



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Gregory Holding, J.D.
Vice Chairman James Morgenroth
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Krystyna Sarrazin
Edward E. Diehl PhD

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Alderman Holding called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: 3 - Chairman Holding, Vice Chairman Morgenroth and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

EXCUSED: 2 - Krystyna Sarrazin and Edward E. Diehl PhD

Approval of Minutes for the October 14, 2014 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Morgenroth, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker.

14-10709

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Uncorkt, located at 240 Main Street, Anthony Bigonia Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on November 11, 2014: That the application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Uncorkt, located at 240 Main Street, Anthony Bigonia, Agent, be approved.

Fiscal note: N/A

Anthony Bigonia, agent for Uncorkt, was present to discuss his application. Mr. Bigonia told the committee he has no plans to make any changes to Uncorkt at this time. He will be keeping the same employees, some of whom have worked there for 10 years or more. He stated he had taken the Responsible Beverage course. Alderman Holding told the committee he had heard from Alderman Coe, who was in support of this application. The City Clerk's office also received a letter from Sherry Etes, current owner of Uncorkt, who is in full support of Mr. Bigonia. Mr. Bigonia told the committee he has an agreement with Ms. Etes that includes 80 hours of face to face training/mentoring for the next two months. For the remainder of 2015, Ms. Etes will continue to mentor Mr. Bigonia through phone, email, or text messages. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker encouraged Mr. Bigonia to reach out to Focus on Community or other organizations and partner with them for success. Alderman Morgenroth made a motion to Recommend for Approval, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[14-10679](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Sale of Abandoned Vehicles 10/16/2014

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on November 11, 2014: That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder out of the three bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$18,084.00 in revenue for account 101.310.7550.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[14-10663](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report for October 14, October 28, and November 11, 2014.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on October 14, 2014: That the Licensed Premise Report for October 14 be deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on November 11, 2014: That the Licensed Premise Report for October 14 be Received and Filed.

Fiscal note: N/A

Sgt. Rivers was present to discuss the report. He stated in September, the owner of Kenny's reached out to the Police Department asking for more attention and assistance with issues they were seeing. Kenny's reported an uptick of incidents, and they wanted to be proactive in resolving issues. Sgt. Rivers said Kenny's raised the entry fee, and no longer allowed patrons back in if they left the establishment. Sgt. Rivers told the committee there have been some overcrowding issues, with patrons standing outside waiting to get in. When not able to get into Kenny's, those crowds then spill over to Coasters. So in October, Coasters had a few more incidents than normal. Sgt. Rivers reported Blues and R&B Bar had started selling food again to patrons after hours. The City Attorney has sent a letter to them explaining they are not allowed to sell food after hours. Blues and R&B Bar's attorney has said they can sell food, if the patrons are outside, and not inside the establishment. The City Attorney advised Sgt. Rivers the Police Department should continue to enforce the law. Sgt. Rivers said there have been a few complaints regarding Curmudgeon's Pub from neighbors regarding parking issues. Alderman Morgenroth made a motion to Receive and File the report, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

Alderman Holding adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.