



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding*  
*Vice Chairman Aron Wisneski*  
*Robert Mozol*  
*Melissa Kaprelian-Becker*  
*Krystyna Sarrazin*

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Monday, May 7, 2012

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

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### Call To Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - Chairman Holding, Vice Chairman Wisneski, Robert Mozol, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Krystyna Sarrazin

### Approval of Minutes for the April 23, 2012 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Mozol.*

#### 12-7595

**Subject:** (New) Application of 3 Mile Station, LLC, Sharif Malik, Agent for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for 600 Three Mile Road (15th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for 600 Three Mile Road be approved pending all inspections.

*Attorney Daniel Gruhn and Sharik Malik appeared. The owner indicated that he is the owner and the building is currently under construction. He stated his hours of operation would be 5:00a.m. - 11:00p.m. and he plans on employing 6 individuals. He and his brother would be responsible for the day to day operations. He stated they would have a cash register that would require the date of birth be entered into the register. They are planning on installing digital video equipment which will hold images for 15-30 days. He stated he has 13 years of experience.*

#### **Recommended For Approval**

#### 12-7664

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from Nicole Woods, representing the Rhino Bar LLC, 1659 N. Main Street to amend Premise Description to include smoking area behind the building and the backyard.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the premise description be amended pending all inspection requirements.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Nicole Woods appeared. She informed committee members they were looking to make a smoking area between the two buildings which is like a courtyard. It is partially fenced in and they would fence the remainder of the property. They also will have cameras in the courtyard to keep an eye on what is going on. She stated the reason for the request was to give their patrons an opportunity to take their drink with them when they go out and smoke and still be in compliance. She also stated they would install some kind of barrier such as a fence.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[12-7651](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Sale of Abandoned Vehicles 4-23-2012

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** This will generate \$23,655.02 in Revenue.

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[12-7674](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Reports and DRC Reports for 5-7-12

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the report be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Received and Filed**

[12-7546](#)

**Subject:** Communication for the 12th District Alderman that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee consider amending Ordinance 6-97 to allow wine tasting samples at class A facilities.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 04-09-12:** That this item be deferred to a future meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 04-23-12:** The item be deferred to gather more information and bring it back to committee with answers to some of the questions raised.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the item be deferred.

*Attorney Weber raised his concerns with the 3,000 square footage requirement and the number of employees as being viewed by the courts as discriminatory against small business owners. The percentage of wine sales vis-à-vis other alcohol would appear to be a valid criteria inasmuch as it applies to all establishments. There was a lot of discussion on this and some points included: what is required for set-up(would it be a fold up cart or what type of set up would be feasible and suitable); 1 year clearance from any violations and fee that would be implemented. Mr. Cameron and Shawn Voss both spoke on the item. The committee decided to defer the item and gather more information and bring it back at a future meeting.*

**Deferred**

[12-7476](#)

**Subject:** Ordinance No. 2-12

To repeal and recreate Sec. 66-1001, repeal and recreate Sec. 66-1002 and create Sec. 66-1004 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Nuisance properties.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 3-12-12:** That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 3-26-12:** That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 04-09-12:** That the draft Ordinance be submitted to Chief Howell and the item be deferred until the review is complete.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the suggested changes be made and the item be deferred until the next meeting.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sue DeKeuster, Joey Legath and John Smith spoke on the item. All speakers wanted clarification as to how the property owner would be cited and after what number of calls. DC Smetana also spoke on the item. He stated the advantage he sees is a different format to attack the same problems. He stated there was more leniency with three citations which give advantage to the police department, but takes away from the property owner. He also stated that he would like to see certified mail changed to first class mail. Alderman Wisneski stated he wanted commercial properties to be included. There was a lot of discussion regarding changed from 3 citations in 30 days to 90 days.*

**Deferred**

[10-5760](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Request of the committee for the appearance of Juan S. Jimenez, Owner/Agent for The Tropical, 1510 Junction Avenue, for possible actions regarding recent incidents at the establishment.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 11-8-2010:** The item be deferred indefinitely until completion of investigation.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Received and Filed**

[10-5569](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 15th District requesting to submit changes to Ord. 66-518; Pyrotechnic Display Permit.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 9-27-10:** The item be deferred for two weeks and the requester check with surrounding municipalities as to their charges and procedures.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 10-11-10:** The item be deferred until the second meeting in December to give staff, and the fire department more time to redraft the ordinances.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 1-10-11:** That the item be deferred and the Fire Chief, Health Department and City Attorney work together in creating a current updated ordinance.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-7-12:** That the item be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Chief Hansen spoke on the item. He stated that other than the one incident a few years ago, they really don't have any issues and the language in place currently would cover these actions.*

**Received and Filed**

### Adjournment

**PRESENT:** 4 - Vice Chairman Wisneski, Robert Mozol, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Krystyna Sarrazin

**EXCUSED:** 1 - Chairman Holding

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m.

