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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

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes for the February 28, 2017 Meeting.

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

[232-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) The Fire Chief is requesting permission to approve a contract with Scott Safety to establish an in-house repair agreement.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the communication from Chief Hansen requesting to approve a contract with Scott Safety to establish an in-house repair agreement be approved per City Attorney's approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Chief Hansen appeared before the committee. He stated that the fire fighters repair the City's self contained breathing apparatuses. Currently there are 4 individuals that are certified in making the repairs, one on each shift. The individuals attend a 4 day class and are recertified at a cost of \$2,500 every 2 years. Chief Hansen went on to say if we sent the breathing apparatuses out for repair the cost could be \$25,000-\$30,000 per year.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve per City Attorney's approval, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Recommended For Approval

[197-17](#)

Subject: New Application for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 5302 Washington LLC dba Ayra's Gas & Grocery, 5302 Washington Avenue, Fahim A. Ajmeri, Agent. (12th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

03-14-17: That the application for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License for 5302 Washington LLC dba Ayra's Gas & Grocery, 5302 Washington Avenue, Fahim A. Ajmeri, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Fahim Ajmeri appeared before the committee. He explained that the new Ayra's store will be taking over the old Clarke Station which is currently licensed as Washington Avenue Citgo. Mr. Ajmeri stated he will be the manager at the new store and he plans to hire 2-3 people.

Alderman Perez appeared before the committee and stated he visited the other Ayra stores in Racine and he would be happy to see Ayra's take over the old Clarke Station.

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

Recommended For Approval

[190-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of The Balkan Restaurant, Dragan Sekuloski, Agent, located at 605 Sixth St. to discuss consideration of revocation of their Class "B" license based on abandonment under Ordinance 6-86(b).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 03-14-17: That the communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of The Balkan Restaurant, Dragan Sekuloski, Agent, located at 605 Sixth St. to discuss consideration of revocation of their Class "B" license based on abandonment under Ordinance 6-86(b) be deferred for 60 days.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Dragan Sekuloski and Robert Sekuloski appeared before the committee. Robert Sekuloski stated they have been closed since May 2016 because of his mother's health. He explained he is currently working with the Health Department to pass inspection. Dragan Sekuloski stated they plan to reopen within the next 30 days.

Alderman Weidner made a motion to defer for 60 days, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Deferred

[191-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Public Safety & Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Sam's Riverbank, LLC. d/b/a Days Inn Riverside, Sarmad A. Naimi, Agent, located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue to discuss consideration of revocation of their "Class B" license which may be in violation of the City of Racine's ordinance and statutes and as such, are subject to revocation and/or suspension pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 125.12(2)(1).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the communication from the Public Safety & Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Sam's Riverbank, LLC. d/b/a Days Inn Riverside, Sarmad A. Naimi, Agent, located at 3700 Northwestern Avenue to discuss consideration of revocation of their "Class B" license which may be in violation of the City of Racine's ordinance and statutes and as such, are subject to revocation and/or suspension pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 125.12(2)(1) be referred to a Due Process Hearing based on not being continuously engaged and selling alcohol from the lobby instead of the bar/restaurant, which he has listed on the application of his premise description.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sarmad Naimi and his attorney Mr. John Knuteson appeared before the committee. Attorney Knuteson stated his client recently painted the bar and the bar is now reopened. Mr. Naimi explained that his restaurant was last open in 2011 and in 2014 the roof caved in. Mr. Naimi went on to say he still held events while the repairs were being made.

The committee also discussed Mr. Naimi selling alcohol in his lobby instead of the bar/restaurant when the bar was closed for repairs.

Alderman Weidner made a motion to send the license to a Due Process Hearing since Mr. Naimi has not been continuously engaged and selling alcohol from the lobby instead of the bar/restaurant, which he has listed on the application of his premise description, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Recommended For Approval

[200-17](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the operator license application for Erica S. Petty be deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Deferred

[225-17](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the operator license application for Samantha Duggan be

deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Deferred

[193-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Alderman of the 1st district requesting that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee review the chronic nuisance ordinances and determine whether to modify and extend the existing version.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st district requesting that the Public Safety & Licensing Committee review the chronic nuisance ordinances and determine whether to modify and extend the existing version be deferred until the City Attorney's Office can generate a draft, consult with the Integration Team and bring the draft back to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The ordinance should include:

1. The Chief of Police can declare the property a nuisance without input from council.
2. State distinction between a nuisance property and a chronic nuisance property.
3. Number of calls for nuisance can remain the same
4. Remedies to include forfeitures, paying cost of police calls, possible revocation
5. Have specific violations be considered nuisance activities

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Weidner stated she would like to see input from landlords, businesses and the Police Department. Alderman Weidner went on to suggest an adhoc committee be created comparable to what was done with the towing ordinance, but then stated she also wanted input from the integration team first. Alderman Weidner stated she would like the ordinance to include:

1. The Chief of Police can declare the property a nuisance without input from council.
2. State distinction between a nuisance property and a chronic nuisance property.
3. Number of calls for nuisance can remain the same
4. Remedies to include forfeitures, paying cost of police calls, possible revocation
5. Have specific violations be considered nuisance activities

Alderman made a motion to defer, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Deferred

[212-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (New) Application for a Waste Tire Transporter License for Iyad Alabed (dba One Stop Tire Disposal) located at 1711 N. Main Street.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the application for a Waste Tire Transporter License for Iyad Alabed (dba One Stop Tire Disposal) located at 1711 N. Main Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Approved

[206-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal) Application for a Waste Tire Generator License for Firestone Complete Auto Care #655244 located at 1122 North Main Street.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the application for a Waste Tire Generator License for Firestone Complete Auto Care #655244 located at 1122 North Main Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Approved

[207-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal) Application for a Waste Tire Generator License for Firestone Complete Auto Care #655260 located at 4920 Washington Avenue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the application for a Waste Tire Generator License for Firestone Complete Auto Care #655260 located at 4920 Washington Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Approved

[210-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, March 3, 2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That this item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$15,225.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[223-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-14-17: That the licensed premise report for 03-14-17 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel stated that BJW Ultra Lounge was open and running at 2:40 am. There were 20 people still in the bar, one of which was 18 but was identified as an employee who cleans.

Sgt. Freidel also stated there was an accident at Teezer's Tavern. A patron left the bar, tried to turn and hit the side of the bar.

Alderman Coe made a motion to call in Michael Winston, Agent for BJW Ultra Lounge to discuss why the bar was open after hours, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Received and Filed

Public Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.