



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe*  
*Aldersperson Steve Smetana*  
*Aldersperson Raymond DeHahn*  
*Aldersperson Sandy Weidner*  
*Aldersperson Carrie Glenn*

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Tuesday, May 22, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

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#### Call to Order

**PRESENT:** 5 - Jeff Coe, Steve Smetana, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner and Carrie Glenn

*Alderman Coe made a motion to suspend the rules to allow the City Clerk to speak, seconded by Alderman Weidner. The City Clerk informed the committee that she will be retiring on Friday, June 1, 2018 and wanted to thank the Alderman for their hard work on the committee and how she enjoyed serving as City Clerk.*

**to Suspend the Rules**

#### Approval of Minutes for the May 8, 2018 Meeting.

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

**to Approve the Minutes**

[0186-18](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Vapemeisters, LLC, located at 420 Main Street, Carl Kump, Agent. (1st District).

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-27-2018:** That the (New) Application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Vapemeisters, LLC, located at 420 Main Street, Carl Kump, Agent be deferred for two weeks.

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-22-18:** That the (New) Application for a Class "B" and "Class C" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for Vapemeisters, LLC, located at 420 Main Street, Carl Kump, Agent be denied for the following reasons.

1. Concerns about underage person being on the licensed premises and having easy access to alcohol.

2. Concerns about whether this will set a precedent for approving other businesses within the city to sell alcohol so long as they serve some food.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Carl Kump appeared before the committee. Assistant Attorney Arn stated the applicant is operating a vape store and has applied for a Class B and Class C liquor licenses under the restaurant exception pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 125.32(3m)(b). Assistant Attorney Arn stated that the committee should ask questions of the applicant to determine whether he will actually operate as a restaurant. She also stated that other considerations should include the restrictions on underage persons on premises, which would not apply to Vapemeisters if they were approved for a Class C and restaurant license.*

*Mr. Kump stated he would like to serve prepackaged pizza, turkey, ham sandwiches, appetizers, and soups because he has a prepackage restaurant license. The food will be prepped and plated, although there will not be a chef or cook on the premises at this time. The food will be made in a pizza oven or microwave. Mr. Kump stated he wants to cater to millennials and allow them a space to congregate and be social. When asked what his definition of a millennial was, Mr. Kump stated that he thinks of those persons who have just left high school. Mr. Kump stated that in addition to selling products, he will operate a tasting lounge wherein everyone can try the products. Mr. Kump went on to say that he wanted to create a healthy environment for millennials to get together, stating that the vaping offered at his establishment is much healthier than smoking and will be open 8 am to 8 pm Monday through Saturday, with reduced hours on Sunday. Everyone that enters the lounge will be carded and must be 18 years of age to vape. He later stated that persons under 18 may enter the premises to browse the store. Alderman Coe stated that he has concerns about underage persons being on premises. Alderman Coe also stated that he does not want to license a vape store to sell alcohol just because they also sell prepackaged food, because then many other businesses will believe they can start selling alcohol by offering some food with it. Based on this, Alderman Coe made a motion to deny the license.*

*Alderman Coe made a motion to deny, seconded by Alderman DeHahn for the following reasons.*

1. *Concerns about underage persons being on the licensed premises and having easy access to alcohol.*
2. *Concerns about whether this will set a precedent for approving other businesses within the city to sell alcohol so long as they serve some food.*

**Recommended For Denial**

[0340-18](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application of Nino's Tacos & Catering LLC, Alice I. Saucedo, Agent for a "Class C" and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for 817 Main Street. (1st District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-22-18:** That the **(New)** Application of Nino's Tacos & Catering LLC, Alice I. Saucedo, Agent for a "Class C" and Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License for 817 Main Street be deferred until the June 12, 2018 meeting.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alice Saucedo appeared before the committee. She stated she updated the business name and license application packet for Nino's Tacos to 911 Tacos and handed it last night to the clerk's office. The committee had not been given the new information because of the last minute changes. Mrs. Saucedo asked that her item be deferred until the next meeting.*

*Alderman Coe made a motion to defer until the next meeting on June 12, 2018, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Deferred**

[0488-18](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for JCB Contractor Services LLC / DBA Game On, located at 1743 State Street, Christina M. Sanchez, Agent. (8th District)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-22-18:** That the **(New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for JCB Contractor Services LLC / DBA Game On, located at 1743 State Street, Christina M. Sanchez, Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Christina Sanchez appeared before the committee. She stated she has experience from running family businesses. Ms. Sanchez plans on offering a simple menu which includes stuffed burgers, burger bowls, appetizers, etc. The floor plan includes a first floor restaurant area and back storage.*

*Alderman Weidner made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Glenn.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[0505-18](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for TBG's of Racine Inc dba TBG's, 1814 Taylor Ave, Chad Londre, Agent.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-22-18:** That the **(New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for TBG's of Racine Inc dba TBG's, 1814 Taylor Ave, Chad Londre, Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Chad Londre appeared before the committee. He stated he bought out his partner and changed the FEIN number so he had to apply for a new application.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

[0506-18](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Rudy's Bar and Grill dba Rudy's Bar and Grill, 2515 Douglas Ave, Dale Decker, Agent.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-22-18:** That the **(New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Rudy's Bar and Grill dba Rudy's Bar and Grill, 2515 Douglas Ave, Dale Decker, Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Dale Decker appeared before the committee. He stated he changed the name of his business and changed the FEIN number so he had to reapply for a new license.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

[0504-18](#)

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for King Daddies LLC dba 509, located at 509 6th St, Lavonda Perkins, Agent.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-22-18:** That the **(New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for King Daddies LLC dba 509, located at 509 6th St, Lavonda Perkins, Agent be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Lavonda Perkins appeared before the committee. Ms. Perkins stated she has found a new location for her establishment and plans on opening at the end of June 2018. She went on to say she plans on installing all the cameras she has previously used and she will be on the premises when the establishment opens.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

[1037-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street requesting to appear before the committee to give them a status update on their business that is currently closed due to renovations.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 11-14-17:** That the communication for Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street, be deferred upon applicants request.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 11-28-17:** That the communication regarding the status of the renovations of 1300 Sixteenth Street, Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II. be deferred until January 9, 2017 upon applicant's request to allow the landlord of the establishment more time to complete the repairs of the building.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 01-09-2018:** That the communication regarding the status of the renovations of 1300 Sixteenth Street, Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II be deferred for 60 days, upon applicant's request to allow more time to obtain a new building and resume regular operations of King Daddies II due to her current building having been sold by the owner.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 02-27-2018:** That the communication from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street be deferred to allow Ms. Perkins an opportunity to appear before the committee at the next Public Safety and Licensing meeting on 03-13-2018.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-12-2018:** That the communication from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street be deferred to two more weeks.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 03-27-2018:** That the communication from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street be deferred until applicant comes in and applies for new license at new location.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-22-18:** That the communication from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street be deferred until applicant comes in and applies for new license at new location be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

**Received and Filed**

[0503-18](#)

**Subject:** Application of Harbourwalk Hotel LLC dba Harbourwalk Hotel, Lori James, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Fermented

Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 223 Gaslight Circle.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-22-18:** That the application of Harbourwalk Hotel LLC dba Harbourwalk Hotel, Lori James, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 223 Gaslight Circle be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Lori James appeared before the committee. She stated that Harbourwalk Hotel is dba Double Tree.*

*Alderman Weidner made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Glenn.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[0475-18](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request of the Committee for the appearance of Cindy L. Meisel, applicant for an Operator's License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-22-18:** That the operator license application for Cindy L. Meisel be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Cindy Meisel appeared before the committee. Sgt. Freidel informed the committee of Ms. Meisel's criminal record. Assistant Attorney Arn reminded the committee that the committee has adopted policy guidelines for arrest and convictions records and under those guidelines, Ms. Meisel is not qualified for an operator's license. However, the committee may nevertheless approve the application if Ms. Meisel can provide the committee substantial, credible evidence of rehabilitation such as letters of recommendation from Alcohol and Other Drug counselors, probation agents or other relevant service providers on letterhead of the agency offering recommendation of the applicant. Ms. Meisel stated she now has a full time job at Piggly Wiggly in Racine and needs the Operator's License to scan liquor for customer purchase and to close the store. She started working in Kenosha part-time at Piggly Wiggly when they offered her the full time position in Racine. She has worked hard to break her drug addiction and she is proud of herself and has come a long way. Ms. Meisel then showed the committee recommendation letters she used to get her Kenosha operator's license.*

*Alderman Weidner made a motion to approve the application based on the documentation provided showing rehabilitation, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Approved**

[0508-18](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request of the the Committee for the appearance of Samantha Ryder, applicant for an Operator's License.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-22-18:** That the operator license application for Samantha Ryder be deferred until the June 12, 2018 meeting.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Samantha Ryder did not appear before the committee. She called the City Clerk's office earlier in the day and asked if she could attend the next Public Safety and Licensing meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 since she was not able to attend the meeting on May 22, 2018.*

*Alderman Smetana made a motion to defer until the June 12, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Deferred**

[0493-18](#)

**Subject:** Request the appearance of William Vaughn, Agent of Culture Bar & Grill located at 433 Main Street, to discuss recent incidents occurring at this location.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-22-18:** The Committee request that the communication be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*William Vaughn, DeMario Belcher and Travis Hunter appeared before the committee. Sgt. Freidel referenced the License Premise Report for incidents involving Culture Bar & Grill. The incidents included noise, loitering, shouting racial slurs, and civil trouble. The gentlemen that represent the establishment stated they have a capacity of 200 but on average have only 70 people in the bar at one time and close at 1:45 to ensure the patrons are out of the area by bar closing time. Elder Price and Steve Norovich, neighbors of the Culture Bar & Grill were in attendance of the meeting and stated their complaints. They also submitted a petition of neighbors that agree with the noise and loitering complaints. The committee asked the agents of the Culture Bar and Grill to be neighborly and keep the noise down by turning down the volume of the music and move the crowd along after hours. The agents said they will install outdoor cameras, move the crowd along, and keep the noise down.*

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

**Received and Filed**

[0500-18](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the City Clerk's office submitting the attached list of fermented malt beverage and intoxicating liquor renewals for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 05-22-18:** That the renewals as listed be approved with the exception of Mi Jacalito and Paul's Pub that will be called into the next Public Safety and Licensing meeting on June 12, 2018. Paul's Pub's agent lives in Las Vegas and Mi Jacalito has been closed since last year because of a

fire.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Motion was made by Alderman Smetana and seconded by Alderman DeHahn to call in the agent for Paul's Pub since he resides in Las Vegas and to call in the agent for Mi Jacalito because they have not been open since the fire at the establishment last year and to approve the remaining list of renewal applications.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[0518-18](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, May 14, 2018.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-22-18:** That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder from the two bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

**Fiscal Note:** This will generate \$9,550.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[0507-18](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** License Premise Report for May 22, 2018.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-22-18:** That the report for May 22, 2018 be Received and Filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sgt. Freidel stated there was an arrest at Doobie's Beer Joint. An individual was carrying a concealed weapon and aiming and pointing the weapon. The individual was arrested. There were no other incidents that stood out on the report.*

**Received and Filed**

## Public Comment

*There were no public comments.*

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.*