



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe*  
*Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn*  
*Alderman Sandy Weidner*  
*Alderman Steve Smetana*  
*Alderman Tracey Larrin*

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Tuesday, February 14, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

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#### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner, Steve Smetana and Tracey Larrin

#### Approval of Minutes for the January 24, 2017 Meeting.

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

#### [36-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from Chief Howell requesting the Public Safety and Licensing Committee request the owner of the Riverside (Sam Naimi), appears before them and provide a coherent plan to address the nuisance property located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** To affirm the recommendation of Chief Howell that the property located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue be considered a chronic nuisance property.

**Also Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the three forfeitures under section 66-1002(g) be enforced against the property, but only to start after the date on which the Common Council approves the recommendation that the property is a chronic nuisance property.

#### **Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Chief Howell appeared before the committee and stated the number of police calls to 3700 Northwestern Avenue has been significant from 2010-2016. He is hoping to lower the number of calls to this address as he has done with the Anthony Drive area (formerly Jacato Dr.).*

*Ms. Marcia Fernholz appeared representing the Environmental Health Department. She stated that Mr. Naimi does currently hold a hotel license. In January 2017, the annual hotel inspection was done for 3700 Northwestern Avenue. Ms. Fernholz reported there were many issues with the property that needed to be addressed.*

*Mr. Sam Naimi and his attorney, Mark Hinkston appeared before the committee.*

*Atty. Hinkston stated that he believed the ordinance had expired under a sunset provision and that the chief's letter did not make it clear this was a nuisance property. Assistant City Attorney Tran stated that the ordinance does not have a sunset provision nor has it been repealed, and that the nuisance letter from the chief did refer to the chronic nuisance premise under secs. 66-1001 and 66-1002 or the ordinance.*

*Mr. Naimi stated he did receive the nuisance letter and attempted to speak with Deputy Chief Polzin two times and tried to contact the Chief of Police after he received the letter from the Racine Police Department dated August 17, 2016 for 3700 Northwestern Avenue. His intention was to come up with a plan of action, but they never got an opportunity to meet to discuss his plan. Mr. Naimi presented a plan of action for the property at 3700 Northwestern Avenue and Alderman Coe read the plan to the committee.*

*Alderman Weidner made a motion to affirm the recommendation of Chief Howell that the property located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue be considered a chronic nuisance property. Motion passed. Alderman Weidner made a second motion to recommend that all three forfeitures under sec. 66-1002(g) be imposed, but that it starts only after the Common Council approves the chronic nuisance property recommendation, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

*There was a brief discussion that Mr. Naimi is selling alcohol out of the lobby of the hotel and that his bar and restaurant has been closed for more than 6 months. Assistant Attorney Tran will gather more information about the statutes and this issue and will update committee on her findings.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[34-17](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for TBG's of Racine Inc dba Giddy Up TBG's on Douglas, 1307 Douglas Ave, Chad Londre, Agent. (4th District).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for TBG's of Racine Inc dba Giddy Up TBG's on Douglas, 1307 Douglas Ave, Chad Londre, Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Chuck Beth, the owner of the building and Chad Londre appeared before the committee. Mr. Londre discussed all of the updates to the building including additional lights and windows in the doors and would like to add a kitchen in the future. He also stated they are installing cameras.*

*Assistant City Attorney Tran informed Mr. Londre that his current personal property taxes must be paid before the license will be granted.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[99-17](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class C" and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for The Branch 1501 LLC dba The Branch at 1501, located at 1501 Washington Ave., Kristina Campbell, Agent. (3rd District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the (New) Application for a "Class C" and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for The Branch 1501 LLC dba The Branch at 1501, located at 1501 Washington Ave., Kristina Campbell, Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Kristina Campbell appeared before the committee. She explained she just purchased the building at the end of 2016 and the remodeling is going slow. Ms. Campbell would like to use it as a Cafe during the week and as an event hall on the weekends. She would like to open by April 1, 2017 and she informed committee members she is on the waiting list for a full "Class B".*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[90-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Danielle Rouse, applicant for an Operator License, regarding concerns with record check response.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the operator license application for Danielle Rouse be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Danielle Rouse appeared before the committee. The committee considered her traffic convictions to determine whether they are substantially related to the scope of employment. She stated she has learned her lesson. This process has been costly and very time consuming. Committee noted that she will be back in at her next renewal if she picks up another offense.*

*The City Clerk stated she will have to come in and renew her license in June 2017.*

*Alderman Smetana made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

**Approved**

[91-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Anissa Chones, applicant for an Operator License, regarding concerns with record check response.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the operator license application for Anissa Chones

be deferred for two weeks.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Anissa Chones did not appear before the committee.*

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Deferred**

[35-17](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) (**Renewal**) Application of Wisconsin Discount, Yasin Abdel Karim Agent, for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer license and a Secondhand Article Dealer license for 2724 Sixteenth Street. (9th District).

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the Secondhand Jewelry Dealer license for Yasin Abdel Karim be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

**Approved**

[49-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** (Renewal) Application of BJ Jewelry, In Ja Yoo Agent, for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License for 532 Monument Square. (1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License for In Ja Yoo be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

**Approved**

[105-17](#)

**Subject: : (Direct Referral)** (Renewal) Application of Ancient Infinity LLC, Abdbari Ali Agent, for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License for 5556 Durand Ave. (14th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the Secondhand Jewelry Dealer License for Abdbari Ali be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

Approved

[1-17](#)

**Subject:** Application of The Lively Ivy for a Secondhand Article Dealer License for 215 Sixth Street. (Renewal) (1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the Secondhand Article Dealer License for the Lively Ivy be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Larrin.*

Approved

[98-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee proposing that the following actions of the Common Council creating remonstrance districts, dated May 21, 1935, be repealed: Number 39, being Item 7 of the Committee of the Whole of May 7, 1935; Number 40, being Item 12 of the Committee of the Whole of May 7, 1935; Number 41, being Item 11 of the Committee of the Whole of May 7, 1935.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** To repeal the actions of the Common Council creating remonstrance districts, dated May 21, 1935: Number 39, being Item 7 of the Committee of the Whole of May 7, 1935; Number 40, being Item 12 of the Committee of the Whole of May 7, 1935; Number 41, being Item 11 of the Committee of the Whole of May 7, 1935.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Larrin made a motion to repeal all 3 resolutions which created the three remonstrance districts, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[52-17](#)

**Subject:** Hearing, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 125.12, to consider the suspension or revocation of the Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Sunshine Mart, Candace Ali, Agent, 1559 Taylor Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 01-24-17:** Hearing, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 125.12, to consider the suspension or revocation of the Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Sunshine Mart, Candace Ali, Agent, 1559 Taylor Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin be deferred, until a Special Meeting of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on Wednesday, February 1st, 2017.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** Hearing, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 125.12, to consider the suspension or revocation of the Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for Sunshine Mart, Candace Ali, Agent, 1559 Taylor Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin be received and filed due to the applicant surrendering the license on January 31, 2017.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[147-17](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance 0001-17 - Traffic Violation Fine Schedule

An ordinance to amend Sec. 94-17. Traffic violation fine schedule in Chapter 94 Traffic and Vehicles, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That Ordinance 0001-17 to amend Sec. 94-17. Traffic violation fine schedule in Chapter 94 Traffic and Vehicles, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin be adopted.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Recommended For Approval**

[45-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, January 18, 2017.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder was Sturtevant Auto Salvage .

**Fiscal Note:** This will generate \$17,419.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[129-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Licensed Premise Report

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the licensed premise report for 02-14-17 be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sgt. Freidel stated that nothing stood out on the report except the armed man that entered Paul's Pub and later was arrested. Paul's Pub called the police and were not involved in the incident.*

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

**Received and Filed**

[25-17](#)

**Subject:** (New) Applications for Soda/Water Beverage and Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License for FuFu's Hot Spot, LLC, 2120 16th Street.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing committee on 01-24-17:** That the (new) Applications for Soda/Water Beverage and Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License for FuFu's Hot Spot, LLC, 2120 16th Street be deferred until the February 14th, 2017 Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 02-14-17:** That the (new) Applications for Soda/Water Beverage and Cigarette and Tobacco Products Retail License for FuFu's Hot Spot, LLC, 2120 16th Street be denied because there is a history of violations and non compliance with the family, the applicant does not have any experience running such a business and the Committee finds that Fouad Ali's application is not proper as it is a strawman application for Candace Ali.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Mr. Fouad Ali and Mr. Adam Kashi appeared before the committee. The committee asked Mr. Ali many questions about his business. Mr. Kashi was asked by Mr. Ali to interpret for him.*

*Many neighbors appeared to speak against the business. They discussed the lack of parking in the area, and the problems they have had with the patrons of the prior store.*

*Alderman Weidner made a motion to deny both the cigarette and soda license due to the family history of violations and non compliance as a licensee, the applicant does not have any experience running such a business and the Committee finds that Fouad Ali's application is not proper as it is a strawman application for Candace Ali, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Recommended For Denial**

**Public Comment**

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.*