

City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Alderman Gregory Helding Vice Chairman Alderman Robert Mozol Alderman Melissa Kaprelian-Becker Alderman Krystyna Sarrazin Alderman Molly Hall

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

PRESENT: 4 - Chairman Helding, Robert Mozol, Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Krystyna

Sarrazin

EXCUSED: 1 - Molly Hall

Approval of Minutes for the September 25, 2012 Meeting.

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

12-7928

Subject: Communication from the Chief of Police requesting to discuss the revision of Municipal Code Chapter 22-Businesses, Professions and Occupations, Article XXV - Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Article and Jewelry Dealers.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-25-12: That the Chief of Police work with the City Attorneys Office in the revision of Municipal Code Chapter 22-Businesses, Professions and Occupations, Article XXV - Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Article and Jewelry Dealers.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

12-8174

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Odd Fellows Bistro at 817 Main St., Emily J. Day, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Odd Fellows Bistro

at 817 Main St., Emily J. Day, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Emily Day appeared and informed committee members that they would like to serve breakfast and brunch and be able to offer drinks to their customers. She stated the business would be 70% restaurant and 30% alcohol. They would only use a portable bar with bar stools. The hours of operation would be 6:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Her experience comes with 18 years of working at the Country Club. Alderman Fair and Jeff Coe spoke in support of the application.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Sarrazin to approve the license. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Sarrazin and Mozol NOES: Kaprelian-Becker NON-VOTING: Helding EXCUSED: Hall

Recommended For Approval

12-8189

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for R & B Latin Club, located at 1600 Douglas Avenue., Brenda Torres, Agent. (4th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting and the applicant puts together a list of items that the members addressed as concerns and presents them at the next meeting.

Brenda and Frances Torres appeared before the committee. Brenda informed committee members this was a family owned business and her father still owned the building. She informed the committee they would like to hold a variety of events to help support the community. They also stated it would be 25 and older. The entertainment provided would be a juke box. She also stated they would have horse shoes and volleyball. She also submitted a petition with 41 signatures of residents and businesses in the surrounding area in support of their business. She stated they would have surveillance cameras inside and outside the building as well as hiring bouncers. They would use and ID scanner machine to check identification. She stated she would be on the premises about 60% of the time and her sister and father would be on the premises about 40% of the time. Alderman Kaplan spoke on some concerns he had with the music, parking, churches, school and daycare facilities in the area. Alderman Fair and Wayne Clingman spoke in support of the business. Some of the concerns the committee members would like to have addressed are: ID Scanner, Live Music/DJ only with private events, surveillance would hold footage for 30 days or more, instead of 25 and older, 30 and older and they would like to see the lot paved and stripped. Alderman Kaprelian-Becker had a question regarding the capacity. It was also requested that the applicant amend the premise description on the original application as well as fill in the section on the supplement regarding music/entertainment. Alderman Sarrazin also questioned whether or not the applicant had any marketing plans for the business and asked that this be addressed as well.

Motion made by Alderman Sarrazin seconded by Alderman Mozol to defer the item until the October 23rd meeting. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Sarrazin and Kaprelian-Becker

NOES: Mozol

NON-VOTING: Helding EXCUSED: Hall

Deferred

12-8203

Subject: Communication from James Schutz, Open Pantry 2731 Durand Ave requesting review of licensing restrictions established by the Public Safety and Licensing Committee.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

Deferred

12-8195

Subject: Communication from Kathy Salazar, owner of Dairy Queen, 3320 Douglas Ave, Racine WI concerning events surrounding the business located at 3316 Douglas Ave.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Anna Derango, Kelly Marks and the mother of the son who owns the business in question appeared. They stated that the issues and concerns are unfounded. They stated they are doing everything possible to be good neighbors with the Dairy Queen, but the manager seems to not want to cooperate with them.

Motion made by Alderman Mozol seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker that the item be received and filed. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mozol, Sarrazin and Kaprelian-Becker

NOES: None

NON-VOTING: Helding EXCUSED: Hall

Received and Filed

12-8210

Subject: (Direct Referral) Sale of Abandoned Vehicles 10-9-2012

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: This will generate \$18,768.00 in revenue

Recommended to be Received and Filed

12-8224

Subject: (Direct Referral) Licensed Premise Reports and DRC Reports for 10-9-12.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

12-8209

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committe for the appearance of Egidio Infusino, Agent for All Sports Bar, 3458 Rapids Drive regarding recent incidents.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-09-12: That the item be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Deferred

Egidio Infusino, Dawn Burbee and Off-Duty Officer Sqt. Jones appeared. Mr. Infusino expressed some concern over his appearance and questioned why he was called in to the meeting. Chairman Helding explained there was some confusion over whether Alderman Fair requested a 2 year history report for the business, or the report and the appearance of the license holder. Alderman Fair stated that he was concerned the committee wasn't getting the full story from Lt. Wohlgemuth, so he wanted the committee to see the full history of the location. Chairman Helding explained to Mr. Infusino that, in light of the confusion, he opted for the appearance because it is the committee's right to ask license holders in to explain incidents at their premises. The committee was concerned that, after a 1 year period of quiet, there was another incident. In situations like this, the committee wants to determine if the incident was isolated, or the start of a trend. After speaking with the owner, the operator, and the head of security, the committee was satisfied that no further action was needed for now. The committee was further satisfied that the reports from Lt. Wohlgemuth were indeed representative of the situation at All Sports. Alderman Mozol made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kaprelian-Becker, to receive and file the item. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Mozol, Sarrazin and Kaprelian-Becker

NOES: None

NON-VOTING: Helding EXCUSED: Hall

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17p.m.