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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Aron Wisneski, Alderman David Maack, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol, Alderman Sandy Weidner

Monday, October 12, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Alderman Wisneski, Jim Kaplan, David L. Maack and Sandy Weidner

EXCUSED: 1 - Robert Mozol

Approval of Minutes for the September 21, 2009 Meeting.

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

09-4244

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting authorization to enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement with ARB Investments for the use of the building at 1034 West Boulevard.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-12-09: That the Chief of Police be granted authorization to enter into a Hold Harmless Agreement with ARB Investments for the use of the building at 1034 West Boulevard.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Chief Wahlen appeared and informed committee members he would like to pursue the hold harmless agreement on the advice of the City Attorney.

Recommended For Approval

09-4245

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting authorization to accept a private donation of a 1999 armored car.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-12-09: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to accept a private donation of a 1999 armored car.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-12-09: That the Police Chief be granted authorization to accept a donation of a 1999 armored car.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Chief Wahlen appeared and informed committee members that Peoria has had some success in placing a parked armored vehicle outside a nuisance property with a video

camera installed to help monitor activities. He stated the only cost involved would be a couple of thousand dollars to paint the vehicle and install the cameras.

Recommended For Approval

09-4242

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to present bids for the North Beach Lift Station.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-12-09: That the item be deferred at the request of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director.

Deferred

09-4249

Subject: (New) Applications from Pepi' s Pub and Grill, Joseph L. Madison, Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License for 618-6th Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-12-09: That the application from Pepi' s Pub and Grill, Joseph L. Madison, Agent, for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License for 618-6th Street be approved with the following stipulations:

- installation of a video camera system
- kitchen will be in full operation

Fiscal Note: N/A

James Madison appeared. Mr. Madison informed the committee they were looking to relocate and expand their current operation. He stated they were looking to have a slight sports theme atmosphere, with an occasional DJ and basic Classic Rock music. He stated this would be more of a restaurant than a bar and his hours of operation would be 11:00a.m.-1:30 or 2:30a.m. He also informed committee members he would be installing a high tech camera system that would also be wired to his office in the basement and they would be leasing the building.

Mr. Peter Henkes of 1721 Summit Avenue spoke in support of the license. Alderman Jeff Coe also spoke in support of granting the license.

City Clerk advised committee members they had received no calls through the city watch system supporting or opposing the license.

Alderman Maack made a motion to approve the license with the following stipulations:

- Install a camera security system before opening
- Kitchen is in full operation before opening

Recommended For Approval

09-4135

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request the appearance of the following license holder for recent incidents at their establishments:

Coasters, Mike Kurhajec , Agent
1301 N. Main Street

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 9-21-09: That the appearance of Mike Kurhajec, Agent for Coasters be deferred at the request of the committee.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-12-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mike Kurhajec appeared before the committee as requested. He explained in detail to committee members the incident in question. He stated his bouncer was not working and he was there with the softball team. A fight broke out, and he assisted the other bouncer, but he was not on duty at the time and that is the reason officers found him intoxicated upon their arrival.

Received and Filed

[09-4136](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request the appearance of the following license holder for recent incidents at their establishments:

Kenny's, Kenneth R. Meyer, Agent
1300 N. Main Street

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 9-21-09: That the appearance of Kenneth Meyer Agent for Kenny's be deferred per request of the committee.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 10-12-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kenneth Meyer appeared before the committee as requested. He explained in detail several of the incidents in question. The incident involving the underage person on premises, he stated she was allowed in by her boyfriend who went to the back and opened the back door and allowed her entrance.

Received and Filed

[09-4137](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request the appearance of the following license holder for recent incidents at their establishments:

Neighborhood Bar, Slobodan Lazarevic, Agent
2002 Erie Street

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 9-21-09: That the appearance of Agent for Neighborhood Bar be

deferred per request of the committee.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 10-12-09:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Slobodan Lazarevic appeared before the committee as requested. He explained in detail several of the incidents in question. Mr. Lazarevic explained that several of the incidents were isolated incidents, but normally he does not have problems at his establishment. He informed committee members that he was cited for closing hours violation when he initiated the call to police of an incident outside his establishment. Mr. Lazarevic stated he is fighting that citation in court.

Alderman Maack requested the item be received and filed and the Attorney's Office follow-up with the disposition of the citation and report his findings back to committee.

Received and Filed

[09-4271](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the committee for the appearance of Mario Aranda, Sr., Agent for The Club, 1244 Washington Avenue for recent incidents at the establishment.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 10-12-09:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mario Aranda appeared before the committee as requested. He explained in detail the incident in question. He stated that when police arrived the complaint was unfounded. Sgt. Payne stated according to the police report that officers were called for assistance by Metro Police, but when they arrived there was no crowd and no one came forward to file any complaint.

Chairman Wisneski thanked Mr. Aranda for keeping things under control at his establishment.

Received and Filed

[09-4138](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request the appearance of the following applicant for an Operator/Bartender's License

Christina Miller

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 9-21-09:** That the appearance of Christina Miller be deferred.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 10-12-09:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[09-4220](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication requesting the agent for Park 6, 500 Sixth Street to appear to give the committee an update on status for the past three months.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-12-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[09-4227](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Mr. Joey Legath spoke at the Public Comments of the 9-21-09 meeting requesting to be put on the Agenda for the October 12 meeting to speak to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee regarding his changing clientel.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-12-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joey Legath and James McCauliffe spoke on behalf of the Tavern League. They expressed concerns that their members felt intimidated by the committee. They informed the committee that some bar owners begin questioning whether they should call police, out of fear they may get called in for too many police calls. They encouraged the committee to send a letter to establishments informing them that nothing would be held against them for calling the police when they had an incident at their establishment.

Committee members informed them the owners are not called in for the number of calls, but sometimes for the nature of the calls. They also stated that bar owners should not consider being called in punishment.

Chairman Wisneski informed the speakers that he would work with the City Clerk in drafting a letter that would be used when requesting the appearance of an establishment.

Received and Filed

[09-4218](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report for 9-16-09 -10-07-09

It was requested that the police department provide a one year history report for Pub on Wisconsin and the balance of the report be received and filed.

Received and Filed

[09-4221](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report of bids received on the sale of abandoned

vehicles(September 23, 2009)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 10-12-09:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$3,864.01 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[09-4260](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Operator's (Bartenders) License for
10-12-09

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 10-12-09:** That the operator's (bartenders) licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

[09-4286](#)

Subject: Ordinance No. 20-09

To amend Sec. 6-97(4) and create Sec. 6-97 (7) of the Municipal Code of
the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Retail "Class A" intoxicating liquor
licenses.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee
on 10-12-09:** That Ordinance 20-09 be adopted as amended and to
also include "any conditions previously placed on the seller's licensed
premises transfer to the buyer's licensed premises in addition to any
new conditions that may be imposed."

Fiscal Note: None

Recommended For Approval

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Henkes spoke on the item for Pepi's.

Miscellaneous Business

Updates from the City Clerk

- Eveleyn's
- 2nd Time Around

*City Clerk updated committee members on their requests. She informed them a
letter had been sent to Evelyn's regarding keeping their door closed. She also
informed them a letter had been mailed to 2nd Time Around requesting a lease
agreement be submitted, but there has been no lease agreement submitted. She
also stated that she had been in contact with the building owner who stated he would
be going to court on October 12th to begin the eviction process. It was later learned
that the owner and applicant had worked out an agreement where the applicant*

would continue to operate for another month and he would then surrender his license.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m. by Alderman Kaplan.