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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe,
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn,
Alderman Henry Perez,
Alderman Mary Land, Alderman Mollie Jones*

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Mary Land and Mollie Jones

EXCUSED: 1 - Henry Perez

Approval of Minutes for the February 9, 2016 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Jones.

[0089-16](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Destiny Carter dba Destiny's Bar, 1444 Blake Avenue, Destiny Carter, Agent. (8th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-09-16: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Destiny Carter dba Destiny's Bar, 1444 Blake Avenue, Destiny Carter, Agent be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-23-16: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Destiny Carter dba Destiny's Bar, 1444 Blake Avenue, Destiny Carter, Agent be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-08-16: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Destiny Carter dba Destiny's Bar, 1444 Blake Avenue, Destiny Carter, Agent be received and filed and the applicant withdrew her application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for 1444 Blake Avenue.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Destiny Carter appeared before the Committee. Deputy City Attorney Larsen first stated to Ms. Carter that there were some discrepancies listed on her date of birth on the applications she submitted and it was submitted this way 5 different times. Ms. Carter stated that someone else had assisted her in filling out the applications and she gave them the month and day, and the person knew she was 35 and must have

assumed her year incorrectly. Deputy City Atty. Larsen asked her to state her date of birth, which Ms. Carter then stated 11/20/80. She stated that an additional \$15.00 would need to be paid to the City Clerk's Office to run a new record check with the correct date of birth. Deputy City Atty. Larsen also asked Ms. Carter if she had received the letter sent from the City Clerk's Office to clarify some of the discrepancies and Ms. Carter stated she did receive it and mailed it back, but the City Clerk stated her office did not receive it. Deputy City Atty. Larsen asked Ms. Carter what was the purpose that the business would be used for and to clarify if she was applying for the "Class B" license or as a Private Club. Ms. Carter was not able to really answer this question as she stated she was not sure which route she wanted to take and was seeking assistance from us. Deputy City Atty. Larsen then informed Ms. Carter the City Clerk's Office can only give her the applications, but can't advise her on how they should be completed. Deputy City Atty. Larsen also indicated that this location is Zoned R-3 and that a club may not be permitted in that district. She advised Ms. Carter to check with the Building Department to see if the type of club for which she is applying is permissible. There was further discussion on zoning and the Committee advised Ms. Carter to contact City Development as well as the Building Department to find out information regarding zoning. A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Coe to defer the item so the applicant can get more information as to what she is actually applying for at 1444 Blake Avenue.

Deferred

[15-01020](#)

Subject: Communication from Thomas M. Sollman regarding the "CLASS B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License for DeRose Bar & Restaurant LLC, located at 1444 Blake Ave.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 12-08-15: That the Communication for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License at 1444 Blake Ave be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 01-12-16: That the Communication from Thomas M. Sollman regarding the "CLASS B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License for DeRose Bar & Restaurant LLC, located at 1444 Blake Ave be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 02-09-16: That the Communication from Thomas M. Sollman regarding the "CLASS B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License for DeRose Bar & Restaurant LLC, located at 1444 Blake Ave be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 02-23-16: That the Communication from Thomas M. Sollman regarding the "CLASS B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License for DeRose Bar & Restaurant LLC, located at 1444 Blake Ave be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-08-16: That the Communication from Thomas M. Sollman regarding the "CLASS B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License for DeRose Bar & Restaurant LLC, located at 1444 Blake Ave be received and filed City Clerk informed committee members that on March 8, 2016, Mr. Sollman surrendered the "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for 1444 Blake Avenue.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Sollman was present but this item was deferred because his tenant Steve Bennett needs to determine what he will be operating at this location. A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Coe to defer the item for two weeks.

Deferred

[0125-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request the appearance of Mr. Vlasak, Agent for Rojo's Pub, located at 1317 Yout Street, to discuss the recent incidents occurring at this location.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 02-23-16: The committee requests that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Vlasak appeared. The Committee asked Mr. Vlasak about the recent incident with a minor in his establishment. Sgt. Rivers stated that the good video system Mr. Vlasak has in his establishment was very helpful during the investigation. The Committee suggested that a identification scanner and someone checking identification at the door would be very helpful. A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Land to receive and file.

Received and Filed

[0048-16](#)

Subject: Request the appearance of Mr. Moreno, Owner of Cackle Jacks located at 3620 Northwestern Ave, to discuss the recent incidents occurring at this location.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 02-09-16: The committee requests that the communication be received and filed.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 02-23-16: The committee requests that the communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Moreno and his attorney Ed Brunner appeared. The Committee asked Mr. Moreno about the fight and shots fired at his establishment. Mr. Moreno said the bartender on duty was very reliable, but the bartender was cited for an underage person in the establishment.. Mr. Moreno stated he has plans for cameras inside and outside the establishment and he would look into purchasing an identification scanner as well. Motion was made by Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Land to be received and filed.

Received and Filed

[0150-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Jessica Witynski, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-23-16: That the operator license application for Jessica Witynski be deferred for two weeks as the applicant did not appear.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-08-16: That the operator license application for Jessica Witynski be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jessica Witynski did not appear before the Committee. Since the applicant did not appear, Alderman DeHahn made a motion to defer and was Seconded by Alderman Jones.

Deferred

[0126-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Clerk presenting information that she received from Department of Revenue regarding the "Class B" license for 817 Main Street.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-23-16: That the item be Received and Filed as the owner of the "Class B" license for 817 Main Street surrendered the license.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The City Clerk stated that the owner of Odd Fellows contacted the City Clerk's office and surrendered their license. Motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Land to receive and file.

Received and Filed

[0127-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Clerk presenting information that she received from the Racine Police Department regarding the "Class B" license for 961 M.L. King Jr. Drive.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-23-16: That the Communication from the City clerk presenting information that she received from the Racine Police Department

regarding the "Class B" license for 961 M.L. King Jr. Drive be received and filed and the agent for 961 M.L.King Jr. Drive be requested to appear at the next meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The City Clerk stated that there has been no activity at The Drink from November 13, 2015 through January 31, 2016. Since there has been no activity, a motion was made by Alderman DeHahn and Seconded by Alderman Jones to request that a letter be sent to the Agent to appear before the Committee.

Received and Filed

[0149-16](#)

Subject: Licensed Premise Report

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-23-16: That the licensed premise report for 02-23-16 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Rivers stated that Uptown Pub was given a citation for being open past 2:30 a.m., and everything else in the city has been very slow.

Received and Filed

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.