be waived.

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

**03-12-07:** That formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate with a local vendor that is under government contract for this purchase.

**Fiscal Note:** Funding for this project is estimated at \$9,999 and is available in Account 211.000.5950.

*Deputy Chief Howell appeared and informed the Committee members this item had just been approved by the Finance and Personnel Committee with amendments. This will allow the Purchasing Agent to contract with a local vendor that is under government contract.*

**Recommended For Approval**

3. [07-0254](#)

**Subject:** A communication from the Fire Chief Hansen requesting permission to accept the donation of stock certificates to be used in the purchase of four Thermo Imaging Cameras for the Racine Fire Department. It is also requested that the Finance Director be authorized to set up the necessary accounts to facilitate this donation.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**3-12-07:** Permission be granted to the Fire Chief to accept a donation of stock certificates which are valued at approximately \$25,000, and that the Finance Director be authorized to set up the necessary accounts to facilitate this donation.

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

**03-12-07:** That Fire Chief Hansen be granted permission to accept the donation of stock certificates to be used in the purchase of three Thermo Imaging Cameras for the Racine Fire Department.

**Fiscal Note:** Donation to be placed in Account 711.000.5950.

*Chief Hansen appeared and informed the Committee members the donation of stock certificates would be to purchase three Thermo Imaging Cameras instead of four. He requested the Finance Director be authorized to set up any necessary accounts to facilitate this donation.*

**Recommended For Acceptance**

4. [07-0241](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the 7th & 9th District Alderman requesting to discuss concerns regarding the expired City contract with P.A.M., the firm which handles parking ticket collections.

**Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on**

**3-12-07:** The item be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

**03-12-07:** That the item be referred to the Committee of the Whole and returned to the Public Safety & Licensing Committee, with their recommendation.

*Deputy Chief Howell appeared and informed the Committee members they are actively working with the department. He stated Alderman DeHahn and Karas will be working on the project to access the strengths and weaknesses. They will be working with everything on the soft side. He stated City Employees are better equipped to handle citations.*

*Alderman DeHahn appeared and informed the Committee Deputy Chief Howell had explained the problems very well, but he is requesting this item be referred to the Committee of the Whole.*

**Recommended For Further Consideration**

5. [07-0142](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application of Douglas Petro, LLC., Surinder Singh, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License, Gasoline Station Owner's and Manager's License for 3357 Douglas Avenue. (7th District)

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

**02-26-07:** That the Gasoline Station Owner's and Manager's License be granted, and the Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License application be deferred until the March 12, 2007 meeting.

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

**03-12-07:** That the Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License be granted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Surinder Singh appeared and informed the Committee members he is purchasing the gas station/convenient store. He stated he has been a Manager for three years and will be on the premises from 12:00 noon - 12:00 midnight.*

*Alderman DeHahn appeared and informed the Committee Mr. Singh has purchased a computer that will read identification cards, that employees can not over-ride. Alderman DeHahn stated he is in support of the license being granted.*

**Recommended For Approval**

6. [07-0074](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application of Magic Dollar Plus LLC., Hussein Asad, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1007 Washington Avenue. (1st District)

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

**02-12-07:** That the item be deferred until the February 26, 2007 meeting.

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

**02-26-07:** That the license be granted.

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

**03-12-07:** That the license be denied, due to the fragility of the neighborhood and the high concentration of alcohol licenses in the area.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*The City Clerk gave an overview of the City Watch.*

*Hussein Asad appeared and informed the Committee members he wants to sell beer as an addition to the line of goods he already sell for his customers convenience. He stated he has a good, clean business and wants to provide one stop shopping for his customers. Mr. Asad is willing to agree to only sell 4, 6, 12, & 24 packs.*

*Attorney Charles Swanson appeared and informed the Committee members Mr. Asad's business is across from his office and he operates a great establishment and has had no problems.*

*Alderman Fair appeared and informed the Committee members he is aware there is opposition, but there is more support of the license being granted. He stated he'd like to focus on the business plan and he is in support of the license being granted.*

*Attorney Weber informed the Committee members, Day Care Centers are not included in the ordinance, therefore the 300' rule doesn't apply.*

**Recommended For Denial**

**AYES:** 3 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Tim Hermes and Jim Kaplan

**NOES:** 2 - David L. Maack and Gregory Holding

7. [07-0253](#)

**Subject: (Change of Agent)** Application of J & A, LLC (Bar 44), Kenneth R. Meyer, Agent, for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1300 N. Main Street. (4th District)

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

**03-12-07:** That the Change of Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Kenneth Meyer appeared and informed the Committee members the owners are living out of town and want someone local to run the business. Mr. Meyer stated he will be on the premises 70% of the time.*

**Recommended For Approval**

8. [07-0175](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Application of Cruz Castro for a Public Passenger Driver's License.

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

**02-26-07:** That the Public Passenger Driver's License be denied.

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

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**03-12-07:** That the Public Passenger Driver's License be granted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Cruz Castro appeared and informed the Committee members he has resided at his current address for fifty years and is trying to get his life back on track. He stated he hasn't drank in four years, and would like to be given another chance.*

*Alderman Holding made a motion to approve the Public Passenger Driver's License.*

*The motion passed by the following vote:*

*Ayes: Holding, Hermes, Kaplan*

*Noes: Shakoor*

*Non-voting - Maack*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [07-0188](#)

**Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Nine, Inc. (Benny's On Sixth), Benjamin Nelson, Agent, for 213 Sixth Street, who had a clerk that sold alcohol to an underage volunteer on December 23, 2006.

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

**02-26-07:** That the item be deferred until the March 12, 2007 meeting.

**Further Recommend:** The appearance of Nine, Inc. (Benny's On Sixth), Benjamin Nelson, Agent, for 213 Sixth Street, for incidents that appeared on the January 1, 2007-February 17, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

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

**03-12-07:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Capt. Pavalonis appeared and gave a brief synopsis of the incidents.*

*Benjamin Nelson appeared and informed the Committee he no longer provides "Valet" parking and the bartender that sold to the underage volunteer no longer works for his business. Mr. Nelson has informed his employees to be sure to check identification cards for birthdates. He also has posted signs with the dates of legal drinking age.*

**Received and Filed**

10. [07-0291](#)

**Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Rosie's, Rosie H. Carothers, Agent, for 1333 Douglas Avenue for incidents that appeared on the January 1, 2007-February 17, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

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

**03-12-07:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Capt. Pavalonis appeared and gave a brief synopsis of the incidents.*

*Attorney Charles Swanson appeared and informed the Committee members Rosie was having a birthday party for her granddaughter.*

*Rosie H. Carothers appeared and informed the Committee she was having a birthday party for her granddaughter. She stated she wasn't aware that this was illegal, because she has had parties in the past. She informed the Committee she will not host any more parties in the future.*

**Received and Filed**

11. [07-0292](#)

**Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of the American Legion Post 546, James Price, Agent, for 1234 Douglas Avenue, for an incident that appeared on the January 1, 2007-February 17, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

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

**03-12-07:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Capt. Pavalonis gave a brief synopsis of the incident.*

*James Price appeared and informed the Committee he wasn't on the premises at the time of the incident. He stated Knowledge Brown was on the premises. Mr. Brown informed the Committee they do not rent to people under thirty years of age, and do not serve alcohol to anyone who appears to be 25 or under without a valid Wisconsin identification card. He stated if a patron comes to bar to purchase alcohol, he/she will be required to show identification. He informed the Committee there were security personnel who frequently check bathrooms, entry and exit doors. Also, there wasn't any underage patrons on the premises. He stated that a jealous female was the one responsible for calling the police, and was told the three patrons who exited the back door, possibly had outstanding warrants.*

**Received and Filed**

12. [07-0293](#)

**Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of the Blue Rock Lounge & Eatery, Mark R. Thomas, Agent, 306 Sixth Street, for incidents that appeared on the January 1, 2007-February 17, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

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

**03-12-07:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Capt. Pavalonis gave a brief synopsis of the incidents.*

*Mark Thomas appeared and informed the Committee the female tenant lives two buildings over, and may be able to still hear the music. He stated she calls the police once or twice a week regarding loud music.*

*Alderman Fair appeared and informed the Committee he will talk to the female tenant*

*(Lauren) and find out what her concerns are. He stated he will make every effort to work out problems, between the tenant and business owner.*

**Received and Filed**

13. [07-0095](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 1-07

To repeal and recreate Article XXV. Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers, to create Secs. 22-900 - 22-919, Pawnbroker Licenses, and amend Sec. 114-468, Conditional Uses, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

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

**01-22-07:** That Ordinance No. 1-07 be adopted.

**Recommendation of City Plan Commission on January 31, 2007:**

That Parts 1, 2, and 4 of Ord. 01-07 be adopted. (07-0125)

**Further** that Part 3 be deleted from Ord. 01-07.

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

**02-12-07:** That the ordinance be deferred until the February 26, 2007 meeting.

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

**02-26-07:** That the City Attorney recreate the Ordinance to include Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers, and resubmit to Committee for discussion.

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

**03-12-07:** That the item be deferred until the March 26, 2007 meeting.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Deferred**

[07-0321](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2-07

To repeal and recreate Sec. 66-566 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Offenses - Issuance of Worthless Checks - Prohibition.

**Recommended For Approval**

[07-0323](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 5-07

To amend Secs. 6-9, 6-131, repeal and recreate Sec. 6-132, create Sec. 6-134 and amend Sec. 6-136 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Operator's - Provisional Operator's licenses.

**Recommended For Approval**

16. [07-0275](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communicaton from the Purchasing Agent submitting the monthly report for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, March 5,

2007.

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

**03-12-07:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** This will generate \$15,701.01 in revenues.

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

17. [07-0290](#)

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

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

**03-12-07:** That the Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses, be granted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Granted**

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. by Alderman Shakoor. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee is March 26, 2007.*