



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding  
Vice Chairman James Morgenroth  
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker  
Krystyna Sarrazin  
Henry Perez*

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Tuesday, January 14, 2014

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 106

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### Call To Order

*Alderman Holding called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.*

**PRESENT:** 4 - Gregory Holding, James Morgenroth, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Krystyna Sarrazin

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Henry Perez

### Approval of Minutes for the December 10, 2013 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Kaprelian-Becker.*

#### 13-9684

**Subject:** Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, requesting authorization of final payment for Contract 46-13 (K3-051) ML King Center Replace LED Lighting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** The authorization of final payment for Contract 46-13 (K3-051) ML King Center Replace LED Lighting be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** Contract amount is \$13,342.00 from account 993.660.5010.

*Tom Molbeck was not present to discuss but informed Alderman Holding that staff is satisfied with the work and that it came in \$3,000 under budget. Alderman Sarrazin moved to approve the payment for contract 46-13 ML King Center Replace LED Lighting in the amount of \$13,342.00. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

**Recommended For Approval**

#### 13-9621

**Subject:** Application of Wisconsin CVS Pharmacy, LLC. Thomas McGrath, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1122 West Boulevard (9th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Defer this item until a new agent is named for CVS.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Keith Ballering and Eric Ennocenti were present to discuss the application of CVS for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License at 1122 West Boulevard. Alderman Holding informed the Committee that the City of Racine Code has an ordinance in place that does not allow for 2 establishments within 1,000 feet of each other and there is only 600 feet between CVS and another establishment. Alderman Holding indicated that the law assumes a denial, but the license could be approved with recommendations from the Committee with reasons why it would be acceptable and a 2/3 vote of the Common Council. Mr. Ballering also informed the Committee that Thomas McGrath is no longer the agent for CVS. Alderman Sarrazin moved to defer this item until CVS names a new agent; Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

**Deferred**

[13-9667](#)

**Subject:** (New) Application of Tops Supermarket Inc. Manpreet Singh, Agent for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1200 Villa Street. (1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve the application of Tops Supermarket Inc. Manpreet Singh, Agent for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1200 Villa Street.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Manpreet Singh, Agent for Tops Supermarket was present to discuss their application for Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License. Mr. Singh indicated the establishment is already licensed, but they are changing ownership. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to approve the Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for Tops Supermarket and Manpreet Singh as Agent, Alderman Morgenroth seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[13-9676](#)

**Subject:** Communication requesting Change of Agent for Bar 525 LLC, (dba Bar 525) 525 Wisconsin Avenue - Scott D. Arendt, Agent, "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license (1st District).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve the Change of Agent to Scott D. Arendt for Bar 525 LLC.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Scott Arendt was present to discuss his request for Change of Agent for Bar 525. Mr. Arendt stated the previous agent has new employment and is not available to be at the establishment. Mr. Arendt is also the owner of Bar 525. Mr. Arendt explained to*

*the Committee that he has new procedures in place for crowd control that include barricades with chains to keep people closer to the building if they go out to smoke. Staff also count and frisk patrons and he has also blocked rap music from his juke box. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker indicated she has concerns about this establishment and acknowledged Mr. Arendt's new procedures as a positive step. Alderman Sarrazin moved to approve Scott Arendt as Agent for Bar 525, Alderman Morgenroth seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[14-9698](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral) (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Pink Magnolia, LLC, located at 240B Main Street., Kristina Christensen., Agent. (**1st District**).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve the application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Pink Magnolia, LLC, and Kristina Christensen as Agent.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Kristina Christensen was present to discuss her application for "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage License and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Pink Magnolia. Ms. Christensen informed the Committee that she was taking the business back as the previous sub-lease did not work out. No other changes are being made to the business. Alderman Morgenroth moved to approve the application for "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage License and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Pink Magnolia with Kristina Christensen as Agent, Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[13-9643](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Cherie Griffin requesting to appear before the Public Safety and Licensing Committee to discuss some absolutely wonderful projects that are going on with the Racine Police Department and collaboratively with the Courts, other law enforcement jurisdictions and the DA's office regarding practices to reduce domestic violence and to ensure the safety of the people of Racine.

*Cherie Griffin, Executive Director with the Domestic Violence Task Force was present to inform the Committee on some accomplishments of the Task Force and area police departments. Ms Griffin indicated the Task Force is taking a pro-active approach in reducing the escalation of domestic abuse related homicides and re-occurrences by working with law enforcement. With help from the Police Chief, grants have been obtained to purchase OSCAR alarms, GPS monitoring, video equipment for victim testimony at the crime scene and training for law enforcement and judicial staff. The approach is to hold offenders accountable from the onset so it doesn't escalate to a higher level of violence. A recent change that Ms. Griffin feels is beneficial is that there is no longer a third party surrender of fire arms and no third party service of restraining orders. Ms. Griffin encouraged the Committee to always think about how they could use their role in Public Safety to have a pro-active approach to reducing domestic violence deaths in the county and City of Racine.*

*Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to receive and file this communication, Alderman Morgenroth seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Received and Filed**

[13-9623](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Carl Stewart - Agent for Tropical Paradise, due to recent incidents at his establishment.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-09-13:** The item be deferred since the letter to Carl Stewart was returned as undeliverable. A new letter was mailed requesting attendance at the January 14, 2014 meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Carl Stewart, Agent for Tropical Paradise was present to discuss the Committee's concerns regarding past events at the establishment. Alderman Holding informed Mr. Stewart that an e-mail sent to Aldermen in that district was the reason he was being called in. The e-mail addressed concerns of gun shots and a bullet hole found in a neighboring home. Mr. Stewart informed the Committee that he has taken measures to control the crowds by posting that patrons must be 30 years old or above to enter the bar and he closes at 1:30 a.m. Mr. Stewart indicated it was the younger crowd that has no place to go and tend to hang out in the parking area around Tropical Paradise. Mr. Stewart feels because of the changes, the younger crowd has moved on. There are no recent incidents of concern and Sgt. Rivers informed the Committee that Tropical Paradise is an establishment that has regular extra attention. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to Receive and File this communication, Alderman Morgenroth seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Received and Filed**

[13-9529](#)

**Subject:**(New) Application for Secondhand Article Dealer License, Game Stop, Inc.- 5528 Durand Avenue (14th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Approved**

[13-9677](#)

**Subject:** (New) Application for Secondhand Article Dealer License, Game Stop, Inc.- 2310 S. Green Bay Road(1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

Approved

[13-9624](#)

**Subject: (Renewal)** Application of One Stop Food and Liquor for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License for 1711 N Main Street. (4th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

Approved

[13-9670](#)

**Subject:** (Renewal) Application for American Coin and Stamp Supply Inc., for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's License for 4625 Washington Avenue. (12th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

Approved

[13-9692](#)

**Subject: (DIRECT REFERRAL)** (Renewal) Application for Wisconsin Discount for Secondhand Jewelry and Article Dealer's Licenses for 2724 Sixteenth Street. (9th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

Approved

[14-9692](#)

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

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** Approve.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[13-9663](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Sale of Abandoned Vehicles 11-5-13

**Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** That the item be received and filed as the highest responsible bidder out of the three bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

**Fiscal Note:** This will generate \$29,469.00 in revenue for account 101.310.7550.

*Alderman Morgenroth moved to receive and file the Sale of Abandoned Vehicles from 11-5-13 with Sturtevant Auto Salvage being the highest responsible bidder, Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Received and Filed**

[14-9699](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for January 14, 2014.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** The License Premise Report and DRC report be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sgt. Rivers was present to discuss the report and he indicated that Tropical Paradise and Bar 525 automatically get extra attention and time will tell if the changes made at these establishments will improve the crowds issues. Discussion was held regarding the decrease in crowds because of weather. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to receive and file the report, Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Motion carried on a voice vote.*

**Received and Filed**

[14-9719](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Discussion of "Class B" License held by Elmwood Plaza Bowling, 3701 Durand Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-14-14:** To Defer until Alderman Coe speaks to the owner to determine if they plan to continue operating the business with the "Class B" license.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Holding informed the Committee that this establishment has closed and is out of business and that the City of Racine has an ordinance that would require them to relinquish their license if they do not open again within 60 days. City Clerk Johnson-Martin informed the Committee that she has spoken with John Landerman, owner, and he was uncertain at that time if they would re-open. Since the 60 days has elapsed, Alderman Holding is requesting the Committee to discuss if the owner should be called in for a due process hearing to determine if the license should be*

*relinquished. Alderman Coe was present and offered to talk to the owner and get an answer if they would remain closed. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker questioned if the item could be deferred until they knew the response. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to Defer this item until a response was received, Alderman Sarrazin seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**Deferred**

## **Adjournment**

*Alderman Morgenroth moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.*