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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

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Wednesday due to Election

Call To Order

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

Approval of Minutes for the July 24, 2018 Meeting.

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

to Approve the Minutes

[0828-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the property located at 2910 Taylor Ave, Apt 202.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-15-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the property located at 2910 Taylor Ave, Apt 202 be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tessa Santorino spoke before the committee in regards to the safety concerns and issues of the property located at 2910 Taylor Ave, next to her restaurant. She stated that because of the violence and questionable activity by the inhabitant John Ballard, her business is being affected. The committee requested that the Police Department take a look into what might be done and come back with some possible solutions. Lt. Metoyer was present. Tessa was encouraged to continue to call the police and report any more incidents at that location so that there would be a better record.

Alderman Weidner moved to defer, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Deferred

[0756-18](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for La Esquina, LLC (DBA: La Esquina),

located at 2005 Taylor Avenue, Eriberito Malacara, Agent. (3rd District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-15-18: That the New Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for La Esquina, LLC (DBA: La Esquina), located at 2005 Taylor Avenue, Eriberito Malacara, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Eriberito Malacara appeared before the committee. The committee asked about the plans for the new business and the agent explained their plans to have a quiet bar with some food, no DJ. Operating hours will be from 11:00am-10:00pm on weekdays and 4:00pm-11:00pm on weekends, hoping to open Labor Day weekend. Alderman Coe asked if the agent had a plan in place to ensure that the new business would not cause problems in the community. Clarification on the premise description was made to read "entire first floor of building" as well as corrections to question 5 and 8c on the application.

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

Recommended For Approval

[0757-18](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Maple Table (DBA: The Maple Table), located at 520 Monument Square, Antonino T. Lopiparo, Agent. (1st District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 08-15-18: That the New Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Maple Table (DBA: The Maple Table), located at 520 Monument Square, Antonino T. Lopiparo, Agent be deferred for two weeks until the paperwork for the license is corrected.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Antonino and Tamara Lopiparo appeared before the committee. The committee asked about the the plans for the new restaurant on Monument Square. The hours of operation (6:30 am- 2:30 pm daily) were discussed for the breakfast and lunch restaurant. The occupancy of 175 people and the plan for ensuring that the area does not become disruptive to the surrounding neighbors were also discussed. The agents plan on hiring security if needed. Clarification on the premise description was made to read "entire first floor of building." Tamara Lopiparo will complete the correct paperwork for the license in the clerks office before they can move forward.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Deferred

[0801-18](#)

Subject:(New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for BOS Smokehouse LLC, DBA Richard's Bar & BBQ, located at 3458 Rapids Dr, Richard Smetana, Agent. (6th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-15-18: That the New Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for BOS Smokehouse LLC, DBA Richard's Bar & BBQ, located at 3458 Rapids Dr, Richard Smetana, Agent be approved as long as the agent changes the paperwork for the license at the Clerk's office.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Richard Smetana appeared before the committee. The committee asked about the plans for the new business BOS Smokehouse LLC, DBA Richard's Bar & BBQ, the hours of operation (11:00 am- 9:00 pm) and what percentage of food and alcohol will be served (60% food, 40% alcohol). Alderman Coe asked about the plans for ensuring that the crowd not be too disruptive to the community. Clarification on the premise description was made to read "entire first floor of the building and patio."

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

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 4 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner and Carrie Glenn

ABSTENTIONS: 1 - Steve Smetana

[0785-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Eriberto Malacara, representing Mi Jacalito, LLC. located at 1318 Douglas Ave to amend their Premise Description, request to include basement storage. (Res. 0268-18)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-15-18: That the communication from Eriberto Malacara, representing Mi Jacalito, LLC. located at 1318 Douglas Ave to amend their Premise Description, request to include basement storage be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Eriberto Malacara appeared before the committee with a drawing and explanation of the new premise description, with the addition of the basement.

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

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 4 - Jeff Coe, Steve Smetana, Raymond DeHahn and Carrie Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Sandy Weidner

[0676-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 433 Main St.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 6-26-18: That the property owner be called in to discuss the problems associated with the property and that a formal expression of concern be issued for the licensed premises under section 6-27 of the code of ordinances.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 7-10-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 433 Main St, be deferred until after the pending due process hearing.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-15-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 1st District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 433 Main St, be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

William Vaughn and DeMario Belcher appeared before the committee. Ald. Coe read parts of Sec. 6-27 to the licensee and informed them of their rights to not discuss the events complained of. The committee asked the police for an update of any recent problematic events at the premises. Sgt. Webb listed one noise complaint, which was unfounded. The owners talked about the progress they have had with implementing all of the suggestions that the committee made the last time they were summoned. The bar now releases people in groups before bar closing time and are working hard to not cause problems for the neighbors.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0716-18](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 1948 Hickory Grove Ave.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-24-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with

the number of police calls for the property located at 1948 Hickory Grove Ave be deferred until the Alderman of the 3rd District can appear at the next meeting to discuss the issue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-15-18: That the communication from the Alderman of the 3rd District wishing to discuss safety concerns and issues associated with the number of police calls for the property located at 1948 Hickory Grove Ave be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Tate of the 3rd District appeared before the committee to address concerns of loud noise, public urination, fights and other issues at the property. Officer Jessie Metoyer read the reports and encouraged the community to reach out to the neighborhood officer whenever there are problems. The committee discussed this issue and whether it should be taken up at the committee of the whole to possibly hold landlords accountable for disruptive tenants.

A motion was made by Alderman Weidner to defer, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Deferred

[0799-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, July 27, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-15-18: 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 \$15,207.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0825-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report for August 15, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-15-18: That the report for August 15, 2018 be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Coe made a motion to call in the owners of the Social Lounge and to issue a Formal Expression of Concern for the property located at 509 Sixth St, because of the report from the PD that proper licenses were not displayed, 70+ people were outside and PD had to dispatch officers to disperse crowd. Alderman Smetana

seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Alderman Smetana made a motion to receive and file.

Received and Filed

Public Comment

No one appeared to speak for public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.