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Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety and Licensing Committee

*Chairman Gregory Holding
Vice Chairman James Morgenroth
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker
Krystyna Sarrazin
Henry Perez*

Monday, September 23, 2013

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 205

Call To Order

Present: Gregory Holding, James Morgenroth, Krystyna Sarrazin and Henry Perez.

Excused: Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

Approval of Minutes for the September 9, 2013 meeting.

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

13-9354

Subject: Communication from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services requesting formal bidding be waived and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to negotiate with Miller & Associates, Inc. as the sole source for the purchase of specialized play equipment.

Alderman Morgenroth Motioned, seconded by Alderman Perez to Receive and File item 13-9354. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

13-9314

Subject: (New) Application of Nasir Hanif, (RZQ Oil, Inc., DBA Washington Petro Mart) for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License for 4301 Washington Avenue (12th District).

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 9-9-13: That the item be deferred.

Nasir Hanif was present to discuss his request for a Class "A" License which was deferred at the last meeting in order to clarify that the adequate amount of square footage was available. Upon review of the location, it was determined to have the required 3,000 square feet.

Alderman Morgenroth motioned, seconded by Perez to approve the Class "A" License for 4301 Washington Ave. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Approval

[13-9356](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Veronica M. Garcia, applicant for an Operator License regarding concerns with record check response.

Veronica M. Garcia was present and explained to the committee that she received a citation for not having a license and apologized for the oversight. She explained that her previous employer took care of completing the paperwork, so when hers expired at her current place of employment, she forgot to renew it.

JJ McCauliffe spoke on behalf of Garcia stating he has observed her working at her current place of employment and she has been compliant with the law when she was working.

Alderman Sarrazin motioned, Alderman Perez seconded to approve the Operator's License for Veronica Garcia. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Approved

[13-9357](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Willie J McWhorter, applicant for an Operator License regarding concerns with record check response.

This item was deferred to allow Willie J McWhorter time to appear. Mr. McWhorter did not appear for the meeting as requested.

Mr. McWhorter's record check was reviewed by the Committee and violations were found in June and July of 2013 for Operating While Intoxicated as well as February 2011.

Alderman Morgenroth motioned, seconded by Alderman Perez to deny Willie McWhorter's application for an Operator's License due to the frequency and recent Operating While Intoxicated violations. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended For Denial

[13-9358](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Jim Dipasquale, Agent, Bar 525, 525 Wisconsin Avenue due to recent incidents at his establishment.

Scott Arndt, owner of Bar 525 was present to discuss the recent incidents reported in the License Premise Report. Arndt informed the committee that Jim Dipasquale is no longer the agent and he will be completing the application to change the agent.

Arndt stated they have changed their entertainment style to include more Top 40 music when they have a DJ, which has changed the clientele. They have also hired extra outside security so patrons are not loitering in the street and since doing that, there haven't been any recent incidents of large crowds in the street.

Alderman Perez motioned and seconded by Sarrazin to receive and file item number 13-9358. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Received and Filed

[13-9170](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Request of the Committee for the appearance of Kenneth Meyer, Agent, Kenny's on Main, 1300 North Main Street due to recent incidents at his establishment.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

July 22, 2013: That the item be deferred until a side agreement between the applicant, City Attorney's Office and Police Department is reached and brought back before the committee.

Alderman Holding informed the Committee that the side agreement between the applicant, City Attorney's Office and Police Department was reached and signed by all parties and recommends a motion to Receive and File this item.

Alderman Sarrazin and Alderman Perez indicated they would like to see a copy of this agreement. Sgt. River's indicated he could e-mail them a copy.

Alderman Morgenroth motioned and Alderman Sarrazin seconded to receive and file item 13-9170. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Received and Filed

[13-9386](#)

Subject:(Direct Referral) Sale of Abandoned Vehicles 09-17-13

Adlerman Sarrazin motioned, seconded by Alderman Morgenroth to recommend to Receive and File the Sale of Abandoned Cars with Auto Parts City being the highest responsible bidder. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

[13-9385](#)

Subject:(Direct Referral) License Premise Report and DRC Report for September 23, 2013

Sgt. Rivers informed the committee members that it was a quiet month. Alderman Sarrazin questioned if extra security is needed because of the number of calls to VRC at 3701 Durand Ave. River's reported that extra attention is given on third shift but there have not been any calls to deal with problems in the bar. As people leave, there is a large parking lot where people congregate after the bar closes. Alderman Holding stated he lives in the district and has not had any complaints since there is very little residential area near the bar.

Alderman Perez motioned, seconded by Morgenroth to receive and file the License Premise Report. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.