



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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License and Welfare Committee

*Chairman David L. Maack, Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II,
Alderman Sandy Weidner, Alderman Gregory Holding,
Alderman Tim Hermes*

Monday, February 13, 2006

5:30 PM

Room 205 - City Hall

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - David L. Maack, Q.A. Shakoor II, Sandy Weidner, Gregory Holding and Tim Hermes

Approval of Minutes for the January 30, 2006 meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be to Approve the Minutes .

Ord.0912-06

ORDINANCE NO. 01-06 to amend Sec. 30-84(c) of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Garden court crypts construction and maintenance fund.

Mayor Becker appeared explaining how the fund started out.

Alderman Maack said that Mrs. Drummond sent in a letter stating concerns how other departments are spending the money in the fund account.

Mrs. Sharon Baldukas, president of the Cemetery Board, appeared stating her concerns about funds spent from this fund. She believes procedures need to be followed and also stated the other board members had concerns. She had no objections of the insertion at the end of the first sentence in the ordinance.

Alderman Maack explained that there needed to be a check and balance system in place and suggested that the Cemetery Commission make a presentation to the Committee of the Whole to explain the role of the cemetery commission and the cemetery fund.

Alderman Weidner stated she wasn't opposed to the language in the ordinance and also believes in a check and balance system.

A motion was made by Alderman Weidner that this file be Recommended For Approval .

05-1244A

Subject: October - November 2005 Licensed Premises Report.

- a. ICU - Daniel Jason Daams, Agent - Double D's Jam, Inc.
1922 Sixteenth Street

Recommendation: This item be deferred to the 2/13/06 License and

Welfare Committee meeting. 2-13-06 License and Welfare Committee recommends this item be received and filed.

Daniel Jason Daams, Agent for ICU appeared at the request of the committee. He stated the man in question was carded and did show an ID. Mr. Daams was not on the premise when the incident occurred.

Daniel Joseph Daams, father of Daniel Jason Daams, appeared and stated he was selling both of the bars - ICU at 1922 Sixteenth Street and Double D's II at 1307 Douglas Avenue.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Received and Filed

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06-1420A

Subject: November - December 2005 Licensed Premises Report.

- a. 5 Corners - Rogene Marie Katt, owner
1328 Superior Street

Recommendation: This item be deferred to the 2/13/06 License and Welfare Committee meeting. 2-13-06 License and Welfare Committee meeting recommends this item be received and filed.

Rogene Marie Katt, owner of 5 Corners appeared at the request of the committee. She stated she was not on the premise the time the incident happened. She encourages her employees to call the Police Department if there are any problems.

The bartender on duty, Janelle Ghani, appeared and explained a person came into the bar drunk and was belligerent to another customer. A fight started and she and another customer broke up the fight. The incident in question happened outside the bar.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Received and Filed

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06-1418A

Subject: The request of the committee for the appearance of the following license holders for incidents on the report of the Racine County Sheriff's Department on a November - December 2005 cigarette sting operation under the WINS Program. (06-1418)

- a. Chief's - WLS Wild Bill, Inc.
William Sorenson, Agent - 1641 Douglas Avenue
- b. Racine Cell & Tobacco - Attari Cell, LLC.
Mohummad Qadadah - 1957 Douglas Avenue
- c. X-Press Food Mart - Neha, Inc.
Vikram Desai, Agent - 2418 Douglas Avenue
- d. Douglas Pump & Pantry - Douglas Pump & Pantry, LLC.
Sukhwindar Nagra, Agent - 3357 Douglas Avenue

Recommendation: Receive and file.

(a) *Chief's WLS Wild Bill, Inc. - William Sorenson, Agent - 1641 Douglas Avenue*

William Sorenson appeared and stated his bartender sold the cigarettes. He no longer sells cigarette/tobacco products and has taken the vending machine out of his bar.

(b) *Racine Cell & Tobacco - Attari Cell, LLC. - Mohammad Qadadah - 1957 Douglas Avenue*

Mohammad Qadadah appeared and stated his brother was working and sold the cigarettes. He is now making sure all his employees check ID's.

(c) *X-Press Food Mart - Neha, Inc. - Neha, Inc. - Vikram Desai, Agent - 2418 Douglas Avenue*

Kalpani Desai appeared and stated an older employee sold the cigarettes. He has explained to the employees not to sell to minors.

(d) *Douglas Pump & Pantry - Douglas Pump & Pantry, LLC. - Sukhwindar Nagra, Agent - 3357 Douglas Avenue*

A representative of Sukhwindar Nagra appeared and stated a new employee sold the cigarettes. The new employee no longer works there and is making sure all ID's are checked.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Received and Filed

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06-1512

Subject: Communication from 2nd District Alderman requesting to discuss events that took place at 1801 Mead Street, T's Corner store on 1/1/06

Recommendation: Begin due process hearing.

Attachments: [DOC060206t's corner store](#)

Investigator Diener gave a synopsis of the incident, stating on January 1, 2006, officers responded to a call of shots fired. When they were in the area, numerous volleys of shots were heard, coming from 1801 Mead Street. The building was secured, SWAT was activated, responded, and cleared the building around 4 AM. Five people were detained.

Three rifles and three handguns were seized. One of the handguns was located in the store, on a shelf under the cash register.

Three hundred three (303) casings were recovered. The shots were directed in the air; however, the adjacent homes were occupied. One gun was reported stolen in Des Moines, Iowa. Thomas Marshall III, admitted bringing the ammunition to the house.

Alderman Cherri Cape appeared stating her concerns regarding this grocery store. She had numerous calls about this store from the neighbors that evening and also had concerns about the number of weapons seized. She stated she had spoken with the Police Department regarding this incident. She said that some of the other individuals charged in this incident also worked at the store.

Thomas Marshall, (1015 Eighteenth Street) owner of T's Corner Grocery Store appeared. He apologized and said he didn't realize he couldn't shoot weapons in the air. He also said he was Thomas Marshall Jr., not Sr. and stated the incident didn't happen at the store but in an adjoining building. He felt that ever since he started the business he hasn't been treated fairly.

Alderman Shakoor stated he was highly upset and this type of incident would not be tolerated.

Alderman Holding stated he was very concerned and this was not acceptable.

The aldermen voiced concerns with the history report for this business and discussed a possible due process hearing.

Attorney Wright explained the committee needs to know the status of the charges before they pursue a due process hearing.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Recommended For Termination .

06-1518

Subject: Application of Jermaine Weatherspoon for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 303 Dodge Street. (4th District) **(Alderman of the 4th District included in reference)**

Recommendation: License be granted.

Attachments: [DOC060207classbapp](#)

Jermaine Weatherspoon appeared and stated he has been a manager at the restaurant/bar for six months. He plans on keeping things the way they are - being a restaurant/bar and having live music.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Recommended For Approval .

06-1492

Subject: Application of Magic Dollar Plus LLC., Hussein Asad, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 1007 Washington Avenue. (1st District) **(Alderman of the 1st District included in reference)**

Recommendation: Defer this item to the February 27, 2006 License and Welfare Committee meeting.

Attachments: DOC060127classa

Attorney James Mazik, who represents Magic Dollar Plus, LLC., appeared, along with Hussein Assad, agent for the business.

Mr. Assad explained the business has changed from a Dollar Store to a grocery store. They have put in new coolers and have done remodeling on the inside of the store. He wants this to be a one-stop shopping family grocery store.

Alderman Keith Fair appeared and stated the owners had done a lot of improvements and to be competitive, they should be allowed to sell beer.

Alderman Shakoor and Alderman Weidner voiced concerns that another business selling alcohol was not good for the neighborhood because of the high concentration of establishments that sold alcohol in the area. They would like more time to study this application.

Deferred

05-1273

Subject: The application of BMPS, Inc., for an Adult-Oriented Establishment for 316 Main Street. (1st District)

Recommendation: This item be deferred to the 2/13/06 License and Welfare Committee meeting. 2/13/06 License and Welfare meeting recommendation - License be granted.

Attachments: DOC060103-001

Recommended For Approval

06-1493

Subject: (Direct Referral) The application of Mary Christman for a Public Passenger Vehicle Driver's License. (Renewal)

Recommendation: License be granted.

Attachments: DOC060127puplc pass

Recommended For Approval

06-1522

Subject: Applications for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

Recommendation: Grant licenses.

Attachments: DOC060207operator lic

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Granted .

Ord.0913-06

ORDINANCE NO. 2-06 RELATING TO OFFENSES - GANG LOITERING

George Meyers - 1307 Wisconsin Avenue - appeared voicing disapproval of this ordinance. He believes there needs to be good relationships between the police and the citizens and feels the adoption of this ordinance will hinder that.

Alderman Shakoor stated he believes we should give the Chief of Police all the tools he needs to combat problems in Racine. He also believes citizens have the responsibility to come forward and give the police information.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Recommended to be Received and Filed .

Ord.0914-06 ORDINANCE NO. 3-06 RELATING TO PUBIC PASSENGER VEHICLES;
TAXICABS.

Attorney Wright said the City is in negotiations with Mr. Hafiz to acquire the City's Taxi Cab service. The ordinance states exclusive rights to one owner for a period of four years and the owner can have up to 12 taxis. Current zoning restricts Mr. Hafiz from putting a storage container at his gas station or allowing him to maintain the taxis there. Attorney Wright also explained that anyone could bid on taking over the City Taxi Cab service. Whomever got the bid, would be given exclusive rights for the four year period.

John McAuliffe, director of the Safe Ride Program, wanted to know if the new taxi service would honor the current Safe Ride Program. Attorney Wright explained that was a business decision between him and Mr. Hafiz.

Alderman Fair voiced concerns regarding the City giving someone exclusive rights to the taxi service.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shakoor, II that this file be Recommended For Approval .

Miscellaneous Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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