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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*

Monday, December 9, 2013

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes for the November 25, 2013 Meeting.

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

13-9605

Subject: Communication for the Recommendation of Award, Official Notice #12 Emergency Medical Supplies for the Racine Fire Department.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-09-13: The Recommendation of Award, Official Notice #12 Emergency Medical Supplies for the Racine Fire Department be approved as presented.

Fiscal Note: Funding for this expense in FY 2014 is \$102,200 in account 101.300.5690

Kathryn Kasper, Purchasing Agent for the City of Racine was present to discuss the bids for Official Notice #12 - Emergency Medical Supplies. Alderman Morgenroth moved, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin to approve the bid as presented in the spreadsheet. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

13-9606

Subject: Communication from the Purchasing Agent and award recommendation regarding Official Notice #11, Medical Direction for Emergency Medical Services for the Racine Fire Department.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-09-13: The Recommendation of Award, Official Notice #11, Medical Direction for Emergency Medical Services for the Racine Fire Department be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in account 101.300.5680 Medical Direction and Account 101.300.5690 in FY 2014.

Kathryn Kasper, Purchasing Agent for the City of Racine was present to discuss the bids for Official Notice #11- Medical Direction for Emergency Medical Services for the Racine Fire Department. Alderman Morgenroth moved, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker to approve the bid as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9578](#)

Subject: Communication requesting Change of Agent for Taylor Mart Inc., (Taylor Mart) 1813 Taylor Avenue - Harinder Kaur, Agent, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage (3rd District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-09-13: The Change of Agent for Taylor Mart Inc., (Taylor Mart) 1813 Taylor Avenue - Harinder Kaur, Agent, Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Harinder Kaur, Agent for Taylor Mart was present to discuss her request to be approved as the Agent for Taylor Mart's Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage license. Ms. Kaur stated she had been the agent previously, but was injured in a robbery and is now coming back as the Agent. Ms. Kaur stated they have increased the security with bullet proof glass and have added more security cameras to the establishment. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved, Alderman Sarrazin seconded to approve the request for Change of Agent to Harinder Kaur at Taylor Mart. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9592](#)

Subject: Communication requesting Change of Agent for Blazin Wings, Inc. (dba Buffalo Wild Wings) 5880 Durand Avenue - Richard Buchanan, Agent, "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license (14th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-09-13: The Change of Agent for Blazin Wings, Inc. (dba Buffalo Wild Wings) 5880 Durand Avenue - Richard Buchanan, Agent, "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Richard Buchanan, Agent for Blazin Wings DBA Buffalo Wild Wings was present to discuss the request to become the Agent for the "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License. Mr. Buchanan has several years experience in managing for Buffalo Wild Wings. Mr. Buchanan was reminded he would need to complete the requirements for the Wisconsin Responsible Beverage Server certification. Alderman Sarrazin moved, Alderman Kaprelian-Becker seconded to approve Richard Buchanan as the Agent for Blazin Wings DBA as Buffalo Wild Wings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9608](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Scott Arendt, Owner, Bar 525, 525 Wisconsin Avenue due to recent incidents at his establishment.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-09-13: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Arendt, Owner of Bar 525 was present to discuss the concerns that the Committee has regarding incidents at his establishment. Mr. Arendt informed the Committee that he no longer has DJ's which results in a more diverse crowd, he chooses to close around 1:30-2 a.m which is earlier than required by law, and that his bouncers have been directed to frisk search and check ID's at the door to deter alcohol or weapons being brought into the establishment. Mr. Arendt stated it is difficult for his staff to manage or control what happens out on the street after they have left his establishment. There was discussion regarding the shooting outside of his establishment and Mr. Arendt stated they spoke with officers regarding the incident, but his cameras only record 7 days of film and the night in question was no longer available when he was questioned. Arendt agreed to meet with Lt. Macemon from the Racine Police Department to discuss ideas for managing the crowds and alleviating some of the issues that occur at Bar 525. Mr. Arendt was reminded he should update the Change of Agent if Jim Dispasquale is no longer acting as Agent. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin to receive and file this item. Motion carried 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.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

[13-9622](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for December 9, 2013.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-09-13: The item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the Licensed Premise and DRC reports. Alderman Holding indicated he would ask the Chairman of the Downtown BID to come discuss the DRC reports with the PSL Committee. Several Committee members indicated they would occasionally like to see more information than what is provided in these reports. Alderman Holding informed the Committee members that if they have questions as they read their packets for the meeting and would like additional information, they should direct the request to Alderman Holding and he can contact the Police Department or Clerk's office to request the information ahead of time so they can have it prior to the meeting.

Joey Legath of the Tavern League requested to speak to the Committee regarding the reports and process of the Committee. There were no objections. Mr. Legath reported that he has been attending these meetings for many years and a licensed bar owner for over 20 years. He informed the Committee that they are doing a great job in ensuring bar owners and agents are compliant with the law and that when agents, tavern owners, Operators and license holders are requested to appear before the committee, those people are very concerned as this committee can have an effect on their livelihood.

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved, Alderman Morgenroth seconded to receive and file the Licensed Premise and DRC report.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.