



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Alderman Gregory Holding
Vice Chairman Alderman Robert Mozol
Alderman Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Alderman Krystyna Sarrazin
Alderman Molly Hall*

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Holding, Robert Mozol, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Krystyna Sarrazin and Molly Hall

Approval of Minutes for the January 22, 2013 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Mozol.

13-8595

Subject: Communication requesting Change of Agent for Rapids Drive Convenience, LLC, 3502 Rapids Drive - Harjeet S. Walia, Agent, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage license (6th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the Change of Agent for Rapids Drive Convenience, LLC, 3502 Rapids Drive - Harjeet S. Walia, Agent, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage license be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Harjeet S. Walia appeared. He informed the committee that his partner would no longer be associated with the business so he was taking over as the agent. He stated there would be no changes.

Recommended For Approval

13-8531

Subject: Application of Fifth Street Yacht Club, Inc., James L. Campbell, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Club license for 761 Marquette St. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the Fifth Street Yacht Club, Inc., James L. Campbell, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Club license for 761 Marquette St be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. James Campbell appeared. He informed committee members that he would be taking over as the agent for the establishment and there were no changes scheduled to be made.

Recommended For Approval

[13-8593](#)

Subject: (Renewal) Application for BJ Coin & Jewelry, for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's License for 532 Monument Square. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the renewal application for BJ Coin & Jewelry, for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's License for 532 Monument Square be approved pending all requirements being met.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

[13-8542](#)

Subject: Communication from the Mayor requesting that the City Attorney repeal and recreate Sec. 6-106 prohibiting the issuance of a liquor license to premises that have delinquent accounts with the City.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the item be deferred until we can get further information on some of the questions that were raised.

There was a lot of discussion on this item. Speakers included Joey Legath, Lou Larsen, John McCauliffe, owner of John's Dock as well as Mayor Dickert. Some of the points addressed was the tenant/owner situation; businesses that have been operating for over 20 years who have been hit with the economy and trying to keep their heads above water. Questions were raised on why would this not apply to all businesses and not just those that hold a liquor license, amount for delinquent, would it be a certain dollar amount or would it be if you are late on your 1st installment. Mayor stated they were looking into the legality of having the tenant pay the city their rent and that amount being applied towards the delinquent taxes. After much discussion it was determined there are still a lot of questions that would need to be answered before moving forward, but the Mayor expressed this was just a starting point. It was determined that the item should be deferred until more information can be gathered.

Deferred

[13-8569](#)

Subject: Communication from Alders Kaprelian-Becker and Holding to revise and amend sections of Ordinance 12-12 Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers licenses.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Chairman Holding explained to the committee that they found this ordinance did not exclude consignment shops that take in clothing, etc. and they wanted this to be

included. He stated they would talk with Attorney Weber to make sure he had corrected all the information before proceeding further and asked the item be deferred.

Deferred

[13-8584](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman of the 12th District requesting the City Attorney prepare an ordinance relating to residency for sex offenders.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the item be deferred until further information is obtained.

Ald. Hall gave the committee some information as to what the ordinance would require for placing sex offenders in certain areas. She said it was basically for crimes against children and violent crimes. Some of the questions or concerns was the size of 1,500 or 2,000 ft and whether or not to include worship areas. She stated the ordinance would be divided into two sections; one for spacing on residency and the other for loitering.

Mary Schiro spoke on the item and asked the committee to consider the fact that some worship houses may not have a daycare or school, but it is still used as a gathering place for children. The police department said they had looked over the material and were pleased with it at this point. Some of the aldermen had some concerns and requested that the item be deferred and that they be presented with at the next meeting 4 maps: 1 for 1,500 ft without worship, 1-for 1,500 ft. to include worship, 1 for 2,000 ft without worship, 1-for 2,000ft. to include worship. Also they wanted the maps to be in either a red or orange color so they can get a better view.

Deferred

[13-8570](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Sale of Abandoned Vehicles 1-25-2013

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the item be received and filed as the highest responsible bidder out of the three bids was Auto Parts City.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$9,675.00 in revenue.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[13-8620](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for February 13, 2013

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 2-13-13: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

Alderman Mozol requested the appearance at the next meeting of the below listed operator license applicants due to their record check:

Victoria Espinoza
Jack Fojtik

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m. by Alderman Mozol.