



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe
Alder Steve Smetana
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Carrie Glenn
Alder Maurice Horton*

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Coe, Alder Smetana, Alder Weidner, Alder Glenn and Alder Horton

Approval of Minutes for the March 12, 2019 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alder Smetana, seconded by Alder Weidner.

to Approve the Minutes

[0302-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Application of Culture Bar & Grill LLC dba Culture Bar & Grill, Travis Hunter, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 433 Main Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-19: That the application of Culture Bar & Grill LLC dba Culture Bar & Grill, Travis Hunter, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 433 Main Street. (1st District) be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Travis Hunter submitted a letter to the City Clerk prior to the meeting, stating his desire to withdraw his application for a change of agent for Culture Bar & Grill LLC.

Alder Smetana made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Received and Filed

[0222-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Ricardo RA Rodriguez, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-12-19: That the operator license application for Ricardo RA Rodriguez be deferred for two weeks so that the applicant can provide the committee with a letter of rehabilitation from employer.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-26-19: That the operator license application for Ricardo RA Rodriguez be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ricardo Rodriguez appeared before the committee and presented a letter from his employer as proof of rehabilitation in the work place, as was requested of him from his last appearance before the committee.

Alder Smetana made a motion to approve based on sufficient evidence of rehabilitation, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Approved

[0276-19](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-26-19: That the operator license application for Candice Streeter be deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Candice Streeter failed to appear before the committee. Due to this being the first invitation to attend a meeting, the committee moved to defer and reinvite the applicant.

Alder Smetana made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alder Horton.

Deferred

[Ord.0007-19](#)

Ordinance 0007-19 - Sec. 22 Mobile Food Establishment

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-26-19: That Ordinance 0007-19 - Sec. 22 Mobile Food Establishment be deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Jeff Coe

Jeff Towne, Economic Development Specialist for the City of Racine, appeared before the committee to discuss the Mobile Food Establishment Ordinance. Mr. Towne briefly reviewed the power point that was presented at the last committee meeting, highlighting the proposed standards, regulations, hours, general operating rules and procedures. There was discussion on the distance for the buffer, where trucks would

be able to park in relation to brick and mortar restaurants and how this buffer would be enforced. The committee questioned whether or not there would be a cap on how many mobile food establishments would be able to be licensed, if there should be a specific Mobile Food Establishment location in the city and the regulations on noise from generators and exhaust from the trucks. City Administrator Jim Palenick and Director of City Development Amy Connolly were both present to answer the committee's questions. The committee emphasized four different areas where they wanted to have more discussion before taking any action on the Mobile Food Establishment Ordinance. The first being how the buffer would be enforced and if law enforcement had any suggestions, how to regulate the noise of the generators on the food trucks, and how the buffer distance would be measured.

Alder Smetana made a motion to defer for two weeks to give time for City Development to work with business owners and other city departments to make the necessary and appropriate changes to the Ordinance, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Deferred

[0282-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, March 13, 2019.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-19: That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder from the three bids was Waukesha Iron and Metal.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$20,090.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0331-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report for March 26, 2019.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-26-19: That the licensed premise report for March 26, 2019 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Webb reviewed the three incidents taking place at Uptown Pub and Grill, explaining that despite being on the premises report, he did not believe the events warranted being called in at this time. Sgt. Webb updated the committee on the status of the compliance checks and the citations that were given to the various licensed establishments who sold tobacco products and alcoholic beverage to underage persons. Sgt. Webb also discussed an incident at the Culture Bar in which they violated the occupancy limit by more than double.

Alder Coe made a motion to call in the owners of Louie's Market, Nick's Deli, Mitch and Marty's Citgo, AD United Petroleum, Nagra Pump and Pantry, NY City Food Mart,

and Culture Club pursuant to a formal expression of concern under section 6-27 to discuss the compliance checks and recent incidents occurring at these locations, seconded by Alder Smetana.

Received and Filed

Public Comments

The following people appeared to speak before the Public Safety and Licensing Committee:

*John Dunk
Dan Taivalkoski
Chuck Brandt
Mark Porcarro
Yogi from Yogi's Pudn'
Joey Legath
Will from Red Line Tavern
Olga White*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.