



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Q.A. Shakoor, II, Vice Chair Aron Wisneski, Alderman Jim Kaplan, Alderman Robert Mozol, Alderman Terry McCarthy

Monday, April 21, 2008

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 3 - Q.A. Shakoor, II, Aron Wisneski and Jim Kaplan

EXCUSED: 2 - Terry McCarthy and Robert Mozol

Approval of Minutes for the April 7, 2008 Meeting.

to Approve the Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Shanna Pegues
Van Wanggaard
Joe Vosalik*

08-1920

Subject: Communication from Chief of Police Wahlen requesting to use Federal law to allow qualified retired officers to carry concealed weapons. (Res. #08-0752)

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-07-08: Permission granted for the Chief of Police, pursuant to Federal Law Officers Safety Act of 2004 HR218, to allow retired police officers to carry concealed weapons after passing firearm qualifications and the Police Chief's approval and further recommends that the Finance Department create a separate account for the \$100 fee required from the retired officers.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-7-08: That the request of Chief of Police Wahlen, to use the Federal law to allow qualified retired officers to carry concealed weapons, be approved.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-21-08: That the Chief of Police be granted the authority to allow qualified retired officers to carry concealed weapons.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City.

Alderman Wisneski stated he was one of the co-sponsors for this resolution. He stated he felt this would help make the City safer as to who would be carrying concealed

weapons. He also commented on the training that those officers would have previously received.

Alderman Kaplan pointed out the tools and training are in place and he felt comfortable with the information provided. He would support the resolution.

Alderman Wisneski questioned Attorney Weber whether the Chief of Police would have the authority to deny the applicant.

Attorney Weber stated that it is at the discretion of the Chief. He also informed committee members that regardless of the committee's decision, HR218 is a Federal Law.

Alderman Wisneski made a motion to grant the Chief of Police permission to allow qualified retired officers to carry concealed weapons.

Alderman Wisneski amended his motion to include that a public hearing be scheduled before the Common Council on May 6, 2008.

Recommended For Approval

Res.08-075

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Permission for retired police officers to carry concealed weapons

Resolved, that permission be granted to the Chief of Police, pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 HR218, Public Law 108-277, 18 U.S.C. 926C, to allow retired police officers to carry concealed weapons after passing firearm qualifications and the Police Chief's approval.

Further resolved, that the Finance Department create a separate account for the \$100 fee required from the retired officers.

Fiscal Note: There will be no cost to the City.

Sponsors: Thomas Friedel and Q.A. Shakoor, II

Recommended For Approval

08-1981

Subject: Communication from Police Chief Wahlen, requesting to apply for the 2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control # 2008-013).

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-21-08: Permission granted for the Chief of Police to apply for a \$9,652.50 2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2008-013) with the State of Wisconsin to be utilized for 50% reimbursement costs for vests purchased in 2008.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-21-08: That permission be granted for Chief Wahlen to apply for a \$9,652.50 2008 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (Grant Control No. 2008-013) with the Federal Government to be utilized for 50%

reimbursement costs for vests purchased in 2008.

Fiscal Note: No match required on the part of the City.

Deputy Chief Christensen appeared and informed committee members this grant would be used for 50% reimbursement from the Federal Government and these vest are recycled every 5 years.

Recommended For Approval

08-1998

Subject: Communication from the Fire Chief requesting permission for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement, between Kenosha County Emergency Government and the City of Racine, to provide Level-B Hazardous Materials Response Services to Kenosha County.

Recommendation of the Finance & Personnel Committee on

04-21-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Kenosha County and City of Racine for Level "B" Hazardous Material Response Services to commence 1-1-08 through 12-31-08.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-21-08: The Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Kenosha County and City of Racine for Level "B" Hazardous Material Response Services to commence 1-1-08 through 12-31-08.

Fiscal Note: The City shall provide 20% of in-kind contributions as allowed under the terms of the EPCRA grant.

Chief Hansen appeared and informed committee members that \$20,000.00 would be used annually for this training program.

Recommended For Approval

08-1985

Subject: Direct Referral, Change Order #2 Contract 52-07 (K7-061), Remodel Racine Zoological Gardens, Phase III, by Seater Construction Co., Inc.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on

4-21-08: That Change Order #2 Contract 52-07 (K7-061), Remodel Racine Zoological Gardens, Phase III, by Seater Construction Co., Inc. be approved.

Fiscal Note: Funds are available in account 987.740.5030, Entrance Complex/Parking, \$293,266.00 for the City's portion of the project. The remaining funds will be provided by the Racine Zoological Society.

Alderman Shakoor informed committee members he had received a call from Donnie

Snow who informed him there would be no impact on the existing finances.

Recommended For Approval

[08-2006](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (New) Application of Uncorkt, LLC, Cheryl A. Etes, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and intoxicating Liquor License for 240 Main Street. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 4-21-08: That the application of Uncorkt, LLC, Cheryl A. Etes, Agent for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and intoxicating Liquor License for 240 Main Street (1st District) be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Cheryl Etes appeared and informed the committee members they are relocating from their current location to a larger location at 240 Main Street, to accomodate larger capacities. She stated only cosmetic changes would be updated. Ms. Etes informed committee members she would be on the premises 60-70% of the time, would be employing 4-6 employees, will be installing security cameras and the age verification system.

The City Clerk stated one call from City Watch was received in support of granting the license.

Recommended For Approval

[08-1973](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Renewal application of Thomas Kroll, for a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's Business License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 4-21-08: That the renewal application of Thomas Kroll, for a Public Passenger Vehicle Operator's Business License be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

[08-2016](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety & Licensing Committee of 4-21-08: That the operator license applications be granted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Granted

Miscellaneous Business

The City Clerk informed committee members that Atty. Rusch had called and needed them to agree on a date for the due process hearing for Rosie's, 1333 Douglas Avenue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42p.m. by Alderman Wisneski.