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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding
Vice Chairman James Morgenroth
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Krystyna Sarrazin
Henry Perez*

Monday, July 8, 2013

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Gregory Holding, James Morgenroth, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Krystyna Sarrazin and Henry Perez

Approval of Minutes for the June 24, 2013 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Kaprelian-Becker.

13-9112

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to enter into a partnership agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to operate and maintain an Environmental Education Community Center along the Root River at 1301 6th Street.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the request of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to enter into a partnership agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to operate and maintain an Environmental Education Community Center along the Root River at 1301 6th Street be approved.

Fiscal Note:

Director Molbeck appeared to discuss the item. He recommended continuing the relationship with UW-Parkside because without them there would be no programming at the REC site. He noted that UW-Parkside is interested in not paying utilities, which amounts to \$900-1000 per year, as a part of this agreement. Committee members had questions about the program and expressed concerns about taking on the utility costs. Chairman Holding noted that any agreement would have to meet the constraints of the current budget and any change in funding would have to return to council for approval. Alderman Perez moved to approve the request, and Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

13-9104

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the

appearance of Eleanor S. DeMatthew at the July 8, 2013 meeting regarding her application for an Operator's (Bartender) License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Chairman Holding deferred this item until the next meeting with the unanimous consent of the committee.

Deferred

13-9105

Subject:(Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Rebecca M. Leonard at the July 8, 2013 meeting regarding her application for an Operator's (Bartender) License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the operator's license be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rebecca Leonard appeared before the committee. She explained her past indiscretions to the satisfaction of the committee members. J.J. McAuliffe spoke on her behalf and commended her volunteer work in the community. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to approve the license, and Alderman Morgenroth seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Ms. Leonard was issued her license at the meeting.

Approved

13-9117

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Paul's Pub LLC - 2416 Lathrop Avenue, requesting to amend their Premise Description to include the back parking lot for special events.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the Premise Description be amended to include the back parking lot for special events.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Paul Lueke appeared to explain he would like to amend the premise description to allow bag toss tournaments in the back yard of the tavern. Committee members expressed concerns about the effect on the neighbors, but noted that there was a large fence in place and that the both the neighbors and the bar had been there for years. Alderman Sarrazin moved to approve the request, and Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

13-9107

Subject: Application from Tom Peterson, dba My Wicked Way requesting a Public Dance Hall license for 516 College Avenue for youth bands to perform.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

The applicant did not appear. Sean Youn, owner of Shogun, a neighboring business, did appear and spoke against the application. He was concerned about the level of noise that the business would generate and the problems that typically accompany any large gathering of teens. Chairman Holding noted that a dance hall license can only be denied if the applicant has broken certain laws, which is not the case here. However, because the applicant was not present, Chairman Holding deferred this item until the next meeting with the unanimous consent of the committee.

Deferred

[13-9108](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) The application of Floyd & Sons, Inc. for a 2013-2014 Motor Vehicle Towing License. (**Renewal**)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the renewal application of Floyd & Sons, Inc. for a 2013-2014 Motor Vehicle Towing License be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to approve the license renewal, and Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9110](#)

Subject:(Direct Referral) The **renewal** application of Rejuvenations for a Massage Establishment Permit for 215 Sixth Street for 2013-2014. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That The **renewal** application of Rejuvenations for a Massage Establishment Permit for 215 Sixth Street for 2013-2014 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to approve the permit renewal, and Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9106](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) 2013 Spring Alcohol Compliance Checks Update for the following:

Super Mercado Gran Morelos - 1105 N. Memorial Drive
Super Caniceria La Mexicana - 1336 State Street
West Town Foods - 3326 16th Street
Georgetown Market - 3710 Meachem
Lieungh's on Lathrop - 1933 Lathrop Avenue

Port of Call Liquors - 918 West Boulevard
Spring Street Station - 3441 Spring Street

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the item be deferred until the next meeting and the Chief of Police be requested to appear.

Chairman Holding noted for the committee that underage sales at licensed establishments cannot be dealt with by the committee, but can be dealt with by a circuit court. Attorney Weber confirmed this and provided the appropriate statutory support. The committee discussed working with the Police Chief and the District Attorney to have future violations of permit holders written up under state statute and forwarded to the District Attorney for prosecution in Circuit Court. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to: 1) direct the City Attorney to draft a letter from the Committee to the Police Chief and District Attorney to review at the next meeting, 2) invite the Police Chief to the next meeting, and 3) defer the item to the next meeting. Alderman Morgenroth seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous consent.

Deferred

[13-9094](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for June 24, 2013 & July 8, 2013.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 8, 2013: That the owner/agent of Kenny's be requested to appear at the next meeting to discuss recent incidents at the establishment and the balance of the report be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The committee briefly discussed the licensed premise report. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to 1) call in the agent for Kenny's to the next meeting to discuss incidents on the report, and 2) defer the item to the next meeting. Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous consent.

Deferred

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45p.m.