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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Melissa Lemke
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Carrie Glenn*

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes for the August 13, 2019 Meeting.

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

[0940-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe for a new application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for Nijel Narcis, for Great Lakes Transportation.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the new application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for Nijel Narcis, for Great Lakes Transportation, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Nijel Narcis appeared before the committee to speak on behalf of his license. His brother just started the business and Nijel wants to start helping him by driving. He has experience with senior citizens but no experience driving passengers as part of a service. Because his most recent offense was in 2011, he qualifies for the license pursuant to the policy guidelines.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Horton.

Recommended For Approval

[0959-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe for a new application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for Robin Menzie, Great Lakes Transportation, LLC.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the new application for a Public Passenger Driver's License for Robin Menzie, Great Lakes Transportation, LLC, be

Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Robin Menize appeared before the committee. She is applying to drive the vehicle for Great Lakes Transportation, she will be working up to 30 hours per week. Because her most recent offense was in 2010, she qualifies for a license pursuant to the policy guidelines.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[0923-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe for an application of Piggly Wiggly Midwest LLC DBA Piggly Wiggly Supermarket #9, Joseph Novotny, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 4011 Durand Ave. (11th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the application of Piggly Wiggly Midwest LLC DBA Piggly Wiggly Supermarket #9, Joseph Novotny, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 4011 Durand Ave. (11th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joseph Novotny appeared before the committee. He is applying to become the agent at Piggly Wiggly. He was at one time the manager and is returning to become the agent.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[0869-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 509 Social Lounge LLC DBA 509 Social Lounge LLC, located at 509 Sixth St, Micah Tharpe, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 509 Social Lounge LLC DBA 509 Social Lounge LLC, located at 509 Sixth St, Micah Tharpe, Agent. (1st District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Micah Tharpe appeared before the committee to speak on behalf of the license. He is taking over for Lavonda Perkins, who is leaving the business. He has 12 years of

experience running events in Milwaukee, where he is a Mason. He plans to have an off-duty officer at the bar to help manage the crowd at closing time. He plans to keep the surrounding sidewalk and street clean by not selling glass half pints, as broken glass from these items was previously a problem at this location. He plans to have the off duty officer(s) monitor patrons who might attempt to park in the Nash's parking lot, which was previously an issue. RPD stated that Wisconsin DOR inspected the premises and located tobacco-based hookah that was not purchased from a licensed distributor. He stated he has since stopped purchasing tobacco-based hookah. The City Attorney's Office stated that information was provided to them that Mr. Tharpe has been operating as 509 Social Lounge since August 1, 2018, without a FEIN or seller's permit by using that of the prior owner/agent. He stated he believed it was under 509, not King Daddies. He stated he had a scheduled meeting with the Health Department the following morning. He stated because he does not own the building, he cannot speak for the owner's intentions regarding improving its appearance. He intends to pick up garbage to keep the premises as clean as possible. Capacity limit is 80 persons. They intend to serve bar food: fries, frozen pizza, and chicken, among other things. Hours of operation will be daily 5:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., but during Sunday football season from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

[0889-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Green Golf Partners LLC DBA Johnson Park Golf Course, located at 6200 Northwestern Ave, John Rader, Agent. (6th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Green Golf Partners LLC DBA Johnson Park Golf Course, located at 6200 Northwestern Ave, John Rader, Agent. (6th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Rader appeared before the committee. He is the agent for Green Golf Partners, which leases Johnson Park Golf Course (until 2028), and his principal office is at this location. He explained that previously the State of Wisconsin issued his "Class B" license, but due to a re-categorization of the golf course, this was no longer the case, so this caused him to apply for the same license through the City of Racine.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0907-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an

application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Amos Los Tacos LLC DBA Amos Los Tacos, located at 230 Main St, Anthony Moore, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 8-27-19: That the application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Amos Los Tacos LLC DBA Amos Los Tacos, located at 230 Main St, Anthony Moore, Agent. (1st District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Richard Onyon appeared before the committee. Amos Los Tacos is currently under construction, but plans to be operating in approximately eight weeks.. He describes the ambiance and food to be "Calimex," short for California-style Mexican. Mr. Onyon also owns Butcher and Barrel Gastropub and leans on his experiences there.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Horton.

Recommended For Approval

[0909-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe submitting an application for a Reserved "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Willing & Willing Inc DBA Bernie's Pizzeria, located at 1238 Lathrop Ave, Bernard Willing II, Agent. (12th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 8-27-19: That the application for a Reserved "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Willing & Willing Inc DBA Bernie's Pizzeria, located at 1238 Lathrop Ave, Bernard Willing II, Agent. (12th District), be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Bernard Willing appeared before the committee. Has been a business for 13 years on Lathrop Ave and has a beer and wine license. For a long time he was not allowed to have a Liquor license because of the remonstrance district in West Racine. He plans to open up more area of the establishment for a Sports bar. He plans on doing events like a Packer Bar and sports events to open to a newer crowd.

Alder Glenn made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Recommended For Approval

[0875-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Dorothy Lee, Agent for Tropical Paradise, located at 1600 Douglas Ave. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Dorothy Lee, Agent for Tropical Paradise be Deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 8-27-19: That the appearance of Dorothy Lee, Agent for Tropical Paradise be Received and Filed as a Formal Expression.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dorothy Lee appeared before the Committee. RPD spoke about the calls listed on the premises record check. Dorothy was not present for the last incident at the bar, but she had heard that someone knocked on the door and asked to use the bathroom. She stated the person was allowed entry, and then three RPD officers appeared. Alder Coe explained a Formal Expression of concern, and what happens when a second Formal Expression of Concerns occurs. The manager there is Carl Stewart. RPD had issued only a warning.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Receive and File the item as a Formal Expression be issued, seconded by Alder Horton.

Received and Filed

[0877-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Christina Sanchez, Agent of Game On, located at 1743 State St. (8th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-13-19: That the appearance of Christina Sanchez, Agent of Game On, be Deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-27-19: That the appearance of Christina Sanchez, Agent of Game On, be Deferred, and the Racine Police Department provide an update at the next Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting on the operating hours of the business.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Christina Sanchez did not appear before the committee. The committee requested the RPD drive past a few times and get an idea if the business is open. The committee would also like the item be deferred to hear from the police department and not call the applicant into the next meeting.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Defer until the next PSL meeting, seconded by Alder Horton.

Deferred

[0935-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Nikola Sretenovich, Agent for Ice Box at 2328 Douglas Ave. (5th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the appearance of Nikola Sretenovich, Agent for Ice Box at 2328 Douglas Ave be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Nikola Sretenovich appeared before the committee. RPD spoke about the calls listed on the premises record check. One of which included an incident on July 21, 2019, where RPD responded to a civil complaint and located an intoxicated bar tender without an operator's license, nor was a licensed operator present.

Nickola stated that he asks the bartenders to call RPD when issues occur. He stated he was there until 10:00 PM, and the bartender seemed fine when he left. The bartender did have one previous incident, and was terminated that Monday. He stated that when he hired her, she was licensed and verbally reminded to reapply. He stated that he keeps the bar tenders operator's licenses in a box behind the bar, and that she had stated hers was current. He stated that as soon as she was terminated, he called a meeting with the bartenders to remind them to renew annually and that there was no drinking on the job.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Receive and File and no Formal Expression be issued, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Received and Filed

[0911-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Rickie Evans, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 14th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the appearance of Rickie Evans, applicant for an Operator's License, be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rickie Evans appeared before the committee. RPD stated that due to prior convictions, he was disqualified under multiple policy guidelines. Mr. Evans stated that he did not understand the question on the application. Mr. Evans was supported by Buffalo Wild Wings' General Manager, Michael Nate, and Assistant Manager. Mr. Nate stated that Mr. Evans began as a cook and has been promoted due to his work ethic. Due to the positive statements, the Committee found evidence of rehabilitation.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve based on Good Cause and Evidence of Rehabilitation, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

[0912-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Yolanda Kruse, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 11th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the appearance of Yolanda Kruse, applicant for an Operator's License be Deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Yolanda Kruse did not appear before the committee.

Alder Horton made a motion to Defer until the next PSL meeting, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Deferred

[0921-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Monica Spann, applicant for an Operator's License. (Working in the 4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the appearance of Monica Spann, applicant for an Operator's License be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Monica Spann appeared before the committee. RPD spoke to her prior record and pending charges, which disqualified her under multiple policy guidelines. She stated that she never meant to lie, but did not remember the dates of the crimes, and that all incidents occurred at home (not at work). She is represented by an attorney in regards to the pending matters and anticipates dismissals. The City Attorney's Office stated that Ms. Spann need not discuss those matters. Alder Coe stated he was concerned about Ms. Spann record because the offenses appeared related. Her manager, Terry Jackson, appeared before the committee to speak as a character witness, and stated that Ms. Spann never drinks on the job, nor has any issues with customers. Mr. Jackson explained that Ms. Spann tends bar and serves as a food waitress. Ald. Horton stated that when he has been to the bar, he has seen Ms. Spann's kindness toward customers. Ms. Spann stated that she would withdraw her application and reapply once her pending cases are resolved.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Receive and File, seconded by Alder Horton.

Received and Filed

[0922-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Melanie Richie, applicant for an Operator's License.

(Working in the 1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the appearance of Melanie Richie, applicant for an Operator's License be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Melanie Richie appeared before the committee. The RPD spoke to the offenses and she would be disqualified under items #3, 4, and 5. She is working at the Eggplant, and works closely with the owner. The owner appeared before the committee on her behalf along with evidence of her rehabilitation. She is working on getting her Drivers License through the DMV. She did go through the training for the safe-serve, she is more of an advocate and is more than willing to tell someone no to more drinks.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve due to Evidence of Rehabilitation, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

Alder Weidner make a motion to suspend the rules and allow someone to speak from the audience. Derek Hill appeared before the committee, to speak to public comment.

[0599-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Coe wishing to discuss condensing liquor license application forms.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the liquor license application forms be Approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

City Clerk, Tara Coolidge, stated that she has talked to other Departments, and the Good Neighbors about the application and has received input from all.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Approve, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Approved

[0962-19](#)

Subject: License Premise Report for August 27, 2019.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 8-27-19: That the licenses premise report for August 27, 2019 be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*The Committee would like to call in:
Pepi's for a formal expression of concern
Lemke/ Glenn All in favor Weidner- opposed
Culture bar for not being open*

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting Adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Alder Horton.