



City of Racine

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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

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Jeff Coe, Steve Smetana, Sandy Weidner and Carrie Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Raymond DeHahn

Approval of Minutes for the April 24, 2018 Meeting.

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

[0375-18](#)

Subject:(Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Benjamin G. Luna, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 04-24-2018: That the application of an Operator's License for Benjamin G. Luna, be deferred for two weeks to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the committee.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-08-2018: That the application of an Operator's License for Benjamin G. Luna, be received and filed since the applicant withdrew his application.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Smetana made a motion to receive and file since the applicant withdrew his application, seconded by Alderman Weidner.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0436-18](#)

Subject: Communication from Scott Jensen, Agent, Beachside Oasis, LLC requesting a resolution be adopted by the Common Council to allow 100 Kewaunee (District 4) to apply for a "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor license through the State of Wisconsin, Department of Revenue.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-08-2018: That the communication from Scott Jensen, Agent, Beachside Oasis, LLC requesting a resolution be adopted by the Common Council to allow 100 Kewaunee (District 4) to apply for a "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor license through the State of Wisconsin, Department of Revenue be taken up on the Council floor on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, due to a tie vote.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Scott Jensen appeared before the committee. The Assistant City Clerk stated that Mr. Jensen's situation is unique because the premises is city owned. He would need a resolution approved by Common Council in order to apply at the state to serve liquor at the Beach Oasis. Mr. Jensen stated he has owned a business for years and has experience running the Oasis. He is requesting to offer patrons 5 different frozen drinks. Tom Molbeck, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services stated he is in favor of the change. He went on to say that the beach feels welcoming when Mr. Jensen runs the Oasis. The atmosphere has always been wholesome and fun. Alderwoman Glenn asked if a condition could be placed on the license to limit the type of liquor to be sold and the hours of operation. Assistant Attorney Arn stated that the City is not allowed to restrict the types of drinks the licensee can sell, nor can the hours of operation for a Class B premises be restricted from what is allowed by statute.

Alderman Smetana made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Coe. Alderman Coe stated that the vote was tied, and the matter will be taken up on the Council floor at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, due to a tie vote.

A motion was made by Alderperson Smetana, seconded by Alderman Coe, that this file be Recommended For Approval. The motion was DEFEATED. The matter will be taken up on the Council floor on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, due to a tie vote.

AYES: 2 - Jeff Coe and Steve Smetana

NOES: 2 - Sandy Weidner and Carrie Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Raymond DeHahn

[0431-18](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Amanda Mohs dba Thrifty Treasures for a Secondhand Article/Jewelry Dealer License located at 215 Sixth Street. **(1st District)**

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-08-2018: That the application of Amanda Mohs dba Thrifty Treasures for a Secondhand Article/Jewelry Dealer License located at 215 Sixth Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Amanda Mohs and Lou Ann Urness appeared before the committee. They stated they were offering craft classes and kids activities and asked why they needed to pay the \$500 for a secondhand dealers license when they were offering classes and questioned

why the fee was not prorated. The Assistant City Clerk stated they would be reselling items donated to them, which would require a secondhand dealers license.

Recommended For Approval

[0444-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal) Application of Floyd and Sons, Inc., for a 2018 - 2019 Motor Vehicle Towing License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: That the application of Floyd and Sons, Inc., for a 2018 - 2019 Motor Vehicle Towing License be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Recommended For Approval

[0450-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal) Application of Don's Towing and Truck Service, for a 2018-2019 Motor Vehicle Towing License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: That the application of Don's Towing and Truck Service, for a 2018-2019 Motor Vehicle Towing License be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Recommended For Approval

[0455-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal) Application of Beres Towing and Repairs, LLC, Jean C. Beres, for a Motor Vehicle Towing License Expiring June 30, 2019, 1960 State Street.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: That the application of Beres Towing and Repairs, LLC, Jean C. Beres, for a Motor Vehicle Towing License Expiring June 30, 2019, 1960 State Street be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Recommended For Approval

[0473-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the City Attorney's Office requesting to meet with the Public Safety and Licensing Committee regarding the adoption of guidelines for the City's alcohol

licensing and alcohol licensing revocation/nonrenewal practices and procedures.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: That the communication from the City Attorney's Office requesting to meet with the Public Safety and Licensing Committee regarding the adoption of guidelines for the City's alcohol licensing and alcohol licensing revocation/nonrenewal practices and procedures be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Assistant Attorney Arn requested that item 0473-18. Ord. 0002-18 and Ord. 0003-18 be considered together. She went on to explain these specific changes are being proposed as a result of recent meeting with various city officials and members of the tavern league. These changes would be in addition to the changes already approved by the committee at the last committee meeting. After a discussion of the changes, the committee moved to recommend approval.

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 3 - Jeff Coe, Steve Smetana and Sandy Weidner

NOES: 1 - Carrie Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Raymond DeHahn

[0491-18](#)

Subject: Ordinance 0002-18 - Recreate Chapter 2, Article III, Division 8.

An Ordinance to recreate Chapter 2, Article III, Division 8. Reserved of the City of Racine Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: That the communication from the City Attorney's Office requesting to meet with the Public Safety and Licensing Committee regarding the adoption of guidelines for the City's alcohol licensing and alcohol licensing revocation/nonrenewal practices and procedures be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 3 - Jeff Coe, Steve Smetana and Sandy Weidner

NOES: 1 - Carrie Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Raymond DeHahn

[0492-18](#)

Subject: Ordinance 0003-18

An Ordinance to recreate Chapter 6. - Alcoholic Beverages of the City of Racine Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: That the communication from the City Attorney's Office requesting to meet with the Public Safety and Licensing Committee regarding the adoption of guidelines for the City's alcohol licensing and alcohol licensing revocation/nonrenewal practices and procedures be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommended For Approval

AYES: 3 - Jeff Coe, Steve Smetana and Sandy Weidner

NOES: 1 - Carrie Glenn

EXCUSED: 1 - Raymond DeHahn

[0424-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, April 20, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: 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 \$10,992.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Alderman Weidner made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[0457-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report for May 8, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-08-2018: That the report for May 8, 2018 be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel pointed out their were shots fired outside of the GRC Sports Bar near the intersection of Lincoln and Hubbard. There were several men inside the bar arguing and they were asked to leave. The shots fired incident is still under investigation.

As related to the 04/29/18 incident at Tommy's, the committee also briefly discussed issues related to that area as a result of residents from HALO causing problems.

Received and Filed

Public Comments

The following people spoke during public comments:

Steve Norovich made a noise complaint against Culture Bar on Main Street, especially on Saturday nights. He states that every weekend, there is loud music, loitering, and patrons of the Culture Bar that shout profanity across the street at each other after the bar closes. He indicates the owners have no crowd control whatsoever. He complained that they are not operating as a restaurant like they said they would, but are instead only opened around 9pm every night and are only selling pizza. He said he has not had a good night's sleep in months since the bar has been opened and that he speaks for many of his neighbors. He intends to bring all of the neighbors in to the next meeting and to the common council meeting on 05/15/18 to make similar complaints. He also indicates the police department has not done anything about the problem.

Elder Price also spoke regarding the problems at Culture Bar. He lives in the nearby apartments and stated the manager of the apartment has received 20 complaints from the residents.

JJ McCauliffe stated that the curtains in the windows at Culture Bar seem to be black out curtains and he questioned if that was permitted by the building code. Assistant Atty. Arn stated she would check the building code.

Alderman Coe made a motion to call in the Agent of the Culture Bar, seconded by Alderman Smetana. The committee also suggested that residents in the area may speak during public comment at the next Common Council meeting on May 15, 2018.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.