

City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman David L. Maack, Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II, Alderman Gregory Helding, Alderman Tim Hermes, Alderman Jim Kaplan

Monday, December 11, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Alderman Maack called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: 5 - David L. Maack, Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Helding, Tim Hermes and Jim

Kaplan

Approval of Minutes for the November 27, 2006 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on motion of Alderman Shakoor, II.

Public Comment

Rashid Khan

1. 06-2872

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission to accept a donation of \$1,500.00 from the Racine Fire Fighters Charities' to the Racine Fire Department's Fire Safety and Public Education Fund.

Also refer to Finance and Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Fire Chief to accept the \$1,500 donation from the Racine Fire Fighter's Charities to be utilized for the Fire Safety and Public Education Fund and an appropriate letter of thanks be sent.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Fire Chief to accept the \$1,500 donation from the Racine Fire Fighter's Charities to be utilized for the Fire Safety and Public Education Fund.

Fiscal Note: \$1,500 will be placed in account 711.000.7970, Fire Department Gifts.

Fire Chief Hansen appeared and informed the Committee this donation is ongoing for fire safety.

Recommended For Approval

2. 06-2892

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Whalen requesting to add a

position of sergeant beginning in the fiscal year 2007, which will subsequently reduce the number of patrol officers by one position.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission be granted for the Police Chief to eliminate one patrol officer's position and create one sergeant's position.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

<u>12-11-06:</u> That permission be granted for the Police Chief to eliminate one patrol officer's position and the creation of one Sergeant's position.

Fiscal Note: There are sufficient funds available in the salaries budget to account for the increase in salary.

Police Chief Whalen appeared and informed the Committee that the position of Sergeant would be assigned to a Community Policing House.

Recommended For Approval

3. 06-2870

Subject: Communication from Deputy Chief of Police Hurley requesting to appear before the appropriate committee to discuss an annual exemption to use City vehicles.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

12-11-06: Permission granted for the Explorer Scouts, Emergency Government and off-duty police officers to utilize City of Racine vehicle's during police related events with a signed hold-harmless agreement, driver licenses check and vehicle insurance.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

<u>12-11-06:</u> That permission be granted for the Explorer Scouts, Emergency Government and off-duty police officers to utilize City of Racine vehicle's during police related events with a signed hold-harmless agreement in place.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Police Chief Whalen appeared and informed the Committee Police using city vehicles for public events is a routine matter.

Recommended For Approval

4. 06-2944

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Racine Police Department regarding compliance checks conducted at sixteen (16) various establishments on November 18-19, 2006, in which eight (8) establishments had clerks that sold tobacco to the underage volunteer.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the item be received and filed.

<u>Futher Recommend:</u> That M & M Citgo, X-Press Food Mart, and MJ Petroleum be requested to appear before the Public Safety & Licensing Committee at the January 8, 2007 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

5. 06-2866

Subject: Request of the Committee for the appearance of the following license holder for incidents that occurred at his establishment:

Cackle Jack's Jack Moreno, Agent

3620 Northwestern Avenue

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

11-27-06: That the item be deferred until the December 11, 2006 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the matter Of Cackle Jack's be referred to a due process hearing to determine whether the license should be revoked or suspended.

Fiscal Note: The appoximate cost of the due proces hearing is \$8,000.00

Capt. Pavalonis appeared and gave a synopsis of the incidents that have been happening at this establishment.

Jack Moreno appeared and informed the Committee they installed cameras to that show identification is required by patrons.

Recommended For Further Consideration

AYES: 4 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Helding, Tim Hermes and Jim Kaplan

NON VOTING: 1 - David L. Maack

6. <u>06-2807</u> **Subject:** October, 2006 License Premise Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

<u>11-13-06:</u> That Scott Hansen of The Warning Track, 1301 Washington Avenue be requested to appear at the November 27, 2006 meeting.

<u>Further Recommend</u>, The Racine Police Department on 10-7-06 conducted compliance checks at 15 establishments. The 5 establishments that **did not sell** to underage be sent a "thank you" letter and the remaining 10 establishments that did sell be requested to appear before the Public Safety & Licensing Committee on 11-27-06.

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Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

11-27-06: That the item be received and filed.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the matter of Total 24, Nagra Pump and Pantry, and Open Pantry be deferred to the January 8, 2006 meeting. The matter Central Foods be referred to a due process hearing and the matter of remaining establishments be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Capt. Pavalonis appeared and gave a synopsis of the Compliane checks done on November 18-19, 2006.

Malcom Musetif, Central Foods, 1003 Center Street, appeared and informed the Committee he did give a different name to the Police Department, when he was cited. He was also charged with obstructing an officer.

Alderman Fair appeared and stated he knows the clerk by a different name and he is not sure the clerk intended to misrepresent himself. He stated the compliance checks process is flawed.

A motion was made by Alderman Helding to refer Central Foods to a due process hearing, to determine whether the license should be revoked or suspended.

The motion passed with the following vote: Ayes: Shakoor, II, Helding, Hermes, Kaplan Non-Voting: Maack

Total 24, 930 Washington Avenue - defer

Nagra Pump and Pantry, 1826 Douglas Avenue - defer (did not appear)

Attorney Saldano appeared representing Open Pantry, 704 High Street and stated the license holder has a retrail scheduled for December 14, 2006, to contest the citations he received.

Open Pantry, 704 High Street - defer **Deferred**

7. <u>06-2958</u> **Subject:** November, 2006 Licensed Premises Report.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

<u>12-11-06:</u> That the establishments that sold to underage volunteers be requested to appear before the Public Safety & Licensing Committee at the January, 8, 2007 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Committee requests the following establishments who sold to the underage volunteer appear at the January 8, 2006 meeting:
Grand Morelas, 1540 Prospect Street

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Lieungh's on Lathrop, 1933 Lathrop Avenue Mobil Gas Station, 3700 Spring Street Moody's, 1711 N. Main Street Nagra Pump and Pantry, 1826 Douglas Avenue Open Pantry, 3441 Spring Street VP Express Station, 3015 Rapids drive Deferred

8. 06-2937

Subject: (**Direct Referral**) Request from the City Attorney to go into closed session after roll call pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

<u>12-11-06:</u> That the Request from the City Attorney to go into closed session after roll call pursuant to sec. 19.85 (1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. It is also the intent that open session will follow closed session, be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Committee went into closed session at 5:45 P.M.

The Committee recovened at 6:07 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Shakoor, II, Helding, Hermes, Kaplan

Non-Voting: Maack

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 4 - Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Helding, Tim Hermes and Jim Kaplan

NON VOTING: 1 - David L. Maack

9. 06-2839

Subject: (New) Application of J & A, LLC, Jason Boesel, Agent, for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1300 N. Main Street. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing of 11-27-06: That the item be deferred until the December 11, 2006 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing of 12-11-06: That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jason Boesel appeared and informed the Committee they are leasing the building and doing some extensive remodeling.

Recommended For Approval

10. 06-2861

Subject: (New) Application of Priya Corp., Kavita Khullar, Agent, for a Class "A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage License and Gasoline Station Owner's for 3818 Durand Avenue. (11th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee

12-11-06: That the licensed be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Kavita Khullar appeared and informed the Committee they have been the owners since 2004. They use the "WE CARD" program and instruct their employees there will be no sale if no identification is shown.

Recommended For Approval

11. <u>06-2901</u>

Subject: (New) Application of Grid Iron, LLC, Deborah DeLao, Agent, for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1632 Douglas Avenue. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

<u>12-11-06:</u> That the license be granted, contingent upon the outcome of the Special Public Safety & Licensing Committee meeting on December 14, 2006 and current license holder surrendering their license. Also, pending city department approvals, and Common Council final approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Helding made a motion to defer this item to the next meeting.

Motion failed due to lack of second.

Alderman Helding withdrew his motion.

Deborah DeLao and Dean Paros appeared and informed the Committee they will be serving food, also provided sample menus for the members. Deborah stated she owns a restaurant in Sturtevant, and plans to change the negativety associated with the old establishment.

Deborah also informed the Committee they are leasing the building, with an option to buy. **Recommended For Approval**

AYES: 3 - David L. Maack, Gregory Helding and Jim Kaplan

NOES: 2 - Q.A. Shakoor II and Tim Hermes

12. 06-2923

Subject: (New) (Direct Referral) Application of 3EMINEE, LLC., Michael T. McDermott, for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License to include a Sidewalk Cafe w/o alcohol for 501

Sixth Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the license be granted, pending their site plan/building layout.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Michael McDermott appeared and informed the Committee he would be on the premises approximately 90% of the time. He stated he has been a business owner for 25 years and all partners are current business owners.

Alderman Fair appeared and informed the Committee he is in support of the license being granted.

Recommended For Approval

13. <u>06-2925</u>

Subject: (New) Application of Evelyn's Club Main, Evelyn Scheibner, Agent, for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 331 Main Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Maack made a motion to take a 5 minute recess at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 P.M. Recommended For Approval

14. <u>06-2926</u>

Subject: (New) Application of Chef Lory, LLC., Joan L. Stepanski, Agent, for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 600 Sixth Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

<u>12-11-06:</u> That the license be granted, pending their business plan.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Joan Stepanski appeared and informed the Committee the establishment is intended to be a Bistro/Pub with an Old World Style theme. It will have a welcoming, relaxing, and inviting environment.

Recommended For Approval

15. 06-2938

Subject: (Renewal) (Direct Referral) Application of Timothy Campeau, Sr., for a Public Passenger Driver's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the license be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A Recommended For Denial

16. <u>06-2939</u> Subject: (New) (Direct Referral) Application of Jack Rudolph for a Public

Passenger Driver's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

17. <u>06-2949</u> Subject: (New) (Direct Referral) Application of Tavares Davis for a

Public Passenger Driver's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the license be granted, pending the records check.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

18. <u>06-2950</u> Subject:(Renewal) (Direct Referral) Application of Tavares Davis for a

Public Passenger Driver's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the license be granted, pending the records check.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

19. <u>06-2940</u> **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Recommendation from the Special Public

Safety & Licensing Committee Meeting held on December 6, 2006 to approve the proposed settlement of the due process proceeding involving the Cruise Inn, and to authorize the City Attorney to execute said settlement

agreement.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A Received and Filed

20. <u>06-2943</u> Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 11th

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District to discuss the licensing policy, in light of the new ordinance requiring a business plan.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A Received and Filed

21. <u>06-2933</u>

Subject: (**Direct Referral**) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the monthly report for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, December 5, 2006.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate 6,654.01 in revenues.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

22. 06-2951

Subject: Applications for Operator (Bartender's) Licenses.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

12-11-06: That the Operator (Bartender's) Licensed be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

Alderman Maack sated the there will be a Special Public Safety & Licensing Committee meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 4:50 P.M regarding Lubna Investments, LLC (Shocker's). Following at 5:00 P.M., will be the Special meeting for the due process hearing regarding the 262 Lounge.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. by Alderman Shakoor. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee is January 8, 2007.