



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Public Safety and Licensing Committee

Chairman Jeff Coe
Aldersperson Steve Smetana
Aldersperson Raymond DeHahn
Aldersperson Sandy Weidner
Aldersperson Carrie Glenn

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 307

Call To Order

PRESENT: 5 - Jeff Coe, Steve Smetana, Raymond DeHahn, Sandy Weidner and Carrie Glenn

Approval of Minutes for the April 10, 2018 Meeting.

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

to Approve the Minutes

[0288-18](#)

Subject: (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Main Legacy LLC dba Legacy on Main, 240B Main Street, Nicholas Payne, Agent. (1st District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 03-27-2018: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Main Legacy LLC dba Legacy on Main, 240B Main Street, Nicholas Payne, Agent be deferred for two weeks.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 04-24-2018: That the (New) Application for a "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for The Main Legacy LLC dba Legacy on Main, 240B Main Street, Nicholas Payne, Agent be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Nicholas Payne, Jordan Payne, Turner Morris, Stephan Payne and Charomdalyn Jackson appeared to speak before the committee. Ms. Jackson informed the committee that they would be presenting a powerpoint presentation to address each of their individual skills, educational backgrounds, personal achievements and plans for opening a restaurant/ bar called Main Legacy, located at 240B Main Street. All five individuals took their turns informing the committee that they have all obtained Bachelor's degrees in specific business related fields and have work experience that will help them to run a successful business.

Ms. Jackson informed the committee that they intend to offer a relaxed setting with a southern hospitality flair, catering to middle-aged professionals. Mr. Nicholas Payne stated that the hours of operation would be Sunday from 11a.m. to 4p.m., Monday through Thursday, 11a.m. to 11p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11a.m. to 1:30a.m. Mr. Nicholas Payne also informed the committee that he would have 7 total employees, 4 that have obtained Operator's Licenses, 6 of them with certified mixologist certifications and 2 chefs that have over 25yrs of experience in the restaurant industry.

Alderman Coe informed the listed agent, Nicholas Payne that in applying for a "Class B" liquor license for Main Legacy, he had several items that came up on his criminal background check. Alderman Coe asked Sgt. Freidel to list off the charges to the committee.

Pat Levine, owner of the building located at 240B Main Street, James Vines, pastor at The Divine Ministries of Racine, and George Nicks all appeared to speak on behalf of Nicholas Payne. Several others also spoke on behalf of Nicholas Payne, noting that the offenses occurred when Payne was much younger. They vouched for Mr. Payne's character.

Asst. City Attorney, Nhu Arn asked Nicholas Payne if the current description of the licensed premise was accurate. Mr. Nicholas Payne stated that he would need to update the license premise description with the City Clerk's office to be amended to specify the restaurant and bar area; along with the dry storage area were all located on the first floor of the building. Any changes to include the outside patio area would require a change of the premises.

Alderman Weidner made a motion to approve the "Class B" liquor license, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Recommended For Approval

[0374-18](#)

Subject: Application of The Corner House, Inc. dba Corner House, Benjamin J. Nelson, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1521 Washington Avenue. (3rd District)

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee on 04-24-2018: That the Application of The Corner House, Inc. dba Corner House, Benjamin J. Nelson, Agent, for a **Change of Agent** for a "Class B" Retail Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for 1521 Washington Avenue be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Benjamin J. Nelson appeared to speak before the committee. Mr. Nelson informed the committee that he is looking to become the agent for the Corner House located at 1521 Washington Avenue. Mr. Nelson stated that the current owners are in their 70's and looking to retire. Mr. Nelson stated that the current daily operations and hours would remain the same; he would just be taking over as the agent.

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

Recommended For Approval

[0375-18](#)

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

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 04-24-2018: That the application of an Operator's License for Benjamin G. Luna, be deferred for two weeks to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the committee.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Benjamin G. Luna did not appear to speak before the committee. Asst. City Clerk, Tara Mcmenamin stated that two letters had been sent to Mr. Luna requesting his appearance at the April 24, 2018, Public Safety and Licensing meeting and both letters had been returned to the City Clerk's office.

Alderman Weidner made a motion to defer for two weeks to allow the applicant an opportunity to appear before the committee, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Deferred

[0377-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) (Renewal) Application of Racine Recovery LLC, for a 2018-2019 Motor Vehicle Towing License.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 04-24-2018: That the application of Racine Recovery LLC, for a 2018-2019 Motor Vehicle Towing License be approved.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman DeHahn made a motion to approve the renewal application for Racine Recovery, LLC. for a 2018-2019 Motor Vehicle Towing License, seconded by Alderman Smetana.

Recommended For Approval

[0415-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) License Premise Report for April 24, 2018.

Recommendation of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee

on 04-24-2018: That the License Premise Report for April 24, 2018 be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Sgt. Freidel spoke before the committee. Sgt. Freidel commented on the incident that occurred on 04/04/2018 at Brickhouse Bar stating that officers were called to the bar referencing a fight. Upon their arrival the bar was locked and empty. The officers made contact with the bartender, Brett Tatosian, and was asked if he had a valid Operator's license but was unaware as to where the bar owner kept them. This was his first night

tending bar alone. Tatosian was extremely uncooperative with officers and stated there had been a fight in the bar prior to his arrival. He told the officers multiple times that he just wanted to clean up the broken glass and go. The only information he would provide about the fight was quote, "Idiots in the bar were fighting."

Alderman Smetana made a motion to receive and file the License Premise report for April 24, 2018, seconded by Alderman DeHahn.

Received and Filed

Public Comments

No one appeared to speak for Public Comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.