



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, October 13, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Aron Wisneski, Terry McCarthy and Robert Mozol

EXCUSED: 1 - Jim Kaplan

Approval of Minutes for the September 22, 2008 Meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared.

08-2376

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Alcohol Enforcement Mobilization grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-13-08: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Alcohol Enforcement Mobilization grant (Grant Control No. 2008-035) in the amount of \$25,000.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-13-08: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Alcohol Enforcement Mobilization grant (Grant Control No. 2008-035) in the amount of \$25,000.

Fiscal Note: A 25% soft match is required on the part of the city.

Chief Wahlen appeared and informed committee members this grant would be used for patrol operation and he was requesting permission to apply for the grant.

Recommended For Approval

08-2739

Subject: Communication from Police Chief requesting to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Speed Enforcement Mobilization grant.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-13-08: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Speed Enforcement Mobilization grant (Grant Control No. 2008-036) in the amount of \$25,000.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-13-08: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2009 Speed Enforcement Mobilization grant (Grant Control No. 2008-036) in the amount of \$25,000.

Fiscal Note: A 25% soft match is required on the part of the city.

Chief Wahlen appeared and informed committee members this grant would be used for speed enforcement.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2743](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to accept the 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Office of Justice Assistance.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-13-08: The Mayor and City Clerk by authorized and directed to enter into a \$50,000 agreement with the Office of Justice Assistance for the 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative grant (Grant Control No. 2008-009).

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

10-13-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a \$50,000 agreement with the Office of Justice Assistance for the 2007 Urban Area Security Initiative grant (Grant Control No. 2008-009).

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the city. The funds will be utilized for upgrades to the Fire Department's Tactical Command Post.

Chief Hansen appeared and informed committee members this grant will be used to upgrade the tactical command post.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2745](#)

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to apply for and accept a 2008 Urban Area Security Initiative grant in the amount of \$253,000.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

10-13-08: Permission granted to apply for and accept a \$253,000

2008 UASI grant (Grant Control No. 2008-034) with the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Justice Assistance.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That the Fire Chief be granted permission to apply for and accept a \$253,000 2008 UASI grant (Grant Control No. 2008-034) with the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Justice Assistance.

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

Chief Hansen appeared and informed committee members this grant would be used to replace the old radios with new better technology radios.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2754](#)

Subject: Direct Referral: Bids for Contract 55-08 (K8-065) (R1) Garden Crypt and Niche Addition at Mound Cemetery.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That Contract 55-08 (K8-065), Garden Crypt and Niche Addition at Mound Cemetery, be awarded to Bane-Nelson, Inc., Kenosha, WI, at their bid price of \$1,333,000.00, they being the second lowest responsible bidder.

Further recommend Mork Mausoleum Construction, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder be released of any liabilities and their bid bond be returned without malice and the item be referred to Finance and Personnel and the Cemetery Board.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 207.002.5760, Mound Crypts Interior and 207.002.5760, Mound Crypts.

Rick Jones appeared and informed the committee members there had been a mistake made on the bid submitted by the lowest responsible bidder, and he was recommending the contractor be released and the bid bond be returned without malice.

He further recommended that committee members accept the bid of the second lowest bidder, Bane-Nelson, Inc.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2753](#)

Subject: Direct Referral: Change Order #6 Contract 52-07 (K7-061), Remodel Racine Zoological Gardens, Phase III, by Seater Construction Co., Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That Change Order No. 6 on Contract 52-07 (K7-061), Remodel Racine Zoological Gardens, Phase III, by Seater Construction Co., Inc., be approved in the amount of \$22,794.24.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 987.740.5030, Entrance Complex/Parking, \$293,266.00 for the City's portion of the project. The remaining funds will be provided by the Racine Zoological Society.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2724](#)

Subject: New Application of Avanti Brothers Wine Company, for a Wholesale License at 2034 Indiana Street, Suite B. (14th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That the new application of Avanti Brothers Wine Company, for a Wholesale License at 2034 Indiana Street, Suite B., be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Fausto Fioravanti appeared and informed committee members he was interested in opening a "wholesale" business here in the City of Racine. He stated he fully understood he could only sell to Class A and Class B establishments and he was fully aware that he could not sell single cans or bottles. He informed committee members he had just received his license through the State of Wisconsin and was looking to move forward with the process here in the City. He informed committee members he has management experience and he previously operated a wholesale business in Illinois.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2733](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Javier's Restaurant, Yecenia Ortega, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2815 Durand Avenue. (10th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That the new application Javier's Restaurant, Yecenia Ortega, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2815 Durand Avenue be approved with the voluntary stipulation they would surrender the "Class B" license to the City if they decided to discontinue their business.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Javier and Yecenia Ortega appeared and informed committee members they wanted to be able to serve intoxicating liquor at their restaurant to their customers. Javier and Yecenia Ortega voluntarily informed committee members if they decide to discontinue their business, they would surrender the "Class B" license to the City.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2550](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 13th District requesting to discuss video poker machines at gas stations, convenience stores and other places.

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 09-8-08: That the item be deferred to gather more information.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 09-22-08: That the item be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That the City Attorney contact the District Attorney and request him to take the necessary action in the near future to address this issue and to send notices to all Class A establishments informing them the City will be enforcing the law.

Further recommend this item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attorney Weber informed committee members he had a very lengthy meeting with Senator Lehman on this issue. Senator Lehman informed him this was a very difficult issue and he did not feel this was the appropriate time to proceed with this matter.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[08-2762](#)

Subject: Police calls for Licensed Establishments 9-23-08 to 10-06-08.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee 10-13-08: That the following listed licensed establishments be requested to appear at the October 27th meeting:

Casablanca De Mexico	230 Main Street
Nick's Supermarket	1407 Superior Street
Cigarette City	3402 Douglas Avenue
Citgo Gas & Food Mart	2240 Northwestern Avenue

Further recommend that the following establishments be requested to appear at the November 10th meeting:

Family Supermarket	1201 S. Memorial Drive
Fine Fare Foods	1819 Durand Avenue
Walgreens #2927	4810 Washington Avenue
Metro Plus (BP on Washington)	4301 Washington Avenue
Lee's Deli	2615 Washington Avenue
AD United Petroleum	1917 16th Street
Rudy's Bar	2515 Douglas Avenue

It was also requested that the police department supply committee

members with a 12 month history report for Rudy's Bar, 2515 Douglas Avenue.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The committee had some discussion on this and determined it would be best to call in the top 4 establishments for the October 27th meeting and the remaining seven establishments to the November 10th meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Wisneski to call in the top 4 establishments at the October 27th and the remaining 7 establishments to the November 10th meeting.

AYES: Wisneski, McCarthy

NOES: Mozol

NON-VOTING: Shakoor

EXCUSED: Kaplan

It was also requested the police department supply committee members with a 12 month history report for Rudy's Bar, 2515 Douglas Avenue.

A motion was made by that this be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

08-2710

Subject: (Direct Referral) Special Report-Tobacco Compliance Checks, September 20 & 23, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

08-2776

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the monthly report for the sale of abandoned vehicles for October 8, 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-13-08: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$8,660.01 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

08-2774

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

Recommendation of Public Safety and Licensing Committee of 10-13-08: That the licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Alderman Mozol asked when would we be taking up the meeting dates and times which was received and filed at the Committee of the Whole meeting. Chairman Shakoor directed him to submit a communication.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47p.m. by Alderman Wisneski.