



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Aldersperson Steve Smetana
Aldersperson Sandy Weidner
Aldersperson Carrie Glenn
Aldersperson Maurice Horton

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 3 - Chairman Coe, Aldersperson Smetana and Aldersperson Horton

EXCUSED: 2 - Aldersperson Weidner and Aldersperson Glenn

Approval of Minutes for the January 22, 2019 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman Smetana, Seconded by Alderman Horton.

to Approve the Minutes

[0144-19](#)

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

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-12-19: That the operator license application for Logan C. Tyler be deferred for two weeks so that the applicant can provide the committee with a letter of rehabilitation from employer.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Logan Tyler appeared before the committee. Mr. Tyler explained to the committee that he has had no further police contact since January 8th, 2016. The discharge papers were provided to the committee and the Deputy City Attorney reviewed the documents and stated that the documents only show that Mr. Tyler was discharged from probation (it did not state whether he was complaint with probation). Attorney Arn pointed out that Mr. Tyler had a probation violation in 2011, which caused him to be revoked. Mr. Tyler's previous employer for Group Homes Transportation, Dr. Malachi Muhammad spoke on behalf of Mr. Tyler's character and work ethic. The committee asked Mr. Tyler to come back with a formal letter of reference from his employer.

Alderman Smetana made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alderman Horton, until Mr. Tyler can bring in a letter from his employer of proof of rehabilitation.

Deferred

[0145-19](#)

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

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-12-19: That the operator license application for Derek A. Hill be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The applicant Derek A Hill failed to appear before the committee.

Alderman Smetana made a motion to deny the applicant for an Operator's License based on false statements on his application, seconded by Alderman Horton.

Recommended For Denial

[0146-19](#)

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

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-12-19: That the operator license application for Carl Stewart be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The applicant Carl Stewart failed to appear before the committee and no documentation was presented to the committee regarding the applicant's rehabilitation or fitness.

Alderman Smetana made a motion to deny the applicant for an Operator's License based on his criminal convictions and the policy guidelines, seconded by Alderman Horton.

Recommended For Denial

[0147-19](#)

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

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-12-19: That the operator license application for Richard Zicarelli be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Richard Zicarelli appeared before the committee. Mr. Zicarelli explained that he has not had any convictions since 2016, has paid all of his fines, had a steady job and was unaware that he needed to list his earlier charges on his application. Mr. Zicarelli's employer, Julie Mindorf of Speedway located at 4620 Washington Ave, Racine, WI 53403 appeared before the committee to speak on behalf of Mr. Zicarelli's work ethic and how he follows the rules in his place of work. Ms. Mindorf presented the

committee with a letter that she had prepared on behalf of Mr. Zicarelli as proof of rehabilitation in the work place.

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

Approved

[0150-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request the appearance of Jacqueline Lagrone, Agent for Truth Sports Bar, located at 1436 Junction Ave, for a formal expression of concern to discuss recent incidents occurring at this location.

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-12-19: The Committee request that the communication be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jacqueline Lagrone appeared before the committee with Malachi Mohammed. Ald. Coe informed the licensee as to why she was being called in. Sergeant Webb read the recent list of incidents occurring at the licensed premise report for Truth Sports Bar, located at 1436 Junction Ave, going back to January 2019. Additionally, Deputy Attorney Arn addressed the report from January 4th, 2019 where the outside door was locked with customers still inside and stated that due to it being a public space the bar is not allowed to lock the doors. Attorney Arn also explained the report on January 8th, 2019, when the bar was open despite not having an occupancy permit. Attorney Arn explained that a premise can only be used for making repairs/cleanings without an occupancy permit. Ald. Coe asked how the licensee intends to fix these issues going forward. Mr. Mohammed on behalf of his mother Jacqueline Lagrone, explained to the committee that the reason the doors were locked on January 4th was due to an unidentified male breaking into cars and potentially harassing women. Mr. Mohammed also explained that everyone inside the bar at the time of the January 8th report were all employees who were helping install and clean the premises. Mr. Mohammed stated that the bar takes security seriously and want to control their crowd.

Alderman Coe warned the owner that if the Truth Sports Bar was called in for another Formal Expression of Concern within the next six months, they could face possible suspension or revocation of their license.

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

Received and Filed

[0131-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe requesting that City of Racine Ordinance 70-89 be amended to permit glass containers to be used for the serving and containment of beverages within the lands, facilities, and premises of Festival Hall, Festival Park grounds, and Rotary Park, as well as those areas within other City Parks encompassing permitted "licensed premises" associated within a City-sanctioned Beer garden, so long as said containers represent non-disposable, commemorative glassware

designed to be re-filled provided by, or as a part of, City-sanctioned events within said premises.

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-12-19: That the communication from Alder Coe requesting that City of Racine Ordinance 70-89 be amended to permit glass containers to be used for the serving and containment of beverages within the lands, facilities, and premises of Festival Hall, Festival Park grounds, and Rotary Park, as well as those areas within other City Parks encompassing permitted “licensed premises” associated within a City-sanctioned Beer garden, so long as said containers represent non-disposable, commemorative glassware designed to be re-filled provided by, or as a part of, City-sanctioned events within said premises be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Jeff Coe

The City Administrator Jim Palenick appeared before the committee to speak on behalf of the proposed change to Ordinance 70-89. Mr. Palenick explained to the committee that commemorative glass ware would be only available for very specific events like the Craft Beer Festival or at the City-sanctioned beer gardens. Three members from the Board of Drum and Bugle Corps, John and Sharon Martinof and Dave Pavlock, appeared before the committee to discuss their interest in having the Craft Beer Festival on the Festival Hall Park grounds and hope to be able to sell and serve beer in commemorative glass ware. The Board members present discussed their preventative measures that they will have to ensure that glass is not left broken on the park premises, with having a glass clean up crew, beer slings to hold glass and the option to store purchased commemorative glasses.

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

Recommended For Approval

[0110-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, January 24, 2019.

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-12-19: That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder from the two bids was Waukesha Iron & Metal.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$9,940.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0140-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report for February 12,

2019.

Recommendation from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 02-12-19: That the licensed premise report for 02-12-19 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Webb highlighted Rudy's, 2515 Douglas Ave, one tavern check with no violations reported on 1/18 and a call for an intoxicated adult with no violations reported on 1/26. TBG's, 1814 Taylor Ave, was also highlighted for having two parking violations on 1/27 and 1/28. Demark, 1600 Albert St, appeared on the report twice for an unfounded and canceled alarm on 1/24 and 1/25. The last licensed premise that Sgt. Webb highlighted was the Liquor Depot located at 1401 Washington Ave, reported on 1/24 for a call being made that liquor was being sold after 9pm. The investigator conducting the licensed premise check found that no one with a valid bartender licenses was present, but is still following up with the owner at this time. Since the follow up is still ongoing, the committee chose to not invite the agent of Liquor Depot in at this time.

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

Received and Filed

Public Comments

No one appeared to speak for public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.