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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 3 - Chairman Holding, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Krystyna Sarrazin

EXCUSED: 2 - Vice Chairman Morgenroth and Edward Diehl

Approval of Minutes for the March 10, 2015 Meeting.

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

[15-00024](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 11th District, requesting a change to ordinance 22-1066 to prohibit the issuance of a public passenger vehicle license to applicants with OWI convictions within the past 5 years. (Ord. 06-15)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on February 10, 2015: Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on February 24, 2015: Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on March 10, 2015: Deferred.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on April 14, 2015: That the communication from the Alderman of the 11th District, requesting a change to ordinance 22-1066 to prohibit the issuance of a public passenger vehicle license to applicants with OWI convictions within the past 5 years be approved as amended.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Holding explained the State is looking at Uber and Lift, and their decision may end up being in conflict with this ordinance. Both Alderman Sarrazin and

Kaprelian-Becker said they would like to move forward with this communication. There was a discussion to amend the ordinance to "prohibit the issuance of a public passenger vehicle license to applicants with one OWI conviction within the previous two years, or two or more convictions within the previous five years." The committee also noted that means the clerks office would probably have to run a check every year. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker made a motion to approve as amended, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval as amended

[15-00239](#)

Subject: New application of Greentree Massage LLC. for a Massage Establishment Permit for 422B Main Street, Suite 204, 2015-2016. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on April 14, 2015: That the new application of Greentree Massage LLC. for a Massage Establishment Permit for 422B Main Street, Suite 204, 2015-2016 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Heather Thurmann was present to discuss the application of Greentree Massage LLC. for a Massage Establishment Permit. Ms. Thurmann told the committee that she has worked independently in Milwaukee, and most recently has worked for 5 years at Razor Sharp. Alderman Sarrazin made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[15-00240](#)

Subject: New application of Rustic Roots Massage LLC. for a Massage Establishment Permit for 422B Main Street, Suite 203, 2015-2016. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on April 14, 2015: That the new application of Rustic Roots Massage LLC. for a Massage Establishment Permit for 422B Main Street, Suite 203, 2015-2016 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Whinter Treffert was present to discuss the application of Rustic Roots Massage LLC. for a Massage Establishment Permit. Ms. Treffert told the committee that Rustic Roots will be very similar to Greentree Massage, a kind-of sister company. There will be no other employees at this time. The location is on the second level and patrons will access Rustic Roots via stairs. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[15-00198](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (**Renewal**) Application of Wisconsin Discount, Yasin Abdel Karim, Agent for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's license and a Secondhand Article Dealer license for 2724 Sixteenth Street (2015-16) (9th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on April 14, 2015: That the renewal application of Wisconsin Discount, Yasin Abdel Karim, Agent for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's license and a Secondhand Article Dealer license for 2724 Sixteenth Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[15-00329](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise report for April 14, 2015.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on April 14, 2015: Receive and File.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Rivers was present to discuss the report. He noted that Pepi's has had an uptick in the number of calls due to a neighbor who has complained about noise. There is no parking lot, so patrons tend to stand around on the street. The Club had an incident and arrest after patrons assaulted bar security. Bar security had denied entry to those patrons because The Club was at capacity. One of those patrons later returned with a gun, and a bar employee had been struck by a bullet. The following night, police assisted off-duty officers at Curmudgeon's and took this suspect into custody. Police learned of an incident at Rogers Bar, due to a patron receiving treatment at the hospital. The committee was concerned that Rogers Bar had not called in the incident, and requested that the owner appear at the next Public Safety and Licensing meeting. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to receive and file the report, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

Alderman Kaprelian-Becker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Alderman Sarrazin.