



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

City Hall
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License and Welfare Committee

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

Monday, August 28, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Alderman Maack called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Approval of the Minutes for the August 7, 2006 Meeting.

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

PRESENT: David L. Maack, Q.A. Shakoor II, Tim Hermes and Jim Kaplan

EXCUSED: Gregory Holding

- 06-2344** **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Final payment for design services for Plans and Specifications for the redesign of Monument Square by Ken Saiki Design, Inc.

Recommendation of the License and Welfare Committee of 08/28/06: That Final payment of design services for Plans and Specifications for the redesign of Monument Square by Ken Saiki Design, Inc. be made with and increased amount of \$400.00.

Fiscal Note: \$138,000.00 change in contract amount was approved by Resolution 6387 of 02/16/06.

Donnie Snow appeared, stated the contract is complete and requested final payment be made for a total contract amount of \$138,000.00.
Recommended For Approval
- 06-2372** **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Change order #1 and final payment for engineering services for Horlick Athletic Field Football Lights by David Hanson & Associates.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06: That Change Order #1 and final payment for engineering services for Horlick Athletic Field Football Lights, by David Hanson & Associates, be approved with an increase of \$473.75..

Fiscal Note: \$7,823.75 total contract amount approved by Resolution 6365 of 02/01/05.

Donnie Snow appeared and requested that Change Order #1 be approved for an increased amount of \$473.75 and final payment be made for a total contract amount of \$7,823.75.
Recommended For Approval

3. [06-2363](#)

Subject: Request of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to conduct Saturday burials.

Recommendation of the Board of Cemetery Commission July 17, 2006: Approve

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee August 21, 2006: The Board of Cemetery Commission be granted permission to allow Saturday burials at Mound and Graceland Cemetery and that the additional fee be incurred by the user of the service.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the Board of Cemetery Commission be granted permission to allow Saturday burials at Mound and Graceland Cemetery and further recommend the City Attorney, along with Donnie Snow work in conjunction with the Bruce Company to attempt to renegotiate the contract, to include Saturday burials.

Fiscal Note: The City's subsidy to reinstate Saturday burials would be approximately \$28,453 annually.

Sharon Baldukus appeared and stated most of the work could be done on the Friday before the funeral.

Donnie Snow informed the Committee the hourly wage is \$49.00/hr. and crew leaders are paid \$59.00/hr. plus a time and half to perform Saturday duties.

Alderman Weidner appeared and stated she supports Saturday burials, but there's no Cemetery Staff working on Saturday to serve the public and recommends that staff be scheduled to work at the Cemetery on Saturdays. She also stated there isn't any language in the contract with the Bruce Company, that covers Saturday burials.

Alderman DeHahn spoke in favor of Saturday burials.

Steve Bedard appeared and stated fifty percent of Funeral Directors aren't in favor of Saturday burials, due to it being an inconvenience.

Attorney Weber informed the Committee on the possibility of contracting out to other companies.

Recommended For Approval

4. [06-2348](#) **Subject:** Application of PH Green Bay, LLC., Michael Marcinkus, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a Class "B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 5000 Washington Avenue. (12th District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the item be deferred until the September 11, 2006 meeting.

Michael Marcinkus, Agent for PH Green Bay, LLC, (Pick 'N Save) - 5000 Washington Ave. did not appear.

Deferred

5. [06-2355](#) **Subject:** Application of Mega Marts, LLC., Guy B. Bristow, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 2210 Rapids Drive. (7th District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the Change of Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Guy B. Bristow, Agent appeared before the Committee and stated he has 35 years experience working in different states, with establishments that hold a liquor license.

Recommended For Approval

6. [06-2365](#) **Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class C" and Class "B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Sher-A-Punjab, Inc., Kamlinder Singh, Agent, located at 3340 Douglas Avenue. (7th District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kamlinder Singh, Agent appeared before the Committee. The Alderman of the 7th District appeared and is in support of the license being issued. Mr. Singh stated he has been a Wisconsin resident for four months. He will be opening a restaurant that serves authentic Indian cuisine.

Recommended For Approval

7. [06-2334](#) **Subject: (New)** Application of Xpress Food Mart, Narendra Shah, Agent, for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2418 Douglas Avenue. (5th District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Narendra Shah, Agent appeared before the Committee and stated he has 21 years experience in the business. He operates Fine Fare Foods at 1819 Durand Ave. He is

opening a Convenient Store, Gas Station, and Laundromat.
Recommended For Approval

8. [06-2367](#) **Subject: (New)** Application of Rajendra Kumar Z. Patel, Agent, for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License with Groceries for 2303 Lathrop Avenue. (11th District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the license be denied, due to the negative impact it would have on the neighborhood, the telephone calls opposing the license being granted, and the saturation of other licenses already in the area.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rajendrakumar Z. Patel, Agent appeared and stated that he has 2 years experience in the business working in Milwaukee. He also stated that customers want liquor and groceries at the same store for convenience. Rick Schafer also appeared and informed the Committee there is ample parking in the rear of the building, and he is considering paving it for more accessible parking for customer.

Recommended For Denial

AYES: 3 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Tim Hermes and Jim Kaplan

EXCUSED: 1 - Gregory Holding

NON VOTING: 1 - David L. Maack

9. [06-2319](#) **Subject: (Direct Referrel) (New)** Application of Mead Street Food, Patricia A. Morones, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1801 Mead Street (2nd District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Patricia Morones appeared before the Committee and stated she wanted to run a clean establishment and change the reputation of the previous business. She wants to open a convenience store, so that residents in the neighborhood will have a place to shop.

Knorris Malone appeared before the Committee and stated he is the owner of the building and he evicted the previous tenant, due to the problems the tenant was causing.

Deferred

10. [06-2314](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Karintha L. Porter, Sabrinas, 1436 Junction Avenue, relating to several incidents occurring from January 1-July 11, 2006. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/31/06:

That the owners report back to Committee in 60 days on changes they

have made to improve the incidents at the establishment.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Karintha Porter appeared before the Committee and stated all patrons have to show their identification before entering the bar. Ms. Porter also stated she wasn't aware of all the incidents appearing on the Racine Police Dept.'s list of calls for service. She advised the Committee she had a tenant that lived upstairs from the bar, who already resided there prior to her taking over the operation. This tenant caused a great deal of problems and has since been evicted, which leaves the unit vacant at this time. Ms. Porter stated some of the incidents were unrelated to her establishment and when an incident was related to her established occurred, she did call police and cooperated fully with them.

Alderman Shakoor recommended that the Operators of Sabrina's, the Alderman of the 3rd District, Alderman Fair, Capt. Pavalonis, and a representative from the Uptown Business Association Economic Development Corp., meet to discuss incidents that happened at the establishment, and to work together to find a solution to having a more peaceful, safe and economic environment.

Deferred

11. [06-2341](#) **Subject: (New)** Application for a Sidewalk Cafe Permit for Lush Life, Inc. (Henry & Wanda's), 501 Sixth Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the item be deferred, .

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Clerk informed the Committee she had received an e-mail from Deputy City Attorney that the Applicant doesn't have adequate insurance. He has contacted the Applicant and explained they needed to provide us with a copy of their insurance with the required coverage, so the application can be processed and issued. He has not received a return call, or the requested information.

Deferred

12. [06-2366](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal)** Application for a Gasoline Station Owner's and Manager's License for Waseem Beg, at 3024 Rapids Drive.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

The the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

13. [06-2369](#) **Subject:** Communication from the City Clerk wishing to discuss changes for Operator's (Bartender) Licenses.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the changes for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses be approved and

that the City Clerk and City Attorney draft an ordinance to reflect the fees.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The City Tavern League President appeared and is in favor of prorating the fees, due to it assisting applicants being able to afford to purchase licenses, due to their wages as Bartenders.

Recommended For Approval

14. [06-2394](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the monthly report for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, August 14, 2006.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$6,211.01 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

15. [06-2411](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Applications for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 08/28/06:

That the Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Alderman Maack discussed updating the Questionnaire Form that is used for New Applicants and Change of Agents. He stated some changes needed to be made, so that the form can serve the purpose for which it was meant.

Considered as Reported

Discussion of Tavern guidelines.

Alderman Maack made a motion to defer this discussion to the next meeting.

City Clerk informed Committee members she had neglected to include two tavern owners on the Agenda that should have been called in. The owners of Blue Rock Cafe', 306 Sixth Street and Benny's, 213 Sixth Street. She stated they will be requested to appear at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. by Alderman Shakoor. The next scheduled meeting of the License & Welfare Committee is September 11, 2006.