



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Alder Terry McCarthy
Alder Melissa Kaprelian
Alder Alicia Jarrett
Alder Jeff Coe
Alder Jeffrey Peterson

Monday, January 30, 2023

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 207B

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chair McCarthy, Vice Chair Kaprelian, Alder Jarrett, Alder Coe and Alder Peterson

Approval of Minutes for the January 09th, 2023 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Peterson, seconded by Alder Coe, to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED unanimously.

Commercial E-Scooter Pilot Program Presentation by Transit and Mobility Director Jung

Director Jung and Bird representative, Caitlin Goodspeed, spoke on the Presentation.

[0875-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones requesting to adopt Ord. 0017-22 - Amendment to Commercial Electric Scooters Ordinance.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-30-2023: That to adopt Ord. 0017-22 - Amendment to Commercial Electric Scooters Ordinance, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Coe to Recommend for Approval. This motion PASSED unanimously.

[0903-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy requesting the appearance of Keneshia Henry for an operator's license.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-09-2023: That the appearance of Keneshia Henry for an operator's license, be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-30-2023: That the appearance of Keneshia Henry for an

operator's license, be Denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Keneshia Henry did not appear.

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Coe to Deny, based on the applicant's non-appearance. This motion PASSED unanimously.

[0904-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy requesting the appearance of Marc Spang for an operator's license.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 01-09-2023: That the appearance of Marc Spang for an operator's license, be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 01-30-2023: That the appearance of Marc Spang for an operator's license, be Denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Marc Spand did not appear before the committee.

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Coe to Deny, based on the applicant's non-appearance. This motion PASSED unanimously.

[0554-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a Reserved "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Green Room Lounge Inc. DBA The Green Lounge located at 3717 Douglas Ave Racine, WI 53402, Woodie Mogaka, Agent. (7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-28-2022: That the application for a Reserved "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Green Room Lounge Inc. DBA The Green Lounge located at 3717 Douglas Ave Racine, WI 53402, Woodie Mogaka, Agent. (7th District), be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 01-09-2023: That the application for a Reserved "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Green Room Lounge Inc. DBA The Green Lounge located at 3717 Douglas Ave Racine, WI 53402, Woodie Mogaka, Agent. (7th District), be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 01-30-2023: That the application for a Reserved "Class B" Retail

Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Green Room Lounge Inc. DBA The Green Lounge located at 3717 Douglas Ave Racine, WI 53402, Woodie Mogaka, Agent. (7th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Richard Salazar and Woodie Mogaka appeared before the committee.

A motion was made by Alder Peterson, seconded by Alder Jarrett to Recommend for Approval. This motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Vice Chair Kaprelian, Alder Jarrett and Alder Peterson

NOES: 1 - Alder Coe

[0752-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for DouglasBar LLC DBA Liquor Time, located at 1717 Douglas Ave, Karim Qedan, Agent. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-10-2022: That the Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for DouglasBar LLC DBA Liquor Time, located at 1717 Douglas Ave, Karim Qedan, Agent be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-24-2022: That the Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for DouglasBar LLC DBA Liquor Time, located at 1717 Douglas Ave, Karim Qedan, Agent be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 01-30-2023: That the Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for DouglasBar LLC DBA Liquor Time, located at 1717 Douglas Ave, Karim Qedan, Agent be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Kaprelian to Recommend for Denial. This motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: 2 - Vice Chair Kaprelian and Alder Coe

NOES: 3 - Chair McCarthy, Alder Jarrett and Alder Peterson

Committee members discussed concerns with the license application, including: inappropriate location for bar, small parking lot, large concentration of existing alcohol licenses in that area, no substantial plans to improve already deteriorating area, no value to neighborhood other than alcohol, increased nuisance activities with a more active bar scene, lack of bar owner experience by agent, and history of nuisance issues with other premises managed by agent. A motion was made to deny based on these reasons."

A motion was made by Alder Peterson, to Recommend for Approval with the establishment to be a bar and not a convenience store, with no sales of non tobacco products, merchandise, or prepackaged items.

Karim Qedan and Gurminder Qedan appeared before the committee.

A motion was made by Alder Jarrett, seconded by Alder Peterson to Recommend for Approval. This motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Chair McCarthy, Alder Jarrett and Alder Peterson

NOES: 2 - Vice Chair Kaprelian and Alder Coe

[0883-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy submitting an application for a New "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Main Attraction, LLC DBA Hotel Verdant, located at 500 Main St, Emily Garofalo, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-30-2023: That the application for a New "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Main Attraction, LLC DBA Hotel Verdant, located at 500 Main St, Emily Garofalo, Agent. (1st District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Emily Garofalo appeared before the committee.

A motion was made by Alder Coe, seconded by Alder Kaprelian to Recommend for Approval. This motion PASSED unanimously.

[0027-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting an ordinance change to Section 22-291 through 22-298 of the Municipal Code to update the Cigarette and Tobacco License process.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-30-2023: That the ordinance change to Section 22-291 through 22-298 of the Municipal Code to update the Cigarette and Tobacco License process, be approved with removal of section 22-29.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Coe to Recommend for Approval with the amendment to remove Section 22-297. This motion

PASSED unanimously.

[0797-22](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe, on behalf of the City Attorney's Office, submitting an ordinance change to Section 22-838 of the Municipal Code to update towing rates as attached.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-09-2023: That the ordinance change to Section 22-838 of the Municipal Code to update towing rates as attached, be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-30-2023: That the ordinance change to Section 22-838 of the Municipal Code to update towing rates as attached, be Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-13-2023: That the ordinance change to Section 22-838 of the Municipal Code to update towing rates as attached, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Kaprelian, seconded by Alder Peterson to Defer. This motion PASSED unanimously.

[0073-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy on behalf of the City of Racine Police Department, for the licensed premise report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-30-2023: That the City of Racine Police Department, for the licensed premise report, be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Coe seconded by Alder Kaprelian to Received and Filed. This motion PASSED unanimously.

[0074-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder McCarthy, requesting any consideration, any formal expression of concern, or other actions pursuant to the police report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-30-2023: That the requesting any consideration, any formal expression of concern, or other actions pursuant to the police report.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Alder Coe seconded by Alder Kaprelian to Received and Filed. This motion PASSED unanimously.

Adjournment

The motion adjourned at 7:44 PM.