



City of Racine

Meeting Agenda - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

City Hall
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*Chairman David L. Maack, Vice Chair Q.A. Shakoor, II,
Alderman Gregory Holding, Alderman Tim Hermes,
Alderman Jim Kaplan*

Monday, September 25, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2006 Meeting.

Public Comments

1. [06-1852](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Racine Zoological Society requesting permission to sell Malted Beverages at the Zoo's concession stand on a daily basis.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 5/8/06:
That the item be deferred until the 05/22/06 License & Welfare Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 5/22/06:
That the item be referred to the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services and then returned to the License & Welfare Committee with the recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 6/12/06:
That the item be referred to the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services and then returned to the License & Welfare Committee with the recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 6/14/06: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 9/13/06: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A
2. [06-2513](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request for reduction of retainage, contract

#27-05 (K5-034) Monument Square Site and Landscape Improvements.

3. [06-2193](#) **Subject:** Request of the Committee for the appearance of the following license holder for an incident that appeared on the May, 2006 License Premise Report.

Viper's Lounge Wilbur Jones
501 High Street

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 7/10/06:

That the item be deferred until the July 24, 2006 License and Welfare Committee meeting.

Recommendation of the License & Welfare Committee of 07/24/06:

That the item be deferred for 60 days.

Fiscal Note: N/A

4. [06-2462](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Licensed Premise Report July, 2006. Request of the Committee for the appearance of the following license holders regarding an incident that appeared on the July, 2006 Licensed Premise Report.

The Blue Rock Lounge & Eatery 306 Sixth Street
Mark R. Thomas, Agent

Nine, Inc. (Benny's on Sixth) 213 Sixth Street
Benjamin Nelson, Agent

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09-11-06: That the matter of The Blue Rock Lounge & Eatery be received and filed and the matter of Nine, Inc. (Benny's on Sixth) be deferred until the September 25, 2006.

Fiscal Note: N/A

5. [06-2393](#) **Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License, for Cera's Tequila Bar, Cerafin Davalos, Agent, at 607 Sixth Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09-11-06: That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

6. [06-2433](#) **Subject:** Communication from MPDT Partnership, Mario Passarelli, Agent, requesting to amend the premises description at 303 Dodge Street.
- Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 09-11-06:** That the request to amend the premises description for 303 Dodge Street, be deferred until the September 25, 2006 meeting, and the Owner/Agent bring in a visual and detailed description of what part of the parking lot they plan on utilizing.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
7. [06-2467](#) **Subject: (New) (Direct Referral)** Application of Jennafer Jackson for a Amusement Center License, at 2501 Douglas Avenue. (5th District)
- Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 09-11-06:** That the item be deferred until the September 25, 2006 meeting and the Alderman of the district be consulted as well as more information gathered.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
8. [06-2569](#) **Subject:** Application of Louis Sliker for a Public Passenger Driver's License.
9. [06-2576](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from Dione Aiello, Representative for Racine Erickson's Baseball Club requesting the City's support for their invitation to participate in the 2007 Boys of Summer invitational Tournament in Coopertown, New York.
10. [06-2485](#) **Subject:** Communication from Alderman Holding wishing to discuss a moratorium on pawnbrokers in the City of Racine.
- Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 09-11-06:** That the City Attorney's Office draft a resolution for the 90 day moratorium.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
11. [Res.06-7243](#) Moratorium on Pawnbrokers

Whereas, the City of Racine currently has no licensed pawnbrokers; and

Whereas, current ordinances concerning pawnbrokers were last updated 15 years ago and still require written paper and ink records; and

Whereas, the services offered by pawnbrokers provide an opportunity for individuals to readily transfer stolen property to those businesses; and

Whereas, tracking pawnbroker transactions and investigating claims of stolen property could increase the workload of the Racine Police Department and increase the financial burden to all property taxpayers; and

Whereas, pawnbrokers charge as much as 60% for what is in essence a collateralized loan and consumer protection regulation is warranted in transactions involving these businesses; and

Whereas, the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Racine should be protected by legislation restricting the location and record keeping requirements of such businesses and establishing consumer protections pursuant to the authority granted in Wis. Stat. sec. 134.71.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Racine hereby imposes a 90 day moratorium upon the granting of any occupancy permit for a pawnbroker business or pawnbroker's license to provide time for the Common Council to develop and implement ordinances containing appropriate restrictions for the establishment of such businesses.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Gregory Holding

12. [06-2560](#) **Subject:** Applications for Operator's (Bartender's) Licenses.

Miscellaneous Business

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