



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Vice Chair Aron Wisneski, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol, Alderman Terry McCarthy

Monday, April 13, 2009

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Aron Wisneski, Terry McCarthy, Jim Kaplan and Robert Mozol

Approval of Minutes for the March 23, 2009 Meeting.

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

09-3401

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) (Grant Control # 2009-015.)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant Control #2009-015) in the amount of \$676,656.00 (Years 1-3).

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

04-13-09: That the Police Chief be granted permission to apply for and accept the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant Control #2009-015) in the amount of \$676,656.00 (Years 1-3).

Fiscal Note: City's cost (4th Year) - \$252,306.00 - To be levied and collected over the four year program.

Mayor Friedel and Chief Wahlen explained the purpose of this grant to committee members. Mayor Friedel stated that this was the first of the stimulus and the grant application has already been submitted to meet the required deadline. Mayor Friedel explained this would be a four year grant with the City funding the 4th year at about \$250,000.00. He proposed that each year 1/4 be levied each year with the fourth year only 1/4 would need to be picked up and it would not be a burden on taxpayers. Chief Wahlen stated the grants would be used in three parts (beat officer, walking/riding and possibly another COP House).

Alderman Mozol voted "no" to moving the item forward and approving the request.

Recommended For Approval

[09-3402](#)

Subject: Communication from the Police Chief, requesting to apply for and accept the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (Grant Control # 2009-016).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-13-09: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to apply for and accept the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$408,829.00.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

04-13-09: That the Police Chief be granted permission to apply for and accept the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$408,829.00.

Fiscal Note: No match is required on the part of the City.

Chief Wahlen informed the committee members this was a 50/50 grant that is split between the police department and the Sheriff's Department which is required by law. The police department will receive about \$150,000.00 and plan to use this to update the computers and web services to keep up with technology. There is no cost attached to the city.

Recommended For Approval

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Jeff Shawhan
Fritz Cape
MayEsther Schnaubelt
Joey Legath
Mark Levine
John McAuliffe
Maureen Bagg
Lauren Bell
Brad Jaeck
Micheal Choi
Angi Schmitz*

[09-3403](#)

Subject: Communication from the Purchasing Agent recommending to award the bid for one 35,000 GVW Diesel Cab & Chassis with 30 cubic yard forestry chip box to Lakeside International Truck at their bid price of \$96,765.00.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

04-13-09: That the bid for one 35,000 GVW Diesel Cab & Chassis with 30 cubic yard forestry chip box be awarded to Lakeside International Truck at their bid price of \$96,765.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Jack Schumann appeared and informed the committee this was the lowest responsible bidder and they recommended approval.

Recommended For Approval

[09-3408](#)

Subject: Direct Referral: Change order #1 and final payment for engineering services for preparing an "Exception to Construct on an Abandon Landfill" permit for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Lockwood Park by AECOM, Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 04-13-09: That Change order #1 and final payment for engineering services for preparing an "Exception to Construct on an Abandon Landfill" permit for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Lockwood Park by AECOM, Inc, be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in Account 101.700.5750.

Jack Schumann appeared and informed the committee the work had been completed and he recommended approval of the change order and final payment be authorized.

Recommended For Approval

[09-3387](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting to enter in an agreement with Nielsen Madsen & Barber, S.C. to prepare topographic survey and to apply for a DNR permit to construct within the floodplain for replacing three greens and one tee at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 04-13-09: That the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services be authorized to enter in an agreement with Nielsen Madsen & Barber, S.C. to prepare topographic survey and to apply for a DNR permit to construct within the floodplain for replacing three greens and one tee at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 107-000-5750, Johnson Greens & Tees.

Jack Schumann informed committee members they are required by DNR to apply for a permit and is requesting permission to enter into an agreement to prepare a topographic survey.

Recommended For Approval

[09-3389](#)

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting permission to enter in an agreement with Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications for replacing three greens and one tee at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 04-13-09: That the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services be authorized permission to enter in an agreement with Lohmann Golf

Designs, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications for replacing three greens and one tee at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 107.000.5750, Johnson Greens & Tees.

Jack Schumann informed committee members they were interested in using this company as the designer of the specifications and plans.

Recommended For Approval

[09-3275](#)

Subject: Communication from Joseph Hrouda requesting to renew the Boat Launch and Concession contract for three years with a two year option.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 3-09-09: That the item be deferred for two weeks as it needs to go before Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 3-11-09: Defer

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 3-23-09: That the item be deferred for two weeks as an agreement is being worked out.

Jack Schumann asked that the committee defer this item as it was scheduled to appear this week before the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services. City Attorney Weber was able to update the committee on some of the options between the City and the applicant.

Recommended For Approval

[09-3312](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Lakeside Liquor, Caroline Chun, Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 420 Sixth Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 3-23-09 That the (New) Application of Lakeside Liquor, Caroline Chun, Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 420 Sixth Street be deferred until the applicant completes required paperwork.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 4-13-09:

That the (New) Application of Lakeside Liquor, Caroline Chun, Agent for a "Class A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 420 Sixth Street be denied due to the fragility of the neighborhood and the high concentration of existing liquor establishments in the area.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. & Miss Chun appeared with Mr. Choi who interpreted for them. They stated that 25% of the business would be hard liquor and 75% would be grocery and household items. He stated their hours of operation would be 8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m. initially. He stated he would require customers to show identification for cigarette and alcohol purchases. Alderman Coe stated he held a meeting with the business owners and residents in the area. He stated the majority of them did not oppose a convenience store, but did oppose liquor sales.

Recommended For Denial

[09-3391](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Renewal application of Thomas Kroll, for a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's Business License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 4-13-09: That the renewal application of Thomas Kroll, for a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's Business License, be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

[09-3397](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Mazen T. Musa for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's license and a Secondhand Article Dealer license for 1914 Sixteenth Street (3rd District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 4-13-09: That the application of Mazen T. Musa for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's license and a Secondhand Article Dealer license for 1914 Sixteenth Street, be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

[09-3395](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Special Report - Tobacco Compliance Checks - March 16, 2009

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 4-13-09: That the report be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[09-3420](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report of 3-19-09 thru 4-8-09

Recommendation of Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

4-13-09: That the owner/agent of 2nd Time Around, 1922 16th Street and the owner/agent of Gingers, 345 Main Street be requested to appear and the next meeting and the balance of the report be received and filed.

Received and Filed

[09-3318](#)

Subject: Ordinance No. 6-09

To repeal and recreate Sec. 6-97 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Retail "Class A" intoxicating liquor licenses.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSING

COMMITTEE ON 3-9-09: That the item be deferred for two weeks to gather more information related to: various radius' 2000', 1000' or 500'; geographic restrictions and other geographical concerns.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSING

COMMITTEE ON 3-23-09 That the Ordinance No. 6-09 be brought back to the April 13, 2009 Public Licensing and Safety meeting and that a Public Hearing be scheduled prior to the Common Council Meeting on April 20th, 2009.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSING

COMMITTEE ON 4-13-09: That ordinance 06-09 be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ald. McCarthy updated the committee on a few important changes that had been added:

Strengthen Introduction

Measure Distance from lot line to lot

Grandfather existing establishments

and requested that the ordinance be adopted as amended.

Ald. Kaplan requested that a line be added to include: to exceed quota with a 2/3 vote by alderman present be added to the ordinance.

Recommended For Approval

[09-3419](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Operator's (Bartender) Licenses

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

4-13-09: That the Operator (Bartender) licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

[08-2937](#)

Subject:Communication from Jensen Towing requesting to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss a rate increase.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-24-08: That the item be deferred and the clerks office contact the towing companies to appear before the next committee meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 12-08-08: That the item be deferred while additional information is gathered.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-12-09: That the item be deferred until the parties reach an agreement and the item be brought back before the committee at the appropriate time as well as referred to Finance and Personnel.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 4-13-09: That the item be deferred until the April 27, 2009 meeting.

City Attorney Weber updated the committee on the progress that had been made regarding the revision to the towing ordinance. After a brief discussion, it was recommended that the towing companies, Van Wanggard and Lt. Dobbs appear at the next meeting to discuss their concerns to the changes.

Deferred

[08-2928](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman of the 15th District wishing to discuss the progress of the Phoenix Communication System.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-24-08: That the item be tabled until the Alderman of the 15th District gather enough information.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 4-13-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[08-1696](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman of the 8th District requesting the Chief of Police to appear before the Racine Public Safety and Licensing Committee regarding a traffic stop of a vehicle near the 1200 block of Summit Avenue on January 22, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 08-25-08: That the item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 4-13-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

[07-1343](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Alderman of the 4th District requesting to discuss complaints, and numerous incidents at the "Winner's Circle" Tavern located at 1403 Superior Street.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 11-12-07: Mr. Mike Williams (owner) of Winners Circle, 1403 Superior Street be requested to appear at the next Public Safety & Licensing meeting November 26, 2007 to address these concerns. The Police Department will provide committee with a 12 month history of calls at this establishment and the item be deferred until that time.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 11-26-07: That the item be deferred for 30 days and Mr. Williams will work with Lt. Purdy and Alderman Kaplan to come up with a resolution to the problems and report back to the committee on the measures being taken to prevent such problems in the future.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-07-08: That the agents of the following establishments, Rosie's, Double D's and American Legion including the agent of Winner's Circle (Mike Williams), Officer Hanke, the Community Policing Officer and Alderman Kaplan meet to discuss what solutions can be taken to address the on-going incidents and they bring the item back before this committee with their results.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 4-13-09: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

Miscellaneous Business

Ald. Mozol inquired as to whether or not a citation had ever been issued at Rosie's Tavern. Sgt. Payne explained the situation and stated to this date no citation had been issued.

City Attorney Weber informed committee members that the Mayor had sent a letter to Total 24 concerning issues and they did respond that they would comply with the stipulations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m. by Alderman Wisneski.