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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Melissa Lemke
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Carrie Glenn*

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke, Alder Weidner and Alder Glenn

Approval of Minutes for the July 09, 2019 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alder Horton, seconded by Alder Glenn.

[0787-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored Alder Coe for a new application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for Briston McCrackin, for Great Lakes Transportation.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 07-09-19: That a new application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for Briston McCrackin, for Great Lakes Transportation, be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 07-23-19: That a new application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for Briston McCrackin, for Great Lakes Transportation, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Briston McCrackin appeared before the Committee. He brought a letter from his employer along with a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections showing he completed probation.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[0838-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe for an application from Kristina Campbell, Agent of The Branch at 1501, requesting a Change of License Premise for 1501 Washington Ave, "Class B". (District 3)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 07-23-19: That an application from Kristina Campbell, Agent of The Branch at 1501, requesting a Change of License Premise for 1501 Washington Ave, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kristina Campbell appeared before the Committee. She explained that the back part of the property is used for employee parking but on days of events she would use that area beneath the roof formerly used as a bank drive through to let customers sit outside at tables to drink their beverages or eat. The old bank drive through roof is where tables would be set up. She would not serve outside; customers would have to buy their products in the building and bring them outside.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Recommended For Approval

[0759-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Taqueria Gran Morelos LLC, DBA: Taqueria Gran Morelos, located at 1141 N. Memorial Dr, Cinthia Esqueda, Agent. (8th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 07-23-19: That the application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Taqueria Gran Morelos LLC, DBA: Taqueria Gran Morelos, located at 1141 N. Memorial Dr., be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Vincent Esqueda and Cinthia Esqueda appeared before the Committee. They plan on opening in a month. The building holds between 48-60 people. Mr. Esqueda stated that his closing time for the building will be at 12:00 am. and that the dining area is 859 square feet.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0774-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Roost on 6th, Inc. DBA The Roost, located at 600 6th Street, Edward W. Sharding, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

07-23-19: That the application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Roost on 6th, Inc. DBA The Roost, located at 600 6th Street, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ed Sharding and Christine D'Acquisto appeared before the Committee. Ms. D'Acquisto stated she is taking over the business, and Mr. Sharding owns the building so he will stay on as the agent. They stated that they are not currently selling alcohol. The City Clerk explained that the business cannot sell until the liquor license is in their possession.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0815-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Benitez L&E LLP DBA Lety's Mexican Restaurant, located at 3408 Douglas Ave, Leticia Benitez, Agent. (7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Benitez L&E LLP DBA Lety's Mexican Restaurant, located at 3408 Douglas Ave, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Leticia Benitez and Eric Benitez appeared before the Committee. The restaurant has been on the waitlist for the "Class B" license for over a year. Mr. Benitez stated that it is hard to be a Mexican Restaurant without being able to serve margaritas or tequila.

Alder Horton made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[0805-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Kari Pavia, applicant for a Operator's License. (Working in the 4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Kari Pavia, applicant for a Operator's License, be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kari Pavia failed to appear before the Committee.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Horton.

Deferred

[0806-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Zachary Pecoraro, applicant for a Operator's License. (Working in the 6th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Zachary Pecoraro, applicant for a Operator's License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Zachary Pecoraro appeared before the Committee. Mr. Pecoraro handed a letter into the City Clerk's Office to be handed out at the meeting to show that the criminal code he did not disclose on his application was expunged.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

[0807-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Heather Kautzmann, applicant for a Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Heather Kautzmann, applicant for a Operator's License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Heather Kautzmann appeared before the Committee. Ms. Kautzmann stated that she has had problems with situations outside of work, but never in the work place. She brought a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for the Committee to read as evidence of rehabilitation. Julie Middendorf appeared before the Committee as the General Manager at Kautzmann's place of employment with a letter as evidence of rehabilitation. Alder Perez appeared before the Committee to show his support for Ms. Kautmann.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Approved

[0808-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Andre Jedkins, applicant for a Operator's License. (Working in the 1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Andre Jedkins, applicant for a Operator's License, be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Andre Jedkins failed to appear before the Committee.

Alder Horton made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Deferred

[0809-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Melissa Mueller, applicant for a Operator's License. (Working in the 12th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Melissa Mueller, applicant for a Operator's License, be Received and Filed due to a clerical error on her background.

Fiscal Note: N/a

Melissa Mueller did not appear before the Committee, there was a clerical error on her background and Ms. Mueller was called in by the error but did not need to appear.

Alder Lemke made a motion to Receive and File, seconded by Alder Horton.

Received and Filed

[0810-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Kevin Fuller, applicant for a Operator's License. (Working in the 7th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Kevin Fuller, applicant for a Operator's License, be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kevin Fuller failed to appear before the Committee.

Alder Horton made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Deferred

[0820-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Blanca Webers, Agent for Casablanca De Mexico Restaurant & Lounge, located at 230 Main St, to discuss continuation of business (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the appearance of Blanca Webers, Agent for Casablanca De Mexico Restaurant & Lounge, located at 230 Main St, be deferred until the next Public and Safety Licensing Committee meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Blanca Webers did not appear before the Committee. Ms. Webers did call the City Clerk Office to state that she is in the process of Conditionally Surrendering the Restaurant. The prospective new Business owner came to the Clerk's Office to talk about how he is taking over. The Committee decided to call both the old and potential new owners in to the next meeting to discuss what is happening and to see if Ms. Webers has conditionally surrendered and if the new owner has filed his application.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Deferred

Closed Session

It is intended that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(a), for the purpose of deliberating a case which was the subject of a quasi-judicial hearing before the Committee.

Closed Session was never enter into, based on applicant's failure to appear.

[0736-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee conducting a hearing for the renewal cigarette and tobacco license for Midtown Market located at 1229 Eleventh St.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-09-19: That the hearing for the renewal cigarette and tobacco license for Midtown Market be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-23-19: That the hearing for the renewal cigarette and tobacco license for Midtown Market be deferred until the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting, contingent solely upon City Clerk Office scheduling DOR and Interpreter.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Faiz Maurik did not appear before the Committee. It was stated to the Committee by Dais Sing (Business Manager of Midtown Market) that Mr. Maurik would be back in the country after July 28, 2019. The Committee decided that at the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting that the Due Process hearing shall take place contingent only on the Arabic's interpreter's and Agent Waldherr's availability.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Defer, seconded by Alder Horton .

Deferred

Open Session

Discussion regarding the preparation of any reports/notices necessary,
following the Committee's decision.

[0837-19](#)

Subject: License Premise Report for July 23, 2019.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on
07-23-19:** That the licensed premise report for 07-23-19 be Received and
Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Committee would like to call in La Esquina, Tropical Paradise, and Game On.

Alder Horton made a motion to Received and File, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Alder Horton made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Alder Glenn.