



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

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

Monday, December 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 November 26, 2007 Meeting.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Comment

No one appeared.

07-1488

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting authorization to negotiate providing Hazardous Materials Level B services through Kenosha County Emergency Management to Kenosha County Fire Departments.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That permission be granted to Fire Chief Hansen to negotiate providing Hazardous Materials Level B services through Kenosha County Emergency Management to Kenosha County Fire Departments.

Staff Recommendation to the Finance and Personnel Committee on

12-10-07: The Fire Chief be authorized to negotiate providing Hazardous Materials Level B services through Kenosha County Emergency Management to Kenosha County Fire Departments.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Chief Hansen appeared requesting permission to negotiate providing Hazardous Materials Level B services through Kenosha County Emergency Management in exchange for training dollars that will be used to keep specialty team training at a very high level of competence.

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 3 - Gregory Holding, Jim Kaplan and Robert Mozol

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - David L. Maack

NON VOTING: 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

07-1486

Subject: A communication from the Fire Chief requesting the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a Paramedic Medical Direction Agreement for the period beginning January 1st, through June 30th, 2008, with the Racine Area EMS Group.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-10-07: That the Mayor and City Clerk enter into a Paramedic Medical Direction Agreement for the period beginning January 1st, through June 30th, 2008, with the Racine Area EMS Group.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 12-10-07: That formal bidding be waived and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into a Paramedic Medical Direction Agreement for the period beginning January 1st, through June 30th, 2008, with the Racine Area EMS Group.

Fiscal Note: This agreement has been provided for in the 2008 budget.

Chief Hansen appeared requesting permission to continue the Paramedic Medical Direction Agreement which is already in place with the Racine Area EMS Group.

Recommended For Approval

07-1506

Subject: Direct Referral, Final payment on contract 6-07 (K7-006), New West Side Grandstand Bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field by Southern Bleacher Co. Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 12-10-07: That final payment be made on contract 6-07 (K7-006), New West Side Grandstand Bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field by Southern Bleacher Co. Inc.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 987.710.5070, New West Side Grandstand Bleachers at Horlick Athletic Field (R1).

Director Snow appeared requesting final payment for bleachers at Horlick Field be made as the work had been completed.

Recommended For Approval

07-1507

Subject: Direct Referral, Final Payment on Contract 44-07 (K7-052), Lockwood Park Tennis Court Lighting by DRTJ Systems.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That final payment be made on Contract 44-07 (K7-052), Lockwood Park Tennis Court Lighting by DRTJ Systems.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 987.710.5060 Lockwood Install Tennis Lights.

Director Snow appeared requesting final payment for lighting repairs at Lockwood Park Tennis Court be made as the work had been completed.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1484](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services wishing to discuss rescinding Resolution 07-0477 of November 6, 2007, bids for Contract 52-07 (K7-061) Remodeling Racine Zoological Gardens Phase III, due to an error stating the contract amount.

Further recommend that the bid of Seater Construction Co., Inc. for Contract 52-07 (K7-061) Remodeling Racine Zoological Gardens Phase III be accepted for the amount \$1,576,400.00

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That Resolution #07-0477 of November 6, 2007 be rescinded due to an error in the contract amount and the bid of Seater Construction Co., Inc. for Contract 52-07 (K7-061) Remodeling Racine Zoological Gardens Phase III be accepted in the amount \$1,576,400.00.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 987.740.5030, Entrance Complex/Parking, \$293,266.00 for the City's portion of the project. The remaining funds will be provided by the Racine Zoological Society.

Director Snow appeared requesting permission to rescind Resolution 07-0477, dated November 6, 2007 due to an error in the contract amount be accepted and recommended the bid of Seater Construction in the amount of \$1,576,400.00.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1359](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Super Mercado Jimenez, Ricardo Jimenez (Agent) for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage license for 2210 Sixteenth Street. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the applicant be allowed to withdraw the application and that the item be received and filed.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

11-12-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Meeting November 26, 2007.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

11-26-07: That the license be granted with the following stipulation:

1. There will be no individual/single container sales of beer.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Holding made a motion that this item be received and filed due to the applicant's request to withdraw his application.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[07-1490](#)

Subject: Application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Beer and Wine License for Willing & Willing Corp., Benard Willing II, (Agent) (Bernie's Pizzeria), for 1238 Lathrop Avenue. (13th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting on January 7, 2008.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Kaplan requested the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting on January 7, 2008, due to the applicant being ill. He also requested a letter be sent to the applicants home address informing the applicant of the next meeting.

Deferred

[07-1494](#)

Subject: Application of Mega Marts, LLC, Joe M. Ligocki, for a Change of Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2406 S. Green Bay Road.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting, January 7, 2008 per request of applicant.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joe M. Ligocki contacted the City Clerk's office and requested a deferral until the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee meeting on January 7, 2008.

Deferred

[07-1483](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Syed Mikhail's, Inc., Omar Mansoor (Agent) for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage license for 930 Washington Avenue (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the item be referred to the City Attorney to work with the applicant on an agreement which will address hours of operation, security, and no single/individual sales of beer. The City Attorney should also include information from the Chief of Police and submit a draft copy of the agreement to the Public Safety & Licensing Committee members to be discussed at the January 7, 2008 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Syed Naveed Ali Shah (President) and Omar Mansoor (Agent) appeared. Mr. Mansoor informed committee members the store will be open twenty-four hours, have additional security and they are looking to make changes to improve both the inside and outside of the establishment. He will have more than one employee working in the evening hours to help with crowd control. Mr. Mansoor stated he would be willing to work with the Police Department, City Attorney and Committee Members to address any concerns.

Alderman Holding asked the applicant if he would be willing to sign an agreement. Mr. Mansoor stated he had no problem in signing an agreement and he would be willing to close the store for two to four hours a night if problems began at the establishment. Mr. Shah stated they are installing new digital cameras inside and outside of the establishment for better security.

Alderman Maack stated he would like to see Mr. Mansoor hire off duty officers to work on the weekends. He also requested Mr. Mansoor work with the Police Department and City Attorney on an agreement which would address hours of operation, security, and prohibiting the single sale of beer.

Lt. Purdy stated he would like the Chief's Office to submit information to the City Attorney to be included in this agreement.

Deferred

[07-1419](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the committee for the appearance of Parveen Bhardwaj (agent) for BP Food Mart 1975 State Street, for non-compliance for Tobacco sales.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the item be received and filed.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

11-26-07: That the item be deferred until the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting December 10, 2007 and the agent be required to appear.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Parveen Bhardwaj (Agent) appeared and informed committee members he has spoken to employees and informed them to make sure they are checking identification cards. He also added a program to the cash registers that requires the clerk to enter a date of birth when selling cigarettes and alcohol.

Received and Filed

[07-1470](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Daniel Sabala regarding your application for an Operator's (Bartender) License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the license be granted pending the outcome of the record check.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Daniel Sabala appeared and informed committee members he was a patron in the bar when he received a citation for a closing hour violation. Mr. Sabala also informed committee members he has a brother who frequently uses his identity when getting into trouble with the law.

Alderman Holding moved to grant the license provided Mr. Sabala can show proof the possession of cocaine charge and false identity charge on Mr. Sabala's record were dismissed (this was confirmed by Lt. Purdy).

Granted

[07-1469](#)

Subject: (Renewal) Application of Racine Merchandise Mart, Inc. for a Secondhand Jewelry and Secondhand Article Dealer License for 1341 Washington Avenue. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

[07-1455](#)

Subject: Petition for Exception at 1801 Mead St. for a Class "A" License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-10-07: That the petition for exception be granted and the matter be referred to the City Plan Commission to address zoning concerns.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attorney Weber informed committee members of the previous incidents which led the committee to not renew the tenants license which expired June 30, 2006, due to numerous problems at the establishment. He also reminded committee members of a letter that was submitted by the Chief Building Inspector which addressed zoning issues at the establishment.

Attorney John Knuteson appeared and informed committee members the applicant was seeking an exception due to the fact that the previous tenant had caused the problems.

Patricia Morones appeared and informed the committee members she had spoken to the neighbors in the area and they were in support of the establishment holding a beer license.

Alderman Maack made a motion to grant the exception to the petition and the applicant could apply for consideration of a license at the establishment in the future.

Alderman Holding amended the motion to include the item also be referred to City Plan Commission for consideration of a conditional use permit.

Recommended For Further Consideration

[07-1479](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the monthly report for the sale of abandoned vehicles for November 26, 2007.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 12-10-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Notes: This will generate \$3,659.01 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[07-1476](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 12-10-07: That the Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses be granted.

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Alderman Maack requested the Chairman of Public Safety & Licensing Committee call a special meeting to address the incident which took place on December 8, 2007 in the 600 block of 6th Street, which involved Cera's Tequila Bar. He is requesting the owner of the establishment as well as a member of the Police Department appear before the committee to address/update committee members on their concerns related to this incident.

Lt. Purdy will contact the City Clerk's Office once the investigation is complete and a meeting can be scheduled at that time.

Alderman Mozol requested the committee order in the (Agent) of the Blue Rock Cafe for the next meeting to address numerous incidents at the establishment. He is also requesting the Police Department supply committee members with 6 months of incidents that have occurred at the establishment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Alderman Holding. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee is January 7, 2008.

ATTEST: JANICE M. JOHNSON-MARTIN
CITY CLERK