

City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

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

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Helding, Vice Chairman Morgenroth, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker, Krystyna Sarrazin and Edward Diehl PHD

Approval of Minutes for the February 10, 2015 Meeting.

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

<u>15-00165</u>

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Deputy City Attorney wishing to meet with the Public Safety & Licensing Committee regarding an ordinance to permit the Common Council to appoint Humane Officers pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 173.03.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on February 24, 2015: That the ordinance to permit the Common Council to appoint Humane Officers pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 173.03 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attorney Letteney was present to speak about the item. He explained that the current Community Service Officers are not allowed to act as Police Officers with regards to complaints of cruelty against animals. This ordinance would give the Common Council authority to appoint one or more Humane Officer, and also decide what their powers would be. Alderman Morgenroth made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

15-00028

Subject: (New) Application for Sunshine Mart, LLC for a Secondhand Jewelry Dealer's License for 1559 Taylor Avenue. (3rd District)

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

Fiscal Note: N/A

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Alderman Shields was present, and spoke briefly on this application. He said that the son used to have a license, but the father is now involved with the business, and he would like a license. The owner was not present. Alderman Sarrazin made a motion to defer this item until the owner can be present, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Deferred

15-00029

Subject: (New) Application for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine License for La Villa Mexican Grill, Jonathon Baugher, Agent for 2920 Taylor Avenue. (11th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on February 24, 2015: That the application for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine License for La Villa Mexican Grill, Jonathon Baugher, Agent for 2920 Taylor Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jonathon Baugher, accountant and agent for LaVilla Mexican Grill, was present to speak on the item. He told the committee his client has been in business since November, and would now like to start serving beer and wine. Mr. Baugher said as the agent, he is at the establishment about once a week. Alderman Helding wanted to make sure that Mr. Baugher understood if the license was approved, that someone with a bartenders license needed to be present at all times. Mr. Baugher told the committee both the owner and the owners sister have certification, and if the license was approved, they would also get their operators license. The owners sister, Maria Godinez, was present, and told the committee the hours of operation would remain the same, except they are now closed on Mondays. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker noted she would be abstaining from the vote until she heard from the owner. Mr. Baugher indicated he would have the owner, Juan Godinez, present at the Common Council meeting on March 3. Alderman Sarrazin made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Morgenroth. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

15-00035

Subject: (New) Application of City Food Mart, LLC, Zayed A. Kadadha, Agent for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for 2300 17th Street (9th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on February 24, 2015: That the application of City Food Mart, LLC, Zayed A. Kadadha, Agent for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for 2300 17th Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Zayed Kadadha was present to speak on the item. He told the committee they have been in business at this location for three years, have good relations with the Police Department, and would now like to add beer to their sales. Mr. Kadadha said he would get an operators license if approved. He also told the committee he is on duty almost every day, and they have security cameras. Alderman Helding noted that a

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call went out, and 9 people called in against this application. Alderman Morgenroth made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Diehl. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

15-00031

Subject: Application of Restaurant of Racine, Inc. (Chancery), Robert Frederickson, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for 207 Gaslight Circle (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on February 24, 2015: That the application of Restaurant of Racine, Inc. (Chancery), Robert Frederickson, Agent, for a Change of Agent for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage Liquor License for 207 Gaslight Circle be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Robert Frederickson was present to discuss the item. He told the committee that he has been with the Chancery for 42 years. He currently works at both the Wauwatosa location, as well as the Racine location. Alderman Sarrazin made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Morgenroth. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

<u>15-00026</u>

Subject: Communication requesting the appearance of the owner/agent of The Old School Way, 1300 16th Street, to give the committee a status update on the operation of the business.

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

Fiscal Note: N/A

The City Attorney received a call from the owner of the Old School Way. A certified letter had gone to a Racine address, was returned with a Rhinelander address, so it was then resent to the Rhinelander address. The owner just received the letter asking to appear before the Public Safety and Licensing Committee. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Received and Filed

<u>15-00027</u>

Subject: Communication requesting the appearance of the owner/agent of R&B Latin Club, 1600 Douglas Avenue, to give the committee a status update on the operation of the business.

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

Fiscal Note: N/A

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The City Attorney's office sent a certified letter to the R&B Latin Club. They have not received anything back. There was a brief discussion regarding whether-or-not they are still operating. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker made a motion to defer this item, seconded by Alderman Sarrazin. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Deferred

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.

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

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Fiscal Note: N/A

There was a discussion about changing Sec. 22-1066 to prohibit the issuance of public passenger vehicle license to applicants with one moving violation or OWI in the past two years. Alderman Helding would like to change Sec. 22-1066 to deny a license to anyone who had two OWIs in the past five years. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker made a motion to defer, seconded by Alderman Morgenroth. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Deferred

15-00172

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Report for February 24, 2015.

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

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Rivers asked to be excused. There was a brief discussion about Kenny's. Alderman Helding requested that the City Clerk invite the owner of Kenny's to attend the next Public Safety and Licensing meeting. There was also a brief discussion about the assault that happened at Peg and Lou's. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker made a motion to defer, seconded by Alderman Morgenroth. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Deferred

Adjournment

Alderman Morgenroth moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker.

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