



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 Holding, Alderman Tim Hermes,
Alderman Jim Kaplan*

Monday, September 25, 2006

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: David L. Maack, Q.A. Shakoor II, Gregory Holding, Tim Hermes and Jim Kaplan

Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2006 Meeting.

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

Public Comments

Peter Henkes

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.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09/25/06: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal note: N/A
Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [06-2513](#) **Subject: (Direct Referral)** Request for reduction of retainage, contract #27-05 (K5-034) Monument Square Site and Landscape Improvements.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09/25/06: That the request for reduction of retainage, contract #27-05 (K5-034) Monument Square Site and Landscape Improvements work is complete and the balance of \$5,000 be paid.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Donnie Snow appeared and informed the Committee the work has been completed and the cost was reduced from \$35,000 to \$5,000 and the final payment of \$5,000 be made.
Recommended For Approval

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.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09/25/06: That the item be deferred until the October 9, 2006 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A
Deferred

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)
Benjamin Nelson, Agent

213 Sixth Street

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 meeting.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09/25/06: That the matter of Nine, Inc. (Benny's on Sixth), be deferred until the October 9, 2006 meeting.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Fair appeared and informed the Committee he received a call from Benjamin Nelson who stated he had a previous engagement and couldn't attend this meeting. He requested the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Deferred

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.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09-25-06: That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Cerafin Davalos appeared before the Committee with his Attorney, Mr. Saldana and Alderman Fair. He stated he had met with the Historic Sixth Street Association on Friday, September 22, 2006, and presented seven signatures of business owners in the area supporting him acquiring a license. Alderman Fair stated he was present at the meeting with the Historic Sixth Street Association and there were business owners who were in support of the license being granted.

Alderman Shakoor requested to see a business plan. He stated when the applicant has a business plan, the Committee is more informed on the type of business the applicant will be operating.

Attorney Saldana asked if presenting a business plan was a procedure all businesses on Sixth Street had to follow and was informed by Alderman Maack they had not requested this in the past, but this is something the Committee is looking into requiring of business owners.

Alderman Holding stated he was satisfied with the Historic Sixth Street Association supporting the license being granted.

Motion made by Alderman Holding to approve the license.

Motion made by Alderman Shakoor to amend the motion to approve the license with the stipulation, if the applicant applies for a live entertainment license, he would have to come before the Committee for approval.

Alderman Shakoor withdrew the motion.

Motion made by Alderman Maack to approve the license.

Recommended For Approval

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.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09-25-06: That the amended premises description be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Myra Takerian appeared before the Committee and presented a visual and detailed description of what part of the parking lot they plan on utilizing.

Recommended For Approval

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.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of

09-25-06: That the license be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Jennafer Jackson appeared before the Committee and stated they have a occupancy permit for a book store, and are awaiting City Plan Commission's approval of a conditional use permit for an Amusement Center.

Alderman Holding moved that the license be granted upon approval of the conditional use permit.

Recommended For Approval

8. [06-2569](#) **Subject:** Application of Louis Sliker for a Public Passenger Driver's License.
- Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 09-25-06:** That the license be granted.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
Recommended For Approval
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.
- Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 09-25-06:** That the item be adopted and the City Attorney's Office create a resolution to be introduced at the next meeting, supporting Erickson's Baseball team.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
Recommended For Approval
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.
- Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 09-25-06:** That the item be received and filed.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
Recommended to be Received and Filed
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.

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 09-25-06:

That the Moratorium on Pawnbrokers be adopted with amendments.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Gregory Holding

Alderman Holding requested the Moratorium on Pawnbrokers be adopted and amended as follows; the 5th paragraph be deleted and should read: Whereas, consumer protection regulation is warranted in transactions involving these businesses; and
Recommended For Approval

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

Miscellaneous Business

The special meeting for September 28, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. was cancelled.

*The Committee request the appearance of the following license holders to appear:
Total 24, 930 Washington Avenue
262 Lounge, 1846 Mead Street*

The City Clerk recommended that all applicants that are being requested to appear before the Committee, be notified by certified mail.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 P.M. by Shakoor. The next scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee is October 9, 2006.