



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Vice Chair Aron Wisneski, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol, Alderman Terry McCarthy

Monday, August 11, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Alderman Wisneski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: 3 - Aron Wisneski, Terry McCarthy and Jim Kaplan

EXCUSED: 2 - Q.A. Shakoor, II and Robert Mozol

Approval of Minutes for the July 21, 2008 Meeting.

to Approve the Minutes

Public Comment

*Cheryl Hegger
Brian Balthazar*

08-2490

Subject: (New) Application of TTDH, Inc. (Better Day BP), Constantin Tousis, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2100 Douglas Avenue. (5th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Agent Constantin Tousis and Gus Tousis appeared and informed the Committee of their intentions to establish an authentic Greek restaurant with outdoor seating and a drive-through at their existing location. Alderman Kaplan expressed concerns of the lack of parking on the busy corner. Alderman Wisneski stated that Alderman Mozol had informed him he was concerned about mixing or layering of business types. Attorney Weber would research the State's regulations concerning types of businesses and possible restrictions which may be placed on the license.

Deferred

08-2508

Subject: (Direct Referral) Final payment for engineering services for Graceland Cemetery War Memorial and Mound Cemetery Crypts by Industrial Roofing Services Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That Final payment for engineering services for Graceland Cemetery War Memorial and Mound Cemetery Crypts by Industrial

Roofing Sevices Inc. be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Director Snow appeared and informed the Committee the work was completed and final payment was in order.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2509](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Change order #1 and Final Payment on Contract 42-07 (K7-050), Masonry, Stone and Exterior Wall Repairs at Mound and Graceland Cemeteries by Pukall Co., Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That Change Order #1 and Final Payment for Contract 42-07 (K7-050), Masonry, Stone and Exterior Wall Repairs at Mound and Graceland Cemeteries by Pukall Co., Inc. would be an increase of \$4,005.00 for a total amount of \$222,070.00 be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available as herein delineated.

Director Snow appeared and informed the Committee the work was completed and an additional \$4,005.00 dollars were needed due to unforeseen issues and final payment was in order.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2495](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Application for a Gasoline Station Owner's and Manager's License for JBS Petroleum, Inc., at 2500 Lathrop Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the application for Gasoline Service Station Owner's License & Managers License, for JBS Petroleum, Inc., at 2500 Lathrop Avenue, be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

[08-2442](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Wilbur Jones, Agent for Viper's Lounge, 501 High Street, due to recent incidents at your establishment.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 07-21-08: That the item regarding recent incidents be deferred until 8-11-2008 and the renewal application be deferred until 8-25-2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be received and filed and the renewal application be deferred until 8-25-2008.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Agent Wilbur Jones appeared. Alderman Wisneski said he had concerns about the incidents absorbing too many Police resources. Lt. Purdy stated the volume of calls and incidents were extraordinary for the time frame discussed. Alderman McCarthy also expressed concerns about the heavy use of Police resources. Alderman Kaplan stated most of the incidents were at closing time and that he had monitored the situation in June and he had witnessed the noise and chaos which existed after closing. Agent Jones stated he had hired off duty officers as security but they were limited to handling situations within the bar or the immediate adjoining area. Agent Jones also stated his insurance would not cover additional security.

Received and Filed

[08-2417](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Chandra Sekhar R. Pula, Agent for Spring Street Mobile, 3700 Spring Street, due to sales to minor (tobacco) at your establishment on 12/17/2007, 12/21/2007, and 3/27/2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 07-21-08: That the item be deferred until 08-11-2008 at the agent's request.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be received and filed and a Public Safety & Licensing Committee follow-up in six months.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Agent Chandra Pula appeared and informed the Committee employee turnover was a contributing factor. ID checks are required for everyone and the incidents were unfortunate. Agent Pula also stated they do their best and have been very careful the last few months. Alderman McCarthy indicated the number of incidents were borderline for repercussions. Alderman Kaplan appreciated Agent Pula's sincerity but was concerned about the seriousness of the pattern. Alderman McCarthy suggested a follow-up in six months.

Received and Filed

[08-2419](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Edward Trudeau, Agent for Georgetown Market, 3710 Meachem Road, due to sales to minor (alcohol) at your establishment on 04-02-08.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 07-21-08: That the item be deferred until 8-11-2008 and the request of the Committee for the appearance of Edward Trudeau, Agent for Georgetown Market, 3710 Meachem Road, due to sales to minor (alcohol) at your establishment on 04-02-08.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

08-11-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Agent Ed Trudeau and Mr. Nelson appeared and informed the Committee he was unaware of the incident until notified to appear. Agent Trudeau stated he has every employee sign a letter indicating understanding of alcohol sales policy and the WE Card program. Employee Nelson stated the fine was absolutely an effective deterrent.

Received and Filed

[08-2420](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Hussein Asad, Agent for Magic Dollar Super Market, 1007 Washington Avenue, due to sales to minor (alcohol) at your establishment on 04/02/2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

07-21-08: That the item be deferred until 8-11-2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

08-11-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Agent Hussein Asad appeared and informed the Committee this was his first mistake in 12 years in business. He has signage to prevent mistakes. Alderman Weidner appeared and told the Committee of her knowledge of the reputation of the establishment as the place for underage purchasing and serious consequences need to apply. Alderman Wisneski warned of possible revocation/suspension/jail.

Received and Filed

[08-2421](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Restaurant of Racine, Inc., (Chancery), Joseph M. De Rosa, President for a Sidewalk Cafe Permit **w/alcohol** for 207 Gaslight Drive. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

07-21-08: That the application for a sidewalk cafe permit with alcohol, 207 Gaslight Drive, be approved pending City Plan Commission approval.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

08-11-08: That the item be received and filed per request of the applicant.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[08-2491](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney

regarding his meeting with Piggly Wiggly, 4011 Durand Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attorney Weber informed the Committee of his satisfaction with the agreement with the corporation. The corporation has an effective training manual and will conduct their own security checks and report to the Committee.

Received and Filed

[08-2513](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Bravo Realty regarding a request for variance for 3502 Rapids Drive.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be deferred until 8-25-2008 at the request of the representative for Bravo Realty.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

[08-2473](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the Fourth District, asking to address parking issues at Racine's Blue Wave Beach (North Beach) during special events.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be referred to the Traffic Committee.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Kaplan expressed his displeasure about the parking situation and the lack of enforcement of municipal codes relating to parking at North Beach. He suggested a better plan was needed for overflow parking and signage was incomplete. He warned about the situation getting out of hand and this was not a family environment after 7:30 p.m.

Recommended For Further Consideration

[08-2477](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the monthly report for the sale of abandoned vehicles for July 21, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$8,111.01 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[08-2512](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-11-08: That the applicant, Ian J. King, 2821 Twentyfirst Street, appear before the committee for a citation issued 07-24-08 and the balance of applications for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. by Alderman Wisneski. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee is August 25, 2008.

ATTEST: JANICE M. JOHNSON-MARTIN
CITY CLERK