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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Vice Chair Raymond DeHahn
Tracey Larrin
Steve Smetana
Melissa Lemke

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Jeff Coe, Raymond DeHahn, Tracey Larrin, Steve Smetana and Melissa Lemke

Approval of Minutes for the September 12, 2017 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman Coe, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

to Approve the Minutes

[637-17](#)

Subject: The following renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018:

SAM'S RIVERBANK, LLC 3700 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE
(TRADENAME) RIVERSIDE INN
SAM NAIMI, AGENT

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 06-13-17: That the renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018, be deferred.

Recommendation of the Common Council on 06-20-17: That the renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018 be referred back to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 07-11-17: That the renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018, be deferred until Mr. Naimi is compliant with the building and health department inspections. Assistant Attorney Tran stated she would meet with Mr. Naimi, his attorney, and the department heads for building

and health again to clarify the requirements needed to be compliant with city code.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 09-12-2017: That the renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018, be deferred until the September 26, 2017 meeting in order to allow for Mr. Naimi to be able to comply with the agreement that he has three operator's with a current license and that the information be sent to the City Clerk's office. The City Clerk will then update the committee via email after processing the two applications which were applied for on 09-12-2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 09-26-2017: That the renewal application for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 2017-2018, be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel spoke to the committee about a citizen complaint letter he received in his office regarding Sam's Riverbank, LLC. Sgt. Freidel stated between the dates of 6-1-17 through 9-19-17, there have been 15 complaint calls received from the establishment.

Atty. Tran stated nothing in the agreement with Sam's Riverbank LLC. states the city must grant the renewal of a liquor license if the establishment is in violation of Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 125 or Chapter 6 of the ordinance. The agreement with Riverside in June addressed numerous violations under ch. 125. She further stated that the police calls can also constitute grounds for denial if the "person keeps or maintains a disorderly or riotous house" in violation of state statute.

Jay Matter- 3021 Old Mill Drive, appeared to speak before the committee regarding Sam's Riverbank LLC. Mr. Matter stated he is the president of the nearby River Bluff Homeowners Association and is concerned about the hotel being used as a rooming house and that establishment is a danger to the community given the number of police calls there.

A motion was made by Alderman Coe, seconded by Alderman Lemke to deny the renewal of the liquor license. Attorney Tran indicated that notice will be sent to the licensee, who is then entitled to request a due process hearing if he wishes to contest it.

Recommended for Denial

[890-17](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "CLASS A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Rapids Liquor Express Inc. (DBA) Rapids Liquor Express, 3015 Rapids Drive, Lokesh Dasari, Agent (6th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-26-2017: That the application for a "CLASS A" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Rapids Liquor Express Inc. (DBA) Rapids Liquor Express, 3015 Rapids Drive, Lokesh Dasari, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Lokesh Dasari appeared to speak before the committee. Mr. Dasari stated Rapids Liquor Express, Inc. is a family owned business and that he will be taking over running the business for his uncle. Mr. Dasari currently owns 7 other businesses and has a liquor license for one of them. Mr. Dasari stated he will be working at Rapids Liquor Express, Inc. all 7 days of week and already has two employees with a current operator's license.

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

Recommended For Approval

[854-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Attorney recommending the creation of a Due Process board to address appeals regarding chronic nuisance determinations.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-26-2017: That the communication from the City Attorney recommending the creation of a Due Process board to address appeals regarding chronic nuisance determinations be recommended for approval.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Asst. City Atty. Tran spoke before the committee. Asst. City Atty. Tran stated the board would consist of four citizens members, one alderman that does not currently serve on the Public Safety and Licensing Committee and one representative from the Tavern League of Wisconsin being a non voting member. The due process board shall elect a citizen member from among its membership to serve as the chairman of the board at its first meeting following the common council's annual organizational meeting. Asst. City Atty. Tran went on to say that the Chief of Police will be responsible for declaring a Chronic Nuisance premise and the premise owner will have 10 days to appeal this determination. At that point, the board would hear all appeals.

Recommended For Approval

[921-17](#)

Subject: Ordinance 0015-17 - An Ordinance to repeal and recreate Chapter 66, Article XXIX. - Nuisance Properties of the Code of Ordinances.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 9-12-2017: That Ordinance 0015-17 be recommended for approval.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-26-2017: That Ordinance 0015-17 be deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Asst. City Atty. Tran asked for Ordinance 0015-17 - An Ordinance to repeal and recreate Chapter 66, Article XXII. - Nuisance Properties of the Code of Ordinances be deferred in order to allow for the Due Process Board item and Ordinance 0015-17 go to through Common Council together.

Deferred

[914-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, September 11, 2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-26-2017: 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 \$12,243.00 in revenue for account 13101 48301.

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alderman Larrin.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[963-17](#)

Subject: License Premise Report for September 26, 2017.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 09-26-2017: That the License Premise Report for September 26, 2017 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel spoke before the committee. Sgt. Freidel commented on the 09-17-17 incident that occurred at Coaster's Bar stating a male and two females reported being attacked by a large group of people in the Coaster's rear parking lot after bar close. 1 of the victims had their personal property stolen during the assault. The investigation is on-going.

Sgt. Freidel also referenced BJJ's stating the new camera system has been installed at the establishment and is up and running.

Alderman Dehahn made a motion to receive and file the balance of the License Premise report, seconded by Alderman Coe.

Received and Filed

Public Comment

No one appeared to speak for Public Comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.