



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Vice Chair Gregory Holding
Alderman David L. Maack, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol*

Monday, April 23, 2007

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - David L. Maack, Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Holding, Jim Kaplan and Robert Mozol

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for the April 9, 2007 Meeting.

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

to Approve the Minutes

1. [07-0446](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral) Bids for Contract 30-07 (K7-034) Water Main Replacement at Shoop Park Golf Course.**

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 4-23-07: That Contract 30-07 (K7-034) Water Main Replacement at Shoop Park Golf Course be awarded to Reesman's Excavating at their bid price of \$23,925.00, they being the lowest responsible bidder.

Fiscal Note: That funds are delineated from account #107.000.5750, Shoop Water Main.

Donnie Snow appeared and informed the committee there were 3 competitive bids ranging from \$23,900-\$28,500; the lowest responsible bidder being Gleasman Evacuating for \$23,925.00.

Recommended For Approval

2. [07-0459](#) **Subject:** Communication from Chief of Police requesting to apply for the 2007 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control # 2007-020).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on 04-23-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the Federal Government, United States Department of Justice, 2007 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-020).

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing committee of 4-23-07: That the Chief of Police be granted permission to apply for the

Federal Government, United States Department of Justice, 2007
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-020).

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

Police Chief Wahlen appeared and informed the committee the money would be utilized for replacement vests.

Recommended For Approval

3. [07-0449](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to apply for the \$25,000 MetLife Community Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-019) to be utilized for neighborhood revitalization.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-23-07: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the \$25,000 MetLife Community Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-019) to be utilized for neighborhood revitalization.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

4-23-07: That permission be granted for the Chief of Police to apply for the \$25,000 MetLife Community Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2007-019) to be utilized for neighborhood revitalization.

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

Police Chief Wahlen informed the committee the money would be used to fund the community policing program.

Recommended For Approval

4. [07-0504](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the President of the Douglas Avenue Redevelopment Association, Inc. stating their position on the issuance of fermented beverage and/or liquor licenses in the future within the Douglas Avenue Corridor.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee of

4-23-07: That the item be received and filed.

David Damos secretary of the Douglas Avenue Corridor informed the committee that the focus is to make the neighborhoods and streets safe for all residents in the area, and they prefer that no more alcohol licenses are granted in this area.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

5. [07-0508](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Christopher G. Nikolaus, Jr., regarding his application for an Operator's (Bartender's) License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of
04-23-07:**

That the license be denied.

The City Clerk informed the committee that Mr. Nikolaus, Jr. was unable to appear due to his work schedule. Mr. Nikolaus submitted a letter of explanation to the committee on the charges in question that appeared on his record check.

Recommended For Denial

6. [06-3033](#)

Subject: Request of the Committee for the appearance of NYS Alliance (Total 24), Navpreet S. Manhani, Agent, 930 Washington Avenue, who had a clerk that sold alcohol and/or tobacco to an underage volunteer on October 7, and November 18, 2006.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of
01-22-07:** That the item be deferred until the matter has been adjudicated in court, and the City Clerk's Office work with the City Attorney's Office to keep track of when this is resolved with the court.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of
04-23-07:**

That the item be deferred until the matter has been adjudicated in court, and the City Clerk's Office work with the City Attorney's Office to keep track of when this is resolved with the court

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Manhani appeared and informed the committee that he appeared in court April 5th and that the matter is scheduled for a later date.

Deferred

7. [06-3038](#)

Subject: Request of the Committee for the appearance of X-Press Food Mart, Narendra Shah, Agent, 2418 Douglas Avenue, who had a clerk that sold tobacco to an underage volunteer, on November 18 and 19, 2006.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of
01-08-07:** That the item be deferred until the February 12, 2007 meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of
02-12-07:** That the item be deferred until the February 26, 2007 meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of
04-23-07:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Received and Filed

8. [07-0098](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of The Blue Rock Lounge & Eatery, Mark R. Thomas, Agent, 306 Sixth Street, for an incident that appeared on the December, 2006 Tavern Compliance Checks Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

02-12-07: That the item be deferred until the February 26, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

02-26-07: That the item be deferred until the March 12, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the matter of Blue Rock Lounge be referred to the City Attorney to come up with an agreement and report back to the committee with his findings.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Thomas appeared and stated he was not aware the employees could not be engaged in anything other than business activities after closing hours.

Deferred

9. [07-0187](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of WLS, Wild Bill, Inc. (Chief's), William Sorenson, Agent, for 1641 Douglas Avenue, who had a clerk that sold alcohol to an underage volunteer on November 19, 2006.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

02-26-07: That the item be deferred until the matter has been adjudicated in court.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the item be deferred until the May 7, 2007 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

William Sorenson did not appear.

Deferred

10. [07-0479](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of the Blue Rock Lounge & Eatery, Mark R. Thomas, Agent, 306 Sixth Street, for incidents

that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the matter of Blue Rock Lounge be referred to the City Attorney to come up with an agreement and report back to the committee with his findings.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The committee recommended Mr. Thomas meet with the City Attorney to negotiate a resolution.

Deferred

11. [07-0476](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Castle Lanes of Southeastern WI, Inc., Phillip G. Ontko, Agent, 5615 Castle Court, for incidents that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Phillip Ontko appeared and informed the committee that measures have been taken to avoid future occurrences and he is working diligently with the police department's gang unit.

Received and Filed

12. [07-0478](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Wilbur Jones, Viper's Lounge, 501 High Street, for incidents that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Wilbur Jones appeared. Capt. Pavilonis informed the committee that Mr. Jones has always been cooperative and continues to do his part as a business owner to work with the Police Department.

Received and Filed

13. [07-0480](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Mike Williams, Winner's Circle, 1403 Superior Street, for incidents that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the item be deferred and the business owner work with the alderman of the district and the police department 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.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mike Williams and Dawn Finnigan night bartender appeared. Dawn explained that the incident involving her daughter Veronica Kowalczyk is currently pending in court. The committee advised Mr. Williams to meet with the Alderman of the district and the police department to negotiate a resolution.

Deferred

14. [07-0482](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of the Mr. Kool's Sports Bar, James O. Oliver, Agent, 1330 Washington Avenue, for incidents that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the item be deferred until the May 7, 2007 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The City Clerk informed the committee that Mr. Oliver requested to defer the item until May 7, 2007; so that he can obtain legal counsel.

Deferred

15. [07-0483](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Lauro Davalos, La Tapatia, 1951 Mead Street, for incidents that appeared on the February 18 - March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07: That the item be deferred until the May 7, 2007 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Lauro Davalos did not appear.

Deferred

16. [07-0484](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Infusino's All Sports, LLC, Egidio Infusino, Agent, 3358 Rapids Drive, for incidents that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 04-23-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Egidio Infusino and Dawn(the manager) appeared and informed the committee of the pro-active measures that are being taken and presented mutilple false identification cards to the committee.

Alderman Holding suggested that the Deputy City Attorney draft an Ordinance pertaining to false identification.

Received and Filed

17. [07-0485](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Teezers of Racine, Inc., Erin E. Anstett, Agent, 1936 Lathrop Avenue, for incidents that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 04-23-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Erin Anstett appeared and informed the committee that prior to the incidents pro-active measures were taken by installing an interior/exterior security camera.

Received and Filed

18. [07-0486](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of R. Hoey Enterprises, LLC, (The Blind Alligator), Richard P. Hoey, Agent, 1653 Taylor Avenue, for incidents that appeared on the February 18, 2007-March 31, 2007 Licensed Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 04-23-07: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Richard Hoey appeared and stated that he is doing everything possible as a business owner to control incidents in his establishment. Alderman Shakoor suggested Mr. Hoey work with the Alderman of his district and the police department to negotiate a resolution.

Received and Filed

19. [07-0095](#)

Subject: Ordinance No. 1-07

To repeal and recreate Article XXV. Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers, to create Secs. 22-900 - 22-919, Pawnbroker Licenses, and amend Sec. 114-468, Conditional Uses, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

01-22-07: That Ordinance No. 1-07 be adopted.

Recommendation of City Plan Commission on January 31, 2007:

That Parts 1, 2, and 4 of Ord. 01-07 be adopted. (07-0125)

Further that Part 3 be deleted from Ord. 01-07.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

02-12-07: That the ordinance be deferred until the February 26, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

02-26-07: That the City Attorney recreate the Ordinance to include Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Dealers, and resubmit to Committee for discussion.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

03-12-07:

That the item be deferred until the March 26, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-09-07:

That the item be deferred until the April 23, 2007 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

04-23-07:

That the ordinance be adopted as amended.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Holding suggested that one of the requirements would be pawnshops would have 60 days to obtain an electronic documentation system and he stated that business owners would have to work with the committee and the police department

Recommended For Approval

20. [07-0430](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 4-23-07: That the Adult -Oriented Establishment License be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Vice Chair Gregory Holding that this be Granted. The motion PASSED

AYES: 3 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Holding and Robert Mozol

NOES: 2 - David L. Maack and Jim Kaplan

21. [07-0505](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 4-23-07: That the Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M. by Alderman Shakoor. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee is May 7, 2007.