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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Jeff Coe
Alder Maurice Horton
Alder Melissa Lemke
Alder Sandy Weidner
Alder Carrie Glenn*

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke, Alder Weidner and Alder Glenn

Approval of Minutes for the May 14, 2019 Meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alder Glenn, seconded by Alder Horton.

to Approve the Minutes

[0595-19](#)

Subject: (New) Communication from Alder Coe submitting an application for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for SNIVA, Inc. DBA Christianos Supermarket, located at 2054 Kearney Ave, Snehaben Dixit Patel, Agent. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the application for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for SNIVA, Inc. DBA Christianos Supermarket, located at 2054 Kearney Ave, Snehaben Dixit Patel, Agent. (3rd District) be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Snehaben Dixit Patel appeared to speak before the committee. New application for a Class "A" license. She is taking over the business, she works in the retail business. She has a current operators license. Will have one on one training and will have employees check ID's. Only 1 person will have an operators license. M-F 7-9 Sunday 8-8. Will have someone with a license on premise at all times.

Alder Weidner made a motion to recommend for approval, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0443-19](#)

Subject: (New) Application of GMRI, Inc. - DBA: The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1371, Micaela Rogers, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor

License for 6000 Durand Avenue. (14th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-19: That the application of GMRI, Inc.- DBA: The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1371, Micaela Rogers, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 6000 Durand Avenue. (14th District) be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the application of GMRI, Inc.- DBA: The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1371, Micaela Rogers, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 6000 Durand Avenue. (14th District) be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Micaela Rogers called the Clerk's Office prior to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting stating she no longer works at Olive Garden and will no longer be the Agent.

Alder Weidner made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alder Horton.

Received and Filed

[0445-19](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Green Golf Partners LLC dba Washington Park Golf Course, John Rader, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage for 2801 Twelfth Street. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-19: That the Application of Green Golf Partners LLC dba Washington Park Golf Course, John Rader, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage for 2801 Twelfth Street. (3rd District) be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the Application of Green Golf Partners LLC dba Washington Park Golf Course, John Rader, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage for 2801 Twelfth Street. (3rd District) be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Raider appeared before the committee. John was one of the owners for Green Golf Partners as well as manager, but now would like to be the agent.

Alder Weidner made a motion to recommend for approval, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0446-19](#)

Subject: (New) Application of Green Golf Partners LLC dba Johnson Park Golf Course, John Rader, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage for 6200 Northwestern Ave. (6th District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-19: That the application of Green Golf Partners LLC dba Johnson Park Golf Course, John Rader, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage for 6200 Northwestern Ave. (6th District) be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the application of Green Golf Partners LLC dba Johnson Park Golf Course, John Rader, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage for 6200 Northwestern Ave. (6th District) be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

John Raider appeared before the committee. He was one of the owners for Green Golf Partners as well as the manager, but now would like to be the agent.

Alder Weidner made a motion to recommend for approval, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0461-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of BJW LLC located at 1301 Washington Ave. in regards to concerns about not actively being engaged in business, and consideration of the "Class B" liquor license renewal.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 04-23-19: That the communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of BJW LLC located at 1301 Washington Ave. in regards to concerns about not actively being engaged in business be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-19: That the communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of BJW LLC located at 1301 Washington Ave. in regards to concerns about not actively being engaged in business be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of BJW LLC located at 1301 Washington Ave. in regards to concerns about not actively being engaged in business be referred to the City Attorney's Office.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The agent for BJW LLC failed to appear before the committee to discuss plans of reopening the business.

Alder Weidner made a motion to Refer to the City Attorney's Office for further disciplinary proceedings, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Referred to City Attorney's Office

[0651-19](#)

Subject: A communication by Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of BJW LLC located at 1301 Washington Ave. in regards for the consideration of liquor license renewal.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the renewal application of BJW LLC located at 1301 Washington Ave. be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The agent for BJW LLC failed to appear before the committee, despite being notified that the committee was meeting to discuss whether to renew his liquor license. Attorney Arn informed the committee that because the business is currently closed and not actively operating under its license, there are grounds to deny renewal of the license under the ordinance.

Alder Weidner made a motion to deny liquor license renewal based on the above, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Denial

[0542-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Ms. Perkins, Agent of 509 located at 509 Sixth Street, in regards to recent incidents occurring at this location, as well as consideration of liquor license renewal.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the formal expression of concern of Ms. Perkins, Agent of 509 located at 509 Sixth Street be received and filed, and the liquor license renewal be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alder Horton asked to abstain since he is related to the bar owner. Mrs. Perkins was not available but appeared by Attorney Andrew Arena. Mr. Smith, the bar manager, also appeared before the committee. Sgt. Webb spoke on recent incidents involving the PD. Atty. Arena has had several meetings with the owner and manager. Atty. Arena indicated the bar is implementing several changes, including the use of a scanner software system to screen out troubled patrons, installation of a new surveillance camera system, and the impending hire of 2 county deputies working as security. Atty. Arena also discussed the potential of closing earlier, and not going up to the capacity limit even though they can. Alder Coe expressed concerns about cameras not working the last time they were called in, the traffic congestion in the area at bar time, and broken glass being left on the street from patrons. Atty. Arena indicated that having the deputies there will help. Mr. Smith stated that they sweep the front of the bar on a regular basis and offered to stop selling glass, pint size liquor. Atty. Arena stated that they bar would have no issues entering into a voluntary agreement with the City to implement some of these changes. He will contact Atty. Arn to work out the agreement.

Alder Weidner made a motion to receive and file and renew liquor license, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0618-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Mr. Stewart, Agent of Reruns Lounge, located at 1111 Washington Ave, in regards to recent incidents occurring at this location, as well as consideration of liquor license renewal.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the formal expression of concern of Mr. Stewart, Agent of Reruns Lounge, located at 1111 Washington Ave be recieved and filed, and the renewal liquor license be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Avery Stewart appeared before the committee. Alder Coe read off the standard warning for a formal expression of concern. Mr. Stewart stated that they have never had an incident where the PD had to come inside the bar within the past 2 years. They close at 1:00a.m. to avoid problems. They have cameras inside and outside the establishment, and are working with police to provide footage. Sgt. Webb confirmed that the bar has been cooperative in the past. Although the shooting occurred on the 1100 block of Washington Ave., no specific location was given. The victim was inside the bar just prior to the shooting. Malaki Muhammad offered to help Mr. Stewart obtain new technology to keep out troubled patrons.

Alder Weidner made a motion to recommend for approval, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Recommended For Approval

[0619-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Mr. Maurkis, Agent of Midtown Market, located at 1229 Eleventh Street, in regards to the consideration of liquor license renewal.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the appearance of Mr. Maurkis, Agent of Midtown Market, located at 1229 Eleventh Street, in regards to the consideration of liquor license renewal be approved, and the owner be called in for consideration of his cigarette and tobacco license.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Faiz Maurkis appeared before the committee. Atty. Arn spoke on behalf of the item and informed the committee that the licensee was charged with 4 criminal counts related to his cigarette and tobacco license. He was found guilty of two offenses and the other two were dismissed. This should have been put on for the cigarette license renewal instead of the liquor license renewal agenda. Dayous Singh also appeared before the committee, he works with Mr. Maurkis at the Store. The matter will be placed on the next agenda to review the Cigarette/Tobacco license.

Alder Weidner made a motion to recommend for approval, seconded by Alder Lemke.

Recommended For Approval

[0620-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe on behalf of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Mr. Payne, Agent of Legacy on Main, located at 240 B Main Street, in regards to the consideration of liquor license renewal.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the appearance of Mr. Payne, Agent of Legacy on Main, located at 240 B Main Street, in regards to the consideration of liquor license renewal be deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The City Clerk stated that the Legacy on Main has surrendered their license to Egg Plant Cafe. The Cafe will be taking over the license as well as the building that Legacy resided at. The Committee would like to have the Egg Plant Cafe's final application in before June 11, 2019

Alder Weidner made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alder Horton.

Deferred

[0610-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Gerardo Mendez, application for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the operators license application for Gerardo Mendez be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Gerardo Mendez appeared before the committee. He thought his charges were dropped but they were still on his record. He brought a letter of recommendation from his employer. He is working at Blue Bear as the Sous Chef.

Alder Weidner made a motion to recommend for approval, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Approved

[0611-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Eugene Bradle, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the operator license application for Eugene Bradle be deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Eugene Bradle failed to appear before the committee.

Alder Lemke made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Deferred

[0612-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe requesting the appearance of Raychel Rondone, applicant for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the operator license application for Raychel Rondone be deferred for two weeks.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Raychel Randone appeared before the committee. She neglected to write down one of her convictions but stated she did not do so intentionally. Her employer knows about her charges. The Committee would like to see a letter from her employer to show evidence of rehabilitation.

Alder Weidner made a motion to defer for two weeks, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Deferred

[0479-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request for the Committee for the appearance of Corenna Levingston, application for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-14-19: That the operator license application for Corenna Levingston be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the operator license application for Corenna Levingston be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Corenna Levingston appeared before the committee to speak on behalf of the application. The PD spoke on behalf of the disqualification reasons. The incident was 10 years ago, there is nothing else that would disqualify her. The committee asked Ms. Levingston several questions regarding the incident and what she has done since. Based on Ms. Levingston's answers, the committee determined that she has been rehabilitated. Although she does not have a current job or employer, she intends to find one.

Alder Weidner made a motion to approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

Approved

[0482-19](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 5-14-19: That the operator license application for Lloyd Lewin be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the operator license application for Lloyd Lewin be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Lloyd Lewin failed to appear before the Committee.

Alder Lemke made a motion to deny based on the applicant's non-appearance, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Denied

[0483-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Kendra Froelich, application for an Operator's License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 5-14-19: That the operator license application for Kendra Froelich be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the operator license application for Kendra Froelich be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Kendra Froelich failed to appear before the Committee.

Alder Lemke made a motion to deny based on the applicant's non-appearance, seconded by Alder Weidner.

Denied

[0484-19](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 5-14-19: That the operator license application for Heaven Holbrook to be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the operator license application for Heaven Holbrook be denied.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Applicant Heaven Holbrook failed to appear before the committee.

Alder Lemke made a motion to deny based on the applicant's non-appearance, seconded by Alder Horton.

Denied

[Ord.0010-19](#)

Ordinance 0010-19 - Ch. 66 Vapor Products

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-14-19: That the Ordinance 0010-19 - Ch. 66 Vapor Products be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the Ordinance 0010-19 - Ch. 66 Vapor Products be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Jeff Coe

Atty. Arn spoke with Alder Perez after making the changes he requested, along with other changes listed in the agenda briefing memo. No other changes have been

requested by Alder Perez. Alder Lemke pointed out a typo in the Agenda Briefing memorandum, where "second offense" is listed twice and should be changed.

Alder Lemke made a motion to recommend for approval, seconded by Alder Horton.

A motion was made by Alder Lemke, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Ordinance be Approved, as amended to correct the typo in line 24 and the typo from second offense being listed twice to third offense. The motion was PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

[0563-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe wishing to discuss and put into place a procedure for screening new alcohol retail licenses and addressing problem premises.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-14-19: That the Communication from Alder Coe wishing to discuss and put into place a procedure for screening new alcohol retail licenses and addressing problem premises be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the procedure for screening new alcohol retail licenses and addressing problem premises be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sponsors: Jeff Coe

Atty. Arn spoke on behalf of the item and highlighted the changes requested by Ald. Weidner, primarily that staff would submit a "report" rather than a "recommendation." Stg. Webb spoke on behalf of the PD in relation to the how the Good Neighbor Meetings will be handled from the perspective of the PD. The PD will ask questions that could relate to potential problems; example of bar close and parking. Susan Wagner and Malacki Mohammad both appeared to speak before the committee, against the item. Attorney Andrew Arena from Milwaukee spoke for the item. After a long discussion, Ald. Weidner said she was in support of the item.

A motion was made by Alder Lemke, seconded by Alder Weidner, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

[0600-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe submitting the remaining liquor license renewal applications for 2019-2020.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 05-28-19: That the attached liquor license renewal applications for 2019-2020 be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Approval of the full list.

Alder Weidner made a motion to approve, seconded by Alder Horton.

A motion was made by Alder Weidner, seconded by Alder Horton, that this Communication be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Chairman Coe, Alder Horton, Alder Lemke and Alder Weidner

NOES: 1 - Alder Glenn

[0632-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Alder Coe submitting the Licensed Premise Report for May 28, 2019.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 05-28-19: That the communication from Alder Coe submitting the Licensed Premise Report for May 28, 2019 be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alder Weidner made a motion to receive and file, seconded by Alder Glenn.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Alder Glenn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alder Horton.