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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Vice Chair Raymond DeHahn
Tracey Larrin
Steve Smetana
Melissa Lemke

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Tracey Larrin, Steve Smetana and Melissa Lemke

Approval of Minutes for the July 25, 2017 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous minutes were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman DeHahn, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

to Approve the Minutes

[642-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Target Corporation, Target, 5300 Durand Ave, submitting a petition to exceed "Class A" quota limit and apply for a license at 5300 Durand Ave (14th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 07-25-17: The petition to exceed "Class A" quota limit and apply for a license at 5300 Durand Ave, Target Corporation be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-08-17: The petition to exceed "Class A" quota limit and apply for a license at 5300 Durand Ave, Target Corporation be denied due to not meeting the criteria for the 3rd and 4th factors for exceeding quota.

Fiscal Note: N/A

This item was deferred to give the applicant time to appear before the committee. The motion was made by Alderman Lemke, seconded by Alderman Smetana to be taken up at the close of the meeting.

Assistant Attorney Tran recommended that the item be denied due to not being able to meet the criteria for the 3rd and 4th factors to exceed quota as laid out in the ordinance. Alderman Larrin made a motion to deny, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Recommended For Denial

[725-17](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage

and Intoxicating Liquor License for Plush Sports Bar and Lounge, located at 509 Sixth Street, Tamara Young, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Plush Sports Bar and Lounge, located at 509 Sixth Street, Tamara Young, Agent be deferred for two weeks in order for Alderman Coe to have an opportunity to meet with Ms. Young to discuss her plans for the establishment in more detail.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tamara Young appeared before the committee. Ms. Young stated that she had no experience as a bartender but planned on hiring a manager, William Smith with 15 years of bartending experience. She stated she will be serving alcoholic beverages and light snacks. Ms. Young has \$10,000 to go towards the necessary equipment needed for the establishment. The hours of operation will be Monday - Wednesday, 11:00am till 1:30am and Thursday - Sunday, 11:00am till bar closing time. The police department indicated that Ms. Young does have some convictions on her record. Attorney Tran explained that a "habitual law offender" cannot obtain an alcohol beverage license if the offenses are substantially related. Alderman Coe made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alderman DeHahn in order for Alderman Coe to have an opportunity to meet with Ms. Young to discuss her plans for the establishment in more detail.

Deferred

[756-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Keith Randolph, representing Easy Street 101 LLC DBA Boosters Buoy, 209 Dodge St to amend Premise Description, request to include the West parking lot where alcoholic beverages would be served during events.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the communication from Keith Randolph, representing Easy Street 101 LLC DBA Boosters Buoy, 209 Dodge St to amend the Premise Description as submitted by Keith Randolph, with the request to include the grassy area of the West parking lot where alcoholic beverages would be served during events be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Keith Randolph appeared before the committee. Mr. Randolph stated that he would like to extend his License Premise to include the West parking lot where alcoholic beverages would be served during special events, specifically the grassy area as drawn on the map and confirmed by Mr. Randolph at the meeting. Alderman Larrin made a motion to approve upon the condition that the stage be angled more or possibly removed altogether before the end of the season.

Recommended For Approval

[671-17](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-25-17: That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred per the request of applicant; until his pending court case is resolved.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred until October 10, 2017 per the request of Mr. Patel's legal counsel; until his pending court case is resolved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant Attorney Tran spoke with Mr. Ramkumar Patel's attorney; who is requesting this item be deferred until October 10, 2017 at which time Mr. Patel's pending court case would then be resolved.

Deferred

[761-17](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the application for an Operator's License for Amanda Gonzales, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Amanda Gonzales appeared before the committee. Ms. Gonzales stated that she did receive several traffic violations years ago and failed to take care of her initial citation. She claimed that because of this it caused a downward spiral of additional traffic citations. Ms. Gonzales admitted that she did use a false name in fear of going to jail which led to her arrest. Ms. Gonzales is currently not able to work because she does not have her Operator's license. She went on to say that she is a single mom and needs to be able to work in order to provide for her family. Ms. Gonzales claims to have had no previous issues with tending bar; she has never served alcohol to anyone under the age of 21 or not been able to handle any escalated problems that may have resulted while working as a bartender. Amanda Gonzales, did make the committee aware that she currently does not possess a valid driver's license but does have reliable family members that can bring her to and from work. Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Approved

[193-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman of the 1st district requesting that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee review the chronic nuisance ordinances and determine whether to modify and extend the existing version.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

03-14-17: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st district requesting that the Public Safety & Licensing Committee review the chronic nuisance ordinances and determine whether to modify and extend the existing version be deferred until the City Attorney's Office can generate a draft, consult with the Integration Team and bring the draft back to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The ordinance should include:

1. The Chief of Police can declare the property a nuisance without input from council.
2. State distinction between a nuisance property and a chronic nuisance property.
3. Number of calls for nuisance can remain the same
4. Remedies to include forfeitures, paying cost of police calls, possible revocation
5. Have specific violations be considered nuisance activities

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-08-17: That the City Attorney's Office draft an ordinance to coincide with the recommended changes.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant Attorney Tran stated the Integration team which included the Police Chief and several staff members met several times to discuss and obtain input for the chronic nuisance ordinance draft. She also met with the Chief and his staff separately to discuss some revisions and incorporated those into the draft. Under the new ordinance as drafted, the Police Chief still has the discretion to consider a property a chronic nuisance premise upon satisfaction of the criteria of 3 nuisance calls in a 90 day period.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[684-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Chief Hansen of the Fire Department recommending changes to Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances (Fire Protection and Prevention).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-08-17: That the City Attorney's Office draft an ordinance to coincide with the recommended changes.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy Chief Perkins appeared before the committee. He stated the changes are just a clean up to the ordinance and to fix some issues with the notice requirement.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[687-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Chief Hansen of the Fire Department recommending changes to sec. 66-513 to 66-523 of the Code of Ordinances (Fireworks).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the City Attorney's Office draft an ordinance to coincide with the recommended changes.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deputy Chief Perkins appeared before the committee. He stated the Fire Department must be notified 30 days before fireworks are sold.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[686-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Clerk and City Attorney recommending changes to sec. 22-531 to 22-538 of the Code of Ordinances (Hawkers and Peddlers).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the City Attorney's Office draft an ordinance to coincide with the recommended changes.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Recommended For Approval

[665-17](#)

Subject: (Renewal) The application of Heather Thurmann, Greentree Massage LLC for a Massage Establishment Permit for 316 6th Street (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the application of Heather Thurmann, Greentree Massage LLC for a Massage Establishment Permit for 316 6th Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Smetana made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Recommended For Approval

[724-17](#)

Subject: Ordinance 0010-17

An Ordinance to repeal and recreate Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances - SEXUAL OFFENDERS RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing committee on 07-11-17: That the Ordinance to repeal and recreate Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances - SEXUAL OFFENDERS RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS be deferred until the Sex Offender Residency Appeal Board can meet and make recommendations to the committee.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-25-17: That Ordinance 0010-17 to repeal and recreate Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances - SEXUAL OFFENDERS RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS be amended to include changes which were presented to the committee members and the ordinance come back to the committee with amended changes.

Recommendation of the Sex Offender Residency Board to the Public Safety and Licencing Committee on 08-03-2017: That the Ordinance be approved as presented.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That Ordinance 0010-17 be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Larrin made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Recommended For Approval

[764-17](#)

Subject: Ordinance 0011-17 - Amend Definitions for Abandoned, Nuisance or Junked Vehicles

An Ordinance to amend Sec. 42-181. - Definitions in Chapter 42 - ENVIRONMENT, Article VI. - LOST, JUNKED, WRECKED, SEIZED, ABANDONED PROPERTY, Division 2. - ABANDONED, NUISANCE, OR JUNKED VEHICLES of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-2017: That Ordinance 0011-17 to create Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Recommended For Approval

[765-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report for August 8, 2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17: That the License Premise Report for August 8, 2017 be received and filed.

Sgt. Freidel stated that there was a disturbance both inside and outside of Curmudgeon's Pub & Grill. A female party had become belligerent. The security at the establishment were willing to assist the police officers.

Sgt. Freidel also stated that officers were called to BJW Ultra Lounge in response to shots fired. The investigation is ongoing; however, Sgt. Freidel stated that again there was no surveillance video to be collected to assist officers in the investigation.

Alderman Larrin made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Received and Filed

Public Comment

No one appeared to speak for Public Comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.