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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe,
Vice Chairman Raymond DeHahn,
Alderman Henry Perez,
Alderman Mary Land*

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Henry Perez and Mary Land

Approval of Minutes for the July 14,2015 Meeting.

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

[15-00500](#)

Subject: Request the appearance of Fides Wagner-Richardson, 1102 Mound Avenue to discuss the renewal of the "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2015-2016.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 6-9-15: That the current 2014-2015 license be extended until both the City Attorney and the Attorney for the owners can come up with clarification on the State Statue regarding serving food after bar closing hours and this item be brought back before the committee in two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the renewal for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License at 1102 Mound Avenue for 2015-2016, be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

[15-00640](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License located at 1336 State Street. La Mexicana Primo Corp, dba La Mexicana, Agent Erik Navarrete. (8th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the (New) Application for a "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License located at 1336 State

Street. La Mexicana Primo Corp, dba La Mexicana, Agent Erik Navarrete, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Erik Navarrete appeared before the committee and explained that the establishment would stay the same as the existing establishment with a restaurant and over the counter liquor; with the addition of homemade ice cream / gelato on one side of the building. He has worked in the restaurant business with his family since 1994. This will be the first liquor establishment he will run. Business hours: Monday - Sunday 8:00 am-9:00 pm. There will be a couple of months before the establishment is open due to safety issue repairs, plumbing repairs and permits are issued to run the business.

Recommended For Approval

[15-00641](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the application of Richard Cortinaz, applicant for an Operator License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Richard Cortinaz appeared before the committee with a letter he wrote that he read to the committee explaining that he feels like he is being tried again. When his final court date fell in the time range of our records check. The motion to approve was made by Ald DeHahn, Seconded by Ald. Land, and passed by a voice vote as follows:

*Ayes: Ald DeHahn, Ald. Land & Chairman Coe
Nay: Ald. Perez*

Approved

[15-00642](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the application of Katie Rowland, applicant for an Operator License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Katie Rowland appeared before the committee and explained that it was a Saturday that she worked a double shift and had a few shots. That this is her first offense, is not worth it, and needs the license for her job. The motion to approve was made by Ald. DeHahn, Seconded by Ald. Land, and passed by a voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Ald DeHahn, Ald. Land & Chairman Coe

Nay: Ald. Perez

Approved

[15-00643](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the application of Tabitha Scruggs, applicant for an Operator License, be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tabitha Scruggs did not appear. A motion to defer was made by Ald. DeHahn, Seconded by Ald. Perez, and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Deferred

[15-00644](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the application of Shawnee Hansen, applicant for an Operator License, be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Shawnee Hansen did not appear. A motion to defer was made by Ald. DeHahn, Seconded by Ald. Perez, and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Deferred

[15-00645](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the application of Cortney Seifert, applicant for an Operator License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Cortney Seifert appeared before the committee and explained that a friend called her to a volleyball game where she had a few beers. Then she was pulled over on the way home. She now realizes it is not worth it. The motion to approve was made by Ald. DeHahn, Seconded by Ald. Land, and passed by a voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Ald DeHahn, Ald. Land & Chairman Coe

Nay: Ald. Perez

Approved

[15-00646](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the application of Rebecca Gomez, applicant for an Operator License, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Rebecca Gomez appeared before the committee and explained she was on a girls night out in Milwaukee and she hit a median at 80 mph. Things arising from that incident were finalized last October. She stated she no longer drives. A motion to approve was made by Ald. DeHahn, Seconded by Ald. Land, and passed by a voice vote as follows:

*Ayes: Ald DeHahn, Ald. Land & Chairman Coe
Nay: Ald. Perez*

Approved

[15-00656](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Choice Petroleum, LLC dba Chesters Chicken Restaurant, located at 1126 Washington Avenue, Harjeet S. Walia, Agent. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Choice Petroleum, LLC dba Chesters Chicken Restaurant, located at 1126 Washington Avenue, Harjeet S. Walia, Agent, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Harjeet Walia appeared before the committee and explained that this location is right next door to the BP / Subway. That the restaurant would serve Chicken, Fish & Ribs and have a start time at approximately 10:00 am. (Possibly starting a little earlier in summer months like 9:00-10:00 am, and a little later in the winter months like 10:00-11:00 am.) Ald. Perez asked if they would have a drive thru. Mr. Walia responded for food, not liquor. Chairman Coe shared the establishment is only 1,400 square feet, that he doesn't think we need liquor there-in that fragile neighborhood, and that other establishments were denied 3-4 months ago. Mr. Walia said people are buying liquor from the BP / Subway and drinking it outside. He asked, "Why not make it legal to drink inside?" Ald. Perez stated location should not be a disqualifying factor to have a restaurant. A motion to deny was made by Ald. DeHahn, Seconded by Chairman Coe, and passed by a voice vote as follows:

*Ayes: Ald. DeHahn, Chairman Coe & Ald. Land
Nay: Ald. Perez*

Recommended For Denial

[15-00639](#)

Subject: Application of Blazin Wings, Inc. (Buffalo Wild Wings), Nicole Hether, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for 5880 Durand Avenue (14th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the Application of Blazin Wings, Inc. (Buffalo Wild Wings), Nicole Hether, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for 5880 Durand Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Nicole Hether appeared before the committee as the new Agent for Buffalo Wild Wings. She stated she has seven years of experience being Assistant General Manager then she was promoted to General Manager. Ald. DeHahn asked if armed officers still work at the establishment. Ms. Hether responded, "Yes".

Recommended For Approval

[15-00658](#)

Subject: Request the appearance of Frank Mayweather, of Cats Kittens Dogs and Puppies, to discuss the recent incidents (July 4th, 2015) involving altercation with police, regarding his hawker/peddler license.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the request the appearance of Frank Mayweather, of Cats Kittens Dogs and Puppies, to discuss the recent incidents (July 4th, 2015) involving altercation with police, regarding his hawker/peddler license, be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Frank Mayweather appeared before the committee and gave his account of the incident. Since it was a single incident, the committee admonished Mr. Mayweather to cooperate with the police in the future.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[15-00633](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (New) Application of Racine Recovery LLC, for a 2015-2016 Motor Vehicle Towing License. Located at 5306 Douglas Ave.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the (New) Application of Racine Recovery LLC, for a 2015-2016 Motor Vehicle Towing License. Located at 5306 Douglas Ave., be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A representative from Racine Recovery LLC was in attendance. Chairman Coe stated they work in neighboring communities with no issues.

Recommended For Approval

[15-00685](#)

Subject: License Premise Report

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-28-15: That the License Premise Report for 7-28-15 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Rivers reported that at Curmudgeons parking and crowd control are still issues. He stated there was almost an accident, but cars were moved. Ald Perez stated that he talked to Atty. Weber to contact the surrounding jurisdictions to create an agreement, working with them on the law enforcement side, to alleviate some of these issues.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.