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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Melissa Lemke
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Carrie Glenn*

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

Approval of Minutes for the November 12, 2019 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alder Lemke, seconded by Alder Horton.

[1161-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Abigail Derengowski, applicant for Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-12-19: That the appearance of Abigail Derengowski, applicant for Operator's License, be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-26-19: That the appearance of Abigail Derengowski, applicant for Operator's License, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Abigail Derengowski did not appear before the committee.

Alder Lemke made a motion to deny, based on non-appearance, seconded by Alder Horton.

Denied

[1163-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Gursangeet Singh, applicant for an Operator's license. (Working in the 7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-12-19: That the appearance of Gursangeet Singh, applicant for an Operator's license (Working in the 7th District), be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-26-19: That the appearance of Gursangeet Singh, applicant for Operator's License (Working in the 7th District), be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Gursangeet Singh appeared before the committee. Mr. Singh stated that he is currently clear of all charges and provided the committee with a letter from his employer stating evidence of rehabilitation. Sergeant Freidel spoke on the item and stated that Mr. Singh was disqualified for an operator's license pursuant to guideline numbers 1 and 4. Alder Horton spoke to Mr. Singh strong work ethic as he frequents the Gas Station that the applicant works at often.

Alder Horton made a motion to approve based on sufficient evidence of rehabilitation, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Approved

[1242-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Catrina Upchurch, applicant for an Operator's license. (Working in the 15th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-12-19: That the appearance of Catrina Upchurch, applicant for an Operator's license (Working in the 15th District), be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-26-19: That the appearance of Catrina Upchurch, applicant for Operator's License (Working in the 15th District), be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Catrina Upchurch did not appear before the committee.

Alder Lemke made a motion to deny, based on non-appearance, seconded by Alder Horton.

Denied

[1318-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Gas Service Station License, AZ Group LLC DBA Racine Mobil, located at 4301 Washington Ave, Muhammad Yousuf, Agent. (12th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-26-19: That the communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Gas Service Station License, AZ Group LLC DBA Racine Mobil, located at 4301 Washington Ave, Muhammad Yousuf, Agent, be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy Attorney Arn spoke on behalf of this item and the Charter Ordinance that it falls under. Attorney Arn noted that the Ordinance states that reports of approval or disapproval letters must be submitted to the committee by the commissioner of public works, the traffic engineer and the building inspector.

Alder Lemke made a motion to defer due to the lack of letters submitted with the application, seconded by Alder Horton.

Deferred

[1296-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Kevin Dubiak, agent for Doobies Beer Joint at 3701 Durand Ave #345, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (11th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-26-19: That the communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Kevin Dubiak, agent for Doobies Beer Joint at 3701 Durand Ave #345, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (11th District), be rescinded.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kevin Dubiak appeared before the Committee. Sergeant Freidel spoke on the item. He spoke on the four most recent incidents, that involved disorderly conduct, vandalism and assault. Alder Lemke asked Mr. Dubiak what he planned on doing about the alterations that continue to take place at his establishment. Mr. Dubiak stated that since last being called in he has purchased a video system and hired professional security to help keep his bar in order and stated that none of the alterations were normal re occurring incidents.

Alder Glenn made a motion to rescind previously issued Formal Expression of Concern, seconded by Alder Horton.

A motion was made by Alder Glenn, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Communication be Rescinded. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton and Alder Glenn

NOES: 1 - Alder Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

[1295-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Jaqueline Lagron, agent for Truth Sports Bar LLC at 607 6th Street,

pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 11-26-19: That the communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Jaqueline Lagron, agent for Truth Sports Bar LLC at 607 6th Street, pursuant to a formal expression of concern and also requesting consideration of rescinding the formal expression of concern (1st District) be, rescinded on the condition that the Agent, Jaqueline Lagron, attend a Good Neighbor Meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jaqueline Lagron and Malachi Muhammad appeared before the Committee. Sergeant Freidel spoke on the item and the most recent reports that the Police Department had received from the establishment. Alder Coe read letters sent to the committee from various residential and business neighbors, stating the issues that they have had with the bar. Including noise complaints, parking, and safety issues. Mr. Muhammad spoke to the committee about the flyers that had been presented to the committee. He stated that he was not having strippers or dancers at his establishment and that the flyer was a "play-on-words", it was meant for a meet and greet with the Celebrities. Mr. Muhammad stated that they do not allow patrons to use the parking lot behind the building or use that exit and they do not play their music too loudly. He spoke on a few of the incidents that Sergeant Freidel had highlighted in his report to the committee, stating that he had asked the arguing individuals to leave his bar and banned them from further admittance into the establishment. Mr. Muhammad also spoke about the dress code and various bar policies that they have implemented. Such as no backpacks, big purses, Saturdays are for girls to wear heels and not tennis shoes, as well as, no baggy pants. There is a meeting scheduled with the City Health Department to discuss the appropriate food licenses that they may need. Mercedes Dzindzeleta, neighbor of 607 6th St, spoke about her concern for the loud noise and bass that comes from the bar and that could potentially affect her business. Alder Coe asked what they plan on doing to work at resolving the complaints that the various neighbors and businesses made. Alder Coe then suggested that the Agent for 607 6th Street attend a Good Neighbor Meeting to potentially resolve some of the issues that they were being called in for. Mr. Muhammad stated that they are trying to pull from a younger clientele and advertising their establishment to Parkside students and not wanting to have trouble. Alder Glenn questioned the establishment's name change and Mr. Muhammad stated he was working with the Clerk's office to turn in the correct paperwork to make the change official. Alder Coe suggested they reach out to Downtown Design Review with the new name change information.

Alder Horton made a motion to rescind the previously issued Formal Expression of Concern with the special condition that the Agent attend a Good Neighbor Meeting immediately, seconded by Alder Lemke.

A motion was made by Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Lemke, that this Communication be Rescinded. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton and Alder Lemke

EXCUSED: 1 - Alder Weidner

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Alder Glenn

[1302-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the City of Racine Police Department Liaison of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the consideration of the Licensed Premises Report for November 26, 2019, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-26-19: That the City of Racine Police Department Liaison of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the consideration of the Licensed Premises Report for November 26, 2019, and any formal expressions of concern pursuant to it, be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Committee, pursuant to the Licensed Premise Report, voted to issue Main Hub a formal expression of concern and the option to rescind the vote.

Alder Lemke made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alder Horton.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Alder Lemke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alder Horton.