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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Vice Chair Raymond DeHahn
Tracey Larrin
Steve Smetana
Melissa Lemke

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Tracey Larrin and Steve Smetana

EXCUSED: 1 - Melissa Lemke

Approval of Minutes for the November 14, 2017 Meeting.

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

to Approve the Minutes

[1084-17](#)

Subject:(New) Application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for The Egg Plant Cafe & Catering, located at 3751 Douglas Ave, Aaron Morris, Agent. (15th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-28-2017: That the (New) Application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for The Egg Plant Cafe & Catering, located at 3751 Douglas Ave, Aaron Morris, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Aaron Morris appeared to speak on behalf of his application for The Egg Plant Cafe and Catering. Mr. Morris is looking to open up a daytime cafe which will involve some catering. He stated that the cafe will be open Monday through Saturday and plans to be on the premises during all business hours. Mr. Morris is leasing the property at 3751 Douglas Avenue and is currently working on renovations. Mr. Morris will be in charge of the day to day operations and plans on hiring an evening manager. This is Mr. Morris' s third restaurant that he has opened up and has been in the restaurant and catering business for 18 years. Mr. Morris also informed the council that he will still need to take the course to obtain a Operator's License prior to the opening of the restaurant. He plans to be open for business by the 1st of the new year.

Atty. Larsen spoke to the committee regarding Mr. Morris's Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for The Egg Plant Cafe and Catering. Atty. Larsen stated that Mr. Morris would still need to submit his professional resume

and updated floor plan to include the proposed patio area in his business plan to the City Clerk's office prior to the approval of the license. Atty. Larsen also stated that question #2 on his application asked if he has ever been conviction of a felony. Atty. Larsen asked Mr. Morris if that is an accurate statement. Mr. Morris replied that it was a true statement. Atty Larsen informed Mr. Morris that his criminal background showed that he had been convicted of retail theft and disorderly conduct in 2000. Mr. Morris replied by saying that he answered the question with "No" because he was unaware of these charges. Mr. Morris could not recall receiving any convictions. Sgt. Freidel told Mr. Morris that he did appear in court regarding the incidents and settled on a plea deal for both charges.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Recommended For Approval

[1121-17](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Branch 1501 LLC, dba The Branch at 1501, located at 1501 Washington Avenue, Kristina Campbell, Agent. (3rd District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-28-2017: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Branch 1501 LLC, dba The Branch at 1501, located at 1501 Washington Avenue, Kristina Campbell, Agent be deferred for two weeks to allow for the appeal period for the previous license holder to end on December 7, 2017 before granting the license.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Kristina Campbell appeared to speak on behalf of her "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Branch 1501 LLC. Ms. Campbell has currently held a license for beer and wine since the establishment opened 6 months ago. Atty. Larsen stated that even though the "Class B" license Ms. Campbell is looking to obtain is available; the appeal period for the previous license holder remains in effect until December 7, 2017. Atty Larsen asked that the committee consider deferring this item for two weeks to be taken up again at the next Public Safety and Licensing meeting on December 12, 2017. Atty. Larsen also asked that Ms. Campbell update her license premise description to include a defined description of where alcohol will be stored and consumed. Ms. Campbell was informed that she will not need to appear at the December 12, 2017 Public Safety and Licensing meeting.

Alderman Larrin made a motion to defer Item #1121-17 until December 12, 2017, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Deferred

[1037-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street requesting to appear before the committee to give them a status update on their business that is currently closed due to renovations.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-14-17: That the communication for Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street, be deferred upon applicants request.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-28-17: That the communication regarding the regarding the status of the renovations of 1300 Sixteenth Street, Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II. be deferred until January 9, 2017 upon applicant's request to allow the landlord of the establishment more time to complete the repairs of the building.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Lavonda Perkins appeared to speak before the committee on the status of the renovations for King Daddies II. Ms. Perkins informed the committee members that the landlord of the property is using Lincoln Management for the renovations and that the updates are taking longer than they expected them to take. Ms. Perkins stated that she has been closed for 5 months and unfortunately does not anticipate that she will be able to reopen until the 1st of the new year. Alderman DeHahn suggested the item be deferred until the first Public Safety and Licensing meeting in January.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to defer Item #1037-17 until the January 9, 2017 Public Safety and Licensing meeting, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Deferred

[1103-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Natasha C. Wilson, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-28-2017: That the Operator's license application for Natasha C. Wilson be deferred until December 12, 2017 to allow for the applicant to appear before the committee.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Natasha Wilson did not appear to speak before the Public Safety and Licensing Committee. Alderman DeHahn asked that Item #1103-17 be deferred two weeks to allow for the applicant to appear at the next meeting on December 12, 2017.

Deferred

[1070-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, November 17, 2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-28-2017: That the item be received and filed as the highest responsible bidder from the three bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$13,197.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[1149-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report for November 28, 2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-28-2017: That the License Premise Report for 11-28-2017 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel spoke before the committee. Sgt. Freidel commented on the incident that occurred at the R&V Night Club on 11-19-17 stating that officers responded to a fight that occurred inside of the bar. He stated that when the officers arrived they had been advised that multiple parties had been actively fighting and bottles had been thrown. The crowd had dispersed and no arrests were made. The bartender of the R&V Night Club also reported that she had been peppersprayed by an unknown party. No one inside the bar was able to provide video surveillance to the officers on-scene. The licenses of the bar and bartender were checked and the officers confirmed that both were valid.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to receive and file the balance of the License Premise report, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Received and Filed

Public Comment

No one appeared to speak for Public Comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.