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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn
Alderman Sandy Weidner
Alderman Steve Smetana
Alderman Tracey Larrin

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner, Steve Smetana and Tracey Larrin

Approval of Minutes for the August 8, 2016 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Larrin.

[0645-16](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for BJW's LLC dba BJW's, 1301 Washington Ave, Michael Winston, Agent. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-08-16: That the new application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for BJW's LLC dba BJW's, 1301 Washington Ave, Michael Winston, Agent be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-23-16: That the new application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for BJW's LLC dba BJW's, 1301 Washington Ave, Michael Winston, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Michael Winston appeared before the committee. Deputy City Attorney Larsen stated that Mr. Winston paid his personal property taxes on 08-17-16 in the amount of \$508.13. The Deputy City Attorney also asked if he had a lease with his landlord. Mr. Winston stated he did have a lease with Scott Hansen.

A motion was made to approve by Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Recommended For Approval

[0653-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral)(Change of Agent) Application of Top Matrangas Supermarket, Kanwaljit Singh, Agent, for a Change of

Agent for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1200 Villa Street (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-08-16: That the change of Agent for Top Matrangas Supermarket, Kanwaljit Singh, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1200 Villa Street be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-23-16: That the change of Agent for Top Matrangas Supermarket, Kanwaljit Singh, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1200 Villa Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Satpal Singh and Kanwaljit Singh appeared before the committee. They have provided proof of residency since the last meeting by providing a bank statement. Kanwaljit Singh was asked by the committee if he plans on making any significant changes and his response was no. Mr. Singh also commented that he holds a Responsible Beverage License for Racine and Kenosha. Mr. Singh plans on being on the premises 50% of the time.

A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn to approve, Seconded by Alderman Weidner.

Recommended For Approval

[0654-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral)(Change of Agent) Application of Top High Street Pantry, Kanwaljit Singh, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 704 High Street (4th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-08-16: That the change of Agent for Top High Street Pantry, Kanwaljit Singh, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 704 High Street be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-23-16: That the change of Agent for Top High Street Pantry, Kanwaljit Singh, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 704 High Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Satpal Singh and Kanwaljit Singh appeared before the committee. Kanwaljit Singh stated he would be on the premises 50% of the time.

A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn to approve, Seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Recommended For Approval

[0676-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication requesting the appearance of the owner/agent of The Faccia Bella Club, 3422 Douglas Avenue, to give the committee a status update on the date the establishment plans on opening and a recent incident the agent was involved with.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-23-16: That the communication requesting the appearance of the owner/agent of The Faccia Bella Club, 3422 Douglas Avenue, to give the committee a status update on the date the establishment plans on opening and a recent incident the agent was involved with be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Todd Anderson appeared before the committee. Mr. Anderson said his improvements at 3422 Douglas were coming along slowly. He has had difficulty getting the plumbing work completed at his establishment. He brought pictures of what has been completed so far and each committee member reviewed the pictures. His original opening date was July 3, 2016. He now has plans on opening as soon as the renovations are complete.

Sgt. Rivers asked Todd Anderson about the confrontation in regards to stolen property from his establishment. He stated that the gentlemen that was with him during the confrontation had a gun and he was not aware that he had one with him. Mr. Anderson confirmed the police report to be accurate.

The committee asked that Mr. Anderson get called back to the November 22, 2016 meeting if he has not already opened his establishment.

A motion was made to receive and file by Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Weidner.

Received and Filed

[0711-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Jennifer Giemza, applicant for an Operator License, regarding concerns with record check response.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-23-16: That the operator license application for Jennifer Giemza be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jennifer Giemza appeared before the committee. Deputy City Attorney Larsen asked her about her recent tickets in April. Ms. Giemza stated her car was side swiped when driving and when she originally contacted the police she told them the car was parked. It was later confirmed her car was not parked at the time of the incident and resisting and evading ticket was issued. Since that time, she has been to court and paid all of her tickets. She has retained her driver's license and has insurance.

A motion was made to approve by Alderman Weidner, Seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Approved

[0700-16](#)

Subject: Communication from the Sixth District Alderperson requesting the Public Safety & Licensing Committee to review, revise, and update Chapter 22, Article XXIII. The intent of the requestor is that the Public Safety & Licensing Committee will discuss appointing an ad-hoc committee, comprised of interested alderpersons, a representative from the Police Department, and representatives of authorized towing companies, to review Chapter 22, Article XXIII.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-23-16: That the City Attorney, Racine Police Traffic Investigators, with input from local towing companies, review and revise the current towing ordinance, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Weidner stated that she received a phone call from an auto repair shop stating, since the ordinance change allowing other towing companies 2 miles outside of the city to take towing calls, the auto repair shop has lost money. Their request was to have Alderman Weidner look at the ordinance with the Racine Police Department, the City Attorney and the surrounding communities to review the current ordinance.

A recommendation was made that the City Attorney, Racine Police Traffic Investigators, with input from local towing companies, review and revise the current towing ordinance. The motion was made by Alderman Larrin, Seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Recommended For Approval

[0666-16](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, August 3, 2016.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-23-16: That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder from the two bids was Auto Parts City.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$5,472.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Larrin to receive and file.

Received and Filed

[0715-16](#)

Subject: Licensed Premise Report

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-23-16: That the licensed premise report for 08-23-16 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Rivers stated there wasn't much to report except for some loud music from the Wharf.

A motion was made by Alderman DeHahn, Seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Received and Filed

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm