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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

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

Monday, April 7, 2008

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 March 24, 2008 Meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared.

08-1920

Subject: Communication from Chief of Police Wahlen requesting to use Federal law to allow qualified retired officers to carry concealed weapons.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-07-08: Permission granted for the Chief of Police, pursuant to Federal Law Officers Safety Act of 2004 HR218, to allow retired police officers to carry concealed weapons after passing firearm qualifications and the Police Chief's approval and further recommends that the Finance Department create a separate account for the \$100 fee required from the retired officers.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-7-08: That the request of Chief of Police Wahlen, to use the Federal law to allow qualified retired officers to carry concealed weapons, be approved.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City.

Lt. Jim Dobbs and Racine Police Chief Kurt Wahlen appeared. Chief Wahlen informed committee members federal law allows for retired enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons. Currently Racine County, Kenosha County and Dane County allow retired officers to carry concealed weapons under the federal "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004," also known as Public Law #108-277 (HR218).

Chief Wahlen informed committee members the City Attorney's office has worked with the Racine Police Department to create an application and agreement which will be required in order to issue a firearm. There will be a firearms qualification test, records

search, annual, prepaid, non-refundable fee of \$100.00, photographic ID card which may be recalled and rendered invalid at the discretion of the Police Chief and the issuance of the ID card by the City of Racine Police Department is at the sole discretion of the Police Chief. If an individual is issued a firearm, any actions they take are solely at their own consequence as a private citizen and have no law enforcement authority.

Chief Wahlen informed committee members there will be no cost to the City of Racine. Alderman Shakoor asked Chief Wahlen if the firearms were meant to protect the retired officers from previous incidents. Chief Wahlen stated the issuance of these firearms could prevent future disasters from occurring and is not solely for protection.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gregory Holding that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 3 - Gregory Holding, David L. Maack and Jim Kaplan

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Robert Mozol

NON VOTING: 1 - Q.A. Shakoor, II

08-1927

Subject: Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bid results for Official Notice #3 for one (1) brush chipper with minimum 18" capacity.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 4-7-08: That permission be granted for the Purchasing Agent to award the bid for one (1) brush chipper with minimum 18" capacity to Wins Equipment, LLC for \$39,900.00 for a Rayco RC20 XP.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 101.700.5780, Licensed Vehicles.

Purchasing Agent Sam Aiello appeared. Mr. Aiello informed committee members the Rayco RC20 XP met all the required specifications. The Rayco RC20 XP has added safety features that were not available on the other brush chippers.

Recommended For Approval

08-1925

Subject: (New) Application of Sticky Rice, Morakot Khampane, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and intoxicating Liquor License for 337 Main Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 4-7-08: That the application of Sticky Rice, Morakot Khampane, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and intoxicating Liquor License for 337 Main Street (1st District) be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Morakot Khampane and Pyte Khampane appeared. Morakot Khampane informed committee members the restaurant is moving from 522 Sixth Street to 337 Main Street. Morakot Khampane will be closing the restaurant on Sixth Street and will lease the space on Main Street. The new restaurant will hold between 75 to 80 customers and will include

a waiting area called Ginger where drinks will be served.

Recommended For Approval

08-1892

Subject: Request of the Committee for the appearance of Mario Aranda Sr., Agent for The Club, 1240 Washington Avenue, for an incident that appeared on the February 2008 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

3-24-08: That the item be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting on April 7, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-7-08: That the item be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting on April 21, 2008.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Lt. Purdy informed committee members the third shift Police Officers have made contact with Mr. Arando and the neighboring businesses. The City Attorney has been working with the Police Department on an agreement that Mr. Arando would be required to sign.

Deferred

08-1944

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Charles F. Brandt, Agent for Bucket's Pub, 2031 Lathrop Avenue wishing to amend his Premise Description to include the adjacent parking lot.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-7-08: That the premise description for Bucket's Pub, 2031 Lathrop Avenue, be amended to include the adjacent parking lot.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Charles Brandt appeared and informed committee members he is having a benefit at his establishment and would like to amend the premise description to include the adjacent parking lot. Mr. Brandt stated customers would not be able to purchase alcohol outside the establishment but would like customers to be able to walk outside with alcohol. The temporary beer and wine license would not be sufficient for this event.

Recommended For Approval

08-1958

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the monthly report for the sale of abandoned vehicles for April 3, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-7-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$14,477.01 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[08-1960](#)

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

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Alderman Mozol requested to be excused on April 21, 2008.

Alderman Kaplan would like an establishment to be watched in the Fourth District due to a number of phone calls complaining about noise between the hours of 2:15 a.m. and 3:15 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. by Alderman Holding.