



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Public Safety and Licensing Committee

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

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Tuesday, November 14, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

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#### Call To Order

#### Approval of Minutes for the October 24,2017 Meeting.

*Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed on a motion of Alderman Smetana, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

#### to Approve the Minutes

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

#### 1077-17

**Subject:** Communication from Deputy Chief Mark Schulz requesting permission to nominate 2 CSO's to be appointed to Humane Officers.

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 11-14-17:** That the nominations of 2 CSO's to be appointed to Humane Officers be approved.

#### **Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Deputy Chief Mark Schulz appeared to speak before the committee. He stated this was normal protocol for officers to be appointed as Humane Officers.*

#### **Recommended For Approval**

#### 1013-17

**Subject: (New)** Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for Last Call on Wisconsin LLC, dba Last Call on Wisconsin, located at 525 Wisconsin Avenue, James Malnar, Agent. (1st District).

#### **Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee**

**on 11-14-17:** That the application for a "Class B" fermented malt beverage and intoxicating liquor license for Last Call on Wisconsin LLC, dba Last Call on Wisconsin, located at 525 Wisconsin Avenue, James Malnar, Agent, be denied based on applicants criminal history making the applicant ineligible to obtain a liquor license.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*James Malnar appeared to speak before the committee. He stated he has been working at Greg's Pub on Wisconsin and was approached by the owner to see if he wanted to take over the business. Sgt. Freidel read what was on the record check for the committee, including a felony conviction. Mr. Malnar stated some of the offenses were not his, but rather his son's offenses. The charges were read one by one the only charge found to be his son's was the reckless driving in 2012. Mr. Malnar stated all of the charges have since been dropped. Attorney Tran pointed out that the license application only disclosed the one misdemeanor conviction from 2016 and left everything else out. Attorney Tran read the qualifications for holding a liquor license and defined "habitual law offender" and "substantially related". Alderman Larrin made a motion to deny, seconded by Alderman Lemke.*

**Recommended For Denial**

[671-17](#)

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

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 07-25-17:** That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred per the request of applicant; until his pending court case is resolved.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 08-08-17:** That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred until October 10, 2017 per the request of Mr. Patel's legal counsel; until his pending court case is resolved.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 10-10-2017:** That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be deferred, per the request of Mr. Patel's legal counsel; until November 14, 2017 to give Mr. Patel more time to resolve his pending municipal court case.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-14-17:** That the application of Ramkumar Patel, applicant for an Operator's License be approved.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Ramkumar Patel and Attorney Cafferty appeared to speak on behalf of the item. Attorney Cafferty explained that the charges have been dropped with only plea to the littering charge. Sgt. Freidel read the original charges that had been brought before the board. Attorney Tran explained the qualifications for holding a operator's license. Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smetana.*

**Approved**

[1037-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street requesting to appear before the committee to give them a status update on their business that is currently closed due to renovations.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-14-17:** That the application from Lavonda Perkins, Agent of King Daddies II, 1300 Sixteenth Street, be deferred upon applicants request.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Coe informed the Public Safety and Licensing Committee that Lavonda Perkins had called the City Clerk's office and requested the item be deferred. She was unable to attend due to a work emergency. Alderman Lemke made a motion to defer, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Deferred**

[1061-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Public Safety and Licensing Committee requesting the appearance of Hammes Tavern LLC, Michael J. Hammes, Agent, located at 2005 Taylor Ave to discuss possible violations under section 6-86(a) of the ordinance for failing to operate continuously.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-14-17:** That the item be deferred for 30 days to allow for the owner, Michael J. Hammes, to re-open and bring the business back to compliance.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Michael Hammes appeared to speak before the committee. He stated that he thought the bar was going to sell, but it fell through. He stated he will reopen the bar in order to keep his license while he is in the process of selling it. He asked if he could have until mid December. The committee informed him that he had 30 days to re-open the business. Alderman Larrin made a motion to defer for 30 days, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

**Deferred**

[778-17](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Alderpersons of the Fourth and Fourteenth Districts requesting that the City of Racine enact an anti-bullying ordinance. (This Item was previously referred to the Committee of the Whole but the requestors have now requested that it be referred to the Public Safety and Licensing Committee.)

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-14-17:** That the Attorney's office be authorized to draft a

anti-bullying ordinance.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Alderman Larrin recuse herself, since she was one of the submitters of the item.*

*Alderman Larrin, Alderman Meekma, County Supervisor Osterman, and Alex Upendo appeared to speak before the committee regarding the purpose of asopting an anti-bullying ordinance. Attorney Tran summarized the drafted language for the ordinance. Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Lemke.*

**Recommended For Approval**

[1068-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Purchasing Agent submitting the report on the bids received for the sale of Abandoned Vehicles, October 31, 2017.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-14-17:** That the item be Received and Filed as the highest responsible bidder from the two bids was Sturtevant Auto Salvage.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

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

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

[1069-17](#)

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** License Premise Report for November 14, 2017.

**Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 11-14-2017:** That the Licensed Premise Report for 11-14-17 be received and filed.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Sgt. Freidel spoke before the committee. Sgt. Freidel commented on multitipal incidents at Maxine's. A motion was made by Alderman Lemke to call in the owner/agent of establishment, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.*

*Alderman Lemke made a motion to receive and file the balance of the license premise report, seconded by ALderman DeHahn.*

**Received and Filed**

**Public Comment**

*No one appeared to speak for public comment.*

## Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.*