



City of Racine
Meeting Minutes - Final
Public Safety and Licensing
Committee

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*Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Vice Chair Gregory Holding
Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol*

Monday, October 22, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Holding, David L. Maack, Jim Kaplan and Robert Mozol

Approval of Minutes for the October 8, 2007 Meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

*RICHARD KEMPER
BOB GLEASON
JOEY LEGATH
LOU LARSON
WALLY MADSEN
LUCY VELTRI
BRAD JAECK*

07-1285

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Wahlen, requesting permission to apply for, and accept, the 2008 Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (Grant Control #2007-049).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-22-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for and accept a \$30,000 grant, from the 2008 Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, Grant Control No. 2007-049.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That permission be granted to the Chief of Police to accept the 2008 Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Juvenile Accountability Grant.

Fiscal Note: \$15,000 match is required and will be supplied by Safe Haven.

Sgt. Polzin appeared and informed the committee members the police department is seeking permission to apply for the 2008 Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1280](#)

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Wahlen, requesting permission to negotiate and sign an agreement with Automated Pawn System, to provide a collective, searchable database of pawn transactions, in order to comply with Ordinance No. 1-07.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-22-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to negotiate and sign an agreement with Automated Pawn System of Minneapolis Minnesota to provide a database of pawn transactions.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That permission be granted to the Chief of Police to negotiate and sign an agreement with Automated Pawn System, Minneapolis, Minnesota for a database for pawn transactions.

Fiscal Note: There will be no financial impact on the City.

Sgt. Polzin appeared and informed the committee members the police department is seeking permission to enter into an agreement with Automated Pawn System, Minneapolis, Minnesota for a searchable database for pawn transactions. He informed the committee funding would be provided by forfeitures and each transaction fee would be \$1.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1279](#)

Subject: Communication from Chief of Police Wahlen, requesting to waive formal bidding for the purchase of four Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator in-squad video cameras.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-22-07: Formal bidding procedures be waived and the purchasing agent be authorized and directed to negotiate with authorized Panasonic vendors for the purchase of (4) four Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator in-squad video cameras.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That permission be granted to waive formal bidding and the purchasing agent be authorized and directed to negotiate the purchase of four Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator in-squad video cameras.

Fiscal Note: Total cost of equipment shall not exceed \$20,000 and the cost defrayed from 2007 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant.

Sgt. Polzin appeared and informed committee members the police department is seeking permission to purchase four Panasonic Toughbook Arbitrator-in-squad video cameras. Funds are available in the 2007 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant. Cost of the equipment should not exceed \$20,000 and there is no City match required.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1282](#)

Subject: Request of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services to meet with Public Safety & Licensing Committee for approval of the extension of the Zoological Society contract.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a seven year extension for the Zoological Society contract.

Fiscal Note: \$550,000 annually for first five years, \$650,000 annually for last 2 years should be appropriated from account 101.740.5610, Zoological Professional Services, \$32,000 maintenance fee each year should be appropriated from account 107.740.5550, Zoo Maintenance and Repairs.

Director Snow appeared seeking permission from the committee for an extension of the Zoological Society contract.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1235](#)

Subject: Direct Referral Bids for Contract 52-07 (K7-061) Remodel Racine Zoological Gardens Phase III

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

10-08-07: The item be deferred to the next Public Safety and Licensing Meeting October 22, 2007.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Seater Construction Co., Inc. of Racine, WI for a total of \$1,576,000.00 for contract 52-07 (K7-061) Remodel Racine Zoological Gardens Phase III.

Fiscal Note: City's portion is \$300,000.00.

Director Snow appeared seeking permission to accept a base bid to remodel the Racine Zoological Gardens Phase III.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1286](#)

Subject: Direct Referral: Change order #1 and final payment for engineering services for preparing plans and specifications for repairing the 18th hole bridge at Johnson Park Golf Course by Strass-Maguire & Associates, Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That permission be granted to change order #1 for an increase of \$985.79 be approved and final payment for the repair to the 18th hole

bridge at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 107.000.5560 Golf Course Professional Services.

Director Snow appeared seeking permission for change order #1 and final payment for the repair of the 18th hole bridge at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommended For Approval

07-0618

Subject: Update on Cameras and other Security Measures

Communication from Wayne Clingman wishing to discuss the renewal of the liquor license at Neighborhood Pantry, 1511 West Sixth St.

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of 5-21-07: That the neighbors and the business owner meet with the Sustainable Neighborhood Listening Committee on May 31, 2007, and come up with a resolution to the problems and the police department provide a 12 month history report and bring back before the committee at the next meeting.

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of 6-11-07: That the item be deferred until June 25, 2007 and the police department be prepared to provide the committee with a 12 month history report of the establishment.

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of 06-25-07: That the item be deferred until the July 9, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of 7-9-07: That the City Council issue written orders to the Neighborhood Pantry to install security cameras to completely cover the exterior of the property, and the counter and entrance of the interior be compliant with the technical specifications as stated in ordinance 41-06.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Martin Defatte and Pargat Singh Randhawa (Agent) appeared and informed committee members digital cameras have been installed in the store and the agent has been working with Sustainable Neighborhood Listening Committee and the Neighborhood Police to resolve problems occurring at the store.

Received and Filed

[07-1225](#)

Subject: Application of D&K Real Estate Investments LLC (Indigo), Billie J. Chomicki, Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1501 Washington Avenue. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the item be deferred and the applicant work with the City Attorney on an agreement that outlines certain stipulations as well as scheduling a meeting with Uptown Business Association to address some of their concerns.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Chomicki appeared and informed the committee he plans to feature live jazz music and serve food at his establishment.

Alderman Maack stated he would like the City Attorney to draft an agreement similar to Tinitas and would like for Mr. Chomicki to work with the Uptown Business Improvement Committee.

Alderman Kaplan requested the kitchen be installed and functioning by June 2008 as part of the agreement.

Alderman Maack made the motion that the item be deferred until the committees requested requirements are met.

Mr. Chomicki will need to contact the City Clerk's Office once these requirements are met.

Deferred

[07-1259](#)

Subject: Application of The Waterfront Grill (Sand Pipers Waterfront Grill), Lori A. Medendorp, Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 303 Dodge Street. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the application of The Waterfront Grill (Sand Pipers Waterfront Grill), Lori A. Medendorp, Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 303 Dodge Street be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Medendorp appeared and informed the committee she is purchasing Sand Pipers and she plans to keep the menu as well as the operation the same. Ms. Medendorp stated she has experience as a waitress, bartender, and working with payroll.

Alderman Kaplan made the motion to approve provided that all approvals are met.

Recommended For Approval

[07-1268](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Simone Enterprises, LLC., Harinder Kaur,

Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage license for 1223 Eleventh Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting November 12, 2007 per request of the applicant.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Harinder Kaur contacted the City Clerk's Office and requested the item be deferred until the next Public Safety & Licensing meeting November 12, 2007.

Deferred

[07-1117](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Tinita LLC, James W. McCann Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt beverage and Intoxicating liquor license at 500 Sixth Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 09-10-07: That the Application of Tinita LLC, James W. McCann Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt beverage and Intoxicating liquor license at 500 Sixth Street be deferred until the September 24, 2007.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 09-24-07: That the Application of Tinita LLC, James W. McCann Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt beverage and Intoxicating liquor license at 500 Sixth Street be deferred until October 8, 2007.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-08-07: That the item be deferred per applicants request to the next Public Safety & Licensing Meeting on 10-22-07.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the application of Tinita LLC, James W. McCann Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt beverage and Intoxicating liquor license at 500 Sixth Street be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

James McCann, Tina Elmergreen, and Pytaphone Khampane appeared representing Tinita's.

Alderman Maack thanked the City Attorney for putting together the agreement. He stated he felt Tinita's will bring diversity to the area and he thanked the owners for cooperating with the committee's requests.

A motion was made by Alderman Robert Mozol that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Gregory Holding, David L. Maack and Robert Mozol

NOES: 1 - Jim Kaplan

NON VOTING: 1 - Q.A. Shakoor II

07-0948

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of James Gregory, Agent for Racine Produce, 3701 Durand Avenue, for an incident that appeared on the June 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 7-23-07: That the item be deferred and the agent be required to appear.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 8-13-07: That the item be deferred until the August 27, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-27-07: That the item be deferred until the September 10, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the item be deferred and a subpoena issued from the City Attorney's Office ordering James Gregory to appear in front of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee.

Fiscal Note: N/A

An employee from Racine Produce contacted the City Clerk's Office and stated James Gregory (Agent) could not attend the meeting because he was out of town.

Alderman Mozol made a motion to have the City Attorney issue a subpoena for Mr. Gregory due to his lack of cooperation on appearing in front of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee.

Atty. Weber will be issuing a subpoena ordering Mr. Gregory to appear in front of the committee.

Deferred

07-1220

Subject: Report from the Police Department regarding a shooting incident at George's Tavern, at 1201 N. Main Street on 8-31-07.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-08-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting October 22, 2007 and the agent be sent a certified letter to appear.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

David Popoff appeared and informed the committee he has enforced a dress code, hired an off duty officer as security, requires two forms of ID, and has a no cap, no white T-shirt policy.

Mr. Popoff stated the incident would have happened anywhere the individuals ended up together due to the bad blood between the two.

Received and Filed

[07-1221](#)

Subject: Report from the Police Department regarding a shooting incident at Kenny's Tavern, at 1300 N. Main Street on 8-31-07.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-08-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting October 22, 2007 and the agent be sent a certified letter to appear.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kenneth Meyer appeared and informed the committee the shooting incident occurred outside of his establishment and he had escorted the person responsible for the shooting out of the bar earlier that evening. Since the incident, he has terminated 3 bartenders and hired a bar manager. He has become more observant of the patrons and the general operating procedures of the business.

Received and Filed

[07-1222](#)

Subject: Report from the Police Department regarding an incident with a baseball bat at Warning Track, 1301 Washington Avenue on 9-1-07.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-08-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & License Committee Meeting October 22, 2007 and the agent be sent a certified letter to appear.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-22-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting November 12, 2007 at the request of the owner.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Hansen contacted the City Clerk's office and requested a deferral until the next Public Safety & Licensing meeting November 12, 2007.

Deferred

[07-1267](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of the Agent (Mike Kurhajec) for Coasters 1301 N. Main Street due to the numerous incidents that were on the history report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-22-07: That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting November 12, 2007.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mike Kurhajec (Agent) and Matt Meltzer appeared and informed the committee they have recently hired two bouncers and installed a camera security system. Mr. Meltzer also stated they will start taking video photos of identification cards.

Alderman Holding asked that the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing Meeting November 12, 2007 due to limited time to discuss issues with owners because of a 7:00p..m. Budget Proposal Meeting that was scheduled for that evening in the Council Chambers.

Alderman Kaplan asked that the item be placed toward the top of the agenda for the next meeting.

Deferred

[Ord.21-07](#)

Ordinance No. 21-07

To amend Section 66-2(a) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Offenses - Acts constituting offenses under chapter; penalties.

The Common Council of the City of Racine do ordain as follows:

Part 1:

Section 66-2(a) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is hereby amended by adding the following at the end:

“(3) Is the holder of a license to sell alcohol and/or tobacco, if the offense concerns the sale of alcohol to a person under the age of 21 or the sale of tobacco to a person under the age of 18.”

Part 2:

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed by the Common Council:

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on
10-22-07:** That the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing
Committee Meeting November 12, 2007.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Q.A. Shakoor II

*Alderman Holding asked that the item be deferred to the next Public Safety & Licensing
Meeting due to limited time to discuss the issue because of a 7:00p.m. Budget
Presentation Meeting scheduled in the Council Chambers.*

Deferred

[07-1272](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent
submitting the monthly report for the sale of abandoned vehicles for
October 10, 2007.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on
10-22-07:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$11,556.02 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[07-1294](#)

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

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on
10-22-07:** That the Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses be granted.

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m. by Alderman Shakoor. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety and Licensing is November 12, 2007.

ATTEST: JANICE M. JOHNSON-MARTIN
CITY CLERK